



## Adopt a Spot Announcements

Monthly updates on activities supporting the cleaning, greening, and beautification of neighborhoods, parks, shorelines, and public spaces in Oakland.

## November & December Highlights

### Adopt a Drain Today!



The rainy season is approaching. Help reduce flooding and keep trash out of our waterways by adopting a storm drain in your neighborhood and keeping it clear of debris. Go to [adoptadrainoakland.com](http://adoptadrainoakland.com) to adopt today.

Public Works provides tools, supplies, and debris pick-up support to Adopt a Drain volunteers. Remember, **“Clear the drain before the rain”** and report storm drain maintenance needs to Oak311.

### Oaklanders Volunteer & Report their Actions

We know Oakland volunteers do great work, and now it's easier than ever to show it on the City of Oakland's new volunteer map! Submit data each time you volunteer to help populate the map, and request City services like debris removal.

Watch this short video on: [How To Register As A Volunteer To Report Your Data](#) on our [new volunteer reporting site](#).

Watch this short video for more information on: [How To Report Your Data Once You Are Registered](#).



## Celebrating our Volunteers!

Oakland Public Works is thankful for all of our dedicated Adopt a Spot and Adopt a Drain volunteers keeping Oakland clean, green, and beautiful. This past year alone, volunteers have contributed more than **100,000** hours to the City and have removed more than **271,320 lbs** of trash from our streets and waterways. Thank you!

[Watch this video to learn more about our volunteers.](#) Oakland Public Works is recognizing three stand-out Adopt a Spot volunteers: Dwayne Aikens Jr., Daniel Burns, and Katie Noonan for their sustained volunteer efforts. [Here is a segment of the Mayor recognizing our awardees during the last Town Hall.](#)



### **Dwayne Aikens Jr.—2020 recipient for Leadership and Inspiration Award**

Since 2009, Dwayne has organized large volunteer events at Arroyo Viejo Park for Creek to Bay, Earth Day, and MLK Day of Service. He is the co-founder and Executive Director of We Lead Ours, a non-profit in Oakland that engages youth through sports education, service learning, and civic involvement. He has served across the City through volunteer membership on the Keep Oakland Beautiful Board and the Oakland Park and Recreation Advisory Commission, and is the newly elected VP for The Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation Board of Directors.



### **Daniel Burns—2020 recipient for Oaktown PROUD Steady Lifting Award**

Daniel has been steadily volunteering throughout his neighborhood in West Oakland since 2012. On

his first day of volunteering he collected debris with his neighbors, and filled 10 full bags of trash that he found in his neighborhood. Since embarking on that first community clean up effort, he's continued to pick up litter and has also worked collaboratively with Caltrans, City of Oakland, and the Port of Oakland to help reduce trash hotspots and keep his community clean.



### **Katie Noonan—2020 recipient for Science and Stewardship Award**

Katie has been assisting with scientific monitoring, public education, and hands-on stewardship projects around Lake Merritt for years. She has led and organized environmental restoration projects, volunteer litter removal, and water quality testing of the Lake with local high school student classes and Team Oakland. She is an active volunteer and Editor of *The Tidings* Newsletter at the Lake Merritt Institute, and the Friends of the Rotary Nature Center. She has been an Adopt a Spot volunteer since 2012 and maintains two habitat restoration sites at Lake Merritt.

## **Public Works Volunteer Guidelines**

The Volunteer Guidelines and Waiver with COVID-19 safety requirements is available in three languages—English, Spanish and Chinese: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/public-works-volunteer-guidelines>

Please be safe out there and follow Alameda Co. Health Orders: <https://covid-19.acgov.org/index.page>

## **Register For Money & Energy Saving Webinar**



The Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) is hosting a virtual workshop: **Local Government Programs to Improve Comfort, Health and Save Energy**. At this webinar, you will learn about local government programs that provide free energy assistance and rebates of up to \$5,000 to save you energy while improving the comfort and health of your home.

The webinar will be held at the following times: **Wednesday, December 9th, 12:30-1:30pm** and **Sunday, December 13th, 4-5pm**. Please register at [www.EastBayHomeUpgrade.eventbrite.com](http://www.EastBayHomeUpgrade.eventbrite.com) or contact Chris Hunter at [chunter@stopwaste.org](mailto:chunter@stopwaste.org) or (510) 891-6567 for assistance.

## **Limited Time Discounts on Solar and Battery Installation!**



[Bay Area Sunshares](#) is providing easy and affordable solar and battery consultation and installation for residents who sign up before November 30th. Sunshares partners with pre-vetted solar providers to offer free quotes and installation at 15-20% below average market prices on solar and 10% discounts for battery storage.

[Sign up before November 30th](#) for a no-obligation consultation and to receive these discounted rates. Learn more via one of their upcoming [webinars](#).

## EBCE Resilient Home Program New Solar and Battery Backup Bundle Packages

East Bay Community Energy (EBCE), Oakland's electricity provider, has launched the [Resilient Home Program](#) for Alameda County residents to provide pre-negotiated pricing for rooftop solar and battery storage.



[Sign up](#) for this limited time program. Resilient Home offers an additional **\$1,250 incentive** if homeowners enroll their battery with EBCE to share power during peak times. Single-family, duplex, condo and townhouse homeowners are all eligible.

## Sign up for Oakland's Sustainability + Climate Action listserv!

[Sign up](#) for Oakland's Sustainability + Climate listserv to receive a periodic newsletter as well as time sensitive resources and opportunities to engage in equitable climate action! Featured topics include clean energy and transportation resources, waste and materials, and climate resilience.

For more information, please visit Oakland's [Sustainability website](#).

## Curbside Bulky Pickup Service

Everybody's got stuff they need to get rid of. Why put it off?

Call Waste Management at (510) 613-8710 to schedule your **free bulky pickup!**



If your building has two or more units, ask your property manager to schedule pickup. A customer service representative will review [Bulky Pickup guidelines](#) and schedule an appointment within two (2) weeks of your call.

For detailed set out instructions and a list of acceptable materials please visit [OaklandRecycles.com](#).

## Oaklanders Compost Right!



Oakland Recycles wants to ensure a healthy, clean, and sustainable future for all residents. Sorting food scraps and food-soiled paper correctly is an important part of making that happen! Do your part and [watch this video on how to compost](#) to help you get started.

Visit [OaklandRecycles.com](#) to learn more about Oakland's recycling and waste management services.

## California Grants



The California State Library has launched the California Grants Portal, your one destination to find all state-administered grant and loan opportunities offered on a first-come or competitive basis.

Search and sort grants by criteria such as applicant type, grant category, and more.

Visit [grants.ca.gov](https://grants.ca.gov) to find funding opportunities for you and your community!

## 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.

Access free Oaktown PROUD programs and services such as annual bulky pickup, safe hazardous materials disposal at 2100 E. 7th Street, reporting to OAK311, and more.

For additional information, please visit [www.oaktownproud.com](http://www.oaktownproud.com).

