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Lafayette Celebrates Earth Day in a Big Way

By Steve Richard

On Sunday, April 22, the City of Lafayette and Acalanes High School are combining two exciting events—Lafayette’s second annual Earth Day Festival and a student organized Science Symposium on global warming. The theme is “Global Warming – A Local Event,” focusing on the threat of global warming and what we can do about it in Lamorinda.

The highlight of the afternoon is the Science Symposium on global warming from 1:00-2:00pm in the Performing Arts Theater at Acalanes High School. Acalanes students have been planning the event since the beginning of the year, with the assistance of two teacher advisors—Janet Thomas and Thomas McNamara.

The Symposium will be kicked off by seniors Kennan Cronen and Jeremy Wolff who will introduce the issue of global warming and how it is directly affecting the world in which we live.

Wolff said, “We hope to make people realize that even one person can make a difference.”

The Symposium’s keynote speaker is well-known Professor Dan Kammen, a professor in the Energy and Resources Group and the Director of the Renewable Energy Laboratory at UC Berkeley, who will talk about global warming and steps we must take to improve our situation. Speaker Adam Lerner will shed light on solar panels and Becky Shafi, an agent with AAA, will be talking about how to reduce greenhouse gases by making smart transportation decisions.

On the same day, in the Acalanes parking lot from 12:00 – 4:30pm, the second annual Lafayette Earth Day festival will be held, with over 30 vendors and displays. A children’s entertainment group, “Earthcapades,” will perform a

show on recycling from 2:00 – 2:30. The academy award winning documentary, AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH, will be shown from 3:00 – 4:30 in the Performing Arts Theater. All events are free of charge and free burritos will be offered to those that attend the symposium (complements of Casa Gourmet).

Thomas, an environmental science teacher at Acalanes, hopes that, “This event will bring the Lafayette community together in a way we’ve never seen before.”

For more information about the Science Symposium and Earth Day Festival visit www.sustainablelafayette.net. Sustainable Lafayette is a new citizen’s network that is helping residents and businesses learn from each other by sharing sustainability solutions that they’ve had success with.

Event Schedule, April 22:

12:00 pm
Exhibit area opens, Acalanes HS parking lot
1:00-2:00
Science Symposium,
Performing Arts Theater
2:00-2:30
EARTHCAPADES
Children’s Entertainment, Theater Quad
3:00-4:30
Presentation of the film “An Inconvenient Truth,”
Performing Arts Theater
4:30
Exhibit Area Closes



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