

# October 7, 2021

This eNews contains informative graphics, pictures, and flyers. To get the most out of this weekly eNews, we recommend that you download all images prior to viewing.

#### Do You Know Which Evacuation Zone You Live In? *Hint*: Burlingame Has 9 Zones

In the event of an evacuation order due to an emergency situation (hazardous spill, severe weather conditions, active shooter, fire, etc.), you may receive an SMCAlert indicating the evacuation status for your zone. But first, you will need to sign up for SMCAlerts <u>and</u> you need know your zone name!

Take these steps now to be prepared:

- 1. Sign up for SMCAlerts.
- 2. Identify your zone name.
- 3. <u>Print the evacuation zone template</u> with your zone name on it and keep it someplace handy.

Click here for more tips and information.

#### Way to Go Burlingame!

Since joining Peninsula Clean Energy in 2016, Burlingame residents and businesses have **reduced greenhouse gas emissions from electricity by 96%**!

Want some more great news? Check out the Peninsula Clean Energy 2020 Community Benefits Summary for Burlingame and the County below!



## 2020 COMMUNITY BENEFITS SUMMARY BURLINGAME

With Peninsula Clean Energy, Burlingame residents and businesses are helping the environment while saving money. In 2016, Burlingame joined San Mateo County and all the other cities in the county to form Peninsula Clean Energy. Our purpose

is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide clean energy at competitive rates.

Peninsula Clean Energy is a community-led, not-for-profit public agency that supplies electricity principally from wind, solar and hydro resources. We invest in helping communities switch from fossil fuels to clean electricity in buildings and transportation. Burlingame has chosen 100% renewable wind and solar to power all its municipal facilities.

#### BURLINGAME RESULTS



\$949K

estimated annual savings for Burlingame customers



98%

of electricity customers use Peninsula Clean Energy



# 96%

reduction in GHG emissions from electricity compared to 2016



# 70,560

cumulative metric tons GHG emissions avoided since launch, equivalent to emissions from 7.9 million gallons of gas

#### COUNTY-WIDE ACHIEVEMENTS



committed to local programs and outreach in San Mateo County to date

estimated annual customer savings







estimated cumulative metric tons GHG emissions avoided since launch, equivalent to emissions from 141 million gallons of gas

of electricity customers use Peninsula Clean Energy

megawatts of new renewable energy projects



All cities and the County are recognized by the EPA Green Power Community Program for leadership in renewable energy

Figures shown are from January 1 - December 31, 2020, and do not include direct access customers. GHG reductions compare our 2020 carbon emissions factor to a baseline prior to our launch, PG&E's 2016 factor.

#### **Street Sweeping Program** Fall and winter season schedule to begin

October marks the beginning of the City's fall and winter street sweeping schedule. Street sweeping will be conducted **every week** until the end of leaf season on March 31, 2022.

<u>Click here to view a map of your sweeping district and see</u> which day your street is scheduled to be swept.



Please help us improve our ability to pick up leaves, debris, and storm drain pollutants by moving your cars off the street on the morning (or night before) sweeping occurs. Contact the Public Works Corporation Yard at 650-558-7670 for information about your sweeping day. Thank you for keeping Burlingame clean.



## A Local "Lawn to Landscape" Project

Did you know that most residential water is used for outdoor irrigation? Lawn to landscape projects offer an attractive solution for creating beautiful and water-efficient yards. Lawns require more water and resources (fertilizer, mowing, etc.) than landscaping with drought tolerant plants and mulch.

Burlingame resident Barbara Nagata converted the lawn in her front yard with fresh new landscaping (pictured above). She explains, "I wanted to remove my lawn for several reasons. I don't see an end to the continuing drought in the near future. Trying to keep lawns green has become quite difficult and will likely become much more expensive in the near future. I also wanted to stop using the mow and blow gardening techniques which cause noise pollution along with air pollution on a weekly basis." Barbara designed the landscaping herself and installed a drip system with the help of her gardener. She has received compliments from her neighbors and looks forward to seeing the plants grow fuller.

If you are interested in a lawn to landscape project but don't know how to start, we recommend joining the **Lawn Alternatives for Beginners class on October 14**. See class details in the "Events Around Town" section below, or <u>click here to register</u>.

The online guide, "<u>Water Wise Gardening in the Bay Area</u>", is another great resource with garden inspirations, plant lists, and a watering guide.

If you have a lawn to landscape experience to share, please email <u>smichael@burlingame.org</u>.



## Help Needed! Burlingame Community Center Capital Campaign

Are you savvy with designing marketing materials or updating websites? Do you like engaging with your fellow community members? Are you looking for a way to earn community service hours? The City needs your help with the capital campaign for the new community center.

We are seeking volunteers who can:

- Design flyers, banners, or other marketing materials
- Promote the capital campaign's efforts at the Fresh Market or other local events
- Help track donations and proofread donor information
- Update and enhance the campaign website
- Distribute flyers to local businesses

Please email Leslie Holzman at <u>leslieholzman@gmail.com</u> if you're interested, and help complete the dream of the community center!

#### **Burlingame Tennis Courts Have a New Reservation Process**

Interested in renting a tennis court in Burlingame? Read below for information on the new process.

- 1. Check the online schedule for availability by clicking here.
- 2. Call 650-558-7303, or <u>email tennis@burlingame.org</u> to request a reservation. The Recreation Department will create an account for you when you make your first booking.
- 3. The Recreation Department will reserve the court and send an invoice to your email.
- 4. Open the emailed invoice and pay using your credit card.
- 5. Your court is confirmed once you receive your receipt.

Reservations are accepted Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and must be made 24 hours ahead of time, up to 30 days in advance. Reservations are on a "first

come, first served" basis and are finalized when payment is made.

## Here's a Rebate For You!

Whether you are renovating your home or exploring electric vehicles, be sure to take advantage of available rebates:

- Get a <u>\$200 rebate</u> for installing a rain barrel.
- Get <u>\$35 and free hauling</u> of your old refrigerator.
- Get up to \$2,000 for switching to an electric water heater.
- Get <u>\$200 to test out an EV rental</u>.

### **Tips for Safely Charging Electric Vehicles**

Thinking of buying an electric vehicle (EV)? Take these steps to lower your risk of fire and electric shock injury related to charging EVs.



Before buying an EV, consult a qualified electrician to install a new, dedicated circuit for your EV charging device. Older home wiring may not be suitable for use with EV supply

equipment. Your electrician should contact the City's <u>Building Division</u> for permitting information.

When charging your EV, follow the manufacturer's guidelines on safe charging practices, and check with your local dealer if you need additional information. Choose and install a charging device that suits your charging speed needs (slow, standard, supercharge).

Keep a fire extinguisher nearby in case a fire starts so you can put it out quickly.

**Charging an EV is safe when done with certified equipment**. By following these tips, you can lower your risk of injury.

## When Will the Indoor Mask Mandate Be Lifted?

According to a press release issued today by San Mateo County Health:

The county of San Mateo (along with Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Sonoma, and the City of Berkeley) will "lift the indoor masking requirement in public spaces not subject to state and federal masking rules when <u>all</u> the following occur:

- The jurisdiction reaches the moderate (yellow) COVID-19 transmission tier, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), and remains there for at least three weeks; AND
- COVID-19 hospitalizations in the jurisdiction are low and stable, in the judgment of the health officer; AND
- 80% of the jurisdiction's total population is fully vaccinated with two doses of Pfizer or Moderna, or one dose of Johnson & Johnson (booster doses not considered);

OR

• Eight weeks have passed since a COVID-19 vaccine has been authorized for emergency use by federal and state authorities for 5- to 11-year-olds."

Click here to view the press release.

Sign up for the "Burlingame Gazette" and get the most current information on senior events, programs, and resources. Click on this "button" to send an email to cfuhrman@burlingame.org, or call the Burlingame Recreation Center at 650-558-7300 to get the "Gazette" mailed to your home or delivered to your email inbox.

Burlingame is proud of our employees. If you think so too, we'd love to hear from you! Click here to send an email to EmployeeRecognition@burlingame.org if an individual or department has gone above and beyond for you!

# **Events Around Town**

The Fresh Market! Thursdays, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sundays, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Park Road at Burlingame Avenue



Please continue to follow these important tips for shopping the Fresh Market:

- Leave your pets at home, please. By order of the San Mateo County Health Department, no dogs are allowed in Burlingame's Fresh Market.
- Come to the market in good health; please stay home if unwell.
- Wash hands/ refrain from touching your face.
- Wash all produce before consumption.

For more information, visit <u>burlingamechamber.org</u>.



# **RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

HIGHLAND AVENUE PARKING GARAGE

DATE:	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021
TIME:	11:00 AM

PLACE: 161 HIGHLAND AVENUE (HIGHLAND ENTRANCE)

The City of Burlingame is pleased to announce the completion of construction of the new parking garage at 161 Highland Avenue! The successful completion of this project is a result of the private-public partnership between the City of Burlingame and Pacific West Builders. The parking garage is part of the Village at Burlingame Project, which also includes a new, 5story 132-unit affordable workforce and senior housing development, and a public park.

The state-of-the-art 5-level parking garage provides a total of 368 parking spaces, including 24 EV charging stations. This new garage will significantly improve parking in the downtown area.

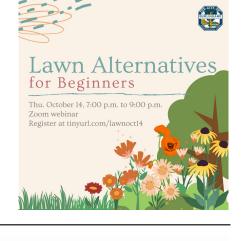
Please join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony!

#### Lawn Alternatives for Beginners

Thursday, October 14, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. via Zoom Webinar. <u>Click here to register</u>.

Do you want to get rid of all (or part) of your grass lawn but don't know where to start? This introductory workshop will cover the basics of designing a landscape plan, selecting the right plants for your garden, and provide tips on how to keep it alive.

Not ready to attempt it on your own? This class will also provide a brief overview of the steps involved in hiring someone to do the work (such as landscape architects, contractors, and landscape maintenance).

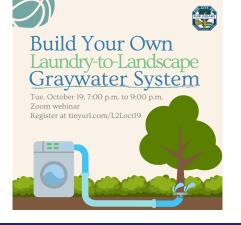




Build Your Own Laundry-to-Landscape Graywater System Tuesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. via Zoom Webinar. <u>Click here to register</u>.

Why send water from your laundry directly to the sewer when you can reuse it to water plants and trees in your yard instead?

Learn how to build a "laundry-to-landscape" graywater system for directing water from your clothes washer to the garden for irrigation. Laundry-to-landscape systems can save thousands of gallons of precious drinking water per year. Plus, it does not require a building permit!



# Community Updates (events not sponsored by the City of Burlingame)





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