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## Environmental Stewardship





## **Oakland's Cesar Chavez Day of Service 2023**

Oakland celebrated this year's Cesar Chavez Day with a Day of Service on Saturday, April 1, 2023 and volunteer events at four sites across the city. The four sites were: West Oakland Community Center, San Antonio Park, Cesar Chavez Park, and Elmhurst Park, and activities included litter removal, habitat restoration, tree planting, and other beautification projects! Hundreds of volunteers participated, and the Environmental Stewardship Team worked with the Tree Services Division, Department of Violence Prevention, multiple Oakland unions, Hoover-Foster Resident Action Council (RAC), East Oakland Boxing Association, Trybe, CURYJ, and others to make this event possible.

29th Annual  
**Oakland Earth Day 2023**  
Saturday • April 22



## **Oakland Earth Day is April 22nd, 2023!**

On April 22, 2023, the City of Oakland is celebrating Oakland Earth Day! This is a day of environmental protection, education, and stewardship. Individuals and households can take part by hosting or participating in events across the city, as well as pledging and committing to actions from home. Site Coordinator registration is now open, and volunteer registration opens April 3rd; visit [oaklandearthday.org](https://oaklandearthday.org) to learn more! #OaklandEarthDay

## **Transportation & Land Use**



## Environmental Justice and Safety Element Drafts Open for Public Review

The City of Oakland is extremely pleased to announce the release of the [Draft Environmental Justice \(EJ\) Element](#) and [Draft Safety Element](#) for public review and feedback! This is the first time the City has created an Environmental Justice Element and we are excited about the draft strategies and policies to reduce pollution burdens on Oakland's most vulnerable communities. The Safety Element Update provides a gameplan for addressing natural and man-made disasters and improving our resilience to climate change impacts. For a quick primer on what each Element covers, please check out our [EJ](#) and [Safety](#) Factsheets (multi-lingual translation for the Safety Factsheets will be coming soon).

The Draft EJ and Safety Elements are accompanied by a Racial Equity Impact Analysis (REIA) that analyzes each Element to support the development of equitable policies that are concrete, data-driven, outcome-oriented, and problem-solving.

We encourage you to take time to digest these drafts and provide us with any feedback and questions you may have. They will be available for 90-day comment period that begins on March 24, 2023, and ends on **June 22, 2023**. You may review and provide comments directly on the Draft Elements via Konveio or submit comments via email to [generalplan@oaklandca.gov](mailto:generalplan@oaklandca.gov).



We will be accepting requests for presentations on the Draft Elements from community-based organizations and neighborhood councils over the next few months. Please email requests to [generalplan@oaklandca.gov](mailto:generalplan@oaklandca.gov).



## **EBCE EV Charging Infrastructure Rebates**

Limited funding remains for Level 2 electric vehicle charging infrastructure through East Bay Community Energy's partnership with the California Energy Commission's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP). Businesses, commercial and multifamily housing properties, and public agency facilities in Alameda County can apply for rebates up to \$80,000 on eligible electric vehicle charger equipment and installation costs.

If you are new to EV charging, CALeVIP has created a list of service providers in your area to assist with developing an EV charging project for your site. To access that list, please visit [calevip.org/find-an-evsp](https://calevip.org/find-an-evsp). To learn more about eligibility requirements, visit the [Alameda County Incentive Project website](#).

## **Buildings & Energy**





## **First Building Electrification Clinic at BNSN Resource Center**

On Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the City of Oakland's Sustainability team along with our partners at the Better Neighborhood, Same Neighbors (BNSN) Resource Team led our first ever Building Electrification Clinic! Local residents had the chance to speak with representatives from the major local energy service providers (BayREN, EBCE, Rising Sun, Grid Alternatives, Spectrum) to learn about rebates and incentives for electrifying their home. The City's Climate Program Manager, Shayna Hirshfield-Gold, gave the audience an overview of what electrification is, why it is important, and the timeline for the city's electrification roadmap. Attendees also received tea made on our very own induction cooktop and enjoyed a free dinner provided by Anula's. We look forward to our future clinics and other pop-ups throughout Oakland's neighborhoods! [See where we are going to be next](#) in April and May on our website.



## **New Zero NOx Appliance Standards**

On March 14th, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) passed a new zero nitrous-oxide (NOx) emissions standard for furnaces and water heaters. NOx is a chemical byproduct of fossil fuel combustion that reacts to form ozone and particulate matter (air pollution). The resulting air pollution causes many health

issues, including asthma, heart attacks, and premature deaths, with increased severity in racial minorities. For these reasons, BAAQMD approved the zero-NOx appliance standards, allowing only zero-NOx water heaters to be sold or installed in the Bay Area starting in 2027 and zero-NOx furnaces following suit in 2029. A [factsheet summary](#) of these new regulations can be found on [BAAQMD's website](#).



## SIGN UP FOR A NO-COST GREEN HOUSE CALL

Green House Calls are provided by local youth who have completed our in-depth training program. During your appointment, they will provide the following at no cost to you:

- Home energy and water efficiency assessment
- LED light bulbs, 1 Smart A-19 light bulb
- A smart power strip OR multiple smart energy plugs; the choice is yours\*
- Draft stopping outlet gaskets
- Efficient flow faucet aerators and shower head
- Information about the BayREN Home+ program, offering residents up to \$5,000 in rebates for home energy improvements

\*While supplies last. Restrictions apply.

## SIGN UP TODAY!

- Scan the QR code with your phone camera and click on the link
- Visit: <https://bit.ly/GHCInterest2023>
- Call: (510) 665-1501 ext. 300



IN-PERSON APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE 6/20/2023 - 7/28/2023  
For more information, visit: <https://risingsunopp.org/programs/ghc>



California consumers are not obligated to purchase any full fee service or other service not funded by this Program. This Program is funded by California utility ratepayers under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).



## Green House Calls from Rising Sun

Would you like to reduce your utility and water costs? [Rising Sun](#) offers Green House Calls which are no-cost in-home retrofitting service to Bay Area residents as a part of our [Climate Careers](#) youth development program. During the Summer, our trained youth staff conduct [Green House Calls](#) that include the installation of LEDs, sink aerators, low-flow showerheads and more. Green House Calls consist of Non-Permanent installations so they're accessible for both renters and homeowners!



How do you sign up for a Green House Call? Simple! Complete [this SURVEY](#) and we'll reach out to you to confirm your appointment this Summer.



Acterra Lecture Series and Green Team Network present


**Spring 2023 Lecture Series**

**What's Next for the Clean Energy Grid?**

***Commercial Kitchens in an Electric Era***

with Anna Bohbot and Nahum Goldberg

**April 19 • 12 Noon PT**

 **Acterra** ACTION FOR A HEALTHY PLANET

### **Commercial Kitchens in an Electric Era**

Please join us on April 19 from 12 to 1 pm Pacific time for a virtual presentation titled "[Commercial Kitchens in an Electric Era](#)." Anna Bohbot (Global Food Program Manager at LinkedIn) and Nahum Goldberg (Principal at NGAssociates Foodservice Consultants, Inc.) will review electrification trends in the food service sector and provide an overview of the design and implementation of an electrification project at LinkedIn, including key takeaways. You'll come away better equipped to approach the relevant concepts and considerations for planning for your own electrification needs.

The format is **virtual**, via Zoom. Bring your questions for the interactive Q & A portion. Advance registration on Eventbrite is required for this free event (voluntary donation accepted).



## EBCE Health-e Home Program and 2023 Commercial Rebates

EBCE's Health-e Home program, in partnership with BlocPower and Revalue.io, provides low- to moderate-income homeowners with affordable financing options to gain access to the health and safety benefits of transitioning to clean energy and electric appliances. The Health-e Home program also supports health and safety improvements such as wiring upgrades and roofing repairs—all to help reduce indoor air pollution, increase resiliency during extreme weather events, and potentially increase home value. For more information, visit <https://ebce.org/health-e-home/>

For businesses, EBCE has commercial rebates for restaurants and home performance contractors. EBCE is offering \$17,500 for [high-powered electric induction cooking equipment](#) for cleaner and more comfortable indoor air for staff and customers. For home performance contractors and plumbers, EBCE is giving \$1,000 for qualified professionals to install [high-efficiency heat pump water heaters](#) in their service area. Learn more about these commercial rebates at [ebce.org/programs-business/](https://ebce.org/programs-business/) or call 1-833-699-EBCE (3223) during business hours.



## Induction Cooktop Lending Program and Rebates!

Induction is the safest and most energy-efficient cooking technology available today. The difference is in the technology. See for yourself!

- **EBCE:** [Reserve your Induction Lending Kit today.](#) including a portable cooktop and compatible pan, operating instructions, and recipes. The loan period is 21 days. The induction Cooktop lending Program is available to all residential electricity customers residing in the East Bay--EBCE customers as well as non-customers who receive service from PG&E.
- **PG&E:** PG&E's new Induction Cooktop Loaner Program offers plug-in countertop induction units for two-weeks, at no cost, to all residents. To borrow and learn more about induction cooking, visit [pge.com/inductionloaner](https://pge.com/inductionloaner) where you can start the loan process. PG&E will provide shipping details and cover shipping costs.

EBCE is also offering **up to \$300** per eligible residential customer for an induction cooktop/range, when you replace an existing gas appliance. Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis for qualifying residents with homes built in 2016 or earlier. Restrictions apply. Learn more and apply [here](#) today!



## EBCE Resilient Home Program

With [Resilient Home](#), EBCE has done the upfront legwork to select an experienced partner, Sunrun, and pre-negotiated solar and battery backup system incentives for Oakland homeowners. To further lower customer costs, Sunrun will pay

homeowners \$1,250 after installation for agreeing to share their stored energy with EBCE when demand on the power grid is high. This will help the grid operate more reliably, and cut carbon emissions and costs for all EBCE customers.

Keep the lights on and the fridge cold. [Sign up now](#) to see if a solar and battery backup system is a good fit for your home

## Urban Greening



### Friends of Sausal Creek Earth Day 2023

Volunteer with Friends of Sausal Creek and partners for an Earth Day restoration weekend to ensure the health and vitality of Sausal Creek and Oakland parks for future generations. We have a variety of service opportunities for all skill levels that span locations across the watershed. For more information or to RSVP, visit our website at [www.sausalcreek.org](http://www.sausalcreek.org) or visit this registration [link](#).

#### Saturday, April 22:

- Beaconsfield Canyon, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Dimond Park and Canyon, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Jingletown, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Josie de la Cruz Park, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.
- Wood Park, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### Sunday, April 23:



- Bridgeview Trailhead, 9-11 a.m.



## Keep Oakland Beautiful 2nd Annual Earth Day Celebration

[Tickets available now!](#) You're invited to a fun-filled, inspiring evening on Saturday, **April 29th from 6-9pm** celebrating a month of keeping Oakland green and Earth Day! Join us outdoors for delicious food and drinks, music, a silent auction, and a moving program highlighting Oakland community members dedicated to beautifying their communities.



## Friends of Sausal Creek Botanical Illustration Workshop

Join Friends of Sausal Creek and artist Kristi Holohan for a botanical illustration workshop for all ability levels in Dimond Park along Sausal Creek on **May 20 and**

21. Tickets are available [here](#) with a sliding scale option for those in financial need. Proceeds go to benefit our native plant restoration, wildlife monitoring, and environmental education work in the watershed. For more information, please contact: [kristi.holohan@gmail.com](mailto:kristi.holohan@gmail.com)



## Keep Oakland Beautiful 2023 Small Grant Applications

[Applications now open!](#) Keep Oakland Beautiful awards grants of up to \$800 every year. Individuals or community groups can apply to help fund a project that helps keep Oakland clean, green and beautiful, and brings people together in public space.

## 4/13 Gardening for the Good Bugs Webinar

Did you know that 90% of the bugs we see in our gardens are actually good bugs? Encouraging beneficial insects is one of the best ways to effectively reduce the number of pests in your garden. In this class, you will learn about the most important beneficials and how to attract them. Learn why the plants you have in your garden can have a big impact. Fun for the whole family! [Register Here](#)

This webinar is part of a series of free monthly classes about organic gardening and non-toxic pest control, offered throughout the 2023 growing season by the [Clean Water Program Alameda County](#) in association with [Our Water Our World](#).

Classes are presented by Suzanne Bontempo and Charlotte Canner, both certified Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Advocates. To view recordings of past webinars visit the [YouTube](#) channel.

## Material Consumption & Waste



### Celebrate Earth Month with StopWaste

Whether you're interested in learning how to reduce wasted food, how to electrify your home, or build healthy soil, there's a way to celebrate for everyone! Try a StopWaste tip any day throughout the month, or join your neighbors in community for an Earth Month workshop or event. This year StopWaste is spotlighting city and community partner events to take action and work together towards a more resilient environment.

**View All Events:** <https://www.stopwaste.org/earth-month-2023>

## Announcements



# 2023-24 Fellowship






## Applications accepted until filled - apply TODAY!

California Climate Action Corps, the first state-level corps of its kind, is led by California Volunteers and implemented by Bay Area Community Resources. The program is dedicated to advancing climate actions that engage community members, cultivate change, and leave a lasting impact.

**This fall, 115+ Fellows will serve with public agencies, tribes, nonprofits, and schools throughout the state to engage communities in climate action.**

### GOT 11 MONTHS? Join us for AmeriCorps service!



**Volunteer Engagement**  
Mobilize communities by organizing volunteer opportunities for local climate action.



**Climate Action & Education**  
Educate communities and support climate action projects in urban greening, organic waste & edible food recovery, and wildfire resiliency.



**Learning & Mentorship**  
Receive training and mentorship from climate professionals.

### Fellowship Details

- Serve 1,700 hours from September 18, 2023 - August 15, 2024.
- Receive up to \$30,000 stipend, \$10,000 in education awards (upon completion), & health benefits.
- Earn certifications and build real-world volunteer engagement and climate action skills.
- Be part of unique Governor's initiative program and statewide force of emerging climate leaders.



**Apply to be a California Climate Action Corps Fellow!**

Applications accepted until filled.







## California Climate Action Corps 2023-2024 Recruiting

Are you ready to take climate action, connect people with volunteer opportunities, build community resilience, and get compensated along the way? You're in the right place! As part of California's comprehensive strategy to address climate change, California Volunteers, Office of the Governor created the country's first state-level climate service corps and Fellowship program. [California Climate Action Corps](#) (CCAC) is a national service program led by California Volunteers and implemented by Bay Area Community Resources dedicated to advancing equitable climate action that engages community members, cultivates change, and leaves a lasting impact.



For 2023, CCAC is offering two (2) program terms. Join us for one, or join us for both!

1. Summer 2023 (300+ hours): June 5 - August 4, 2023

2. Full Term 2023-24 (1,700+ hours): September 18, 2023 - August 15, 2024

**JOIN OYC!**

We are seeking passionate youth and young adults from across Oakland who want to make a change within city government

**Why the Youth Commission?**

- Learn and engage in local city government
- Advise city leaders on issues that affect youth
- Meet other young passionate leaders from Oakland
- Earn an educational stipend

**What are the requirements?**

- Must live in Oakland and be 13-21 years old
- Be able to serve at least 3 hours a week from September to June
- Submit an application by May 1 and attend an in-person interview

**Want to amplify your voice?**  
Apply before May 1st by scanning the QR Code below:

## Oakland Youth Commission 2023-2024 Recruitment

We are now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 term! Deadline to submit is May 1. We are looking for youth with a passion for social justice and an interest in learning how to make change through local government. To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Live in in Oakland
- Be between the ages of 13-21

- Submit a written application by May 1 and attend a group interview in May
- Be able to commit 3-5 hours a week from September - June
- Be available at least one evening a week (Mon, Tues, or Wed, 5-7pm)

The Oakland Youth Commission is a welcoming space for all Oakland youth. We are especially looking for youth who live in District, 2, 4, 5, and 6.

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If your organization would like to have relevant community events or opportunities posted here, please email us at [climate@oaklandca.gov](mailto:climate@oaklandca.gov).



City of Oakland, 1 Frank H Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94612

[Manage preferences](#)