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

By Pippa Fisher



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afayette'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 50th Anniversary Community Gift or the gift of clean energy.

niversary Mayor Don Tatzin has education stations. set a goal of getting 1,000 residents to "opt up" to deep green, or 100 be a bike safety rodeo hosted by percent renewable energy, in their Bike East Bay and free bike regishomes and businesses.

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.

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

This year, along with the live its focus of the entire month - the entertainment the Lamorinda 4-H will be hosting a petting zoo. Local Girl Scout troops will be offering In honor of the city's 50th and demonstrations at environmental

As in previous years there will tration by local Cub Scouts as well Sustainable Lafayette hopes 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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Bear relocates to Lafayette By Pippa Fisher



How "Ursus Redivivus" will look once installed on Golden Gate Way.

rather large grizzly bear will to Orinda. Abe relocating to Golden Gate

sculpture, entitled "Ursus Redivi- relative ease of installation. vus, Recycled Bear" is constructed almost entirely from scrap metal staff report, Nolan writes that he from escalators salvaged during a and Glashoff are excited for the op-Berkeley department store remodel, and recycled tools.

The sculpture is currently standing outside the Orinda Library and is now due to move on, having been part of the city's rotating public art program. Plans to move the sculpture to Moraga fell through when the town council chose another piece to display at the Rheem Shopping Center.

Ursus spent time in Berkeley in front of the downtown Berkeley BART station from 2015-16 before coming through the tunnel

The city council heard from Way very soon. Lafayette will be members of the Public Art Comhosting the bear sculpture for a mittee at the April 9 meeting. The two-year period in the city's first PAC gave three suggested locaexperience of temporary public art. tions within the city for the bear. The work of Bay Area artists The council voted unanimously to Chad Glashoff and Alex Nolan, the locate the bear at 3505 Golden Gate 7,200-pound kinetic, interactive Way, given the central location and bear stands almost 12-feet tall. The high visibility, combined with the

Photo provided

In a statement included in the portunity to leave an impression on those who perceive this work of art. "It excites conversation, and references the rebuilding of an endangered species back into the wild," he says.

"Hopefully people will understand the meaning as more than just a CAL bear, but instead a lasting reminder of the wrongs done to this species, generations ago."

The \$1,050 cost of installation at this location will come from the public art fund.

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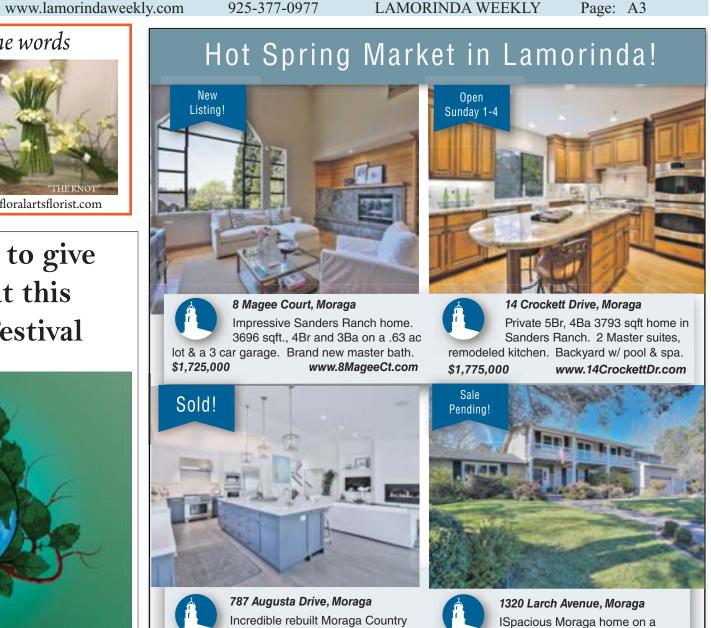
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