Environmental Activities Calendar

Parks & Recreation Facilities Master Plan
What do you want the future of parks & recreation to look like in El Cerrito?
Take the survey and get more information at www.el-cerrito.org/ParksMP

Attend a Public Meeting: Thursday January 18, 2018, 6:30-8:30 pm
El Cerrito Community Center (7007 Moeser Lane)
Additional Meetings TBD Spring 2018

Nov. 1—
Feb. 1
Winter Hours
Recycling Center
Hours: The Recycling Center will have winter hours from Nov. 1 to Feb. 1:
1:8 AM - 4:45 PM weekdays; 9 AM - 4:45 PM weekends.

Friday
Jan. 12
All Day
Last Day for Free Christmas Tree Pick-Up: Christmas trees will be picked up free of charge through January 12 by East Bay Sanitary. Flocked trees will be taken for a $15.00 fee. Please call (510) 237-4231 for more information or to schedule a pick-up.

Mar. 17—
Mar. 23
9 AM to 4:30 PM

Saturday
Apr. 21
9 AM to 1:30 PM
2018 Earth Day Work Parties: The City celebrates Earth Day with a morning of volunteerism and work parties followed by our Volunteer Appreciation lunch. Register your work party using the form on page 2 or online at www.el-cerrito.org/earthday. For more information contact earth-day@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or call City staff at 510-559-7686.

May 4—
May 6
TBD
5th Annual Hillside Festival: Enjoy El Cerrito’s 5th Annual Hillside Festival, designed to showcase the natural and cultural beauty in El Cerrito’s Hillside. Event details TBD at ectrailtrekkers.org.

Sunday
May 6
10 AM to 5 PM
Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour: Discover more about the possibilities California native plants offer with a free self-guided tour of local gardens. More information at http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net/.

Saturday
May 19
9 AM to 3 PM
Spring Citywide Garage Sale: Keep waste out of the landfill while discovering your community and finding great deals. Register to host a sale, complete the Registration Form in this newsletter or online. Registration due by 4 PM on April 13, 2018. Visit www.el-cerrito.org/garagesale for more information or to register your garage sale.

Every
Other Month
Jan. 26
July 8
Mar. 4
Sept. 15
May 26
Nov. 18
El Cerrito Green Teams: Join the Green Teams for a bi-monthly clean-up at locations throughout the City. For more information please contact the Operations + Environmental Services Division at 510-215-4350 or green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

1st Wed.
Monthly
3 PM to 4 PM
Free Tour of the Recycling + Environmental Resource Center: Join the City for a behind-the-scenes look at the LEED Platinum Certified Recycling Center. Tours at an alternative time can also be scheduled for a fee. More information can be found at City staff at 510-559-7686.

1st Sat.
Monthly
10 AM to 12:30 PM
Baxter Creek Gateway Work Parties: Join volunteers and City staff in removing invasive species and restoring native habitat in this jewel on the Ohlone Greenway. Questions? Contact staff at 510-559-7685 or by email at spre@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

2nd Mon.
Monthly
7 PM
Urban Forest Committee Monthly Meetings: The committee meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Hillside Room at City Hall. For more information visit http://www.el-cerrito.org/109/Urban-Forest-Committee.

2nd Tues.
Monthly
7 PM
Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) Monthly Meetings: The EQC meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the El Cerrito City Hall, Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue. For more information visit www.el-cerrito.org/eqc.

10890 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530
green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us

A Greener El Cerrito

News from the City of El Cerrito Operations + Environmental Services Division

Caring for Your Curbside Waste and Recycling Containers
Best Practices for Keeping El Cerrito Clean and Helping Your Carts Perform Their Best:

• Be sure to set your carts out by 6 am on your collection day or the evening before.
• When placing your containers on the street, please place them about 1.5 feet apart from each other and at least 3 feet away from parked cars.
• Don’t stuff your cart too tight. We can best collect your materials when the contents can move freely within the cart.
• Keep cart lids closed to prevent rain and critters from entering and to prevent materials from escaping the cart.
• Put away your carts after materials have been collected by evening of your collection day. Per the El Cerrito Municipal Code, do not store your container at the curb or on the sidewalk.
• If you elect to rinse out your own carts to help keep them clean, make sure any liquid drains to a porous landscape or sanitary sewer. Do not dump liquid into the street, gutter pan, or into the storm drain, as this runoff drains directly to the San Francisco Bay and does not get treated by the wastewater treatment system.
• Both East Bay Sanitary and El Cerrito Environmental Services will clean your cart for a fee. Give us a call if you would like to schedule a cleaning.
• Have too much material for your curbside cart? Call to schedule a free bulky item cleanup, one for Recycling and one for Garbage or Green Waste per year.
Questions? Contact us! El Cerrito Operations + Environmental Services green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 510-215-4350

2018 Solid Waste and Recycling Rates

Residential Solid Waste Services include weekly collection of recycling (grey cart), green waste (green cart), and garbage (blue cart); limited free on-call collection of larger quantities from your home; free access to the regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility and to most services at the El Cerrito Recycling + Environmental Resource Center. Additional recycling carts are available at no extra cost. Commercial Solid Waste Services include collection of recycling (grey cart), green waste (green), garbage (blue) and most services at the El Cerrito Recycling + Environmental Resource Center. Additional recycling carts are available at no extra cost.

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Volunteer for El Cerrito’s Annual Earth Day

Earth Day April 21, 2018

Work Parties from 9 AM to 12 PM (Citywide)
Volunteer Appreciation Lunch from 12 PM to 1:30 PM
El Cerrito Community Center - 7007 Moeser Lane

Register online at www.el-cerrito.org/earthday or mail by April 1st to:
Operations + Environmental Services Division – Earth Day
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito CA, 94530
For more info email earthday@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or call (510) 215-4350.

Name: ___________________________________________________________
Address/Worksite Location: _________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________________________

Do you have any suggestions for potential work projects? ________________

Citywide Garage Sale Registration Information

HOST A GARAGE SALE!
Turn your old stuff into treasure! Register now to host a garage sale at your home during the Spring Citywide Garage Sale. Registration fees cover the cost of advertising and promotion, which includes posting your sale in the garage sale brochure, classified ads in newspapers and online.

Spread the word about the Garage Sale!
Make your event fun and enjoyable by providing refreshments, treats, prizes or other enticements! For more information contact Laurenten Brazil in the Operations + Environmental Services Division at lbrazil@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 510-559-7686.

Garage Sale Registration Form
Spring 2018 El Cerrito Citywide Garage Sale
May 19, 2018 | 9 AM to 3 PM
Registration forms are due by April 13 at 4 PM
Mail or drop-off form, along with a non-refundable $16 registration fee made payable to the City of El Cerrito, to:
Environmental Services Division – Citywide Garage Sale
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito CA, 94530

Name: ___________________________________________________________
Street Address/Sale Location: _______________________________________
Nearest Cross Street: _____________________________________________
Phone Number: __________________________________________________
Email Address: __________________________________________________
(Sale Description: Maximum of 20 words describing the items for sale and any other details about the sale: ____________________________)

New Improvements Coming to the Ohlone Greenway

Thanks to several grants, El Cerrito’s portion of the Ohlone Greenway will be getting a couple new upgrades, including a new signalized crossing on San Pablo Avenue at Baxter Creek Park, way-finding signs, recycling/trash cans, safety and place-making improvements, and a renovation of Centennial Park (formerly Fairmont Park). The Greenway, a 4-mile regional pedestrian and bicycle path serving El Cerrito, Albany and Berkeley, connects key destinations including three BART stations and terminates near the Richmond city limit at Baxter Creek Park.

The City of Richmond, in a joint effort with El Cerrito, is leading a project which will connect the Ohlone Greenway to the central Richmond Greenway and on to the 400-mile Bay Trail system. Called the Richmond-Ohlone Greenway Gap Closure Project, this project will connect the existing path on the east side of San Pablo Avenue to the Richmond Greenway path on the west side. The project will also restore Baxter Creek on the west side along the new path in Richmond, which ultimately connects to Point Richmond and the Bay Trail. Made possible by Safe Routes to Transit and a Proposition 84 Urban Greening grant, construction is under-way and expected to be completed in early 2018.

The Ohlone Greenway Pedestrian and Bicycle Wayfinding and Amenities Project will enhance access, safety, and convenience for users along the Greenway’s entire length by installing way-finding, trail use, gateway, bike route, and street name signs, as well as various other amenities including new bicycle racks, benches, and trash/recycling containers. The project is funded by Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) Measure J Transportation for Livable Communities and the California Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities Program. Construction is expected to begin in December, weather permitting, and staff anticipates completing construction in Spring 2018.

The Ohlone Greenway BART Station Area Access, Safety and Placemaking Improvements (Ohlone ASP) Project will improve the Ohlone Greenway at the El Cerrito del Norte and El Cerrito Plaza BART Stations. The Ohlone ASP Project will widen the mixed-use path, upgrade and expand existing crosswalks on adjacent streets to create high visibility pedestrian zones with new striping, special pavement, improved signage, curb bulb-outs, upgraded curb ramps, flashing lights, enhanced landscaping, lighting, and seating. The project is funded by a federal One Bay Area Grant, CCTA Measure J grants, Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program funds, and City Park In-Lieu funds. Construction is expected to begin in early 2018 and be completed in Summer 2018.

The Centennial Park Phase I Improvements Project will upgrade the southern portion of the park near the intersection of Eureka Avenue and Liberty Street. This project will include an improved children’s play area, enhanced gathering spaces for both active and passive forms of recreation with new amenities, new accessible paths, and improved landscaping and irrigation. The project is funded by two sources including the East Bay Regional Park District Measure WW grant and California Department of Housing and a Community Development Housing -Related Programs Park grant. Comments from the public and Park & Recreation Commission over the last year have been incorporated and the design of the project is wrapping up. The Ohlone ASP project will be advertised for construction bids in the first few months of 2018. Please visit the City’s website at www.el-cerrito.org/cip for more information or contact Public Works staff by calling (510) 215-4382.