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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

**OAKLAND
MLK
40 DAYS OF
SERVICE**

Everyone can
be great, because
everybody can serve!
- Martin Luther King Jr.

Volunteer!

OaklandMLK.org
January 17 - February 26, 2022

QR code, Oakland Proud, Community, Corporation for National & Community Service, Service for Peace, Accessibility Request? adoptaspot@oaklandca.gov
(510) 238-7630; 711 for relay service

MLK 40 Days of Service– January 29 through February 26, 2022

Oakland is celebrating MLK Day in 2022 as 40 Days of Service. Pledge to be Oaktown Proud! Pitch in as individuals, households, or organize a block clean-up. Organize your community cleanup now! Scan the QR code to register for your clean-up!

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/apply-for-adopt-a-spot-online>



Reduce Flooding and Keep Trash out of our Waterways

You can help reduce flooding and keep trash out of our waterways by cleaning out your local storm drain especially before storm events. Your volunteer efforts help Public Works maintain over 13,000 storm drains! Public Works provides tools,

supplies, and debris pick-up for Adopt a Drain volunteers.

Let us know if you need supplies. It's easy to log on to:

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/request-tools-for-volunteer-events>

You can also sign up to start an Adopt-A-Drain in your community.

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/adopt-a-drain>

Log Volunteer Work: after you complete your clean-up, make sure to log your volunteer

hours. <https://oakland-volunteer-community-oakgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/report-your-volunteer-results>

Improvements to Adopt-a-Spot Volunteer Reporting System

We know your time is precious and we appreciate all your work and effort to "Keep Oakland Clean and Beautiful". Did you know that the volunteer data you report goes to the Regional Water Quality Control Board?



Environmental Services Stewardship has developed a training video to help you better understand our new tracking system. Click on this link <https://youtu.be/ui3MeS8iDI4>

In order to better track your volunteer work, we are streamlining our volunteer reporting system. That means that **after February 2022, you will no longer be able to log your work in "Track it Forward"**. The older Track it Forward system has been used concurrently with our new ESRI hub program during its development. Now that it's ready, we'll be transitioning all reporting to ESRI Hub, which is already on our website.

Some volunteers have already been using our new system. It is simple to use and available on the City's Adopt-A-Spot website. One of the advantages of our new ESRI Hub program is that it provides maps for Adopt-A-Spot clean-up locations so you can see where they're located. Another advantage is that you'll also be able to track your work and generate reports. In addition, the ESRI Hub will also allow staff to more easily gather data and report your efforts.

If you would like to see the site, click on the link below.

<https://oakland-volunteer-community-oakgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/report-your-volunteer-results>



Lake Merritt Weed Warriors Work Party

At Saturday's [Lake Merritt Weed Warriors](#), 18 volunteers turned out to weed and mulch the landscaped bed in the west wing of the Pergola at El Embarcadero, across from the Lakeview Branch Library. They are beginning our twelfth year of augmenting OPW's gardening staff in

maintaining the landscaped areas around the lake. At the same time several rosarians gave the rose bushes their required winter pruning. To reduce waste and effort, green waste is loaded directly into tarps, and then onto a truck stationed at the work site. It's much easier for them to work this way than taking the time to put green waste into bags or sacks, not to mention the savings to the City in not having to provide bags.

Since December 2010 we've sponsored monthly work parties, supported by Park Supervisor 1 and the lake Crew Leader who supply tools, mulch and occasionally plants which we plant to refresh landscaped beds. The next monthly Weed Warrior work party, **February 26**, we'll

return to the east wing to weed and mulch. Go on to the [Lake Merritt Weed Warriors](#) website to volunteer!

TRANSPORTATION + LAND USE

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.

Building owners or managers 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](#).

BAAQMD Charge! Applications Open

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) *Charge!* Program provides grants to offset the cost of purchasing and installing new, publicly-accessible EV chargers at workplaces, destinations, transit parking locations, along transportation corridors, and in apartment buildings and condos. Projects in multifamily buildings are not subject to public accessibility requirements. The *Charge!* Program aims to rapidly expand access to EV charging, to help ensure that 90 percent of vehicles in the Bay Area are electric 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.

BUILDINGS + ENERGY

GRID Alternatives Energy for All Program

GRID Alternatives, a community-based nonprofit solar organization, can help homeowners living on a limited or fixed budget save money on their energy bills through their Energy for All Program. Apply now to the [Energy For All Program](#) to see if you and your family qualify and become a clean energy leader in your community.



Induction Stove Rebates!

Through BayREN, EBCE is 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,

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!



Incentives for Heat Pump Water Heaters

In most Bay Area homes, burning natural gas to heat water for showers, laundry, and dishwashing contributes more to climate change than any other indoor activity. The good news: all-electric heat pump water

heaters (HPWHs) are now widely available. Heat pumps, which work by *moving* heat rather than *generating* heat, are 3-5 times more efficient and better for indoor air quality. The even better news: Bay Area homeowners are now eligible to receive as much as \$6,600 in incentives for making the switch to a HPWH today thanks to programs offered by [BayREN](#) and the new [TECH Clean California Initiative](#).

Learn more [here](#) and work with a BayREN Home Energy Advisor to come up with an upgrade plan by calling (866) 878-6008 or [scheduling an appointment](#).

Technical Assistance for New All-Electric Affordable Housing The Building Initiative for Low-Emissions



**CALIFORNIA
ENERGY COMMISSION**

Development (BUILD) Program is now accepting technical assistance inquiries! Interested housing developers and owners are encouraged to submit a Technical Assistance Inquiry Form to request assistance in the design and planning for new low-income all-electric residential projects and the adoption of near-zero emission technologies. To access the inquiry form please go to the [BUILD Program web page](#), and click the technical assistance link.

Technical assistance inquiries are submitted to the BUILD technical assistance provider, Association for Energy Affordability, and reviewed by the California Energy Commission (CEC). Technical assistance for specific projects and incentive applications will be available once the guidelines are enacted. Staff anticipates consideration of the final guidelines by the Commission at a February business meeting, and subsequent enactment by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), as established in CPUC Resolution E-5116. For more information, please contact BUILD@energy.ca.gov.

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 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)



2022 GRANTS AVAILABLE
Apply Today!



Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis from December 1, 2021 through 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.



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

Reusable Foodware Service Providers in Alameda County

Looking for reusable foodware for your business or event? StopWaste has collected [a list of service providers](#) that have successfully completed StopWaste's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process, identifying businesses and nonprofits able and interested in delivering reusable foodware solutions for projects in Alameda County.

\$700K Grants for Waste Prevention

StopWaste is offering \$700,000 to businesses, nonprofits and institutions for innovative projects that prevent waste in Alameda County. [Application deadline](#) is February 25.

Categories for grant applications include:

- ♦ Reuse & Repair- up to \$20,000 per grant
- ♦ Food Waste Prevention- up to \$20,000 per grant
- ♦ Reusable Foodware Pilots- \$5,000 to \$50,000 per grant
- ♦ Surplus Food Donation Equipment- up to \$10,000 per grant
- ♦ Reusable Transport Packaging - up to \$10,000 per grant

For more details, please check the [StopWaste Waste Prevention grant](#) website.

URBAN GREENING + CARBON REMOVAL

Free Organic Rose Gardening Webinar

The variety of roses we can grow in the Bay Area is astounding, and roses can provide nearly year-round blooms in our gardens. But this long growing period also means pests have more time to



develop. On **Thursday February 10th**, 5-6pm PST, learn how to prevent and manage rose diseases and insect pests with an eco-friendly approach, as many pesticides can harm more than help. Plus, get advice on fertilizing and watering specific to where we live. Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FFSXOwpmQnSI7f-2qPBYVQ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oakland Ranked in Top 10 of Clean Energy U.S. Cities

In their report, *2021 City Clean Energy Scorecard*, the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), a nonprofit research organization, ranked Oakland among the top 10 U.S. cities advancing clean energy for the second year in a row. Cities were scored on five dimensions: community-led initiatives, building policies, transportation policies, energy and water utilities, and local government operations. Oakland's highest scores were in energy and water utilities and local government operations, acknowledging the comprehensive energy efficiency programs and large renewable energy deployment in the city. This year, ACEEE placed greater weight on social equity in clean energy, of which Oakland's [2030 Equitable Climate Action Plan](#) is a leading example. For more details on Oakland's ranking and the overall report, check out ACEEE's [City Clean Energy Scorecard](#) website.

Big Things Happening in Deep East Oakland!

[Better Neighborhoods, Same Neighbors \(BNSN\)](#) is a \$28 Million Grant from the California Strategic Growth Council to invest in 5 Projects and 3 Transformative Plans in Deep East Oakland. After a year of building infrastructure for sustainable and impactful implementation, BNSN is entering year 2 at the forefront



of community-driven change in Deep East Oakland. As part of the effort, a 55-Unit Affordable Housing Development at 95th and International, with a quarter of units dedicated for Homeless populations, is set to open Fall 2022. And a 2-acre Aquaponics Farm at Planting Justice on 105th Avenue, which will produce 180,000lbs of produce per year, is underway and has already hired 27 East Oakland Residents. Stay tuned for more highlights and developments from BNSN.

Friends of Sausal Creek is Hiring!

Friends of Sausal Creek is seeking a Restoration and Nursery Manager to maintain and expand FOSC's ongoing watershed restoration efforts and to manage the FOSC Native

Plant Nursery in Joaquin Miller Park. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, but candidates are encouraged to apply by February 10, 2022. Please visit the FOSC homepage to view the full position description: www.sausalcreek.org

Pay: \$25-\$27/hour depending on experience

Hours: Full-time (35-40 hours per week)

How to Apply: Please email a PDF cover letter and resume to jobs@sausalcreek.org

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