



# Climate, Environment + Sustainability Newsletter



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## Environmental Stewardship



## **SAVE the DATE- Creek to Bay is Saturday, September 17th, 2022!**

On Saturday, September 17, 2022, Oakland will be celebrating Creek to Bay Day! This is a day of watershed cleanups, education, and commitment to practices to keep our city and water clean, from creek, to bay, and beyond.

Individuals and households can participate by pitching in to clean up coastal areas across the city, as well as pledging and committing to actions from our homes to protect watersheds. This is also a great opportunity to clean out storm drains as we approach the rainy season.

Stay tuned for registration details on City- and community-sponsored clean up locations across Oakland!





## **The North Gate Memorial Adopt-A-Spot**

The North Gate Memorial was recently adopted by Vicki and Dan. They have been hard at work with a new landscaping plan for the site, which included a sustainable native plant design. On July 12th, the group completed the second day of the Garden clean up. They also swung by Gateway and raised the canopy on the olive & pepper trees. The group also did a French Broom and litter sweep of the hill across from Memorial. The debris dumpsters were full by day's end!

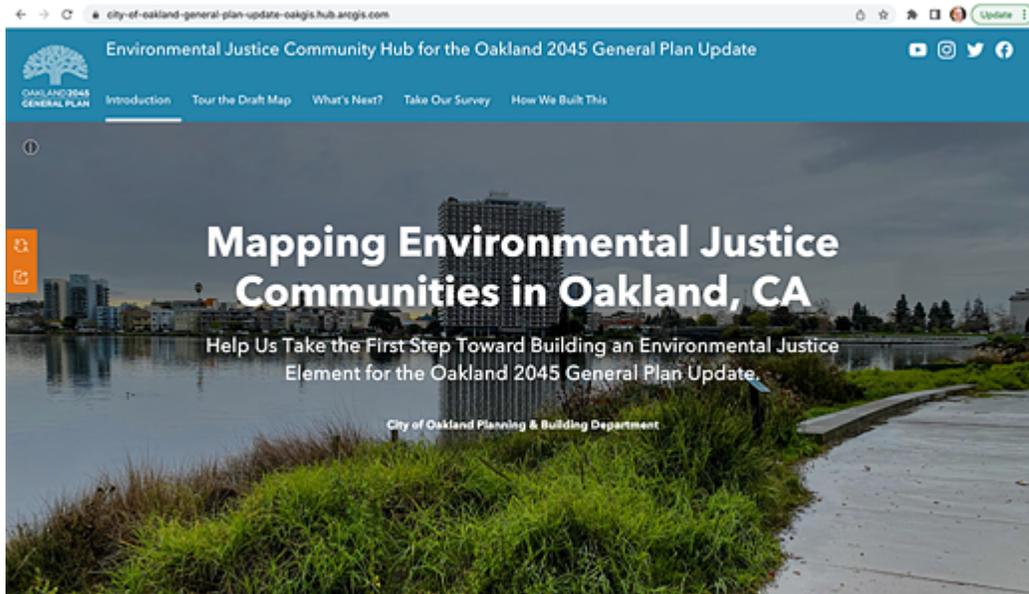
The group also installed a memorial bench for Officer Grubensky and held a dedication ceremony. They will finalize the Memorial Garden maintenance and site plan in August, and have scheduled a volunteer mulch project in September. Memorial Garden is a lovely little garden in a unique location. All are invited to come and visit the site at 2299 Tunnel Road.

## **Friendly Reminder on Soil Disposal for Adopt-A-Spot Volunteers**

**Please do not place dirt/soil inside the clear plastic trash bags** when leading your community cleaning and beautification projects. To properly dispose of soil, please visit <https://resource.stopwaste.org/> to learn of locations that accept clean or contaminated soil.

If you need further assistance with proper soil disposal, please contact Environmental Stewardship Staff by calling (510) 238 – 7630 or via email at [oaklandadoptaspot@oaklandca.gov](mailto:oaklandadoptaspot@oaklandca.gov)

# Transportation & Land Use



## General Plan Feedback on Environmental Justice Element

We are seeking the public's input to fully understand the excessive pollution burden, health impacts, and needs of Oakland's Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) and low-income communities. Participate in community conversations about Environmental Justice (EJ) in your neighborhood using our interactive [Environmental Justice Community Hub](#). Use this tool to explore Oakland's **Map of Potential Environmental Justice Communities**, share your vision for a healthy neighborhood, and document local environmental justice issues and solutions. Your feedback will be used to help the City improve Oakland's Map of Potential Environmental Justice Communities and develop environmentally just policies to be included in the [Oakland 2045 General Plan Update](#).



## New Electric Buses at Oakland Airport

Port of Oakland commissioners have decided to add the first five battery-electric buses to the Oakland International Airport (OAK) parking lot shuttle bus fleet. The shuttles are expected to be ready for service by early 2024. Airport leadership considers the move to be the first step in electrifying their bus fleet entirely over the next decade. The \$5.5 million project is expected to be partially funded by federal and state grants, including a \$1.5 million zero emission vehicle grant by the Federal Aviation Administration's airport improvement program.

Contact Susan Fizzell, Senior Aviation Project Manager at [sfizzell@portoakland.com](mailto:sfizzell@portoakland.com) with any questions.



## **EV Charger Technical Assistance for Multifamily Buildings in West Oakland**

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Stopwaste are partnering with local electrical contractor Energy Conservation Options (ECO) to provide no-cost electric vehicle (EV) charging station assessments for apartment buildings in West Oakland and Richmond. The free assessment includes an onsite technical assessment and follow up report detailing project scope, cost, and available incentives. A subset of assessed buildings will receive additional assistance in applying for incentive programs and securing permits and installation contracts. To find out more and sign up, contact Ben Cooper (510-891-6511, [bcooper@stopwaste.org](mailto:bcooper@stopwaste.org))



## EBCE EV Charging Infrastructure Rebates

East Bay Community Energy, Alameda County's public power provider, is pleased to announce a 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



## 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](http://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!



## Surveys on Building Electrification

The City of Oakland wants to hear your thoughts and perceptions on building electrification and how we can better facilitate the transition to 100% clean electricity in all buildings. Complete this [5-minute survey](#) here, also available in Chinese and Spanish.

Also, UC Berkeley researchers are looking for diverse homeowners and renters living in Oakland to participate in a study on household electrification. **You'll receive \$50 for your time.** Participating in the study involves a **30-45-minute interview in-**

**person, preferably in your home** (following local health guidelines for COVID-19) **or in a video call**. Researchers will address your concerns about the reliability and affordability of clean energy, and ask about your views related to any changes you have made or plan to make (or not!) in your electricity and gas consumption (e.g. purchasing back-up generators, changing from gas to electric heating, installing solar panels). Your responses will remain anonymous in the analysis and results. Please contact them via email ([cristina\\_crespo@berkeley.edu](mailto:cristina_crespo@berkeley.edu)), phone (+1 628-276-3167), or fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/VRMG1Jhhttpx9Wm69>

## **EBCE Reduces Cost of Renewable 100 in 2022-2023 Budget**

East Bay Community Energy recently announced a historic \$770 million budget for fiscal year 2022-23. EBCE will use the funds to expand financial and program benefits for its customers and reinvest \$25.5 million into its communities in the form of new grants and local programs.

- Bright Choice customers receive a three percent discount below PG&E rates, translating to \$19 million in annual savings relative to PG&E rates in the 2022-23 fiscal year.
- Renewable 100 customers receive a 25-percent-lower premium than in previous years (premium rate declines from \$0.01/kWh to  $\frac{3}{4}$  ¢ per kilowatt-hour) for 100% wind and solar electricity from California.
- Customers on income-qualifying California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and Family Electric Rate Assistance Program (FERA) discounts receive a \$50 bill credit in late 2022, resulting in \$6.23 million in immediate savings for nearly 125,000 homes.
- Renewable energy content in EBCE's Bright Choice power mix will increase by five percent above previous targets, to 50% in 2022. To date, EBCE has cut the ribbon on five renewable energy projects, totaling 335 MW, with seven more projects totaling 677 MW contracted to be built by 2026.
- Moreover, EBCE's annual budget for local programs will increase approximately 150 percent to \$21.35 million, and its funding for community innovation grants will increase to \$4.2 million over three years.

For more information visit [ebce.org](http://ebce.org) or call 1-833-699-3223 on weekdays between 9am-5pm.



## A New Perspective on Healthy Cooking

What do a doctor, a scientist, and a professional chef have in common? They all love cooking with induction! Induction cooktops, which use electromagnetic waves to safely heat your pots and pans, offer greater power, precision, and efficiency than traditional gas or electric ranges, all while keeping the air inside your home clean for you and your family to breathe. Join BayREN on August 19<sup>th</sup> for a lunchtime discussion and cooking demonstration to see what healthy cooking is all about.

RSVP today: <https://cookingwith.eventbrite.com/>

**Power through life's disruptions.**

New solar + home battery backup incentive available in Alameda County.

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**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 & Carbon Renewal

**3rd Summer Workday  
at Grove Shafter Park!**



We will weed, cardboard, mulch, and water trees planted last year

Meet at Martin Luther King Jr. Way and 35th St from 10am-12:30pm on Sunday 8/21

Bring gloves and water

### Interested in Planting Trees in Oakland?

[Trees For Oakland](#) is providing trees through a volunteer-based operations under the banner of Trees for Oakland (TfO) and the [Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation](#) (OPRF). Get the latest info on our volunteer events and sign up to plant with us on our Meetup page <https://www.meetup.com/Trees-for-Oakland/>

You can register for the upcoming volunteer workday at Grove Shafter Park [HERE!](#)

### Use the Tool Lending Library for Your Next Garden Project

It's not too late to plant a garden! Oakland's [Tool Lending Library](#) has all kinds of tools including circular saws, gardening tools, hammers, and screwdrivers available

to be checked out, just like a book! The Tool Lending Library is located at 5205 Telegraph Avenue, and open every day but Sunday.

## Announcements

### **California Clean Air Day 2022 Microgrants**

Want to take action to help support having cleaner air for everyone? [Apply for a California Clean Air Day 2022 Microgrant!](#) There are four separate grant categories for organizations to apply to receive up to \$1,000 for activities and projects ranging from bike rides to public transit campaigns to youth art contests. Applications are due by **August 10, 2022** - [apply today!](#)

### **Funding for Environmental and Climate Justice Organizations**

The [Frontline Resource Institute](#) (or “FRI,” pronounced “free”) provides integrated resources to frontline communities while bolstering shared knowledge and community rights to healthy, safe, and sustainable environments. FRI was developed by a [group of EJ leaders](#) from around the world with support from thought leader Vernice Miller-Travis, and [receives in-kind support from EDF](#). FRI is releasing two grant opportunities through a Collective Action Fund at the Tides Foundation.

- Track 1 - Organizational Strategy Development (four grants up to \$150,000 each)
- Track 2 - Organizational Capacity Building and Organizational Sustainability (eight grants up to \$50,000)

To learn more about the grants, an informational webinar will be posted on [FRI's webpage](#).



**Apply to be a Youth Advisory Board Intern!**

Applications are due *September 15th*

Open to all high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors!

Gain valuable experience:

- working with a non-profit
- organizing community events
- marketing + fundraising



Scan here to visit our website with more info on how to apply!



**Now accepting 2022 board member applications!**



Get involved and make a difference!



Earn valuable community organization and non-profit experience and build lasting connections with fellow Oakland residents.

Responsibilities range from coordination of clean-up events, fundraising, grant writing, marketing, accounting and more.

**APPLICATIONS DUE 10/20**  
[keepoaklandbeautiful.org/join-the-board](http://keepoaklandbeautiful.org/join-the-board)

## Keep Oakland Beautiful Intern and Board Recruitment

Oakland high school students (sophomores, juniors, seniors) can apply for an internship with Keep Oakland Beautiful! It's a great way to get involved with the local community and build your resume. You'll learn about community engagement, fundraising, and so much more. The term lasts Sept 2022 to May 2023. Join us for an exciting year working together to keep Oakland beautiful through clean up projects, tree planting, community education, and more. 🌳♻️ Our interns make a huge impact with the Youth Advisory Committee. Their hard work and success on projects like tree planting has inspired us all! 🙌❤️ Visit our website to learn more and download the application. Apply today!

Keep Oakland Beautiful is also looking for new Board members! We're taking rolling applications. Apply in bio if you love investing in Oakland thru beautification projects,

clean-up events, sustainability initiatives and education, fire safety, drought awareness, and community building. We'd love to have you!

## Oakland Business Support Program

The City's Economic & Workforce Development Department has launched a permanent business support program in Oakland's neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Business Assistance program has added a sixth location and opened appointment dates for Oakland entrepreneurs and business owners to get advice and support. Appointments can be booked online at [this link](#) or by calling (510) 238-7398.

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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).



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