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Five Flags chosen for inaugural community clean-up and beautification event of 2018

Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force to kick off year with replanting, litter and graffiti removal at gateway to downtown

HAYWARD, Calif., Jan. 17, 2018—The Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force is bringing its annual program of monthly community clean-up and beautification events to downtown with a Jan. 27 replanting, litter collection and graffiti removal project at Five Flags.

The Five Flags open space—bisected by Foothill Boulevard and bordered by D and Main streets and Mission Boulevard—is the gateway to downtown Hayward from the south and is in need of a little care and attention.

Much of the original landscaping has eroded. Plants, shrubs and trees are suffering. Trash cast off by passersby is building up. And public fixtures are graffiti-covered.

Starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, the city Maintenance Services Department will be on hand with a landscaping plan, new plantings, other materials and equipment. City maintenance workers will team up with Task Force members and Hayward community members who want to get involved and volunteer for a few hours to pick-up, clean-up, and bring new love and luster to this central location in the heart of our city.

After the work is finished by about noon, participants are encouraged to share their experience on social media, using *#HaywardBeautiful*—and to stick around, take a stroll and visit downtown Hayward merchants, restaurants, bars and cafés.

Volunteers can save time by pre-registering through the City of Hayward [website](#)—but anyone and everyone is welcome to show up and sign up at the event.

The event location is accessible from BART Hayward station. Parking is limited at the Five Flags lot so participants arriving by car may use the lot at nearby Sun Gallery at 1015 E. Street. Ample nearby street and garage parking also is available.

The Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force was formed by the City Council in 2007. It has 30 members who are appointed to four year terms. Its mission is to improve the environment and enhance the visual appearance of the City of Hayward through the joint efforts of individuals, volunteer groups, businesses and municipal resources.

The Task Force meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room 2A at 777 B Street. Its monthly clean-up and beautification events take place the fourth Saturday of the month.

The schedule of 2018 clean-up and beautification events can be found [here](#) on the city website.