



A note from the Sustainability Team:

Yesterday, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued its sixth Assessment Report, titled *Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis*. This is the most comprehensive report ever generated on the science and impacts of climate change. The report is clear: greenhouse gas emissions are at a tipping point, and the world must take drastic action to eliminate fossil fuel use in the next 10 years in order to avert rapid sea level rise, world hunger, and displacement of millions. This new report underscores the importance of our climate work here in Oakland. Read the [summary of the IPCC report here](#), or [access the full document here](#).

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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



Get Ready for Creek to Bay 2021

2021 is the 26th anniversary of Oakland Creek to Bay. This year "Saturdays in September" is planned along with volunteer activities throughout September, including Saturday, September 18th – [California and International Coastal Cleanup Day](#). Creek to Bay 2021 is a month of watershed cleanups, education, and commitment to practices to keep our city and water clean, from creek to bay every day in September and beyond.

Groups, individuals, and households can participate in the 26th Oakland Creek to Bay's volunteer activities by pitching in to clean up, as well as pledging and committing to actions from our homes to protect watersheds. Visit [City of Oakland | Creek to Bay Month – September 2021 \(oaklandca.gov\)](#) for more information and resources coming soon to:

- ♦ Register your cleanup site
- ♦ Sign up to join a site
- ♦ Do your own cleanup

Join the Oakland Creek to Bay organizing efforts! If interested, please email OaklandAdoptaSpot@oaklandca.gov for details on how you can help.



Adopt A Spot

Oakland's Adopt a Spot program supports volunteers in upkeep of parks, creeks, shorelines, storm drains, streets, trails, and other public spaces. Volunteers have adopted hundreds of sites around Oakland. Sign up to Adopt A Spot at OaklandAdoptASpot.org.

Put Your Volunteerism on the Map - Report Your Volunteer Hours!

Report your volunteerism in real time on our Community Hub with its interactive map and real-time tally. Volunteer data is critical to our understanding of litter and all that is required to clean Oakland. To enter volunteer hours and other workday results, go to the [Oakland Volunteer Community Hub](#) and click on the survey "Report Your Volunteer Hours." Contact adoptaspot@oaklandca.gov with questions.

EBMUD Lawn Conversion Rebate

For a limited time, EBMUD will double your rebate to \$1.50 per square foot of lawn converted if you participate in either of their two new pilot programs: Super Rebate and Median Strip Rebate. For more information and to learn how to apply, please visit [EBMUD's Lawn Conversion](#) webpage.

TRANSPORTATION + LAND USE

We Need Your Input! - ZEV Action Plan Surveys

Electric vehicles can save you hundreds of dollars a month while reducing air pollution in our community. But 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!

- ♦ [Take the ZEVAP Survey](#)
- ♦ [Tell Us Where You Want to See More EV Chargers](#)

To learn more about the project and see the development and progress of the plan, visit the City's [Zero Emission Vehicle Action Plan webpage](#). Sign up for email updates [here](#).

BUILDINGS + ENERGY

OhmConnect Free Smart Thermostat

Save Energy while helping reduce blackouts with OhmConnect's City Energy Challenge! To help prevent blackouts this summer, OhmConnect is challenging communities across California to see who can save the most energy – a little neighborly competition to decide California's most energy-



conscious city. OhmConnect will give the winning city \$50,000 to award 10 scholarships for education (community college, job training, university, etc.) to residents of their city.

When you sign up, you'll receive a free smart thermostat. Not only will this help lower your utility bills, OhmConnect actually pays you for reducing energy use during peak hours. With 1 Million thermostats connected to OhmConnect, we have the ability to prevent blackouts by reducing demand on the grid at critical times – a

potential impact equivalent to taking 146 cars off the road for an entire year. Do your part and sign up now!



EBCE Seeks Local Sponsor for Community Solar Project

East Bay Community Energy is developing a community solar program that will offer qualifying customers living in designated disadvantaged communities access to 100% renewable energy and a 20% discount on their electricity bills. As part of the program, EBCE will select a local partner sponsor to help project developers and the community come together, identify community-suggested project sites, and work with EBCE to conduct outreach and create interest in subscribing to the project. The sponsor can be a non-profit, local government, or school. More information can be found at ebce.org/community-solar, and EBCE is hosting this upcoming webinar to provide more information to interested organizations.

- ♦ Date and Time: August 17, 2021, 11:00pm
- ♦ Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrd-uurz8oG9xO6UhSbbQh94XxM5S2t_Ue

Casa Arabella Wins National Award

Fruitvale's Casa Arabella was selected as one of twelve winners of the Urban Land Institute's Americas Awards for Excellence. Casa Arabella is an excellent example of the power of partnership, and we send a big congratulations to The Unity Council, the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation, and so many others who worked on this impressive, important, and now award-winning project.



[Video](#) | [ABC 7 Story](#) | [The Unity Council](#)

MATERIAL CONSUMPTION + WASTE

StopWaste Induction Cooking and Food Waste Prevention Seminar

Don't be baned by late summer garden bounty! Chef Rachelle Boucher of Kitchens to Life is back with flavor-saving, waste-reducing ideas for tomatoes, zucchini and so much more. You'll also get to see the newest climate-friendly, pollution-free induction cooking technology in action.



- Simple Sauces: Garden Tomato & Roasted Garlic Simmered Sauce
- Quick Pickles: Assorted Vegetable Pickles & Garnishes
- Stashing Squash: Zucchini Overload? Three Fresh Ideas for Abundant Squash

[Register for this FREE webinar on August 19th, 6pm](#)

Our Water Our World Organic Gardening Webinar

We welcome back Suzanne Bontempo & Charlotte Canner to share techniques and strategies for growing an abundance of food for a season-long harvest. Our garden experts are here to explain why reaching for a pesticide or herbicide may not be a solution. If your plants are in distress, then we need to understand the reason why. When we know why, we can target the problem without harming our plants, our soil, or the high yields we are waiting for.



This gardening webinar is part of a series sponsored by the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program, working to protect creeks, wetlands and the Bay. [Sign up for the webinar](#) for August 12th at 4pm.

CARBON REMOVAL + URBAN GREENING



Keep Oakland Beautiful 2021 Small Grant Winners!

Every year, Keep Oakland Beautiful gives out grants to help fund a project that helps keep Oakland clean, green and beautiful, and brings people together in public space. Visit [our website](#) to learn about this year's winners and their beautification projects – from community gardens to mural installations

ADDITIONAL NEWS

BAAQMD Community Advisory Council Application

The Air District's Board of Directors is forming the agency's first Community Advisory Council (CAC). This group of individuals will meet regularly to help develop and inform key Air District initiatives. Some projects the Community Advisory Council may work on include a Community Benefits Fund, an Air District-wide Equity Plan, and program planning for California Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617).

Each selected applicant should anticipate one term of approximately 2–3 years and a monthly time commitment to prepare for and attend monthly meetings. Community Advisory Council members will receive a stipend of \$500.00 per CAC meeting attended. The Air District values and welcomes diversity and strongly encourages applicants of all genders, racial, and ethnic groups from the nine (9) Bay Area counties. All applications will be fully considered, and priority will be given to applicants with lived experience in environmental justice communities and/or a history of partnering with environmental justice communities.

[Apply here](#) to be considered. Applications will be accepted until September 7, 2021, 5pm

Education and Outreach Coordinator Job Opening

Friends of Sausal Creek is seeking an enthusiastic and adaptable team member who is interested in learning the ropes at a small nonprofit and stepping into a leadership role. The Education and Outreach Coordinator leads Friends of Sausal Creek's environmental education program, supporting local youth environmental stewards and activists. It expands community outreach and builds relationships in the lower Sausal Creek Watershed (Fruitvale district, Oakland); engaging the community in stewardship opportunities, urban greening projects and environmental justice efforts. Full-time, permanent, Oakland, CA. A strong candidate is committed to outdoor education, inspiring Oakland's diverse students and youth, and collaborating on community identified watershed projects. For a complete job description, visit our website: <https://www.sausalcreek.org/jobs-and-internships>

To apply, please email a PDF cover letter and résumé to jobs@sausalcreek.org

Guaranteed Income Pilot

Poverty and climate change are intertwined for frontline communities and guaranteed income is a critical part of the solution. The Oakland Resilient Families program is one of the largest guaranteed income demonstrations in the country; 300 families from Phase 1 have been selected and began receiving their \$500 monthly payment. Phase 2 of the pilot, which will reach an additional 300 families, is coming soon. Find out more below.

[Oakland Resilient Families](#) | [Video](#)

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