



Climate, Environment + Sustainability Newsletter



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Environmental Stewardship

TOWN NIGHTS

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL AGES

FRIDAY JUNE, 17 FRIDAY JUNE, 24

FRIDAY JULY, 1 FRIDAY JULY, 8

6:00PM-10:00PM

**FREE FOOD GAMES SPORTS
ENTERTAINMENT AND MORE!**

LOCATIONS

**HOOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HOOVER-FOSTER RESIDENT
ACTION COUNCIL IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH URBAN PEACE
MOVEMENT**
890 Brockhurst ST
Oakland CA 94608

**LINCOLN SQUARE PARK
FAMILY BRIDGES**
261 11th ST
Oakland, CA 94607

**JOSIE DE LA CRUZ
COMMUNITIES UNITED FOR
RESTORATIVE YOUTH JUSTICE**
1637 Fruitvale AVE
Oakland, CA 94601

**ARROYO VIEJO PARK
HOMIES EMPOWERMENT
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
BLACK CULTURAL ZONE**
7800 Olive ST
Oakland, CA 94621

**ACORN LEARNING CENTER
KHADAFY WASHINGTON
FOUNDATION IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH URBAN PEACE MOVEMENT**
1143 10th ST
Oakland, CA 94607

**SAN ANTONIO PARK
TRYBE, INC**
1701 E 19th ST
Oakland, CA 94606

**LIBERATION PARK
BLACK CULTURAL ZONE**
7101 Foothill BLVD
Oakland, CA 94605

**VERDESE CARTER PARK
(SUNNYSIDE PARK)
BOSS & ADAMIKA VILLAGE**
9600 Sunnyside ST
Oakland, CA 94603

**ELMHURST PARK
BASIC MINISTRY**
9700 C ST
Oakland, CA 94603

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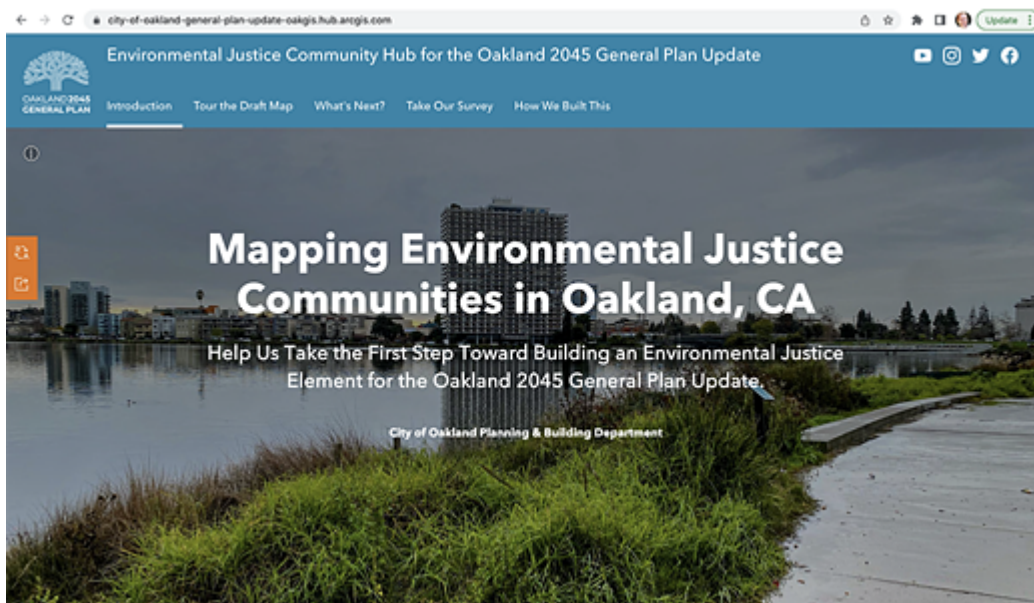
Adopt-A-Spot & Town Nights Partnering to Keep Oakland Clean!

This year the Adopt-A-Spot Program will be partnering with the Oakland Department of Violence Prevention "Town Nights" events by providing support for weekly clean-ups at nine sites across the city. The Department of Violence Prevention applies a public health approach to violence prevention focused on community-led

intervention strategies to realize sustained safety and stability of the families and communities most-impacted by violence. Community based organizations will host weekly community clean-ups as part of their community engagement strategy. Click on the link below to see our interactive map of sites and event info.

<https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=01374cbbe4b447e9a0bc79fbaa377f23&extent=-122.4051,37.7144,-122.0459,37.852>

Transportation & Land Use



General Plan Feedback on Environmental Justice Element

We are seeking the public's input to fully understand the excessive pollution burden, health impacts, and needs of Oakland's Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) and low-income communities. Participate in community conversations about Environmental Justice (EJ) in your neighborhood using our interactive [Environmental Justice Community Hub](#). Use this tool to explore Oakland's **Map of Potential Environmental Justice Communities**, share your vision for a healthy neighborhood, and document local environmental justice issues and solutions through this platform. Your feedback will be used to help the City improve Oakland's Map of Potential Environmental Justice Communities and develop environmentally just policies to be included in the [Oakland 2045 General Plan Update](#).



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 apartment buildings (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. Building owners or managers 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). 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, visit the [Alameda County Incentive Project website](#).

Buildings & Energy



Induction Cooktop Lending Program and Rebates!

East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) and PG&E provide you a chance to try induction cooking for free. Induction is the most energy-efficient cooking technology available today. The difference is in the technology. See for yourself.

- **EBCE:** [Apply today to reserve your Induction Lending Kit](#), which includes a portable induction cooktop and compatible pan, operating instructions, recipes and a carrying bag. 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 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, 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!



Surveys on Building Electrification

The City of Oakland wants to hear from you on 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. Participate in an interview to share your experiences and ideas on your home's energy needs.

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 talk about any concerns you have about the reliability and affordability of energy services, and ask about your views related to any changes you have made or plan to make (or not!) in your electricity and natural gas consumption (i.e purchasing back-up generators, changing from gas to electric heating or installing solar panels). Your responses will remain anonymous in the analysis and results. Please contact them via email

(crisrina_crespo@berkeley.edu) or phone (+1 628-276-3167), or fill out this form:

<https://forms.gle/VRMG1Jhhttpx9Wm69>



Tips to Lower Your Utility Bills

From 5pm to 8pm, PG&E charges a higher electricity rate due to heightened demand for electricity on the grid. Follow these tips to lower your utility bills today!

- Turn off TVs, lights, and computers that are not in use
- Shift use of large appliances like dishwashers and laundry machines outside of the 5-8pm period
- Use a fan to keep cool. Increased air circulation helps to stay cool while relying less on air conditioning.



EBCE Resilient Home 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.

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



New Water Dispensers at City Libraries and Recreation Centers

Touchless water dispensers are coming to City of Oakland facilities! About two dozen water dispensers will be installed at Oakland libraries and recreation centers. Another dozen water dispensers are being installed at downtown City Center facilities. Water dispensers help reduce the overall use of single-use plastic water bottles. The City's Recycling Program staff allocated approximately \$150,000 in State grant funds to support the water-dispenser project. Stay tuned for updates on when the water dispensers are ready to go!

Urban Greening & Carbon Renewal



Urban Forest Master Plan - We want to hear from you!

What do you think about Oakland's trees? Fill out the [Oakland Tree Survey](#) to let us know. While you're on the [Urban Forest Master Plan project website](#), take a look at our presentation and reports to learn more about Oakland's urban forest.

We are collecting surveys until **July 29th**. We aim to have a draft of the Urban Forest Master Plan available for public review and comment before the end of the summer. Keep an eye out for more information on our website and in future Sustainability + Stewardship Newsletters..

Material Consumption and Waste



Community Development Block Grant Funds Food Hub Pilot in District 1

In June, City of Oakland recycling staff completed expenditure of the \$15,000 they were awarded by the Community Development Block Grant to create a food recovery hub pilot program in District 1. Recycling staff used the funds to purchase a refrigerator, oven, freezer, blast chiller, ice machine, and blender for Telegraph Community Ministries Center (Telegraph Ministries). Telegraph Ministries serves hot prepared meals as well as provides bags of groceries to food insecure residents in District 1. The pilot project met the intent of expanding food recovery capacity, a requirement of [SB 1383](#). During the pilot period Telegraph Ministries was able to begin accepting donations from Whole Foods, La Farine, Safeway, and Rockridge Market Hall and they hope to continue expanding. They also created a partnership and offered to share kitchen space with the Self Help Hunger Program. Recycling staff provided a letter of support for Telegraph Ministries' application to StopWaste to fund the purchase of a truck that will be used for mobile food distribution, which Telegraph Ministries was awarded. Please contact Julia A. Heath, Recycling Specialist, for additional information at jheath@oaklandca.gov or call (510) 238-6221.



Free One-Day Hazardous Waste Drop-Off In Oakland on July 17

Got stuff like old electronics, paint, and cleaners piling up? Keep your home toxic free and drop them off for free at the one-day drop off event in Oakland on July 17 from 9 am -1 pm. See a [list of materials](#) accepted at the events. Reservations required. [Register for the event](#) to receive drop off address.



Oakland Zoo is Celebrating Plastic Free July

Oakland Zoo is celebrating Plastic Free July by continuing our dedication to saying #NoToPlastic and expanding our responsible purchasing and disposal of the plastic we use. We have been dedicated to this mindset for decades and officiated our stance against single-use plastic in 2022 with our No To Plastic Campaign (join us

and [take the pledge](#)). The zoo's choices, including digitizing our 11,000 annual membership cards, prevent 1.5 tons of plastic waste from being created annually. This year we are empowering our staff to fight microplastic with a personal-sized fabric trash collection bag made by the women of the Kibale Community Action Project.

Announcements



CALIFORNIA RESILIENCE CHALLENGE

2022 California Resilience Challenge Request for Proposal Opens July 14th

Building off the success of the 2020 and 2021 Grant Programs, the 2022 California Resilience Challenge is focused on helping under-resourced communities build resilience against the climate challenges that threaten them most. To help achieve this objective, eligibility for the California Resilience Challenge 2022 Grant Program is open to community-based organizations as well as local and regional public entities representing under-resourced communities. To learn more about the California Resilience Challenge 2022 Grant Program, including what types of entities and projects qualify, please be sure to visit ResilientCal.org on July 14. The Request for Proposals will be open from July 14 through September 14, 2022.

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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