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Community urged to give the gift of green at this year's Earth Day Festival

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Lafayette's annual Earth Day celebration will once again be offering fun for all ages but organizers Sustainable Lafayette also want to draw residents' attention to its focus of the entire month - the 50th Anniversary Community Gift or the gift of clean energy.

In honor of the city's 50th anniversary Mayor Don Tatzin has set a goal of getting 1,000 residents to "opt up" to deep green, or 100 percent renewable energy, in their homes and businesses.

Sustainable Lafayette hopes that by reaching this goal Lafayette can become the cleanest, most sustainably powered city in the Bay Area and the push to get residents onboard is on during April - Earth month.

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The city introduced Marin Clean Energy as a choice for residents in 2016 and the following year took the

decision to opt up all city electricity accounts to 100 percent deep green.

Residents will be able to learn more about their energy options at the festival, which once again will be offering education on all matters green.

This year, along with the live entertainment the Lamorinda 4-H will be hosting a petting zoo. Local Girl Scout troops will be offering demonstrations at environmental education stations.

As in previous years there will be a bike safety rodeo hosted by Bike East Bay and free bike registration by local Cub Scouts as well as free on-site basic bike repairs from The Bike Mobile.

Refreshments will be available, with The Counter serving their Impossible Burger, a burger made entirely from plants, and IzzyA's frozen custard truck will be among some of the food trucks.

The festivities will all be happening from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 22 on Golden Gate Avenue, just behind the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

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