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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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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.

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.

Bear relocates to Lafayette

By Pippa Fisher



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

Photo provided

A rather large grizzly bear will be relocating to Golden Gate Way very soon. Lafayette will be hosting the bear sculpture for a two-year period in the city's first experience of temporary public art.

The work of Bay Area artists Chad Glashoff and Alex Nolan, the 7,200-pound kinetic, interactive bear stands almost 12-feet tall. The sculpture, entitled "Ursus Redivivus, Recycled Bear" is constructed almost entirely from scrap metal from escalators salvaged during a 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

to Orinda.

The city council heard from members of the Public Art Committee at the April 9 meeting. The PAC gave three suggested locations within the city for the bear. The council voted unanimously to locate the bear at 3505 Golden Gate Way, given the central location and high visibility, combined with the relative ease of installation.

In a statement included in the staff report, Nolan writes that he and Glashoff are excited for the opportunity 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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