




Office of the City Manager

April 10, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager 
Re: Spring Sustainability Events

This spring, the Planning and Development Department's Office of Energy and Sustainable Development (OESD) is participating in four sustainability events and appreciates the help from City Council members to promote these events and volunteer opportunities to constituents.

On **Saturday, April 18**, from 9 AM – 11 AM, the City is hosting an [Earth Day Cleanup](#). Volunteers meet at Shorebird Nature Center for a safety talk and service-learning presentation on the impact of trash and plastics on our oceans and waterways. Individuals, families, and groups are welcome.

On **Saturday, April 25**, from 10 AM – 2 PM, Berkeley Unified School District is hosting the [BUSD Climate Fair and Edible Schoolyard Plant Sale](#) at King Middle School. The Fair includes a student project showcase, bike repair, information booths, food, prizes, and more.

On **Saturday, April 25**, from 2 PM – 5 PM, Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) is hosting a free [Home Electrification Fair](#) at the Brower Center. The Fair brings together electrification professionals, residents who have gone all-electric, and nonprofit and government agencies that provide resources and incentives for renters, homeowners, and property owners. After the Electrification Fair, community members can attend the [CCL Wild and Scenic Film Festival](#) starting at 7 PM at the Brower Center.

On **Saturday, June 6**, from 11 AM – 3 PM, OESD is collaborating with the Bay Area non-profit Acterra to host the [2026 East Bay Green@Home Tour](#), sponsored by Ava Community Energy. This in-person tour, featuring a variety of homes in Berkeley and neighboring cities, gives participants a close-up look at both fully and partially electrified households and additional sustainable features. The event is seeking [tour hosts](#) (renters or homeowners) who are eager to share their experiences with neighbors and the community. The Tour is also seeking [volunteers](#) to help staff the event – no experience is necessary.

Please share information about these events and volunteer opportunities with the community. Below please find a list of relevant urls. Attached are images and text to facilitate communication with your constituents.

Event URLs:

- **April 18 Earth Day Cleanup:** <https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/events/earth-day-cleanup-2026>
- **April 25 BUSD Climate Fair and Edible Schoolyard Plant Sale:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zs59u7OPNifikXxYPcFOLdRxKW4Qf3ah/view>
- **April 25 CCL Home Electrification Fair:** tinyurl.com/ElectFair
- **April 25 CCL Wild and Scenic Film Festival:** tinyurl.com/wsff2026
- **June 6 Green@Home Tour Attendee Registration:** bit.ly/EBGHT26
- **June 6 Green@Home Tour Host Registration Form:** bit.ly/EBTourHost26
- **June 6 Green@Home Tour Volunteer Form:** <https://airtable.com/appJL898FRcZFPt4/pagjhVLsw1jKSy4Q0/form>

Attachments:

1. Spring Sustainability Events Promotional Content

cc: David White, Deputy City Manager
Jenny Wong, City Auditor
Farimah Brown, City Attorney
Mark Numainville, City Clerk
Matthai Chakko, Assistant to the City Manager
Jordan Klein, Director, Planning and Development Department

Attachment 1: Sustainability Events Newsletter Content and Images



Volunteer at the City of Berkeley's [Earth Day Cleanup](#) and help clean litter from our shoreline. Individuals, families, and groups are welcome. Meet at the Shorebird Nature Center for a safety talk and service-learning presentation on the impact of trash and plastics in our oceans and waterways.

Saturday, April 18 | 9 AM – 11 AM | Shorebird Nature Center, 1781 Rose St

For more information: <https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/events/earth-day-cleanup-2026>



Connect with Berkeley Unified School District families at the [BUSD Climate Fair and Edible Schoolyard Plant Sale](#). Student project showcase, bike repair, information booths, food, prizes, and more!

Saturday, April 25 | 10 AM – 2 PM | King Middle School, 160 University Ave

BUSD Climate Fair Flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zs59u7OPNifikXxYPcFOLdRxKW4Qf3ah/view>



Thinking about transitioning your home from gas to electric? Whether you rent or own, find out how to cut energy bills, breathe cleaner air, and protect the climate at the FREE [Home Electrification Fair](#)! Get expert advice and connect with trusted pros.

Saturday, April 25 | 2 PM – 5 PM | David Brower Center, 2150 Allston Way

Visit tinyurl.com/ElectFair for more information.



After the Fair, stick around to get a shot of inspiration at the [Wild and Scenic Film Festival](#), starting at 7 PM at the Brower Center.

Visit tinyurl.com/wsff2026 for more information.

EAST BAY GREEN @HOME TOURS 2026



ACTERRA IS LOOKING FOR GREEN HOMES ALONG THE EAST BAY

We're inviting tour hosts to share their experience with green home upgrades with visitors hoping to make the switch. By showcasing your home, you'll inspire others to embrace sustainable living!

Open your doors and help lead the charge toward a cleaner tomorrow!
Sign up here: bit.ly/EBTourHost26

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Showcase Your Green Home!

Have you switched to electric and made your home more sustainable? Acterra's [2026 East Bay Green@Home Tour](#) is looking for tour hosts like you!

If you've taken steps toward a more sustainable home—whether by replacing gas appliances with electric ones, incorporating solar panels, improving insulation, using sustainable building materials, or adding water-saving features—this is a chance to share your experience. By highlighting the resources and incentives that made your transition possible, you can inspire others to make similar changes and move toward a healthier, more energy-efficient future.

Interested? Sign up today to showcase your home: bit.ly/EBTourHost26

Sign up here to attend the event: bit.ly/EBGHT26. Tour addresses will be shared after registration.

The Tour is also seeking [volunteers](#) to help staff the event – no experience is necessary.

(Volunteer registration form url:

<https://airtable.com/appJL898FRcZFpTt4/pagjhVLsw1jKSy4Q0/form>)