



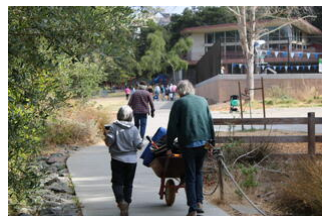
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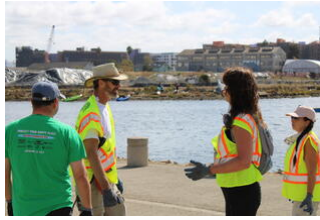


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Environmental Stewardship





Creek to Bay Recap

Creek to Bay Day was a success! A HUGE thank you to the many Oaklanders who came out to participate!! It was amazing to clean and green our city, and to ensure our waterways and coastal areas are free of debris. We had roughly 30 sites across the city, including 7 City-sponsored locations.

With approximately 75% of sites reporting, we had:

- 778 volunteers
- 8,400 gallons of trash collected
- 3105 gallons of green waste collected
- Interesting finds: 700 golf balls (all at one site!), banana slug, exercise bike, mattress, and more.

If you haven't already, please submit any photos, feedback, or volunteer activity to our website; visit oaklandcreektobay.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 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



Community Highlights: Lake Merritt Institute and Arise High School

On Wednesday, September 21st the Lake Merritt Institute (LMI) in partnership with the City's Environmental Stewardship Team, hosted 120 students from Arise High School and 20 volunteers from Pfizer, to clean Lake Merritt. The event was organized by the BuildOn organization. James Robinson, LMI Executive Director, provided volunteers with an orientation, safety tips and an update on the City's response to the algae bloom. Youth were excited to meet James and learn about keeping Lake Merritt clean. The City's Stewardship team is excited to coordinate more events with youth and the Lake Merritt Institute.

The Lake Merritt Institute organizes a weekly clean up every Tuesday at 10:00am and Saturday at 10:00am. To participate, meet at the Lake Merritt Boat House, 568-Bellevue Ave and receive an orientation from Director James Robinson.



Join the Rotary Nature Center Friends at Lake Merritt for the Monthly Online Lakeside Chat!

The Rotary Nature Center Friends is an all-volunteer 501c3 nonprofit advocating for the Rotary Nature Center in Lakeside Park as an interpretive education and science center for all Oaklanders and as the Steward for the Lake Merritt Wildlife Refuge.

Upcoming Event: Lakeside Chat #23: [The River Otter Ecology Project with Megan Isadore](#). 7-8 pm on **October 14th, 2022**. [REGISTER](#) by Eventbrite [HERE](#). A zoom link will be included in your confirmation email. Check out their playlist of 22 past programs [HERE](#). Lakeside Chats Highlight shorts are [here](#).

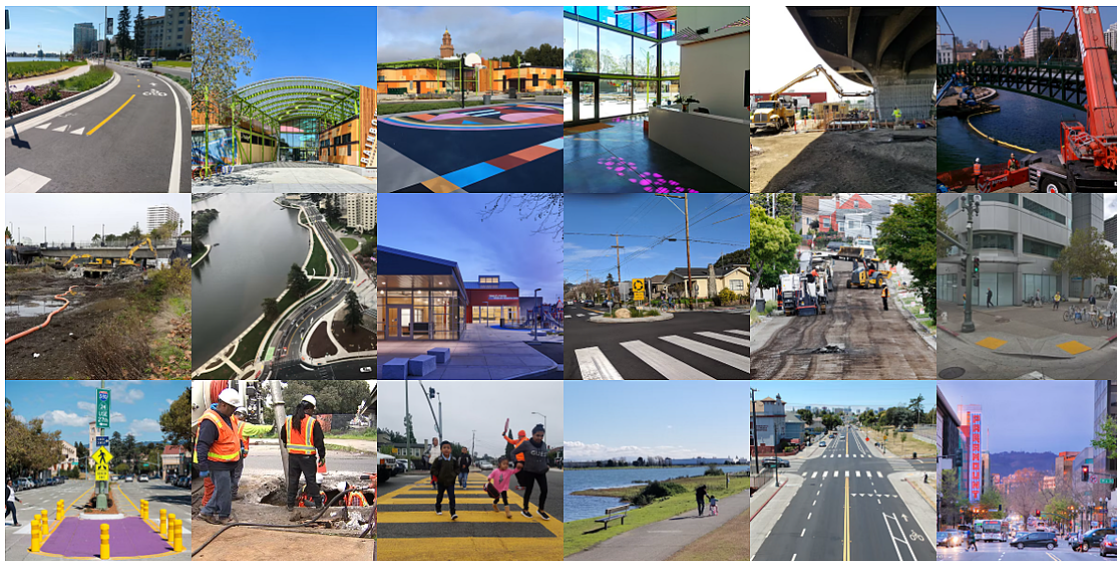
JOIN the Rotary Nature Center Friends workdays on the third Saturday of every month to support trash removal, landscape maintenance, and planting. Meet at the Nature Center grounds and Sailboat House Marsh - RSVP [HERE](#)



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

Transportation & Land Use



Community Requests for Capital Improvement Program

Every two years the Capital Improvement Program guides how the City of Oakland will invest in projects that build, replace, or improve public assets such as buildings, roads, and parks. Oaklanders, do you have an idea for a capital project YOU want the City to invest in? We are accepting community-suggested project ideas now through **Oct. 14** for consideration in the upcoming two-year budget. Learn more and tell us about your idea at <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/capital-improvement-program>



General Plan Feedback on Environmental Justice Element

The City's Planning Bureau is 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. 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](#).



Ride Electric at the Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 15, 11am – 3pm

Cedar Rose Basketball Courts, 20 Virginia Gardens, Berkeley (across from North

Berkeley BART station)

- Test ride electric bikes and scooters
- See electric vehicles and talk to local EV owners
- Learn about credits, rebates, grants and loans
- Enjoy family friendly crafts, games, food, live music and more at the City's Harvest Festival
- Street parking is limited; please consider taking BART or AC Transit

Learn more and register to attend the event at

<https://tinyurl.com/RideElectric2022> Interested in showcasing your EV or eBike?

Please [register as an EV or eBike owner](#) and complete the EventBrite survey.



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)



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. 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 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!

California Climate Credit on Your Energy Bill

Residential electricity customers will be receiving a \$39.30 credit on their October energy statement as part of the statewide California Climate Credit program. Customers receive this credit because the state requires power plants and large industries that emit greenhouse gases to purchase carbon pollution permits. The California Climate Credit is our share of payments the state receives, and is the same amount of credit whether you are on East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) service or not. If you would like to learn more about the CA Climate Credit, go to cpuc.ca.gov/ClimateCredit/.



Discounts on Solar + Storage through Bay Area SunShares

The City of Oakland is committed to a more sustainable world and supporting your transition to cleaner energy. From **September 1st through November 15th, 2022**, we are partnering with Bay Area SunShares to bring you discounted solar + storage with pre-vetted installers.

Sign up at www.bayareasunshares.org!

Find out more by attending an [informational webinar](#)!



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), 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

Use the Tool Lending Library for Your Next Garden Project

It's not too late to plant a garden! Oakland's [Tool Lending Library](#) has all kinds of tools including circular saws, gardening tools, hammers, and screwdrivers available to be checked out, just like a book! The Tool Lending Library is located at 5205 Telegraph Avenue, and open every day but Sunday.

The 17th Annual Friends of Sausal Creek

Native Plant Sale

Saturday, October 29, 2022

10 a.m.–3 p.m.

FOSC Native Plant Nursery
Joaquin Miller Park



Activities, Demonstrations, and Tips:

- Watershed insects
- Water conservation
- Regenerative landscaping
- Keystone species
- Photography with plant-based developers
- Local wildlife activities for kids

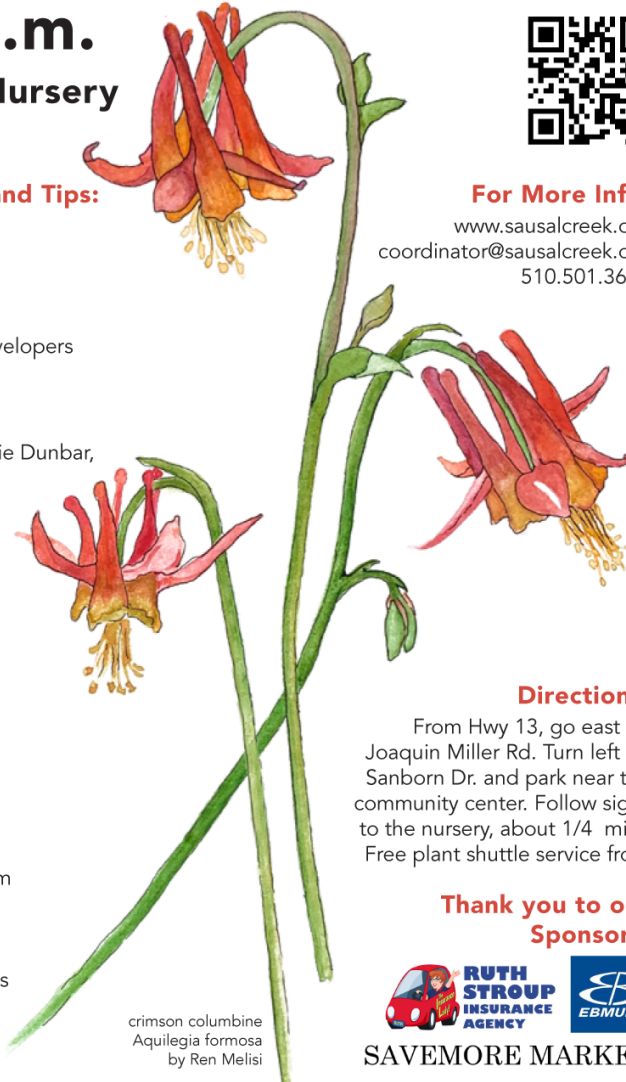
Native plant experts available all day. Come talk to community experts Eddie Dunbar, Kathy Kramer, Beatrice Thornton, Kerstin Fermin, and more!

Live Music:

Bay Area bluegrass duo,
Lake Merritt Ramblers



Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) is a volunteer-based, nonprofit, community organization dedicated to restoring and protecting our local watershed. We grow native plants from locally collected seeds and cuttings, primarily for use in our restoration projects. The nursery opens to the public only once a year. Don't miss this chance to stock up on local natives at great prices—and to support the Friends of Sausal Creek!



crimson columbine
Aquilegia formosa
by Ren Melisi

For More Info:

www.sausalcreek.org
coordinator@sausalcreek.org
510.501.3672

Directions:

From Hwy 13, go east on Joaquin Miller Rd. Turn left on Sanborn Dr. and park near the community center. Follow signs to the nursery, about 1/4 mile. Free plant shuttle service from

Thank you to our Sponsors:



SAVEMORE MARKET

17th Annual Friends of Sausal Creek Native Plant Sale and Open House

Saturday, October 29, 2022, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the FOSC Nursery in Joaquin Miller Park.

Stock up on local native plants while supporting the Friends of Sausal Creek!

Introducing native plants to your home garden benefits the biodiversity of Oakland—providing essential habitat and food sources for native species such as monarch butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees. This event is an opportunity to fund restoration work in the Sausal Creek Watershed and educational experiences in Oakland's

Parks for students and youth. We will have on-site plant expertise, activities, demonstrations, and live music by local experts and artists. Check out the Friends of Sausal Creek [website](#) for more information.

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

 CITY OF OAKLAND

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.



Oakland Business Wins StopWaste's 2022 Award for Excellence in Food Waste Prevention

Food service operator Just Fare in Oakland cares about planet and people and walks the talk. They have minimized food waste, founded a community kitchen that produces high-quality meals for donation, and have some of the highest staff retention rates in the industry. Learn more about [Just Fare and its operational excellence](#).



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 Ranks as 6th Greenest U.S. City

Oakland continues to rank in the top 10 most sustainable U.S. cities, according to [WalletHub](#), earning high marks for clean energy, the green economy, and urban agriculture. In fact, in WalletHub's methodology, Oakland has one of the lowest greenhouse gas emission per capita in the nation.

Great Shake Oakland Out™

Thursday, October 20 • 9-11:30am
Fruitvale Village 3301 E. 12th

- Special Guest Speakers from Oakland Fire, the City of Oakland, and Local Community Organizations
- Learn How to Prepare for Earthquakes
- Feel the Shake in an Earthquake Simulator
- Drop, Cover, and Hold On. Exercise at 10:20am



Ready,
Oakland?

Shake
Out™



The Great Oakland Shake Out

Who: The City of Oakland, The Unity Council, Earthquake Country Alliance

What: 2022 Great Oakland Shake Out Drill [educational activities will include the following]:

- Oakland Emergency/Hazard Awareness & Education
- Small Live Fire Suppression Skills Training & Development
- Emergency Medical Skills Training & Development
- Earthquake Simulation/Shake Simulator

When: Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 10:20am

- Event opens at 9am and ends at 11:30am
- Drill starts at 10:20am and ends at 10:25am

Where: Fruitvale Transit Center Village

Mills College at Northeastern Hiring Sustainability Manager

Under the direction of the Director of Planning and Facilities at Mills and the Executive Director of Northeastern's Climate Justice and Sustainability Hub, this position manages sustainability programs at Mills College at Northeastern. The Sustainability Manager is responsible for collaborating with various departments across the Mills campus and Northeastern University's global network, as well as external partners, to develop and implement innovative sustainable practices, standards, infrastructure, and systems that support the progress of strengthening the institutional commitment to sustainability. The position manages data collection and evaluation programs that help measure the campus' progress towards meeting its climate and sustainability goals. Apply now for the [Sustainability Manager position](#).

If your organization would like to have relevant community events or opportunities posted here, please email us at climate@oaklandca.gov.



City of Oakland, 1 Frank H Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94612

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