

September 2026

This month, we're sharing resources to help you get around without gas—from test-riding an e-bike to saving on fast EV charging at Ava Charge. Plus, we're spotlighting local community organization Mandela Partners, and a rebate to help you upgrade your home HVAC system.

E-Bike Test & Ride



What happens when you give people a chance to experience riding an e-bike 🚲 ⚡ ? At our latest E-Bike Test & Ride with Bike East Bay, more than 450 people came out to discover what makes e-bikes such a fun and practical way to get around.

[Watch the video](#)

Join Us for the Next E-Bike Test & Ride!

Join Ava and Bike East Bay on **Sunday, October 11** for a free community event in the Hayward BART parking lot. Test ride different e-bikes, connect with local bike shops and e-bike enthusiasts, and get tips for riding safely.

[RSVP Here](#)

National Drive Electric Month



September 11–October 12 is National Drive Electric Month! To celebrate, we're offering 50% off fast EV charging sessions at Ava Charge in [Oakland City Center West Garage](#).

[Get the Discount Code](#)

Learn all about EV ownership and find resources, programs, and incentives at AvaEnergy.org/electric-vehicles.

Powering Community Connections with Mandela Partners



Mandela Partners was established 20+ years ago to address deeply rooted inequities and barriers to opportunities for entrepreneurs in the Oakland area. They're bringing wealth, health, joy, and good food to Oakland and beyond, and we were thrilled to support their Mini Market through a Community Sponsorship: \$2,500 grants that we award to up to 60 local organizations per year.

[Read more about the event and Mandela Partners here](#)

Apply for a Community Sponsorship

Applications are open for our next round of Community Sponsorships! Learn more and apply, or send to an organization you love.

[Apply for a Sponsorship](#)



Incentive Spotlight

Each month, we're sharing an electrification incentive Ava customers may be eligible for. To find more incentives and savings tailored to your ZIP code and living situation, search [Ava's incentive finder](#).

The Skilled and Trained HVAC/Heat Pump Rebate Program

Save money, save energy, and support your local skilled union workers! California Sheet Metal Workers Local 104 and 105 are offering rebates from \$50 to \$1,000 for services from AC tune-ups to full heat pump system installations.

[Learn more and find a contractor](#)



Upcoming Public Meetings

Executive Committee

October 9, 2026 | 3:00 pm

Community Advisory Committee

October 19, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Board of Directors

October 21, 2026 | 6:00 PM

[All Public Meetings](#)