



Dear Steffen,

During this busy time of year, we want to make sure you're aware of some **opportunities for students** who live or attend school in Burlingame, as well as the **December 29** deadline for nominations for **Burlingame's Green Business Awards**.



You also may be interested in San Mateo County's new **4R's Grants Program**, which is offering grants of up to \$25,000 (application deadline: **January 31**), and free **electronic recycling events** on **January 27**.

While you're shopping, please be sure to access **Amazon** via smile.amazon.com and select the Citizens Environmental Council of Burlingame (CEC) as the nonprofit to benefit from a portion of your purchase. We also appreciate your automatic contributions while shopping at stores via eScrip, where we're listed as "CEC Burlingame."

Here's hoping you and your family have a warm and wonderful holiday season!

Mike

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P.S. If you like this newsletter, please forward it to a friend.



Calling Burlingame Businesses



Does your business save water? Use renewable energy? Reduce pollution? Make a green product? If so, your green business may qualify for a **Burlingame Green Business Award**. These awards will be presented at the Burlingame Chamber of Commerce annual meeting on **January 18**. The winners will be highlighted in City of Burlingame and Chamber of Commerce outreach materials.

Nominations are due December 29. To nominate a business, send a brief summary of environmental achievements to Sigalle Michael, Burlingame's sustainability coordinator, at smichael@burlingame.org.

CEC Offers Opportunities to Students

In partnership with the City of Burlingame, CEC is offering paid **environmental internships** to current high school sophomores and juniors who live or attend school in Burlingame. CEC also is offering **cash prizes** to students in three age categories whose videos are selected for the first CEC Student Film Festival in March. In the spring, CEC will invite students to apply for its **environmental scholarships**.

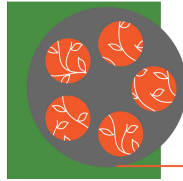
Internships. Students accepted into the Environmental Internship program will explore, individually or in small teams, the sustainability of their own school's culture and operations, and they will research best practices and innovative programs at other schools. Monthly meetings with mentors will take place during the spring and fall semesters of 2018, and a \$300

stipend will be paid to each intern at completion of the program. **Applications are due January 15, 2018.** [Learn more here.](#)

Video Contest. Students in grades 4 through 12 who live or attend school in Burlingame are invited to enter the first **CEC Student Film Festival** cosponsored by CEC and the Burlingame Environmental



Club of Burlingame High School. CEC is providing cash prizes that will be awarded to student filmmakers in three categories: grades 4–5 (\$75), grades 6–8 (\$150) and high school (\$300).



**student
film fest**

Students who wish to enter should submit an original video, not more than five minutes in length, on the environmental topic of their choice by **March 5, 2018**. The final entries will be screened, and winners announced at the **CEC Student Film Festival on Monday, March 19**. Students must register prior to submitting a film on the CEC website at cecburlingame.org. [More details here.](#)

Scholarships. Each spring CEC offers scholarships to Burlingame High School seniors who have been involved in environmental issues and who plan to pursue college studies and careers that focus on protecting the environment. Details will be posted on the CEC website and available in the Career Center at Burlingame High.

Free Electronic Recycling Events

San Mateo County's Office of Sustainability will offer free **electronic waste drop-off events** in two locations on **Saturday, January 27**, from 9 a.m. to noon:

- San Mateo County Superior Court (Northern Branch), [1050 Mission Road, South San Francisco](#)
- Ox Mountain Sanitary Landfill, [12310 San Mateo Road, Half Moon Bay](#)



Residents dropping off e-waste must furnish **proof of residency** in San Mateo County, such as a driver's license, utility bill or garbage collection bill. [Click here for additional information](#), including a list of accepted and unaccepted items and event fliers, call [1-\(888\) 442-2666](tel:1-888-442-2666) or email sustainability@smcgov.org. All collected electronics will be sent to a county-approved certified recycler, [e-Recycling of California](#).

County Offers 4 R's Grants of Up to \$25,000



The **county Office of Sustainability** is now accepting applications for grants through its **4R's Grants Program** (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot – meaning compost). Two tiers of funding will be available: grants of up to \$25,000 and mini-grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000. **The deadline for applications is January 31 at 6 p.m.**

The program is designed to help eligible entities create, implement and expand programs that promote reuse, waste reduction, recycling and composting, or education about these environmental issues in San Mateo County. Eligible organizations including nonprofits, schools and government agencies located in San Mateo County. Individuals can also apply for mini-grants on behalf of these organizations.

For more information, visit the [Office of Sustainability website](#), call [1 \(888\) 442-2666](tel:1-888-442-2666) or email sustainability@smcgov.org.

Join Us!

The [Citizens Environmental Council of Burlingame](#) (CEC) champions a more environmentally and economically sustainable community.

Come to our next meeting on Wednesday, **January 10**, at 7 p.m. in the Lane Room at the Burlingame Public Library, [480 Primrose Road](#). Visit us at the **Fresh Market** on **Sunday, December 17**, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Park



Road near Howard Avenue in Burlingame.

To learn more about CEC, visit <http://cecburlingame.org>. To contact CEC, send an email to info@cecburlingame.org.



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