



# Climate, Environment + Sustainability Newsletter



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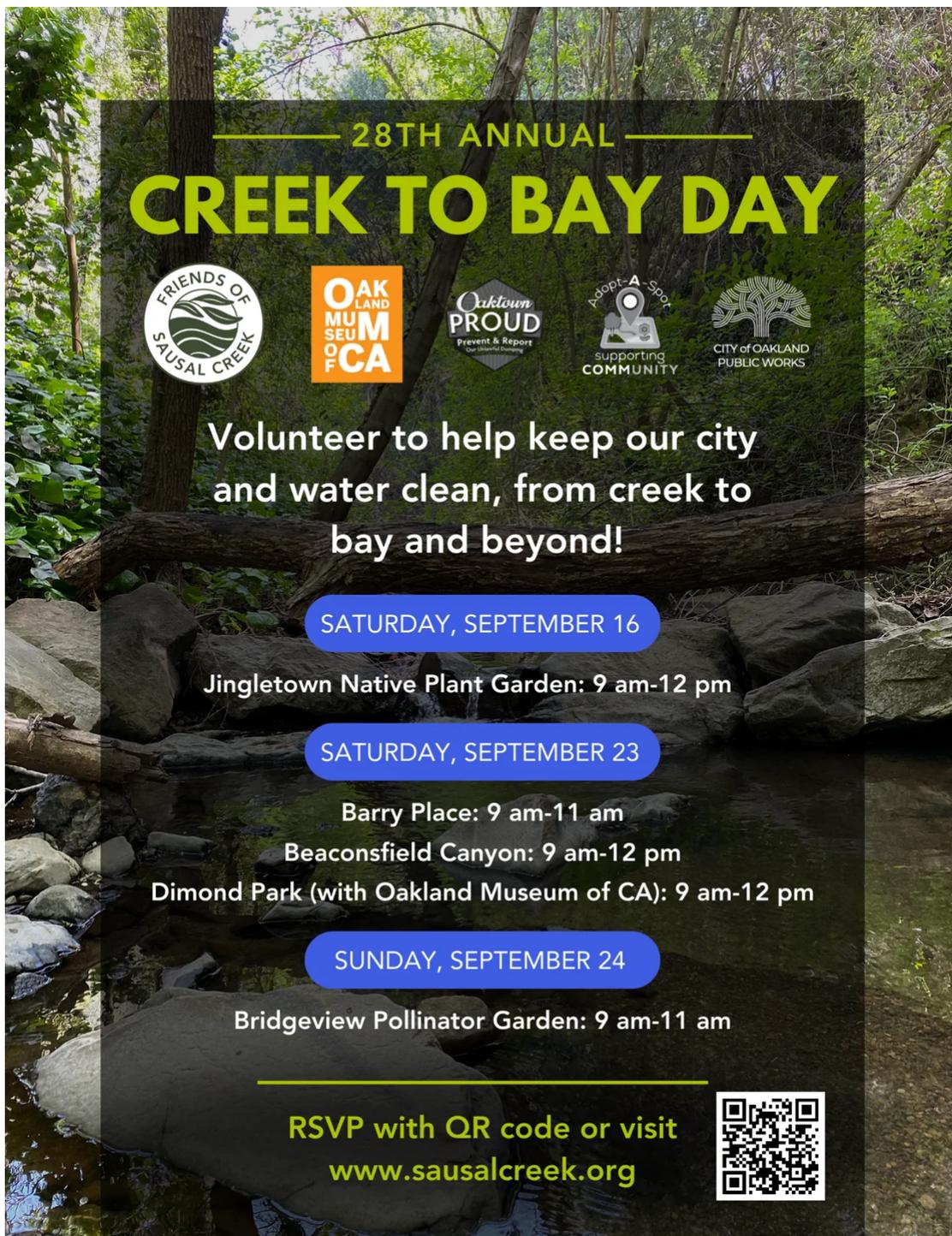
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## Environmental Stewardship



## Oakland Creek to Bay Day 2023

On Saturday, **September 23**, 2023, the City of Oakland is 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 home to protect watersheds. Visit [oaklandcreektobay.org](http://oaklandcreektobay.org) to learn more!



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**CREEK TO BAY DAY**

**Volunteer to help keep our city  
and water clean, from creek to  
bay and beyond!**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**  
Jingletown Native Plant Garden: 9 am-12 pm

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
Barry Place: 9 am-11 am  
Beaconsfield Canyon: 9 am-12 pm  
Dimond Park (with Oakland Museum of CA): 9 am-12 pm

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
Bridgeview Pollinator Garden: 9 am-11 am

**RSVP with QR code or visit  
[www.sausalcreek.org](http://www.sausalcreek.org)**



## Creek to Bay Day with Friends of Sausal Creek

Volunteer with Friends of Sausal Creek this Creek to Bay Day! We have several projects planned across the watershed to help keep our city and water clean. At Dimond Park, we're teaming up with the [Oakland Museum of California](#) to offer some educational activities in addition to restoration and clean-up.



## Lake Merritt Project Improves Oxygen Levels and Water Quality for Wildlife

[Oakland installed a new aeration fountain in Lake Merritt](#)— one piece of an ongoing effort to maintain healthy conditions for fish and wildlife at the Lake. This new device is part of the [Lake Merritt Water Quality Management Pilot Project](#), initiated in response to the 2022 Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB). The Pilot is designed to begin addressing excessive algae growth and the low dissolved oxygen levels associated with the fish kill.

By mixing air into the water, the fountain will improve dissolved oxygen levels in the Lake, helping to maintain an oxygenated refuge for aquatic life near the fountain. The design and spray settings on the new fountain maximize benefit to wildlife.

While these devices cannot *prevent* HABs, they are one tool that—together with other interventions—may help mitigate their impact on the Lake.

## Transportation & Land Use



## OakDOT Releases RFP for E-Bike Lending Program

The City of Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) is launching an [electric bike \(e-bike\) lending program Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) to provide priority communities with access to affordable medium and long-term rentals of zero-emissions mobility options, including cargo bikes and adaptive bikes. Two RFPs are available: one to run the operations of the program and another to perform maintenance. Interested parties must register with the [City of Oakland iSupplier database](#) and applications are due **October 2nd**.



## Oakland International Airport Sets Goal of Zero Emissions Operations by 2040

As part of the Port of Oakland's road to zero emissions, the Port is developing an aggressive program to reduce carbon emissions at Oakland International Airport (OAK). OAK is pursuing a Level 2 certification under the [Airport Carbon Accreditation](#) program to reduce GHG emissions caused by the combustion of fuels as well as emissions caused by generating electricity from sources that are controlled or owned by the Port of Oakland. The Port of Oakland is proposing a non-binding target of a 50% reduction of GHG emissions, also known as carbon emissions, by 2030. The goal is to reach zero emissions operations at OAK by 2040. Read the full [press release here](#).

## Buildings & Energy



### TECH Multifamily Home Incentives

TECH Clean California is offering [substantial incentives direct to contractors](#) to support the installation of heat pump technologies in existing multifamily buildings throughout the state of California. These incentives (along with incentives for existing single-family homes) are available only to contractors enrolled in TECH Clean California. TECH enrolled contractors or property owners can submit a reservation, however, both must complete a digital signature request, after the Association for Energy Affordability (AEA) has completed an initial reservation review.

- Reservations must be made to qualify for incentives
- Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis





## **Discount Solar and Battery Storage from Bay Area SunShares**

Bay Area SunShares provides a discount on turnkey solar installations and home battery storage. Any resident in the Bay Area's 9 counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma) can sign up for the SunShares discount at [www.bayareasunshares.org](http://www.bayareasunshares.org) between **September 1st and November 15th, 2023**. SunShares is administered by the Business Council on Climate Change.



## **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/](http://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](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!



## 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



## MLK CLEAN CORRIDOR PROJECT

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Keep Oakland Beautiful has received funding to support clean-up and beautification activities and events along Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Oakland.

REACH OUT TO [INFO@KEEPOAKLANDBEAUTIFUL.ORG](mailto:INFO@KEEPOAKLANDBEAUTIFUL.ORG)  
TO GET INVOLVED



### MLK Clean Corridor Project

Keep Oakland Beautiful has received funding to use along MLK Jr. Way in Oakland for beautification and clean up projects. If you have an idea for a project or business along MLK that needs funding, let's work together!

WHEN: Between September and October 2023

WHAT: Projects can include graffiti and litter clean up, murals, weeding and gardening, and more!

Cleanup kits and resources to support continued community beautification will be provided at each event. [Reach out to KOB to get involved.](#)



### Daffodil Days by Keep Oakland Beautiful

Every fall, Keep Oakland Beautiful provides *free* daffodil bulbs and native California wildflower seeds to be planted around Oakland in highly visible spaces for the public to enjoy and to beautify our city. [Learn more & apply on KOB's website by October 16th.](#)

## 9/26 Compost and Mulch Certification Workshop

ReScape's Advanced Professional Workshop "[Compost and Mulch Best Practices](#)" goes beyond the basics and dives deep into detailed best compost and mulch management practices to mitigate the effects of climate change by sequestering carbon and protecting a biodiverse ecosystem. We'll share techniques for applying compost in different situations, how to specify the best quality compost, and what types of compost are suited to native plants and post-fire landscapes. We will share case studies that demonstrate how compost and mulch best practices create regenerative, beautiful and resilient landscapes.

## Announcements



**Join our board!**

KEEP OAKLAND BEAUTIFUL IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR NEW VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS

**KEEP OAKLAND BEAUTIFUL**  
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

**INTERN APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**



**APPLY NOW TO JOIN  
KEEP OAKLAND BEAUTIFUL'S  
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## Keep Oakland Beautiful Board Member and Internship

### Applications

Are you looking for ways to get involved with our local community? Keep Oakland Beautiful accepts board member applications on a rolling basis - [check out more info on KOB's website](#). Keep Oakland Beautiful is also accepting applications for their Youth Advisory Committee through **September 15th**. All Oakland high school students (sophomores, juniors, seniors) can apply! It's a great way to get involved, build a resume, and learn about community engagement, fundraising, and so much more. The term lasts Sept 2023 to May 2024. [More information is available on KOB's website](#).

### United Nations Association- East Bay Chapter Internship on Sustainable Development Goals

Are you interested in the UN [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#)? The UN SDGs are global commitments that recognize that ending poverty, improving health and education, and eliminating inequality must go hand-in-hand with tackling climate change and preserving our oceans and forests. The UN Association-East Bay Chapter is looking for a motivated high school student to prepare a monthly newsletter on SDG progress and backsliding that is estimated to take about 4-5 hours per week. Successful interns will have free chapter membership and subscriptions and develop a portfolio of work great for college admissions. If interested, please contact Kurt Wegener at [EastBayUNA@gmail.com](mailto:EastBayUNA@gmail.com)

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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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