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2020 Art and Wine Festival canceled

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Although it was probably inevitable, it wasn't official until July 7 when the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce issued a statement canceling this year's Art and Wine Festival in light of the growing number of new cases of COVID-19 in the Bay Area and in the interest of health and safety.

Explaining that they had been "holding out for the miracle that just did not come in time," the statement said that canceling the event was the last thing they wanted.

Chamber Executive Director Jay Lifson described losing the event as a tough blow to the community, the businesses, the artists, and the guests that often total more than 80,000.

"The revenue generated helps pay for our valued community services (like Trick or Treat Street and our Rock the Plaza Concert Series) and has donated well over \$500K to the non-profit beneficiaries we support including our schools," Lifson said.

Meanwhile the Chamber has its sights set on next year's event. The 25th Annual Lafayette Art and Wine Festival is already on the calendar for Sept. 18 and 19, 2021.

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