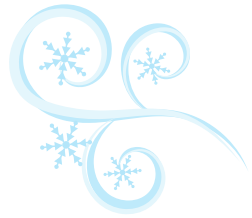




WINTER NEWSLETTER

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2023



SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

What a memorable winter thus far in the Tri-Valley! Flooding shut down Sycamore Grove Park as well as Las Positas Golf Course. While we saw a good recovery from drought, we also experienced some air stagnation leading to several Spare-the-Air days the week before Christmas. However, the PM 2.5 standard was never exceeded in the Tri-Valley in 2022. And we're off to a good start in 2023 with the average PM2.5 AQI at 18 for January. There's a rainbow shining over us.



Rainbow after morning rain at Las Positas Golf Course on December 5, 2022. Photo by Ron Baskett

TVAQCA IS 4 YEARS OLD!

Concerned with health effects from recent wildfires, our group of local citizens met in late 2019 to form Tri-Valley Air Quality Community Alliance. Using our scientific backgrounds, we dug into the unique features of Tri-Valley Airshed and found which citizen actions will make a difference—electrification at home, for landscaping, on the road. Reducing combustion emissions both clears the air and cools the climate so this year we've changed one word in our name— we are now Tri-Valley Air Quality Climate Alliance—keeping the same acronym TVAQCA. We now celebrate our 4th year with renewed dedication to our goals.



Members of the Oversight Committee. From left to right, Laurene, Terry, Van, Ron, Ann, Phil

OUR NEW LOOK



THIRD ANNUAL SURVEY IN THREE LANGUAGES

With the recent twelve atmospheric river storms we experienced, wildfires may not be on people's mind. However, even with the much needed precipitation, years of severe drought stress still make the vegetation susceptible to wildfires. So it's always best to be prepared. This year, our survey, available in English, Spanish, and Chinese, focuses on wildfires. Learn how you can be more prepared by taking our survey today!

ELECTRIFICATION TO REDUCE LANDSCAPING EMISSIONS

Our Incentive Program has been awarding up to \$7,500 to commercial landscape operators who applied to the program. Our most recent grant went to the City of Livermore. Congratulations and thank you for taking the electrification effort to protect our air! Our program ends on February 28 so apply soon.

For those of us who do our own yard work, you don't need to look far to find the various and reasonably priced options for electric battery-powered landscaping gears. Just step into any home improvement store and see for yourself. Consider switching out your old gas-powered equipment to electric battery-powered ones to help protect our airshed and reduce noise pollution.



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QUESTIONS?

Visit our [website](#). Check out our brief youtube video at: [Take Care of Our Air - TVAQCA](#).

As we communicate our understanding of and solutions to our air quality issues, we hope to motivate the broader Tri-Valley community to keep our future air quality in mind when making individual, civic, and business decisions. Our door is always open for suggestions.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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