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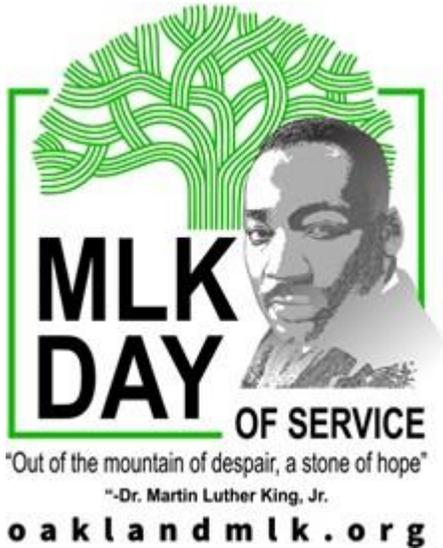
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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



MLK 40 Days of Service- January 17 to 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. Scan the QR code to register for your clean-up!

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

Changes to Adopt-a-Spot Volunteer Reporting System

As we move into the year we are transitioning from "Track it Forward" to our City ESRI Hub volunteer reporting system. Over the course of the last year we have introduced our online



reporting and many volunteers have begun to use it. In the new year we hope to have all our volunteers transitioned to the new system by February 2022. It is simple to use and available on our Adopt-A-Spot city website. One of the advantages of our new ESRI Hub program is that it visually maps Adopt-A-Spot clean-up locations and your work. The new system will also allow staff to more easily gather data and volunteers will be able to also see volunteer efforts citywide.

We appreciate your support as we transition to this new platform. If you need assistance with the new site reach out to our staff. If you would like to see the site, click on the link here: <https://oakland-volunteer-community-oakgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/report-your-volunteer-results>

Free Weed Management Webinar

From January through June 2022, the [Clean](#)

[Water Program](#) offers free monthly webinars about organic gardening and non-toxic pest control, in association with [Our Water Our World](#). Classes are presented by Suzanne Bontempo, a certified Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Advocate and Charlotte Canner, a certified Gardening & Composting



Educator. On Thursday, January 13th at 5pm learn how to safely and effectively manage weeds with organic, eco-friendly techniques. [Register here](#) for the free webinar.

TRANSPORTATION + LAND USE

We Need Your Input! - Zero-Emission Vehicle Action Plan Surveys

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

- Tell us where you want to see more chargers ([Tinyurl.com/zevmap](https://tinyurl.com/zevmap))
- Take the survey
 - English: tinyurl.com/zevsurvey1
 - Spanish: <https://tinyurl.com/zevsurveyesp>
 - Chinese: <https://tinyurl.com/zevsurveych>
- Join the e-mail list (tinyurl.com/zevsurvey2)

Learn more about the project (tinyurl.com/zevplan)

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.

If you or someone you know (building owners/manager) is 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 grantfunding to offset the cost of purchasing and installing new publicly accessible (multi-unit dwelling located projects are not subject to public accessibility requirements) chargers for light-duty electric vehicles (EVs) at workplaces, destinations, transit parking locations, along transportation corridors, and at multi-unit dwelling facilities. The goal of the *Charge!* Program is to rapidly expand access to EV charging stations to help achieve the Bay Area's EV-adoption goals of 90 percent of the overall vehicle fleet by 2050. A total \$7million 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.



EBCE Restaurant Induction Stove Rebate

Through BayREN, EBCE is offering a rebate 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!

Learn to Love Induction Cooking Webinar

In this free webinar, Chef Mark Duesler of the Food Service Technology Center will demonstrate how to make a chocolate banana crepe. He will show how to use the fast, even heating, and precise temperature control of an induction cooktop to make a perfect chocolate banana crepe. Along the way, he'll explain how modern induction cooking works and why it's so much better than old technologies like methane gas cooking. San Mateo County registrants for this live online event will be automatically entered into a drawing to win a free portable induction cooktop!

When: February 3rd, 12pm to 1pm PST

Register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3113781065604113166>

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)



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

With wildfire season here, it's time to prepare for rolling blackouts and PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff outages. 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



City's Recycling Team Ushers in New Era of Solid Waste Regulations

As part of the State's plan to fight climate change, new solid waste and recycling regulations are now in effect in Oakland and across the State. The regulations are tied to SB 1383, the Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Act of 2016, a State law aimed at keeping organic materials like food scraps and plant debris out of our landfills. By keeping organic materials out of our landfills, we directly reduce climate pollutants (e.g., methane) and subsequently help mitigate the effects of climate change.

SB 1383 also strives to combat food insecurity. The law requires large food generating businesses like grocery stores and food distribution centers to recover surplus edible food for human consumption. We hope to see an increase in the donation of surplus food for Oaklanders experiencing food insecurity.

To learn more about SB 1383, check out this website from our regional partner, StopWaste: <https://www.stopwaste.org/rules>

\$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. An [information webinar](#) will be held on Thursday, January 20th, 4-5pm PST. 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.

CARBON REMOVAL + URBAN GREENING

Oakland Urban Forest Plan: Notice of RFP for Community Engagement - Responses Due January 14, 2022

Oakland Public Works, Park & Tree Division along with Davey Resource Group are currently seeking proposals for equitable community engagement activities for Oakland's forthcoming Urban Forest Master Plan. The RFP is available here:



<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/tree-services> Please see the RFP for details as well as the application form. All proposals are due on January 14, 2022. Local community groups serving communities in the areas identified on the map are strongly encouraged to submit proposals.

Please contact GMatassa@oaklandca.gov with any questions.

Oakland Public Works Receives \$824,000 from CAL FIRE to Remove Dead and Dying Trees Along a Portion of Skyline Boulevard

On December 21, 2021, Oakland City Council accepted a total of \$824,000 in funding from CAL FIRE for OPW to selectively remove approximately 250 dead, dying, or otherwise hazardous trees, and selectively prune hazardous branches on trees lining or overhanging the Skyline Boulevard Evacuation Corridor, beginning at Shepherd Canyon Road and ending at Keller Avenue. Consecutive years of drought have exacerbated the decline of many of these trees while increasing potential fire risk, creating possible safety and traffic hazards that must be addressed to protect the functionality of the Skyline Boulevard Evacuation Corridor during a catastrophic event. One hundred and fifty new oak trees will be planted to create shaded fuel breaks in the project area.

PORT OF OAKLAND



Port of Oakland Achieved 86% Reduction in Diesel Emissions from 2005 Levels

Port of Oakland's [2020 Seaport Air Emissions Inventory](#) results show the Port surpassed all its goals set in the [Maritime Air Quality Improvement Program](#) (MAQIP) in 2009. The Port and its partners cut diesel particulate

matter emissions (DPM) by 86%, nitrous oxide (NOx) emissions by 40% and sulfur oxides by 95% over 2005 levels. "This huge reduction in harmful emissions is a tremendous achievement," said Port Director of Environmental Programs and Planning Richard Sinkoff. "The Port, its partners and community worked for more than a decade to improve air quality and support public health through major investments, innovation and commitment."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open Jobs with EBCE

East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) is a public agency formed in 2016 to bring more renewable energy to residents and businesses in participating East Bay communities. Our mission is to provide customers with low carbon, cost-effective electricity that integrates innovative energy services and maximizes local benefits through the development of local green energy projects, jobs, and investment opportunities. Come join our growing team of mission-driven renewable energy professionals. Open positions include:

- ◆ Salesforce Admin / Developer
- ◆ Power Resources Contracts and Compliance
- ◆ AnalystPower Resources Market and Credit Risk Manager
- ◆ Power Resources Associate or Power Resources Manager
- ◆ Resource Planning & Portfolio Management Analyst

Details at ebce.org/job-opportunities

StopWaste is Hiring!

StopWaste is hiring a Regional Economic Competitiveness Officer (RECO) to support a Bay Area *construction innovation cluster* that will build regional economic resilience, help alleviate the housing crisis and reduce waste and greenhouse gas emissions. This position is funded by a Build Back Better Regional Challenge grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

<https://www.stopwaste.org/about-stopwaste/jobs/program-manager-ii-regional-economic-competitiveness-officer>

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