



## ENERGY & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Sustainability News - May 2021

### Happy Bike Month

#### Bike to Wherever on May 21

Dust off your bike to take part in [Bike to Wherever Day!](#)

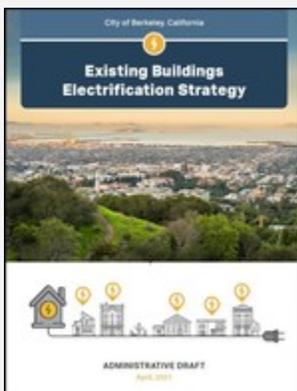
It's a time for bicyclists of all ages and walks of life to take to the streets to show support for two-wheeled transportation. [Pledge to participate](#), and then find an [energizer station](#) near you to earn prizes and a digital goody bag.

If you haven't been biking for a while, now is the perfect time to try it out again. [Bike East Bay](#) hosts [free classes](#) on subjects such as urban biking, theft prevention, and learning to ride for all ages!



[Sign Up](#)

### Draft Electrification Strategy Released



#### Shape the vision of an all-electric future

The City has released a new [Draft Existing Buildings Electrification Strategy](#) on how to equitably electrify existing buildings so everyone can benefit, and welcomes your feedback.

Please provide [comments online](#) by **May 15**.

[Give Feedback](#)

## Green New Deal Workshop



**Racial & economic inequality, climate action and YOU**

**Saturday, May 15, 3pm - 4pm**

Join the Ecology Center and Grandmothers 4 a Green New Deal for a free and interactive online workshop that introduces the Green New Deal. We will discuss the many ways the resolution can be used as a framework to move us towards a more sustainable future. We are keeping this workshop small so everyone has a chance to share their ideas. Register early!

[\*\*Register Here\*\*](#)

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## Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour



### **Final two tours in May**

In a series of live garden visits passionate garden owners and the talented designers of the Bay Area's most beautiful and inspiring landscapes will show us what's happening in the garden now, feature their favorite natives, describe their great native plant gardening resources, and more.

**Sundays May 16 & May 23, 10am - 3pm**

[\*\*Register Here\*\*](#)

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## Energy Efficiency Webinars for Renters & Homeowners



### Save money and the climate

Join Energy Upgrade California®, BayREN, and East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) for informational webinars on [energy efficiency for renters \(5/18\)](#) and [homeowners \(5/24\)](#).

Learn how you can get started with energy efficiency, and how these practices aren't only good for the environment, but good for your wallet as well. In addition, learn about available programs and rebates for clean energy and energy efficiency

from [BayREN](#) and [East Bay Community Energy \(EBCE\)](#).

**Renter Workshop: Tuesday May 18, 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

[Renters Sign Up](#)

**Homeowner Workshop: Monday May 24, 5:00pm - 6:00pm**

[Homeowners Sign Up](#)

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## Electric Vehicles 101 & 102



### Participate in a workshop to receive priority placement for Drive Clean Bay Area's June EV Discount program

Leading up to our Preferred Pricing campaign, we offer free [EV 101](#) webinars, covering EV basics, like incentives and tax credits, available and coming models, and how to charge at home and on the road. These webinars are led by an experienced EV owner and provide plenty of time for questions and answers.

There's no pressure to buy, just unbiased advice and an opportunity to learn how to plug in and feel good!

The [EV 102](#) workshop is geared for new EV drivers who want to take a deeper dive into charging, learn how to claim incentives, and get tips on saving money through an EV electricity rate.

Plus, **income qualified drivers** can join a [Financial Incentives Clinic](#) on **May 19** to discover how to get thousands of dollars to buy or lease a new or used electric car.

[Register Here](#)

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## Locals Go Electric with Big Incentives



### Everyone In! Videos from around the Bay

Check out these short videos from nonprofits [Charge Across Town](#) and [Drive Clean Bay Area](#) showcasing Bay Area locals who trade their gas guzzlers for clean electric cars. Videos include an apartment dweller who uses public chargers for his plug-in hybrid Chevy Volt, a senior citizen who gets her favorite cranberry color Chevy Bolt and a free home charger with a big grant from through [Clean Cars for All](#) program, a Richmond city employee and resident who got a \$5000 grant from the [CHDC Driving Clean Assistance Program](#) and enjoys free charging at work, plus more great stories from around the Bay.

[Watch Videos](#)

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## East Bay Green Home Tour



### Free virtual home electrification tour

Learn what neighbors are doing with their homes to combat climate change, improve air quality, generate clean energy, and move towards a safer, greener future. Each tour segment consists of a 10-minute video tour followed by a live 10-minute Q&A with the homeowner or tenant. Extras include an induction cooking demonstration and experts who can fill you in on heat pumps, air quality, solar storage, power outages, rebates, and more. Find the full tour schedule [here](#).

**Sundays June 6 & June 13**

**10am - 2pm**

[Register Here](#)

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## Discover the Joy of Induction Cooking



### Borrow a cooktop from the library

Why do top chefs rave about induction cooking? Discover for yourself the many benefits. Induction cooking is faster, safer, and easier to clean up than cooking with gas, and offers precision control. Best of all, induction cooking, unlike gas, doesn't emit polluting toxic fumes into your home or contribute to climate change.

Induction cooktops use magnetism to heat the cookware. Many pots and pans work with induction, including

stainless steel, cast iron and enamel or ceramic coated iron. To find out if your cookware is induction compatible, hold a magnet to the bottom of your pans. If the magnet sticks, the pan will work.

You can now borrow an induction cooktop from the [Berkeley Tool Lending Library](#). Type "INDUCTION" into the "TOOL FINDER" to place a hold. You can choose from either an "**induction cooker**" (if you already have induction cookware) or choose the "**induction cooktop set**" which comes with induction compatible stainless steel frying and sauce pans.

### [Borrow an Induction Cooktop](#)

[Learn more about induction cooking](#), including a **\$300 rebate** to replace a gas appliance.

Or check out these short videos of local [Chef Reem Assil](#) making Shakshuka or [Chef Jon Kung](#) cooking with his induction wok.

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## Getting Gas Out of Your Home



THE SWITCH IS ON

### Find resources, rebates & contractors

All-electric homes are safer, healthier, resilient and more comfortable than homes with gas appliances. And, powered by renewable energy from rooftop solar or from

[East Bay Community Energy](#), all-electric homes significantly reduce carbon emissions. For every gas appliance in your home, there is an energy efficient, high performing, electric alternative. Find out how you can get both heating and cooling with a heat pump, or improve indoor air quality with induction cooking. Check out the [Switch is On](#), a new resource to help you transition your home to an all-electric future.

### [Learn More](#)

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## Discounted Solar + Storage



### Resilient Home

Lower utility bills and prepare for power shutoffs. East Bay Community Energy (EBCE), our local community choice energy provider, has partnered with SunRun to provide pre-negotiated pricing for rooftop solar and battery storage for a limited time. Resilient Home offers an additional \$1,250 incentive if homeowners enroll their battery with EBCE to share power during peak times when there isn't an outage. Now that the [federal rooftop solar tax credit](#) was extended, it's a great time go solar.

[Sign Up](#)

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