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PG&E to address safety concerns of community at special meeting

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Smith says that PG&E is continuing to work with city staff to review additional information, "including restoration plans and to determine the timing for this important gas safety work."
 "We've heard clearly the dissatisfaction of many in our community around how PG&E has recently communicated with our residents in the area of pipeline safety," says Burks. "I'm personally very thankful to those who brought their concerns to us so we could take action by holding this meeting."

Dawson says SLT's ultimate goal is to get PG&E and the city to work with residents to jointly identify the safety priorities in the community but says they perceive "more than a taint of conflict of interest and lack of transparency."
 "First off," says Dawson, "PG&E is paying for the city's legal fees pertaining to our lawsuit. This fiscal arrangement, aside from the \$500K the city received per the deal, may be compromising city representation of the facts."
 Dawson says that unanswered

questions have created doubt as to the validity of PG&E safety programs. "And worse yet, the integrity of PG&E gas pipeline running under our feet - to the point that we have taken our concerns to the CPUC, who is now conducting an audit of PG&E safety operations in Lafayette."
 "To us, this meeting is about gaining commitments from council, PG&E, and the CPUC, meaningfully engaging with the community to help us regain trust in community pipeline safety. It's just a beginning."



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Lafayette Art and Wine

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We attend every year and it is one of my favorite weekends," says Edwards. "When our now-teenage daughters were in elementary school we used to come down after soccer on Saturdays and go to the kids play zone. Now that they are in high school they love to catch up with friends and there are a lot of opportunities for them to volunteer. I really love the live music! There really is something for everyone."

As a family with elementary school-aged children, Debbi Feeley says they spend a lot of time in the family zone. "My kids love the bouncy castles and giant slide. Another fun (and free) activity for kids is painting the 'LPIE Guy' at the LPIE stall."
 Feeley's top tips would be to avail of the free bike valet parking and cycle to the festival. "You avoid all the traffic restrictions and

parking hassle and get to enjoy our beautiful trails on the way. Also, if you're attending with young family, go early before it gets too crowded and hot."
 Of the continuous music and dancing, Lifson quotes Bob Weir. "The bands we get are more fun than a frog in a glass of milk!"
 The festival takes place on Sept. 15 and 16. Full details can be found at <http://lafayettefestival.com/>.

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