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# Volunteers Lend a Hand to Clean & Beautify Oakland

**Oakland, CA** – On Saturday, April 20, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, thousands of community and corporate volunteers will clean and green over 80 locations throughout Oakland at the **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Oakland Earth Day**.

Earth Day is Oakland's largest community volunteer event. This year's activities are expected to draw over 3,500 participants, including 300 volunteers from Starbucks East Bay. Activities include creek restoration, graffiti removal, litter pickup, weed abatement and planting.

The first 3,000 volunteers will receive a complimentary reusable bag, as well as a *Chinook Book* and smart phone app that include over 350 coupons for local, green businesses in the East Bay. Volunteers can choose among the many parks, recreation centers, creeks, commercial corridors and neighborhood locations listed at [www.oaklandearthday.org](http://www.oaklandearthday.org).

**Earth Day** marks the anniversary of what many consider the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. According to Earth Day Network, "more than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world."

The **East Oakland Boxing Association (EOBA)**, a community-based organization dedicated to "providing education, enrichment and health programs for children and youth," is one of this year's featured locations. EOBA hosted an Earth Day cleanup for the first time in 2012 and is excited to be involved again this year.

Sarah Chavez, Executive Director of EOBA, notes that Earth Day helps children develop a sense of pride in their neighborhood and an appreciation of community service. "EOBA youth are excited about Earth Day because they get to meet people, not only from the neighborhood, but others who show up because they care and want to do something good," says Chavez.

EOBA will be conducting litter pickup, weeding and graffiti abatement along 98th Avenue and Pearmain Street in East Oakland. Volunteers are welcome to join in by registering day-of at 816 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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Earth Day is sponsored by the City of Oakland Public Works Agency, with support from the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

**Oakland Earth Day Featured Locations:**

San Pablo Ave. Corridor, Golden Gate Library, 5606 San Pablo Avenue  
Morcom Rose Garden, 700 Jean Street (west of Grand Avenue)  
DeFremery Park, DeFremery Recreation Center, 1651 Adeline Street  
Lake Merritt Sailboat House, 568 Bellevue Avenue  
Dimond Park, Dimond Recreation Center, 3860 Hanly Road  
Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Rainbow Recreation Center, 5800 International Boulevard  
East Oakland Boxing Association, 816 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue

For more information about Oakland Earth Day, visit  
[www.oaklandearthday.org](http://www.oaklandearthday.org) or call (510) 238-7611 and follow us on Facebook:  
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