

Shake it Up at the Lafayette Art & Wine Festival

Submitted by Carol Yates

Children who have never experienced an earthquake and adults new to California will have the opportunity to learn what to expect when the “big one” comes in the world’s largest mobile earthquake simulator at the Lafayette Art and Wine Festival Sept. 19-20. The simulator can recreate the intense shaking of an earthquake up to a magnitude of 8.0. “The simulations are the most extreme and realistic experiences you will get other than the forces of Mother Nature herself,” says the president of Big Shaker.

typical living room; some of the contents have been secured while others have not, and when the simulator shakes it recreates conditions similar to those that would be experienced in a home earthquake. The goal of the Big Shaker is to demonstrate what an earthquake can feel like and show what can happen to household possessions if they are not secured.

While most of residents cannot change the downtown buildings, the freeway, or BART tracks, they can avoid damage to possessions and personal injury on the inside of their homes by securing items such as upright pieces of furniture, books on high shelves, and glass on the walls. The Big Shaker is sponsored by the Lafayette Emergency Preparedness Commission.

The simulator is 20 feet long, weighs approximately 6,500 pounds and features a sophisticated hydraulics system, specifically engineered to simulate varying degrees of earthquake intensity. It has been outfitted with furnishings to replicate a



Both days will feature free live music on four stages. Photo Gint Federas

Festival Food, Music and Fun

The 2015 Lafayette Art and Wine Festival – which includes music with four live stages, 21 cover bands, over 260 artist booths, a KidZone, and great food – will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 in downtown Lafayette, just steps from the Lafayette BART station, near bike trails (complimentary valet bike parking provided), two blocks off Hwy 24, and an easy walk/shuttle from complimentary festival parking. Dozens of food vendors and food trucks will offer everything from hickory smoked pulled pork tacos to crab cakes, while popular wines, beers and ales are served throughout the festival. The Premium Wine and Craft Beer Pavilion will feature selections of high-end wines and craft beer that most people never get a chance to taste, including wines from the backyard vineyards of Lamorinda. The event is produced by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Lafayette and Eckerstrom Productions.

For more information, visit www.lafayettefestival.com. For a schedule of concerts, visit lafayettefestival.com/music.

9/11 Overpass Event



Photo Doug Kohen

The El Curtola Bridge over Highway 24, home of the largest overpass flag display in the state, will once again be decorated with flags, and feature a variety of family-friendly, non-political patriotic events on the anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attack.

Honor Guard, and special speaker Tom Knepell, who was in New York to visit family at the time of the tragedy.

The Remembrance and Candlelight Vigil from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 will feature Lafayette Boy Scout Troop 243, along with local dignitaries, the Travis Air Force Base

Also making an appearance is Fred “Spike” Schau of the Military Escort Team; he and a group of fellow motorcycle riders will be there to talk about their troop welcome home events and fallen soldiers escort services. The annual affair is organized by Jim Minder and Patty O’Day of the Lafayette Flag Brigade. C. Tyson

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Commissioners were pleased with the more transitional design, as a way to bridge commercial property on one side and single family residences on the other, with multi-family units directly behind the proposed cottages.

is always some fine tuning before an application is recommended for approval.

A project of this size is required to have a total of 11 parking spaces, one and a half spaces per unit. The new design has 14 spaces, two per unit – utilizing an inventive car lift system in each unit’s garage, along with two spaces for guests. A dedicated space on the street would be set aside for deliveries and garbage service.

Commissioner Shalini Agrawal commented that it was a thoughtful layout, but there was a bit of contradiction between the vision of a walkable lifestyle and adding more parking than necessary. Other commissioners suggested perhaps adding Juliet balconies on the second level and “green” elements as the design continues to evolve.

Commissioners generally liked this version of the new plan, especially the smaller scale, however there

Some neighbors actually showed up at the design review meeting to compliment the developer for making major changes and responding to their concerns.

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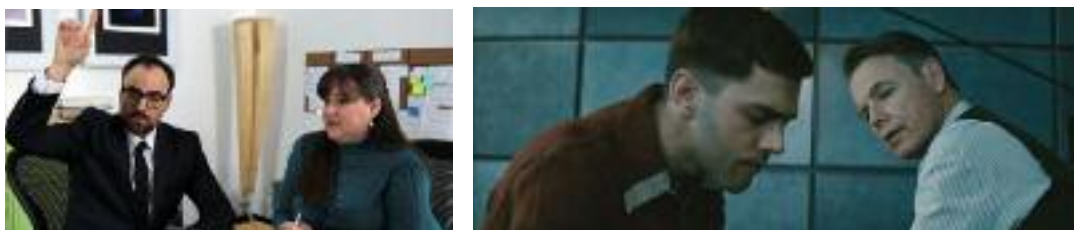
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