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San Francisco Earth Month Events to Celebrate Science, Art, and Continued Climate Action

In commemoration of the 47th anniversary of Earth Day, San Francisco will host events throughout April showcasing and motivating climate action through art, education, film, public policy, and community gatherings.

San Francisco, CA – This year marks the 47th anniversary of the first Earth Day celebration on April 22, 1970 – a day when more than 20 million Americans took to the streets across the country calling for a healthier and better protected environment. That first Earth Day celebration helped prompt the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts – some of the cornerstones of U.S. environmental policy.

“Forty-seven years later and the importance of Earth Day and the call to protect and preserve our environment is no less relevant or urgent,” said Debbie Raphael, Director of the San Francisco Department of Environment. “We must remain vigilant and pro-active if we are to preserve the progress we have made and thwart attempts to turn back the clock. With our forward-thinking public policies and a thriving economy, I believe that San Francisco will continue to lead the way forward, and be a model for other cities and counties throughout the country when it comes to climate action and environmental protections.”

This Earth Day, the City & County of San Francisco will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the creation of the San Francisco Commission on the Environment and the San Francisco Department of Environment. The Commission and the Department are responsible for overseeing the City’s ambitious climate action goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels by 40% by 2025 and 80% by 2050. Over the years, the Commission has helped guide some of the City’s groundbreaking and precedent-setting environmental policies such as setting the goal of achieving zero waste to landfill, banning

single-use plastic bags, and making San Francisco the first city in the nation to require all new buildings to install rooftop solar.

While Earth Day is officially celebrated on April 22nd, it inspires environmental action throughout the month of April, and throughout the year. San Francisco's Climate Action Strategy has demonstrated that it is possible to reduce the harmful emissions that cause global climate change at a citywide scale. Individual and community-driven actions can make a difference.

This Earth Day, San Franciscans can help protect the health of our communities, our environment, and our city by renewing their commitment to climate action. Whether it is putting that banana peel in the green bin or signing up for CleanPowerSF or biking to work every day, San Franciscans can help make a difference during Earth Month and throughout the year. For a list of local actions with global impacts, visit: www.sfenvironment.org/climateaction

Throughout April, San Francisco will play host to many events and activities showcasing and motivating climate action through art, education, film, public policy, and community gatherings. The following are only some events of note:

Saturday, April 8th

Strawberry Hill Butterfly Habitat Restoration

10am-1pm | Strawberry Hill, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

Open to the public

Hosted by the San Francisco Recreation & Parks Department, this volunteer event will help enhance habitat on Strawberry Hill in Golden Gate Park. Volunteers will help remove invasive weeds and put in plant species that Swallowtails and other butterflies need to thrive.

For more information and to RSVP contact: recparkvolunteer@sfgov.org

Monday, April 10th

San Francisco Board of Supervisors Land Use & Transportation Committee

Hearing on "Electric Vehicle Ready" Legislation

1:30pm | City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Open to the public

The Land Use Committee will host a hearing on Mayor Ed Lee and Supervisor Katy Tang's "EV Ready" legislation which will require all new construction projects and major retrofits to install electric vehicle charging capacity.

Tuesday, April 18th

Bike & Roll to School Week Kick-Off

Lafayette Elementary School (4545 Anza St)

7:20am: Bike Train from nearby park to school

7:45am: Press Conference

Annual event sponsored by the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition and the Safe Routes to Schools

Program that motivates families to bike or roll to school to reduce traffic congestion and promote active transportation for health and wellness.

For more information contact: Nancy Buffum, San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, nancy@sfbike.org, 415.431.2453 x 314.

Thursday, April 20th-Wednesday, April 26th

San Francisco Green Film Festival 2017

Locations & Times Vary

The San Francisco Green Film Festival is a non-profit organization dedicated to screening compelling environmental films; connecting you to filmmakers & experts; and sparking green ideas & actions. A schedule of this year's films is available at: <http://www.greenfilmfest.org>

Friday, April 21st

Climate Music Concert

NOH Community Space (2840 Mariposa St)

The Climate Music Project harnesses the universal language of music to tell the urgent story of climate change to broad and diverse audiences in a way that resonates and inspires. The Project works with musicians and scientists to create and perform original music guided by climate data to communicate the impact that human activities are having on our climate over time.

For more information contact: theclimatemusicproject@gmail.com

Earth Day

Saturday April 22, 2017

Community Clean Team

Earth Day Clean Up in District 6

9am-1pm | Boedekker Park (246 Eddy Street)

Community Clean Team is San Francisco Public Works' longest-running and largest volunteer program that keeps San Francisco beautiful through landscaping and gardening projects, graffiti removal and litter cleanup in our neighborhoods. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Lunch served at 12:30 p.m.

For more information contact: dpw@sfdpw.org or 415-554-6920

Earth Day Festival

10am-6pm | Civic Center, SF

Free and Open to the Public

The festival will feature entertainment, dynamic panel discussions, speakers and activists at the 'Eco Teach In' Rally, an organic celebrity chef showcase, organic and vegan food courts, wine and beer gardens, a clean energy zone, cutting edge earth friendly products, an electric vehicle showcase, a kids zone, the hugely popular 'Silent Disco

Stage', a 50th Anniversary of the Summer of Love Tribute Stage, a Psychedelic Eco Fashion Show, and more.

For more information contact: www.earthdaysf.org

March for Science

11am-12:30pm | Justin Herman Plaza, San Francisco

San Francisco celebrates public discovery, understanding, and distribution of scientific knowledge as crucial to the freedom, success, health, and safety of life on this planet. A rally with invited speakers will start the event at 11am.

For more information contact: press@marchforsciencesf.com

**For more details about Earth Day events, visit:
www.sfenvironment.org/earthday**

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