



# Climate, Environment + Sustainability Newsletter



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## Environmental Stewardship



## Save the Date! MLK Day of Service is January 16, 2023

On Monday, January 16, 2023, the City of Oakland is celebrating MLK Day of Service! This is a day of community service, education, and commitment to practices to keep our city clean and green. Groups and individuals of all ages and abilities are invited to join, or even host their own, events throughout Oakland. Registration is now open and interested parties can either sign up as volunteers or site coordinators for you or your organization. Visit [www.oaklandmlk.org](http://www.oaklandmlk.org) to learn more!



**Adopt a Drain Today: Reduce Flooding and Keep Trash Out of Our Waterways**

You can help reduce flooding and keep trash out of our waterways by adopting a storm drain and keeping it clear of debris. Go to [www.adoptadrainoakland.com](http://www.adoptadrainoakland.com) to adopt one or more storm drains in your neighborhood or near your workplace.

Public Works provides tools, supplies, and debris pick-up for Adopt a Drain volunteers. Remember, “*Clear the drain before the rain*” and report storm drain maintenance needs to [Oak311](http://Oak311)



### **Be #OaktownPROUD: Help Prevent and Report Illegal Dumping in Your Neighborhood**

The City of Oakland launched #OaktownPROUD, a campaign for and by Oaklanders, to reduce unlawful dumping and improve our neighborhoods. Oaktown PROUD combats illegal dumping through the City’s three E’s: education, enforcement and eradication. Help prevent and report unlawful dumping by participating in free programs and services: use your free annual bulky pickup service, safely dispose of hazardous materials at 2100 E. 7th Street, report to OAK311, and more. For additional information, please visit [www.oaktownproud.com](http://www.oaktownproud.com)

## **Transportation & Land Use**



## Update on General Plan Environmental Justice Communities Hub

The General Plan Update team released an update to the Draft EJ Communities Map. You may view the updated Draft EJ Communities Map here on the [City's website](#). Please also take a moment to read this brief [Primer on the Ongoing Development of the Draft EJ Communities Map](#). It contains essential information about the Draft EJ Communities Map and the process of updating it. The General Plan Update team is also working diligently to update the EJ Communities Hub to solicit feedback on the updated map. Please stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, please submit any comments or feedback to [generalplan@oaklandca.gov](mailto:generalplan@oaklandca.gov). You may also check out the General Plan Update [Community Events and Resources](#) page to learn about upcoming opportunities to be involved in shaping this important guiding document for Oakland.



## EV Charger Technical Assistance for Multifamily Buildings in West Oakland

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Stopwaste are partnering with local electrical contractor Energy Conservation Options (ECO) to provide no-cost electric vehicle (EV) charging station assessments for apartment buildings in West Oakland and Richmond. The free assessment includes an onsite technical assessment and follow up report detailing project scope, cost, and available incentives. A subset of assessed buildings will receive additional assistance in applying for incentive programs and securing permits and installation contracts. To find out more and sign up, contact Ben Cooper (510-891-6511, [bcooper@stopwaste.org](mailto: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). Businesses, commercial and 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](https://calevip.org/find-an-evsp). To learn more about eligibility requirements, visit the [Alameda County Incentive Project website](#).

## **Buildings & Energy**



## 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!

## COCINANDO CON SAZÓN EN ESTUFAS DE INDUCCIÓN

¡Recetas de fin de año hechas en estufas de inducción rápidas, eficientes y seguras!

17 de Diciembre | 11 AM



### Cocinando Con Sazón En Estufas De Inducción

¿Estás pensando en tu menú de las fiestas de fin de año? Acompáñanos el 17 de diciembre para una demostración de cocina con el chef Zacarias del Molcajetes Bar and Grill. Aprende cómo hacer pozole y churros mientras Nuria Casquero-Modrego de Lawrence Berkeley National Labs explica los beneficios de las estufas de inducción rápidas y eficientes. Además, conoce los descuentos disponibles a través de BayREN. Regístrate hoy mismo: [CocinandoConSazon.eventbrite.com](https://CocinandoConSazon.eventbrite.com) o llama al: (510) 545-3620



## Surveys on Building Electrification

The City of Oakland wants to hear your thoughts and perceptions on building electrification and how we can better facilitate the transition to 100% clean electricity in all buildings. Complete this [5-minute survey](#) here, also available in Chinese and Spanish.

Also, UC Berkeley researchers are looking for diverse homeowners and renters living in Oakland to participate in a study on household electrification. **You'll receive \$50 for your time.** Participating in the study involves a **30-45-minute interview in-person, preferably in your home** (following local health guidelines for COVID-19) **or in a video call.** Researchers will address your concerns about the reliability and affordability of clean energy, and ask about your views related to any changes you have made or plan to make (or not!) in your electricity and gas consumption (e.g. purchasing back-up generators, changing from gas to electric heating, installing solar panels). Your responses will remain anonymous in the analysis and results. Please contact them via email ([cristina\\_crespo@berkeley.edu](mailto:cristina_crespo@berkeley.edu)), phone (+1 628-276-3167), or fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/VRMG1Jhhttpx9Wm69>



## 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 & Carbon Removal

### Urban Forest Plan Updates

Formerly known as Urban Forest Master Plan, which has been rebranded based on community input. Timelines have shifted slightly to scheduling changes, we now anticipate having a public draft available for comment in Spring 2023. Thank you to all who have engaged in the early stages of the plan by completing the survey last summer, we received over 2,800 responses! We have also received ongoing support and contributions in so many other ways. These have all made a difference in shaping the Plan's vision. We look forward to hearing more feedback in the coming months.

Friends of Sausal Creek



### WINTER SOLSTICE PLANTING

**Saturday, December 10:**

- Monterey Redwoods 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Saturday, December 17:**

- Dimond Park 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Fern Ravine (Joaquin Miller Park) 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Bienati Creek Overlook 1-4 p.m.

**Sunday, December 18:**

- Beaconsfield Canyon 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

RSVP required with the QR code or at [www.sausalcreek.org](http://www.sausalcreek.org)

### Winter Solstice Planting with Friends of Sausal Creek

The first rains have come, making the soil softer and easier to dig in. Join Friends of Sausal Creek for a weekend of planting native seedlings at several spots in the watershed. It's best to wear long sleeves, long pants, and shoes or boots with good

treads for slippery ground. Rain gear is recommended as we'll work in a light rain, but cancel in a downpour. Please [RSVP](#) so that we can plan accordingly.



## **New Alameda County Compost Hubs**

Treat your California natives and fall and winter vegetables to FREE compost at one of Alameda County's newest compost hubs located in Alameda, Piedmont, and Livermore with more to open soon. Applying compost on top of your soil and around plants is one of the best ways to feed your soil, conserve water, and grow healthier plants. Compost hubs are open to everyone and in addition to providing free compost, these sites also offer resources on making and using compost. Learn more at <https://www.stopwaste.org/composthub>

## **Material Consumption & Waste**

TAKE A TRASH & RECYCLING SURVEY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN

**\$50** GIFT CARD

YOUR FEEDBACK HELPS **RECYCLE, COMPOST,**  
& **TRASH SERVICES** IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

**OaklandWasteSurvey.com**



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### **Recycle, Compost, and Trash Survey**

We are gathering opinions from residents, business owners and property managers regarding trash, recycle, and compost collection services in Oakland. The [survey](#) should take less than 10 minutes to complete. All participants who complete the survey will be entered into random drawings where two participants will be selected daily to receive **\$50 Amazon gift cards**.

Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts and opinions as the City of Oakland works to improve services.



## **Reduce Food Waste this Holiday Season**

Make the most of your food and budget with a little creative cooking this holiday season! The holidays come with a lot of waste – from Thanksgiving to New Year's, Americans produce 25 percent more! Find helpful tips on how to make the most of what's in your kitchen – from tired tomatoes to brown bananas – at [StopFoodWaste.org](http://StopFoodWaste.org).



## Visit Oakland Launches Oakland Vegan Trail

Visit Oakland has launched the [Oakland Vegan Trail](#), an online gastronomic guide that boasts 20+ plant-based restaurants found in The Town. The Oakland Vegan Trail map includes an overview of each restaurant, with menu highlights, location, and contact information.

## Announcements



## Oakland at UN Climate Change COP27

From November 14th to November 17th, 2022, Mayor Libby Schaff and Sustainability and Resilience Director Daniel Hamilton departed for Sharm El-

Sheikh, Egypt to participate in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties 27 (UNFCCC COP 27). There, the Mayor and Daniel shared Oakland's journey for climate equity in mitigation and adaptation and fostered new connections to advance more implementation of the City's 2030 Equitable Climate Action Plan. A highlight was the Mayor delivering formal remarks on behalf of all global subnational governments to petition the inclusion of cities and other local jurisdictions as full members of the UNFCCC process (see photo above). The Home Equity Electrification Project also received a \$1M grant from Google.org. This collaboration between the cities of Oakland, Berkeley, Hayward, Fremont, and Habitat for Humanity will help Oakland address housing costs AND protect low-income communities from disproportionate climate impacts. Click here for [recordings of Oakland's presence at COP27](#).

### **Become a Certified California Green Business**

As the economy recovers from the Covid-19 pandemic, we have an opportunity to reinvent how we do business by building more sustainable and resilient practices. The [Alameda County Green Business Program](#) is a FREE service that helps businesses adopt environmental practices in order to increase efficiency, lower costs, reduce impact, and increase customer satisfaction. Businesses that achieve a baseline level of practices are recognized as an official California Green Business and are offered a variety of benefits, such as the use of the Green Business logo, listing on the online Shop Green Directory, access to custom made marketing tools, and eligibility for rebates and other financial incentives. The program will guide you through a checklist of various sustainability measures focusing on energy efficiency, water conservation, waste reduction, pollution prevention, and employee education. Becoming a Green Business helps you reduce your environmental footprint, save money, distinguish your business in the marketplace, and demonstrate your leadership. The Green Business Team is available to help every step of the way.

To register and access the on-line check-list go to [www.greenbusinessca.org](http://www.greenbusinessca.org) or contact Lawrence Nussbaum, Green Business Program Director, at [lnussbaum@environmentalin.com](mailto:lnussbaum@environmentalin.com).



## Support for Mycelium Youth Network

Beautiful community—

Do you believe young people have a right to the future?

Support Mycelium Youth Network in building a culture of Radical Imagination this December, empowering the rising generation of leaders to envision and create a future in which they not only survive, but thrive. We create safe and supportive environments where students learn about climate change and environmental justice, draw from their own ancestral knowledge and traditions, and develop creative solutions to build a more resilient future.

To support our work, make a tax-deductible donation to MYN at [www.myceliumyouthnetwork.org/donate](http://www.myceliumyouthnetwork.org/donate). Thank you!

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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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