

El Cerrito Recycling Celebrates 50 Years

On August 5, 50 years to the day when El Cerrito's recycling center first accepted donations, our beloved center will be commemorated. We will also honor the late Joel Witherell, who oversaw the center from 1973-1993.

Speakers will include two of the founders, Gregg Cook and Ken Little; the engineer who built the original glass crusher, Allan Gardiner, former center manager, Becky Dowdakin, longtime operations manager Mario Gonzalez, and Witherell's daughter Sarah Steele.

Enjoy live Music using upcycled instruments by current El Cerrito Creative Reuse artist-in-residence Steve Zwetsch. Hands-on art making for all ages hosted by former recycling center resident artists Kloe Chan and Risa Dye. Plus: Snacks and beverages.

5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, 2022. 7501 Schmidt Lane, Free



From the start, E.C.ology was volunteer led and attracted many young volunteers. Courtesy of the El Cerrito Historical Society