

Lafayette Art & Wine Festival returns Sept. 17-18 for 25th anniversary



One of the biggest draws to downtown Lafayette returns Sept. 17 and 18, with four stages and over 20 bands, 300 artist and craft booths and four kid zones as part of the 2022 Lafayette Art & Wine Festival produced by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the city of Lafayette and Eckersstrom Productions. Complimentary bike valet parking will be offered at 81 Lafayette Circle and there will be free shuttle rides from the free festival parking in the BART parking lot.

"I'm very excited about this year's festival," Brian Aiello, Festival Entertainment Chair since 2000, said. "I feel so fortunate that we are able to host an event like this that has such a wonderful history of great music, outstanding art, and a beautiful setting that is truly second to none. We'll have bands that have been performing with us for over a decade, along with some new sounds that I think people will love to see and hear."

Appearing for the first time this year will be New York Jazzman Kyle Athayde "who is putting together an awesome set with some heavy cats that will really get some attention; Maroon Vibe – a Maroon 5 tribute – will be pumping out some fun and contemporary pop, and golden-voiced Matt Owens will be belting out Eagles hits with his band Midnight Flyer," Aiello said.

"Of course there will be our anchors (because after all,

no Lafayette Art & Wine Festival could be complete without them): Spazmatics (is there possibly a more fun show – I think not), ZEBOP! with their faithful Santana tunes led by the incomparable Antonio Marquez, East Bay Mudd throwing down their great mix of funk and R&B (the only band I've seen that can get a conga line going at 2 in the afternoon!), and Lafayette's own Other Peoples' Money – OPM – that has been holding down the Saturday night closing spot for at least the last 10 years.

"All these plus so many more awesome bands that come together to make the Lafayette Art & Wine Festival the go-to festival!"

The Festival is family-friendly and dog-friendly. Well-behaved, leashed family dogs are welcome, but typically happiest during cooler – and less crowded – morning hours. Festival proceeds support local community programs like Lafayette Partners in Education ("LPIE"), and other nonprofits, but much of the Festival experience is free, including admission and all four stages.

Check the website for maps, music schedule and a current update on the safety policy at the time of the event. The Festival committee will follow all required health and safety procedures and requirements set by Contra Costa County and the State of California. <https://lafayettefestival.com> - J. Wake

Planning Commission recommends water conservation ordinance

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Projects are triggered for MWEL0 when they have 500 square-feet of new building with a landscape or new landscaping that did not exist before or 2,500 square-feet of rehabilitated landscaping. "Landscaping" is considered planting areas, turf areas, and water features (pools, spas, ponds, waterfalls, fountains, lakes, and artificial streams).

In a video presentation to the Planning Commission, Muller outlined the purpose of the ordinance, which would help to create hydrozones that include plants with similar characteristics such as water requirements, rooting depth, and climate suitability and would also address proper irrigation methods to increase water efficiency.

"We won't make people

rip out their lawns," Planning Director Greg Wolff said of the new requirements at the meeting. "This is the trigger of the California building code ordinance, so Lafayette is coming on board to state law."

While the ordinance states it would go into effect 30 days after the City Council approval, Wolff noted that any enforcement of the ordinance would likely not begin until after the first of the year.

The Planning Commission unanimously voted to adopt Resolution 2022-14 recommending the City Council adopt an ordinance amending Title 6 of Planning and Land Use, establishing a new Water Efficient Landscaping chapter consistent with the requirements outlined in the California building code. Commissioner Gary Huisinigh was absent.



Lafayette Public Meetings

City Council

Regular Meeting
Monday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.
Teleconference via City of Lafayette's YouTube Channel:
<http://bit.ly/LoveLafayetteYouTube>

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.
Teleconference Meeting via Love Lafayette YouTube
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Design Review

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m. Zoom
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