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## Earth Day Festival returns to downtown Lafayette

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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 e-waste 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 empty).

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.

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

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