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Sip n' Splash - Wine Tasting and Creek Dip

Support the Butte
Environmental Council, and
try some great wines! Just
\$7 gets you in the door!

Come on out to the Bidwell Park Golf Course and join us for a evening of wine tasting sponsored by Chico News & Review and Ray's Liquor Chico, ca.

When the tasing ends at 7pm we will take a short stroll and a dip in beautifull Big Chico Creek!

[Share the event on Facebook!](#)



BEC Movie Matinee - BEFORE THE FLOOD



Join us at the Pageant Theatre Chico, CA on Saturday September 2nd, at 1:00pm BEC will be hosting a special FREE showing of *Before the Flood*.

Before the Flood, presented by National Geographic, features Leonardo DiCaprio on a journey as a United Nations Messenger of Peace, traveling to five continents and the Arctic to witness climate change firsthand.

Donations will be gladly accepted, and a \$5 donation is suggested. See you at the Pageant! [Share the event on Facebook.](#)

Volunteer Registration is OPEN for the 30th Annual Bidwell Parks and Chico Creeks Cleanup



The 30th Annual Bidwell Parks and Chico Creeks Cleanup is just around the corner. For 30 years our community has gathered in September to work together, make our city beautiful, and clean our water. Join us this year and help make the 30th bigger and better than ever before. September is closer than you think, so gather your co-workers, friends, neighbors, and family and register to volunteer now. See you Saturday September 16, 2017. [Click here for more information or to register.](#)

New this year: Cleanup Captains! Are you an experienced volunteer and you want to use your skills to make a bigger impact? Consider becoming a Cleanup Captain. Cleanup Captains are responsible for groups of volunteers. They help with safety information, material sorting, and more. Just check the box on the [registration form](#) saying you are interested.



Since our first cleanup in 1987 over 8,500 volunteers have given 30,000 hours and collected approximately 172 tons of trash, scrap metal and recyclables! This year will be our 30th Annual Bidwell Parks and Chico Creek Cleanup. We need your help to cover the expenses of this huge annual event that has such a powerful impact on our community and the environment.

Do you want to make a direct change in our community? Pitch in on the effort by [becoming a "Friend of the Cleanup"](#)! Your support will make it possible for BEC to engage hundreds of volunteers to help pull several TONS of garbage and recyclables out of Chico's creeks and our beautiful, beloved Bidwell Park.

Please [send a contribution today](#) and show your support of 30 years of cleaner, healthier parks and creeks. We can't do it without you! Donate by August 15th to reserve your FREE shirt.

We would like to thank the 2017 sponsors who have already committed to helping Bidwell Park and Chico's creeks stay clean.



Is your business looking for a way to get involved in the community while getting your name out there? [Become a sponsor of the event.](#)
Deadline for sponsors is August 19.



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Now Accepting E-Waste for Recycling!



ONLINE ONLY - Early Bird Gala Tickets on sale NOW

On October 21, 2017 we will be hosting our 42nd Anniversary Gala at the Arc Pavilion in Chico to celebrate local environmentalists and their amazing achievements while enjoying a catered island-themed dinner by Sipho's Restaurant, a complimentary rum tasting courtesy of [Hooker Oak Distillery](#), live music by Triple Tree and [Conquering Lion](#) and a silent auction!

Bring your island vibes, sit back and enjoy the festivities! **Early bird tickets are available until September 15.** [Click here to purchase your tickets!](#)



City of Chico Million Watt Challenge

The City of Chico Sustainability Task Force, North Valley Energy Watch, Chico Chamber of Commerce, and Chico News & Review are challenging the community to save one million watts (or more!) in 2017. Chico has already come a long way with LED streetlight retrofits and household appliance replacements. Now it's time to build on this momentum, improve our community, and have fun in the process!

How does it work?

Everyone is invited to show the rest of the community what steps you're taking to reduce energy use, through the [watt submission form](#). Did you replace all of your incandescents with LEDs? You saved 50watts per bulb! Did you upgrade to a more efficient water heater? Check the box! The survey takes 4 minutes to complete, and for your effort, you can be entered to win any number of great prizes; from dinner gift certificates, to a brand new washing machine! Keep an eye out for social media contests, as well as booths at the CCFM (Chico Certified Farmers Market) Saturday Market and the Downtown Thursday Night Market, and much more!

Take the "survey" (watt submission form) and more at <http://chicosustainability.org/>

keep reading....this is interesting

August Energy Conservation and Recycling Tips

The Summer heat is here, and you're worried about the power bills. Try these 8 tips to cool down without reaching for the thermostat.

1. **Keep your blinds closed.** Up to 30% of unwanted heat comes in through windows!
2. **Set your ceiling fans to rotate counter-clockwise.**
3. **Turn on your bathroom fans...** And your kitchen vents as well, to pull the hot air up and out of your house and vent it to the outside.
4. **Let the night air in.** Take advantage of the cool night temperatures and open the windows at night to create a breeze. But be sure to seal up the windows before the morning warms up.
5. **Ditch the incandescent lights.** And opt for LED. Incandescent bulbs waste about 90 percent of their energy in the heat they emit!
6. **Start grilling.** When the heat is here, don't use the oven or the stovetop. Opt for a toaster oven, or grill outdoors!
7. **Make a few long-term improvements.** Insulated window films, for example, are a smart purchase as they work similarly to blinds. And additions like awnings and planted trees or vines on or in front of light-facing windows will shield your home from the sun's rays, reduce the amount of heat your home absorbs and make your investment well worth it!
8. **Take an inventory of your home's envelope.** If your home heats up rapidly in the summer, it may need better insulation. You can check out an energy saving DIY Kit from BEC and use the thermal infrared thermometer to determine where your home is leaking heat through the insulation. Click here to find out more about renting the free Toolkit! <http://www.becnet.org/diy-home-energy-saving-toolkits>



Zero Waste Made Easy



Zero Waste means designing and managing products and processes to systematically avoid and eliminate the volume and toxicity of waste and materials, conserve and recover all resources, and not burn or bury them. It isn't about perfecting, it's about progressing!

current product recycle rates:

glass - 100%
aluminum - 100%
paper - 65%
plastic - 9%



4 EASY CHANGES

BRING YOUR OWN COFFEE CUP

coffee cups that are actually recycled:

1 in 400

even recyclable cups are lined with polyethylene, preventing proper recycling. only 0.1% are actually recycled.

DITCH PLASTIC STRAWS

per day Americans use

500 million

they breakdown into small pieces that are ingested by animals and the toxic chemical makeup enters our food chain.

USE REUSABLE GROCERY BAGS

Per year

8 million

tons of plastic waste enter the oceans. By 2050 that number is expected to be twenty times more.

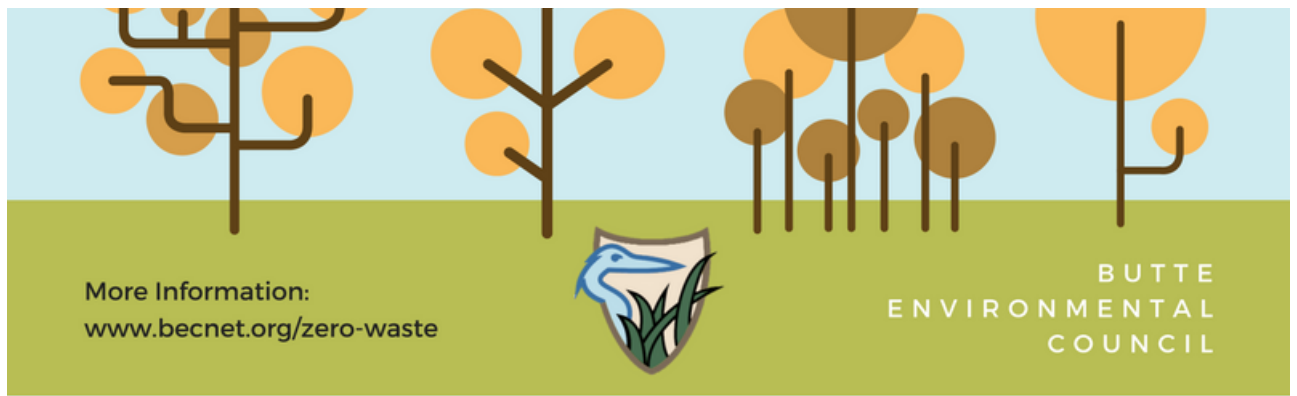
SAY NO TO STYRO

styrofoam is not -biodegradable

1 million

sea animals are killed by careless disposal per year.





BEC Summer Office Wish List

Cleaning house this summer? Want to give back to your community in a different way?

Consider giving to BEC!

We are always looking for office supplies and assorted items that could be included in our silent auctions. Not sure what to donate? Give us a call at 530-891-6424 and we'll let you know if it's something we could use! As a 501(c)3 registered nonprofit any donation to our organization is tax-deductible and we are happy to provide you with a tax letter for your donation. Here is a list of things we could use here in the office:



- Heavy duty stapler
- Misc. office supplies (pens, pencils, note pads, sharpies, etc.)
- Sturdy ladder
- Rechargeable batteries + charging dock (AA, AAA)
- Tabletop fans (we would love 3 more!)
- Artwork (to be hung in our office or put in our silent auctions)
- Crafting materials (glue sticks, crayons, coloring pencils, etc.)
- Letter-size file folders (used or new)
- Financial record/Bankers boxes
- Items to be used in our silent auctions (home & kitchenwares)
- Children's toys to be used as prizes in the children's Eco-Scavenger hunt at the Endangered Species Faire
- Books for BEC's Library (accessible to BEC Members; environmental- or nature-themed)
- (2) drawer lockable file cabinet for letter-size files

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8/21/2017

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