



Climate, Environment + Sustainability Newsletter



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ECAP StoryMap and Progress Report Updates



Since adopting the Equitable Climate Action Plan (ECAP) in 2020, the City has worked hard to make Oakland's climate equity progress clear and understandable to everyone. The 2024 StoryMap Progress Update showcases accomplishments across the 40 ECAP Actions, centralizing communication on projects undertaken by various City departments. Now in its 2nd year, the StoryMap is streamlined and easier to use thanks to public feedback. We hope you use, share, and get inspired by this wonderful tool!

ECAP StoryMap

Environmental Stewardship



Youth Employment Partnership (YEP) Summer Program

It's summertime and Team Oakland is back!

Since 1993, Team Oakland has offered summer traineeships to over 2,600 Oakland youth and young adults. Team members get practical experience by participating in city cleanups, park maintenance, habitat restoration and community outreach. They also benefit from trainings on work skills, life skills, and environmental topics.

The summer program is a collaboration between Oakland Public Works and the Youth Employment Partnership (YEP); it kicked off earlier this month, and youth participants have collected over 1,000 bags of trash per week. If you spot their bright shirts in the community, be sure to say hello and show your support!



Summer Town Nights is back!

Join us for [Town Nights](#), a series of free community events hosted Friday evenings during the summer months, hosted by the Department of Violence Prevention with community organizations. With a focus on preventing violence and fostering unity, Town Nights offers safe spaces for families, friends, and neighbors to come together and enjoy free food, music, games, and more.



Reminder, report your volunteer activity this month!

If you hosted one or more volunteer events during the month of July 2024, we wanted to send an additional reminder to record your activity by **Friday, August 8th**. Reporting your volunteer activity helps us keep track of successful volunteer events across the city and showcase that the Adopt-A-Spot/Drain Program is meaningful to Oakland! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions and/or need technical assistance with entering your volunteer activities.

FRIENDS OF SAUSAL CREEK



**STATE OF THE WATERSHED
SYMPOSIUM**

DIMOND PARK
SATURDAY, JULY 27 | 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Delve into the theme of Resilience in the Sausal Creek Watershed with speakers from Friends of Sausal Creek and other local organizations. Expect engaging discussions, presentations on innovative projects, and explore how we can collectively enhance the resilience of this vital ecosystem.

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL!  WWW.SAUSALCREEK.ORG

Friend of Sausal Creek - 2024 State of the Watershed Symposium

Join Friends of Sausal Creek for the 2024 State of the Watershed Symposium on **July 27th**, where they'll delve into the theme of resilience in the Sausal Creek Watershed. This year's event brings together passionate speakers from Friends of Sausal Creek and several other local organizations, each sharing their unique perspective and expertise. Expect engaging discussions, presentations on innovative projects, and explore how we can collectively enhance the resilience of this vital ecosystem. Chairs, shade canopies, coffee, pastries, and light snacks will be provided. For more info and/or to register for the event, [click here](#).

Transportation



City of Oakland begins Universal Basic Mobility Pilot Project

The City of Oakland has begun distributing debit cards loaded with up to \$160 to low-income West Oakland residents or workers as part of the [West Oakland Universal Basic Mobility Pilot](#). Eligible participants must live or work in West Oakland earn less than the “area median income” of \$103,500 annually for a single person and up to \$192,250 for an eight-person household (full income limits available [here](#)). Funded by “[West Oakland Transit Investments \(WOTI\)](#)” grant from the Alameda County Transportation Commission, this project continues the transformation of public transit in Oakland. Eligible participants can sign up for one of the 1,000 cards

on a first-come, first served basis by taking a brief survey (link [here](#)). Read the full press release [here](#).

Zum Launches Nation's First 100% Electric School Bus Fleet in Oakland

Zum, the modern student transportation platform, announced on May 15th that Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) will be the first major school district in the U.S. to transition to a 100% electrified school bus system with groundbreaking vehicle-to-grid technology. Zum is providing a fleet of 74 electric school buses and bidirectional chargers in Oakland, managed through its AI-enabled technology platform. The all-EV fleet will not only transport students sustainably, but also play a critical dual role as a Virtual Power Plant (VPP), giving 2.1 gigawatt hours of energy back to the power grid at scale annually. Read the full article [here](#).

Buildings & Energy



Ava Community Energy: New Name, Same Great Services, and Exciting New programs for Saving Energy and Electrifying

East Bay Community Energy is now **Ava Community Energy**! Ava is your local electricity provider, founded in 2018 by Alameda County, the cities in Alameda County, and the City of Tracy. Learn more: <https://avaenergy.org>

Here's more from Ava:

- Summer Rates: Summer Time-of-Use rate began June 1st. Learn more at <https://avaenergy.org/rates/>
- Commercial Induction Rebate: Upgrade your commercial kitchen to induction and get to \$17,500 in rebates <https://tinyurl.com/iccrebate-ava>
- [evFleet Consulting Program](#): Transition your commercial fleet to electric vehicles

Electrification Incentives and Rebates

Electrification incentives are still available! Find out about [heat pump incentives](#) and [induction cooktop rebates](#) and learn more about electrification on the [City website!](#)



Climate Adaptation

Sea Level Rise Adaptation Community Workshops

Join the Oakland Alameda Adaptation Committee's upcoming [community workshops](#) this August! These events are a great opportunity to learn about and contribute to our Oakland and Alameda shoreline resilience efforts as we plan for sea level rise. Your participation is crucial in shaping a resilient future for our beloved shoreline. Come join us to learn about current adaptation plans, share your thoughts and feedback, and engage with agency leaders and experts. Each informational

workshop will include an overview of all the current adaptation projects with a deep dive into a particular shoreline area.

Workshop dates:

- **August 3, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM** - [Estuary Project \(Alameda focus\)](#) at the REAP Climate Center, 2133 Tynan Ave, Alameda.
- **August 12, 5:30 - 8:00 PM** - [Bay Farm Island Project](#) at Leydecker Recreation Center, 3221 Mecartney Road, Alameda (Bay Farm Island)
- **August 15, 5:30 - 8:00 PM** - [Estuary Project \(Oakland focus\)](#) at Port of Oakland Community Room, 530 Water St, Oakland.

Please learn more and RSVP for a meeting [here](#). Registration is encouraged but not required unless you need childcare or translation services. Refreshments will be served.



Ninth Root Sacred Spaces

Ninth Root's Sacred Spaces is dedicated to restoring Oakland's shoreline with native plants, re-establishing native oyster habitat, and preserving our natural heritage through art and narrative. Together, we're creating a climate adaptive sanctuary for both nature and the community. Join them on this journey! Visit their IG page at [@ninthroot510](#), and their [website](#).

Zero Waste



StopWaste Environmental Leadership Winners

Congratulations to the StopWaste Environmental Leadership Awards winners: [Sparkl Reusables](#) and [oWOW](#), representing Oakland! Sparkl Reusables, in partnership with Spectrum Community Services in Hayward, was recognized for their Excellence in Reusable Foodware Partnership. They switched from disposable to reusable containers for over 400 senior meals served daily at locations throughout Alameda County, preventing some 10,000 pieces of single-use foodware each month. OWOW won the Excellence in Construction Innovation award for their forward-thinking construction methods. By using responsibly sourced mass timber, prefabricating building elements, and integrating development, design, and construction, they minimize waste and have the potential to build twice as fast and reduce cost by 30% compared to conventional construction.

Celebrated for the 22nd time, StopWaste's annual awards program honors Alameda County entities for their leadership and innovations in advancing environmental sustainability, waste prevention, and contributions to building healthy, climate-resilient communities in Alameda County. Learn more at www.StopWaste.org/2024Awards.

Announcements

FREE
game tickets and
Oaklandish shirt *

KEEP
OAKLAND
BEAUTIFUL
PRESENTS THE PRESCOTT
**COMMUNITY
BEAUTIFICATION
DAY**

**Registered Volunteers Will Receive FREE Tickets
To The July 27th Ballers Game, Commemorative
OAKLANDISH Tee & Clean Up Kit ! SPONSORED BY:**

**Saturday July
27th
10:30AM**

FRIENDS OF
RAIMONDI PARK

OAKLAND
BALLERS

OAKLANDISH

FRIENDS OF MANDELA PARKWAY

*Register at bit.ly/ballers2024 or scan QR code

The Oakland Ballers Litter League

On **Saturday July 27th at 10:30AM**, join us at Raimondi Park to help keep Oakland beautiful through a morning of community beautification projects. Led in partnership with [The Oakland Ballers](#), [Friends of Mandela Parkway](#), [Friends of Raimondi Park](#), [Oaklandish](#), and [Keep Oakland Beautiful](#), we will be picking up litter around the Raimondi/Prescott Neighborhood and greening spaces. With gratitude for your work in beautifying the community, The Oakland Ballers are offering FREE tickets to the July 27 game. The B's are playing the Yolo High Wheelers with first pitch at 1:05PM PT. [Visit our event page for more details.](#)

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



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