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Quarterly Newsletter



COUNTY of VENTURA



OCTOBER IS NATIONAL Energy Awareness MONTH

National Energy Awareness Month is just around the corner and the timing could not be more appropriate. With the recent Flex Alerts and Californians being asked to reduce our energy usage to help reduce the strain on the grid and the potential for rotating outages, it is tough to ignore the reality that conserving energy is important. Little changes today, throughout the month of October, and all year long can make an impact on you, your family, your community, and the world in which we live.

To increase your awareness and perhaps your IQ, take a quiz to test your smarts on saving energy at home.

TEST YOUR ENERGY IQ



Take THE QUIZ HERE

VENTURA COUNTY TREE
COALITION

CELEBRATE OAKTOBER

JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR EVENTS!

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Celebrate OAKtober by Attending an Event



The County of Ventura's Sustainability Division will be celebrating Oak Awareness Month this October with OAKtober, a series of events for the public to attend including film screenings, tree plantings, and educational presentations. The events are hosted by members of the Ventura County Tree Coalition, a network of land trusts, community organizations, environmental nonprofits, and other parties dedicated to preserving Ventura County's tree canopy. Visit our website at sustain.ventura.org to read about our events and how you can celebrate OAKtober.

DRIVE
CLEAN



VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE

The Sustainability Division has a new quarterly newsletter titled Drive Clean. To receive information about active EV incentives and rebates, EV News, and EV events, please sign up for the newsletter [here](#).

Take the Clean Air Day Pledge by 10/12 to be entered into a raffle!



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SCAN ME

CALIFORNIA CLEAN AIR DAY

Sign your students up for creative & educational EV-themed classroom activities

October 5 - 12, 2022



Drive Your Imagination

Open to 1st grade classrooms

Participate in our Evie McWheelie Coloring Contest! Teachers will receive coloring pages from VCREA to hand out to their students for a creativity challenge. Multiple winners can get cool prizes! Coloring pages will be judged by VCREA staff.



rEV Your Engines

Open to 6th grade classrooms

Participating classrooms will receive mini-EV Build Kits and work together to "build" Evie McWheelie to life! Students will practice teamwork and learn how powerful a vehicle can be without a combustion motor.

Supplies are limited! Email nancy.clarin@ventura.org to reserve materials for your classroom.



Previous participants include:



COUNTY EMPLOYEES INVITED TO TAKE ACTION DURING CALIFORNIA CLEAN AIR DAY



The County of Ventura is joining hundreds of organizations to celebrate **California Clean Air Day on Wednesday, October 5th**. California Clean Air Day encourages individuals, businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations to take action to improve air quality and protect public health by taking the Clean Air Day pledge. Clean Air Day organizers reported that last year 1.8 million people across California took approximately 3.4 million actions to help improve air quality. Employees who choose to take the Pledge can help by planting a tree, participating in a local California Clean Air Day event, taking alternative transportation like public transit or cycling, or taking other actions. More information is available at cleanairday.org/about.

County employees can join the effort by taking the Clean Air Day Pledge and committing to clear the air by taking action. Learn more about how employees can take action and protect our air at sustain.ventura.org/employees.

NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK

ELECTRIC VEHICLE EVENTS



Check out
different EV
models



Learn about
rebates and
incentives



Talk to REAL
EV owners



Grab a bite to
eat from local
vendors

WHY DRIVE ELECTRIC

- Skip the gas station! Charging is cheaper than refueling.
- EVs require less maintenance. No oil changes or complicated engines to repair.
- No tailpipe emissions! EVs help keep our air clean.

Attend a FREE NDEW event near you to learn more!

National Drive Electric Week™



Scan To Register

SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

Ventura County Government Center
10:00 am - 2:00 pm



SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

Oxnard Plaza Park
9:00 am - 1:30 pm



vcenergy.org/news-and-events/upcoming-events



CHECK OUT WHO JUST GOT CERTIFIED!



Rentals / Sales
Open 7 Days
Reserve Online **Easy!**



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OJAI , CA 93023
(805) 669-9424
OJAIIELECTRICBIKES.COM

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~Drew Rasura~



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167 W. COCHRAN STREET
SIMI VALLEY, CA 93065
(818) 999-2828
ANDWINSCI.COM

"Andwin is a certified, woman-owned small business that is globally reputable as a result of hard work, professionalism and our dedication to the customer. We pride ourselves in providing products and services that exceed customer requirements while meeting all regulatory standards."

~Natalie Levy-Sarraf~



SAVE MONEY.
BE A GREEN LEADER.

VCREA, in partnership with 3C-REN (Tri-County Regional Energy Network) and Ventura County Library launched the electric-powered magnetic induction cooktops program in late-July. Local residents can now check out induction cooktops at Ventura County libraries and use them at home for up to three weeks. Included with the portable cooktop is an induction-compatible cooking pan and helpful information about cooking with instructions in both English and Spanish. Benefits of induction cooking include faster, more precise heating, easier to control temperature, and they eliminate indoor air pollution from gas appliances. Residents can use the cooktop to test a variety of different recipes, and when finished, return it to the library.

Induction Cooktops



To learn more about the cooktops, other energy- saving tools, and find a participating library, visit 3C-REN's Home Energy Savings online [here](#) or attend one of the DIY EE Toolkit and Induction Cooktop in-person presentations by Javier Saucedo. Javier's next presentation is at Oak Park Library in Oak Park on September 27, 2022 (see flyer on page 10).

DIY Energy Toolkits and Induction Cooktops are coming soon to Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, Oxnard, and Santa Paula city libraries.



Upcoming 3C-REN Events and Training

SHIFTS IN POWER: ENSURING THE IRA, 2022 ENERGY CODE, AND CALIFORNIA'S CLIMATE POLICIES BENEFIT THE TRI-COUNTY REGION!

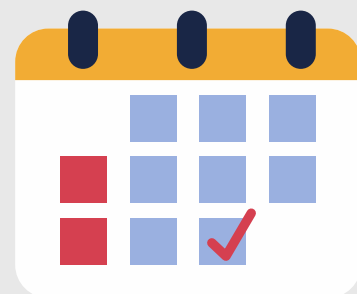
November 9, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

For more info and to register, click [here](#).

THE CENTRAL COAST GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL PRESENTS: A SUNSET SOIREE AT THE SANTA BARBARA BOTANIC GARDENS

October 15, 4:00 pm-7:00 pm

For more info and to register, click [here](#).



Complete calendar for all 3C-REN event [here](#)

Upcoming Events

Join our Last Sustainability Brown Bag Lunch Events

There are only two more Sustainability Brown Bag Lunch events. Mark your calendars for our next one on October 20th and learn about how to save energy and money. Register [here](#).

SUSTAINABILITY BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
APRIL 21- NOVEMBER 17
12:15-12:45 PM



Scan QR code to
register

Have questions? Email the event organizer at
mireille.vargas@ventura.org

SCHEDULE

- April 21st: Kickoff and Introduction to Sustainability Division
- May 19th: Green Your Commute
- June 16th: Switching to All Electric with "Switch is On" Campaign
- July 21st: Energy Savings for Multi and Single-family Homes
- August 18th: Reduce Your Waste at the Workplace
- September 15th: Drive Electric with the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance
- October 20th: Tips and Tricks for Energy Efficiency
- November 17th: Learn to Reduce Your Water Consumption

ELECTRIC VEHICLE RIDE & DRIVE EVENT

FOOD TRUCKS,
E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS,
GIVEAWAYS,
AND MORE...

TAKE AN EV TEST DRIVE
SPEAK DIRECTLY TO EV OWNERS
COMPARE VEHICLES
LEARN FROM INDUSTRY EXPERTS
MEET LOCAL CAR DEALERS
AND MORE...

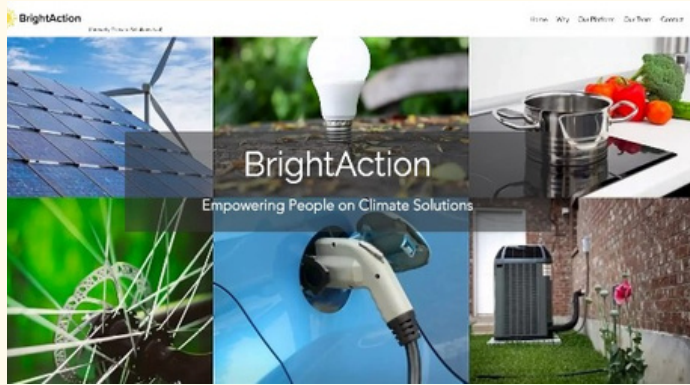


[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022
10 AM TO 2 PM

Ventura County Government Center
800 S Victoria Ave - Parking Lot G
Ventura, CA 93009

More Upcoming Events



The Ventura County Resilient Central Coast Campaign will be launching our landing page this October along with twelve other Central Coast cities and counties. The goal of the Resilient Central Coast Campaign is to achieve measurable progress towards reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from four areas (home energy use, transportation, food choices, and waste). The Campaign utilizes an online organizing platform called BrightAction to engage micro-community leaders (e.g., neighborhood groups, church

groups, Girl Scout troop leaders, civic clubs, university groups, etc.) by providing bilingual training, marketing materials, and other resources to encourage them to use their social networks to help achieve community building, GHG emissions reductions, and increased resiliency.


While our landing page is being fine-tuned, VCREA encourages you to create an account at BrightAction. Once our Ventura County page goes live, you will be redirected to our customized page.



Sustainability Division staff will be tabling at Gold Coast Transit District Inaugural Ventura County Clean Air Summit and Expo on October 12th from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. The event is free and open to the public, click [here](#) to learn more.

This year's Central Coast Sustainability Summit is October 19th from 8:00 m to 5:00 PM, at University of California, Santa Barbara's Loma Pelona Conference Center. Topics at the summits will cover regenerative agriculture, waste management, clean energy access, building electrification, resiliency, institutionalizing equity, and successful collaboration, register [here](#).






YOU'RE INVITED! | CEC Climate Action Webinar


**Thursday
October 6, 2022
12:00–1:15 p.m. PT**

**Get Charged:
Everything You Need
to Drive Electric**


Join the Community Environmental Council and regional experts for a primer on making the switch to driving electric. You'll hear from current electric vehicle (EV) drivers and walk away knowing everything from the basics of charging to what's available on the used and new market. We'll also cover how to access and make the best use of local, state, and federal incentives on the horizon—and how to get support in your EV journey.

Register now for this free online event at cec.pub/getcharged





Questions? Contact jhernandez@cecmail.org

 **Access Clean** California



FREE EVENT

September 27th, 2022
6pm to 7pm
Oak Park Library
899 Kanan Rd.
Oak Park, CA

DIY Home Energy Savings Toolkits

Kits are available for free at your local library. Learn what's in it, how to use it, and other resources to help you on your sustainability journey!



Lower Your Energy Bills, Improve Your Home

3C-REN and the Ventura County Library have partnered to bring you the DIY Home Energy Savings Toolkit. The toolkit includes tools, equipment and a guide to help you save energy and increase the comfort of your home.

The kit includes items for you to keep like LED light bulbs, outlet gaskets, weatherstripping, and water leak detection dye tablets; and tools you'll return like an infrared laser thermometer, a Kill-A-Watt meter and an electric cook stove.

Join this event for a demo of the kit, to ask your questions, and to learn about other sustainability programs in our area.

**See you in-person September 27th
at 6pm at the Oak Park Library**

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Javier Saucedo

Javier joined the construction trade in 1990, continuing until 2006 when he became an energy conservation specialist, working with SoCalGas, SCE, and California weatherization programs. He currently leads the County's Green Business Program, performs residential and commercial energy audits and oversees quality control on energy saving upgrades.