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Recycling Toys

Sanitation collects toys for toy 'loan' program.



A donor brings brand-new toys.

Story and photos by Tanya Edwards, Club Counselor

On July 21, representatives from Public Works/Sanitation's Solid Resources Citywide Recycling unit collected toys as part of the County's ongoing Toy Loan Program.

The collection took place at City Hall Farmer's Market.

The program collects toys and acts like a library by loaning them out to families in need.

The County Toy Loan Program serves more

than 30,000 children annually, targeting low-income communities where children often lack access to basic skill-building toys, an essential part of a child's development. And the refurbishment and reuse of toys diverts them from landfills and helps the City move toward Zero Waste.

While the City's participation was limited, those wishing to donate toys can do so through the County's Dept. of Public Services, (213) 744-4344.

Thanks go to Michelle Mikesell, Management Analyst I, Public Works/Sanitation, for her assistance in producing this article.



Toy Loan program's bin was filled by donors.



Karen Higgins, Acting Section Manager, Public Works/Sanitation's Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Program, accepts a donation.



Michelle Mikesell, Management Analyst I, Public Works/Sanitation, shows off one of the little toys, Hakuna Matata, ("no worries" in Disney-ese).



Michelle Mikesell, Management Analyst I, Public Works/Sanitation, explains the toy loan program.

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Clothing Drive for Second Chances

Public Works is collecting business attire for the less fortunate. Help this great cause!

Public Works/Sanitation's Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division, City Facilities Recycling Program, has set second annual Professional Clothing Drive Oct. 24-28.

The drive is part of Second Chance Week, a grassroots public awareness campaign held each October to promote reuse, resale, and donation opportunities throughout California. Local governments, community groups, reuse businesses and other groups work together to hold activities geared toward promoting the use of reusable items that may otherwise be thrown away and instead are given a "second chance."

The goal of the event is to educate City employees about the City's reuse, recycling, and Zero Waste goals while helping the homeless community of Los Angeles. This year's objective is to surpass the half-ton of used professional

clothing collected during last year's Second Chance Week event.

Sanitation will collect (for reuse) donated pre-owned men's and women's business attire. The clothing will then be distributed to homeless men and women seeking and/or maintaining employment in the Los Angeles area through the area's homeless assistance providers Clothes the Deal, Dress for Success, and the Weingart Center. A kickoff event is planned between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20 at the Farmers Market on the City Hall South Lawn. "Bring Your Bag" reusable bags will be given away to add to the festivities.

So Club Members, dig through your closets and donate your old - or even current - business attire to this great cause!



At last year's inaugural clothing drive.

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Thomas Brewer, RCTO Bulky Item Collection, 5 years of City service is fueling his truck in the West Los Angeles Yard at the end of his shift so he can be ready for his duties the following day!



From left: **Traffic Officers LaMyka Wilkerson**, 8 years of City service, and **Kinshasa Davis**, 5 years. They work in **Transportation**.

Here's **Alex Escobar, DWP**.

