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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Changes to Adopt-a-Spot Volunteer Reporting System

As we move into the year we are transitioning

from “Track it Forward” to our City ESRI Hub volunteer reporting system. Over the course of the last year we have introduced our online reporting and many volunteers have begun to use it. In the new year we hope to have all our volunteers transitioned to the new system by February 2022.



It is simple to use and available on our Adopt-A-Spot city website. One of the advantages of our new ESRI Hub program is that it visually maps Adopt-A-Spot clean-up locations and your work. The new system will also allow staff to more easily gather data and volunteers will be able to also see volunteer efforts citywide.

We appreciate your support as we transition to this new platform. If you need assistance with the new site reach out to our staff. If you would like to see the site, click on the link here: <https://oakland-volunteer-community-oakgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/report-your-volunteer-results>

Adopt-a-Spot Volunteer Awards 2021

Environmental Services Stewardship is proud to announce the Adopt-A-Spot Awards Recipients for 2021. In these challenging times we are very grateful for the countless hours all our volunteers spend to plan, organize tool and debris pick-ups and report their efforts.



Due to current Covid-19 pandemic, we have decided announce the Adopt-A-Spot Volunteer Award recipients via our ESS newsletter and a press release and social media.

New Volunteer Award— Leadership and Inspiration, Deidre Johnson

Deidre Johnson has volunteered with the Adopt A Spot Program since May 2020 and has contributed over 300 hours picking up litter along Stella and Malcolm Avenue. Her volunteer work has been inspirational and of great service to her community.

Individual award – Most Reported Volunteer Hours on ESRI HUB – Nancy Karigaca

Has been a long-time volunteer with the Adopt-A-Spot Program. Nancy Karigaca logged the most volunteer hours citywide. Her efforts are helping improve cleanliness and quality of life in the area she serves.

Organizational Award – Oaktown PROUD Steady Lifting, Homies Empowerment

Homies Empowerment became a member of the Adopt A Spot Program in October 2020. During this time the organization has had major impacts in the Oakland community. They have organized several community cleanups events along the MacArthur corridor from 73rd to 82nd Ave. Homies Empowerment’s work is “rooted in Revolutionary Love, Sacred Identities, Putting In Work, and Self-Determination.”

Community Group Awardees – Open Space Stewardship, Friends of Joaquin Miller Park

The Friends of Joaquin Miller Park are leading many projects to bring safety, beautification, and ecological restoration, among the many are: the restoration of the Woodminister Cascade, leading ecological restoration projects at the Fern Ravine wetlands near the Redwoods, rebuild trails for safety, lead volunteer cleanup workdays to remove trash, and weeds/dead debris removal to reduce fire hazards in the park. The Board of Directors is composed of representatives of various stakeholders in the park, including hikers, cyclists, equestrians, dog owners, local homeowner groups and history lovers.

We will reach out to our awardees in the coming days schedule a time to deliver their award. Again, thank you for all your service!

TRANSPORTATION + LAND USE

We Need Your Input! - Zero-Emission Vehicle Action Plan Surveys

Electric vehicles can save you hundreds of dollars a month while reducing air pollution in our community. However, many neighborhoods in Oakland have no public chargers. How can we ensure that all Oaklanders have access to affordable, clean transportation? The City of Oakland is developing a zero emission vehicle action Plan and needs to hear from you!

- Tell us where you want to see more chargers ([Tinyurl.com/zevmap](https://tinyurl.com/zevmap))
- Take the survey
 - English: tinyurl.com/zevsurvey1
 - Spanish: <https://tinyurl.com/zevsurveyesp>
 - Chinese: <https://tinyurl.com/zevsurveych>
- Join the e-mail list (tinyurl.com/zevsurvey2)

Learn more about the project (tinyurl.com/zevplan)

EV Charger Technical Assistance for Multifamily Buildings in West Oakland

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) and Alameda County public agency Stopwaste are partnering with local electrical contractor Energy Conservation Options (ECO) to provide no-cost electric vehicle (EV) charging



station assessments for existing multi-unit dwellings or apartments (5 units and above) in West Oakland and Richmond. This effort aligns with both the Air District's efforts to reduce air pollution in Environmental Justice communities and the [City of Oakland's Zero Emission Vehicle Action Plan](#). The free assessment will involve an onsite technical assessment and follow up report detailing project scope, cost, and incentives to install EV charging stations. A subset of assessed buildings will receive full technical assistance, which includes help applying for incentive programs and support to secure permits and

installation contracts.

If you or someone you know (building owners/manager) is interested in receiving a free EV charging assessment at an existing multifamily building located in West Oakland, please contact Ben Cooper (510-891-6511, 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). Beginning December 1st, businesses, commercial properties, 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.

To learn more about eligibility requirements and how to apply for your rebate on December 1st, visit the Alameda County Incentive Project website.



Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting

Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) meeting will be Thursday, December 16th, from 6-8pm. The meeting will include presentations on the Oakland Waterfront Trail and the BPAC Chair's Report to City Council. For more info, see:

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/meetings/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission-bpac-meeting-dec-2021>

BAAQMD Charge! Applications Open

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) *Charge!* Program provides grantfunding to offset the cost of purchasing and installing new publicly accessible (multi-unit dwelling located projects are not subject to public accessibility requirements) chargers for light-duty electric vehicles (EVs) at workplaces, destinations, transit parking locations, along transportation corridors, and at multi-unit dwelling facilities. The goal of the *Charge!* Program is to rapidly expand access to EV charging stations to help achieve the

Bay Area's EV-adoption goals of 90 percent of the overall vehicle fleet by 2050. A total \$7 million in grant funding will be available for organizations, including governments, businesses, and nonprofits. *Charge!* will be a competitive solicitation and all complete applications will be scored and ranked. The Air District will prioritize projects that install EV charging at multi-unit dwellings and projects located in Bay Area Environmental Justice communities. Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2022, 5:00 PM PT. For more information visit the [BAAQMD Charge!](#) program webpage.

Public Chargers Installed at City Center West Garage

Oakland is partnering with electric provider East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) to install 17 dual-port fast chargers, powered solely by solar and wind power, at the City Center West Garage. The project is part of the Oakland Transportation Department's plan to accelerate the adoption of



electric vehicles across the city, while tackling the health disparities in neighborhoods most plagued by air pollution. It is the first collaboration between the DOT and EBCE, where the City of Oakland provides access to charger locations and EBCE manages the funding, maintenance, and procurement of private companies for charger installation.

BUILDINGS + ENERGY



EBCE Restaurant Induction Stove Rebate

Through BayREN, EBCE is offering a rebate 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, and the customer must not have received a rebate for the same equipment, or other rebates funded with PG&E ratepayer dollars within the past 8 years for building shell, HVAC, and water heating measures. Induction cooking offers healthier indoor environments by eliminating harmful emissions that result from burning natural gas. Learn more and apply [here](#) today!

EBCE Community Outreach Grant

East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) invites community-based organizations in the East Bay to apply for grants of up to \$30,000 to assist with marketing, education, outreach, and



2022 GRANTS AVAILABLE

Apply Today!



customer enrollment for the following programs:

- Arrearage Management Plan (AMP)–*highest priority*
- California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE)
- Family Electric Rate Assistance
- (FERA)Medical Baseline (MBL)

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis from December 1, 2021, to February 25, 2022. For more information visit www.ebce.org/2022-Community-Outreach-Grants.

EBCE Resilient Homes Program

[Resilient Home](#) is a program from Alameda County’s public electricity provider East Bay Community Energy (EBCE). 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.



With wildfire season here, it's time to prepare for rolling blackouts and PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff outages. 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

MATERIAL CONSUMPTION + WASTE

City of Oakland and California Waste Solutions Settle Major Recycling Case Benefitting Oakland Ratepayers

The Oakland City Council approved this week settlement of the City’s lawsuit against California Waste Solutions, Inc. (CWS) after years of litigation to recover for Oakland ratepayers approximately \$6 million in overcharges for bringing recycling carts at multi-family buildings out to the curb (“backyard service”). The settlement requires that CWS refund approximately 2,000 multi-family building owners for those years of overcharging, and lower their rates for backyard service for recycling carts going forward. Property owners who were overcharged will be notified in the coming months of their eligibility for a refund, and will be provided information about the process for receiving their refund.

All Oakland community members can learn more about trash, recycling, and compost services available in Oakland by going to www.oaklandrecycles.com. Oaklanders can learn more about services available to combat and reduce illegal dumping – and learn how they themselves can help! – at www.oaktownproud.com.

CARBON REMOVAL + URBAN GREENING

Oakland Urban Forest Plan: Notice of RFP for Community Engagement - Responses Due January 14, 2022

Oakland Public Works, Park & Tree Division along with Davey Resource Group are currently seeking proposals for equitable community engagement activities for Oakland's forthcoming Urban Forest Master Plan. The RFP is available here:

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/tree-services> Please see the RFP for details as well as the application form. All proposals are due on January 14, 2022. Local community groups serving communities in the areas identified on the map are strongly encouraged to submit proposals.



Please contact GMatassa@oaklandca.gov with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oakland Minimum Wage Increases to \$15.06

On January 1, 2022, Oakland's minimum wage rises to \$15.06. This annual increase keeps the minimum wage aligned with the regional Consumer Price Index. Employers should print posters, [available here in multiple languages](#), for posting at workplaces by December 15. The other benefits specified in voter-approved [Measure FF](#), including paid sick leave requirements, remain the same. For additional resources, visit www.oaklandca.gov/minimumwage or email minwageinfo@oaklandca.gov.

Hotels with 50 or more guest rooms are subject to [Measure Z minimum wage requirements](#), which effective January 1, 2022, will be \$16.38 with health benefits or \$21.84 without health benefits.



OFD Graduates First All Youth Emergency Response Team Cohort

For the first time in the 30-year history of the Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE) program, the Oakland Fire Department prepares to graduate 16 youth from its inaugural Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Cohort. Since

September 22, 2021, students from Arise High School in Oakland Fruitvale neighborhood

traveled to the City of Oakland Fire Department Training Division every Wednesday to earn their Community Emergency Response Team certification. Students received hands-on training from Oakland Fire Fighters where they learned and practiced essential disaster survival skills including personal preparedness, how to identify and treat life-threatening injuries, safe lifting techniques to help those who are injured, assessing building damage, how to safely and thoroughly search buildings for survivors, how to suppress and overhaul small fires, and how to identify signs of terrorism. Upon receiving their certifications, students will be sworn in as Disaster Service Worker Volunteers

(DSW-V) joining a growing cadre of trained and affiliated DSW-V from neighborhoods across the City. This is a giant step forward in terms of helping the City of Oakland meet the goals and objectives outlined in Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

City of Oakland Recycling Team is hiring!

Join the City of Oakland to help reduce material consumption and waste and get paid! The City is recruiting for a [Recycling Program Specialist I](#) (Exempt Limited Duration Employee). This is an outstanding entry-level opportunity to start or advance one's career in the recycling and zero waste field, and to participate in cutting edge and emerging programs. [Apply online](#). Closes 12/19/2021 11:59 PM Pacific



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

We'd love to hear from you! For Questions or comments contact climate@oaklandca.gov