



Making Friends: Big Oliver & Gabe the Garbageman

Every Tuesday during the summer, Oliver Mauk and his mom Jessica would stand in their Half Moon Bay driveway and wave to Allied driver Gabe Zagata and his partner Paul Silveira as they conducted their neighborhood rounds. Of



course, Gabe and Paul waved back, and this weekly ritual became a bright spot for all of them.

On a recent Tuesday, Oliver stopped the two men and presented them with a plate of cookies, and a handwritten note indicating that he wouldn't see them on Tuesday's anymore, but he hoped to still see them on Thursdays at Adelina's Day Care, because as Oliver puts it, "other kids really like garbage trucks too!"

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My mommy's going back to work so I won't see you on Tuesdays anymore. Thank you for being so friendly and honking your horn for me. I really love to watch garbage trucks. Maybe I'll see you on Thursdays at my daycare at Spruce street. The other kids like garbage trucks too.
Thank you, Big Olive



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Fall 2013 **Back to School**

Reuse Reduce Recycle Half Moon Bay

**Happy
Halloween,
Half Moon
Bay!**



Photo by Deb Wong of Spring Mountain Gallery

Allied Waste Services is proud to continue as a sponsor of the world-famous Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival, the city's free annual event to be held October 19–20, 2013.

Allied is partnering with event organizers, the City of Half Moon Bay and Coastal Repertory Theatre to promote and encourage maximum recycling at this year's popular event. "Every day we talk about ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle," said Melvin Mello Jr., Pumpkin Festival Director. "We're on a mission to make this a Zero Waste festival—it's a major priority for us and something we diligently plan for and try to improve upon every year." The Pumpkin Festival garbage and recycling operation is managed by Allied staff and run by volunteers from the Coastal Repertory Theatre, who have helped staff the massive garbage/recycling detail for nearly 20 years.

The festival has taken steps to make it easier than ever for visitors and vendors to recycle. Food vendors are required to use recyclable foodware, and the festival will serve beverages in recyclable and bio-degradable plastic cups. Specially marked containers will be positioned throughout the festival route for recycling glass and plastic bottles and aluminum cans. There will also be large recycling containers for cardboard and mixed paper as well as glass, plastic and aluminum for event staff, vendors and sponsors.

"We're pleased to partner again with the Pumpkin Festival and City of Half Moon Bay and appreciate the concerted effort they've made to refine and improve recycling operations," said Evan Boyd, Allied Waste Division Manager. "It fits in with our efforts to create a sustainable community, will promote the importance of recycling and composting, and will significantly reduce

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When you're ready to say goodbye to your Halloween pumpkins, simply place them in the green yard waste cart to ensure they are recycled. Happy Halloween from all of us at Allied Waste of Half Moon Bay! ●

Good Going Scouts!

Cub Scout Pack of the Pacific Skyline Council toured Allied's Ox Mountain Sanitary Landfill in an effort to earn their Conservation and Environmental patch.

Kevin Iler, Operations Manager of Ox Mountain (in green vest), conducted the tour and spoke to the Scouts about environmental stewardship, specifically recycling and diverting waste from our landfills. To schedule a visit for your troop or youth group, call Allied at 650-592-2411.



HALF MOON BAY PLASTIC BAG BAN

Twenty billion single-use plastic grocery bags are used every year in California, and most end up in landfills, or as litter on land and in our waterways.

Half Moon Bay recently prohibited the use of single-use carry-out bags at retail stores, joining other San Mateo cities in lowering the impact of discarded plastic bags on Bay Area marine life and the environment. The plastic bag ban is already proving effective in decreasing the number of bags going to landfill, reducing litter in local waterways, and helping the cities save money on debris and storm drain cleanup.

The reusable bag ordinance encourages customers to bring their own bags. Reusable bags, or bags made of recycled paper, may still be provided at a cost of at least 10 cents per bag.

Other cities in San Mateo County that have adopted similar plastic bag bans include Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Daly City, Foster City, Menlo Park, Pacifica, Portola Valley, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo and South San Francisco. East Palo Alto and Redwood City are expected to adopt local plastic bag ban ordinances in the coming months.

What can I do with excess plastic bags? All Half Moon Bay supermarkets and large retailers with pharmacies are required by state law to collect and recycle plastic grocery bags. You may drop off plastic bags at outdoor boxes, in store lobbies or at customer service centers. You can also recycle your plastic bags with Allied: simply fill one plastic bag with other bags, tie the handles together, and place the filled bag in your blue recycle cart. (Please do not include loose bags.)

How can I learn more about the plastic bag ban? For more information about the plastic bag ban in San Mateo County communities, please visit www.smchealth.org/bagban.

To receive your free reusable shopping bag courtesy of Allied Waste, stop by the Allied business office at 1680 Edgeworth Avenue in Daly City during business hours (Monday-Friday 7am-5 pm). It's one small way we can all join together to reduce our impact on the environment.

School Tours Available at Ox Mountain

Allied Waste offers guided school tours of its Ox Mountain Sanitary Landfill, a modern, fully integrated "closed loop" waste management, recycling and green energy facility located off Highway 92 in Half Moon Bay.

During the approximately 90-minute tour, Allied guides share the importance of recycling, reusing, and diverting items from the landfill, and ways young people can help the environment by reducing, reusing and recycling at home and school.

Students also tour the Ox Mountain green energy facility—the largest gas-to-energy plant in California and the Bay Area's largest renewable energy project. Recognized for excellence by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for its achievement in reducing methane emissions and creating renewable energy, this state-of-the-art facility helps prevent the release of greenhouse gas emissions and reduces the need for power created from fossil fuels.

To ensure the safety and comfort of all visitors, tours are limited to a maximum of 30 students and 10 chaperones. To schedule a free tour for your school or youth group, please call Allied at 650-592-2411. Transportation to be provided by school or organization.

Big Oliver & Gabe continued from cover Touched by Oliver's gestures, Gabe worked with Allied Recycling Representatives Jeannene Minnix Kingston and Stephanie Ragler to coordinate a visit to Oliver and his friends. During the visit on August 14th, owner Adelina Silva made cupcakes with Gabe's name on them, and other parents provided refreshments. Gabe let each of the kids sit in the truck and honk the horn, and spoke to them about recycling and safety, with special emphasis on not running into the street when garbage trucks are in their neighborhood. Each child received an Allied Waste reusable tote with a toy garbage truck, and a coloring book about recycling.

Allied is now planning to make visits to local daycare centers and preschools a regular part of its Coastside community outreach. "Oliver's note made us feel really good, but this little boy didn't realize he was making us feel good every week just by waving at us," said Gabe. "Sometimes it's the little things we do that mean the most to our customers, and making friends with Oliver has sure had a positive impact on us!"

To arrange a safety talk at your Coastside daycare or school, call Allied at **650-592-2411**.



Pumpkin Festival continued from cover the amount of festival garbage going to the landfill."

The festival runs from 9am-5pm both days, and the Allied recycling crew will be on hand to support and promote a clean, green event. Stop by the Allied booth and pick up some recycling treats as you enjoy this year's display of champion pumpkins and a wide array of entertainment, food, art and fun for the whole family. For complete festival information, call the Info-Line at 650-726-9652 or visit www.facebook.com/HalfMoonBayPumpkinFestival.



Newby Island Resource Recovery Park

Allied also offers free school tours of its state-of-the-art compost facility at Newby Island Resource Recovery Park in Milpitas. These tours are a great educational experience for middle and high school students that can supplement an environmental curriculum or program. Allied is happy to customize a tour to meet students' needs, just give us a call! (School must provide their own transportation to and from Milpitas.)

Allied is proud to support Half Moon Bay schools by donating organic compost to help school gardens grow.

Green Your School Garden!

Allied will donate 15-30 yards of organic compost (a full truck load!) to schools that have existing gardens, or schools that are building new gardens or raised planters. The compost provides nutrients to the soil that promote a healthy garden and help trees, flowers and vegetables thrive.

Contact Allied's Recycling Representatives to coordinate a compost donation for your school at 650-592-2411.



ALLIED IN THE COMMUNITY



Allied was proud to partner with the Half Moon Bay Coastside Chamber of Commerce & Visitors' Bureau as a sponsor of the 2013 Half Moon Bay Rock the Block. The popular 8th annual community party along Main Street was held on May 18th.



Allied is again a proud supporter of the Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival and the city's goal to achieve Zero Waste at this year's October 19–20 event. Check out the article on the cover for more information on this great Coastside tradition.



Allied is pleased to join the *Half Moon Bay Review*

and the Salvation Army as a sponsor of the city-wide Coastside Garage Sale on September 28th (see the accompanying article). So gather up those gently used and no-longer-needed household items and plan to participate. It's a great opportunity to clean out your clutter and help the environment!



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Meet Your Allied Waste Recycling Reps

Stephanie Ragler Stephanie has nearly a decade of experience in the waste and recycling industry. Over her career she has developed and implemented a wide range of successful recycling and target collection programs for Bay Area businesses and organizations of all types and sizes.

A familiar face in the Daly City and Half Moon Bay business communities, Stephanie educates and motivates local employers and their employees on ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. She presents frequent educational demonstrations to schools and community groups, and is always seeking

new and innovative ways to encourage greater recycling participation. In recognition of her success in customer education and outreach, she is the recipient of the prestigious WRAP (Waste Reduction Awards Program) Award from the California Department of Resources.

"I enjoy helping Coastside residents and businesses recognize the importance of recycling. It's very gratifying when they understand how cost-effective and easy making a positive environmental difference can be."



Jeannene Minnix Kingston One of the newest members of the Allied recycling team, Jeannene joined Allied following positions with the Daly City-Colma Chamber of Commerce and the South Bay Waste Management Authority in San Carlos. A native of Daly City, Jeannene is respon-

sible for promoting Allied's single-stream recycling programs to commercial, multi-family and residential customers and delivering educational seminars to schools on ways to reduce their environmental impact. She conducts waste audits and establishes food waste programs at businesses and schools to help them further reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill.

Affectionately known as "Green Jeannene," her interest and dedication to environmental sustainability began long before she embarked on a recycling career. In her current role at Allied, she has the opportunity to serve the community in ways that are impactful both locally and globally.

"The work I am doing is very satisfying and really speaks to my heart. Being a recycling representative is my dream job."

Saturday
September 28
9am–2pm

Coastside
garage
sale

Plan to be part of the Coastside's biggest garage sale as Allied Waste Services and the *Half Moon Bay Review* team up to carry on a favorite Half Moon Bay tradition.

Your Trash May Be Your Neighbor's Treasure

The Coastside Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2013 from 9am–2pm and all Coastside residents are welcome to participate. Free registration continues until September 18th at hmbreview.wufoo.com/forms/coastside-garage-sale-registration/.

Clear out the house and clean up the garage. Instead of throwing your gently used items in the trash, why not see if someone else can use them. You'll keep discarded household furniture, sports gear, clothes, toys and other used goods out of the landfill, and hopefully make a few dollars at the same time.

The *Review* is creating an online, interactive map of all participating garage sale locations and will publish a map in the newspaper the week before the sale. And for those items that you don't sell, the Salvation Army will provide a convenient location where you can drop off your donations after the sale. For more information go to www.hmbreview.com or call the *Half Moon Bay Review* at 650-726-4424.