

PW, ANIMAL SERVICES

Recycle Linens, Help a Pet

Public Works, Animal Services team up for a good cause.

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On April 28, Public Works and Animal Services held an event to highlight a program that encourages reuse and animal care at the same time.

Held in conjunction with a weeklong recycling fair downtown, the event encouraged City Employees to donate their old linens so that they can comfort the animals waiting for adoption at City animal shelters.

The City Employees Club donated tickets to the LA Zoo as raffle prizes.

The Linens Reuse Collection Event was created by the City Facilities Recycling Program (CFRP) to continue to educate City employees about reuse as well as benefit Animal Services. The collection event ran April 25 - 29, with the large collection event April 28 in conjunction with the City Hall Farmers Market. Reusable bags were given to everyone who donated a linen object. CFRP collected 20 large bags of linens.

The City is dedicated to making sure that the animals in shelters receive the best care possible until they find new homes. Until the right adopter comes to find his or her perfect match, we try to make all the animals as comfortable and as happy as possible. Linens can be dropped off at any of the six Animal Care shelters.



Cecilia Law-Lines, Collection, won the raffle donated by the Club.

In addition, Animal Services accepts the following donated items:

- Clean used blankets/towels
- Newspapers
- Dog/cat bowls (stainless steel only)
- Small and medium-sized rectangular litter boxes
- Jingle cat toys
- Unopened cat treats
- Gallon jugs of white vinegar
- Laundry detergent
- Fabric softener sheets
- Non-clumping cat litter
- Unopened dog treats
- Unopened dog and puppy food (wet/dry)
- KMR formula milk replacement for kittens
- Cat and dog shampoo and conditioner
- Grooming aprons
- Combs, brushes, and hair dryers
- Reptile supplies
- Turtle supplies
- Rabbit supplies
- Hamster supplies
- Bird toys
- Leashes, collars, and harnesses
- Heating pads
- Hand sanitizer
- Mops
- Brooms
- Dust pans
- Bleach
- Dog beds
- Cat beds
- Doggie sweaters
- Cat condos and cat scratchers
- Puppy pens (30 inches or higher)
- Parvasol/Parvo Away
- Pooper scoopers
- Collapsible crates
- Digital cameras.a

ZOO

Tadpole Time

Hundreds of rare tadpoles hatch at the L.A. Zoo.

Photo by Tad Motoyama/LA Zoo

The Zoo has successfully bred the highly endangered mountain yellow-legged frog, marking the L.A. Zoo's first success at breeding this species. Between the four male and six female frogs housed at the Zoo, hundreds of eggs were laid in March, and more than 200 tadpoles hatched in April. These tadpoles will remain at the Zoo for the coming months to allow them to mature, and this summer they will be released into the wild in an ongoing collaborative effort to save the species.

This marks the first time the mountain yellow-legged frogs have successfully bred at the L.A. Zoo and only the second time they've ever been bred at a zoo. Last year the San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research bred and released these frogs' eggs.

Native to the mid- and high-mountain streams

of Southern California, where the water is extremely clean, these frogs face a number of challenges including habitat destruction, pollution, climate change, Chytrid fungus and the introduction of foreign species into their environment. Amphibians are very sensitive to minor changes in the environment and tend to be the first affected when something does change. With only two hundred adult frogs remaining in the wild, these tadpoles are important to the survival of the species.

The Zoo has been working with the Fresno Chaffee Zoo and the San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research to breed and release these frogs. When the tadpoles are reintroduced, they will be monitored by Zoo staff as well as the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Forest Service and the University of California.

The mountain yellow-legged frogs and tadpoles are currently off exhibit.



A close up of the rare tadpoles at the Zoo.

REC AND PARKS

Surf Bard

Annual Shakespeare by the Sea program returns to Pt. Fermin Park in June.



Previous year's Shakespeare by the Sea presented a production of *Love's Labour's Lost*.

Photos by M. Elliot

Two Shakespeare plays headline the 2011 season of Shakespeare by the Sea.

The comedy *Much Ado About Nothing* and the tragedy *King Lear* open at Pt. Fermin Park in San Pedro in June. Shakespeare by the Sea is partially sponsored by Rec and Parks. Admission is free.

The City portion of the program's schedule is:

Much Ado About Nothing

This is a classic romantic comedy about the battle of the sexes: Beatrice and Benedick create fireworks as they fight mutual attraction with razor-edged wit.

- June 9-11, 23 and 25, July 1; 8 p.m. (7:30 p.m. pre-show)

King Lear

King Lear is "the ultimate family drama: intimate and explosive, tender and heartrending, a supreme masterpiece and a triumph of dramatic imagination."

- June 16-18, 24, 30; July 2; 8 p.m. (7:30 p.m. pre-show)

You are invited to bring your friends, pack a picnic and settle in under the stars this summer for Shakespeare's classic comedies. It can get chilly by the sea at Pt. Fermin, so dress accordingly. Bench seating is available, but you are welcome to bring chairs or blankets.

Point Fermin Park is at 807 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro.

www.shakespearebythesea.org/



Previous year's Shakespeare by the Sea presented a production of *As You Like It*.