

Earth Day Festival returns to downtown Lafayette

Sustainable Lafayette's annual Earth Day Festival was a mainstay for 14 years – until the pandemic hit – but returns April 30 with a petting zoo, kids' arts and crafts activities, vendor booths, and an electric vehicle showcase hosted by Charge Across Town. The free event will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Golden Gate Way, behind the Lafayette Library.

Not only can participants discover how hard people are working to make the world a greener, safer and more equitable space, Sustainable Lafayette believes this festival will inspire everyone to do better. Folks can learn about the Lafayette Community Garden and Outdoor Education Center, Moraga for Monarchs, the Lafayette Buy Nothing Group, the Pullen siblings and their bees, Kylie Choi and her produce bags, Lamorinda 4-H, the students who created the Campolindo goat enclosure, and more.

One of Orinda's finest restaurants, The Fourth Bore, will be sending out its food truck with pizza, grilled items and beer.

Participants can bring

used sneakers for upcycling! And bring small electronics (no big-screen TVs) for ewaste collection.

Nancy Hu from the Lafayette Environmental Task Force will also be collecting for recycling: Brita (only) pitchers, dispensers, bottles, faucet systems, all filters, and filter packaging; oral care products, including toothbrushes, floss containers, toothpaste tubes, mouth wash containers (any brand but must be empty); plastic smoothie pouches and caps (such as GoGo Squeez, any brand, rinsed and dry); Hasbro toys (no batteries, baby gear, or ride-on toys); empty Late July snack bags; and personal cosmetics products packaging for hair care, skin care, lip care, deodorants, etc., (any brand but must be

The Lafayette Earth Day Festival is sponsored by MCE community choice energy. Sustainable Lafayette partners include the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

- J. Wake

For information, visit https://www.sustainablelafayette.org/earth-day-2022

BVE offers free or reduced-price meals to children

Submitted by Michelle Foxworthy

Burton Valley Elementary School recently announced its policy to serve nutritious meals every school day under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program, effective through May 27. Children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income is less than or equal to the federal guidelines.

Households do not need to turn in an application when the household receives a notification letter saying that all children automatically qualify for free meals when any household member receives benefits from CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR. Children who meet the definition of foster, homeless, migrant, or runaway, and children enrolled in their school's Head Start program are eligible for

free meals. Contact school officials if any child in the household is not on the notification letter. The household must let school officials know if they do not want to receive free or reduced-price meals.

Applications will be sent to the household with a letter about the free and reducedprice meal program. Households that want to apply for meal benefits, must fill out one application for all children in the household and give it to the nutrition office at 3477 School Street, Lafayette CA 94549.

For a simple and secure method to apply, use the online application at

https://lafsdca.schoolloop.com/. Contact Michelle Foxworthy at (925) 927-3503 for help filling out the application. The school will let you know if your application is approved or denied for free or reduced-price

Lafayette Public Meetings

City Council

Regular Meeting Monday, April 25, 7 p.m. Teleconference via City of Lafayette's You Tube Channel: http://bit.ly/LoveLafayetteYouTube

Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, April 18, 7 p.m. Teleconference Meeting via Love Lafayette YouTube http://bit.ly/LoveLafayetteYouTube

Design Review

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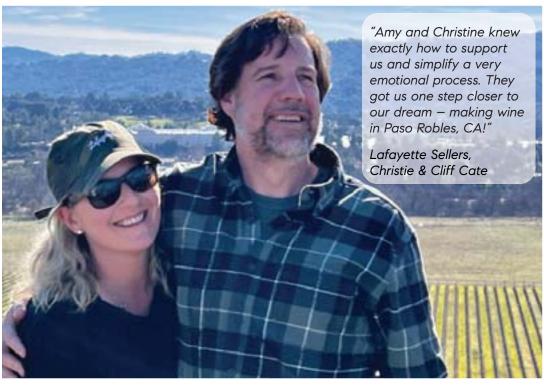
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