

Lafayette's newest public art piece and first-ever art Walk and Talk event



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Lafayette's latest public art piece, A Living Street by Alice M. Stern, was installed last month.

By Pippa Fisher

The city council heard an update from the Public Art Committee at its Feb. 24 meeting, including details of the latest art piece recently installed in the city and plans for an upcoming Art Walk and Talk event.

PAC member Janice Peacock drew the council's attention to artist Alice M. Stern's work, "A Living Street," installed in February at the newly constructed condominiums behind Trader Joe's at 945 Mountain View Drive.

Peacock explained that the 8-foot diameter work, inset into the pedestrian courtyard space, seeks to honor the history of the interwoven fabric of the Lafayette community by utilizing concentric circles in a quilting pattern, joined together by a flowing pathway recalling the creek. The design uses only straight lines yet creates the illusion and movement of curved, organic focal points.

Residents will get a chance to hear from the artist herself at a special event planned at 1 p.m. March 21 a public art walk and talk.

The free event will start at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Art Gallery with a short introductory talk from award-winning Lafayette painter and print-maker Pam Fletcher whose work is currently on exhibition at the gallery.

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Further details on the event can be found at www.lovelafayette.org/city-hall/commissions-committees/ public-art-committee/public-art-events-733

PG&E removes trees overhanging Briones pipeline



Photo Pippa Fisher

PG&E works to cut trees posing a potential strike risk for the exposed high transmission gas pipeline Feb. 27.

Chainsaws were buzzing Feb. 27 in the Buckeye Ranch Trail area of Briones Regional Park as PG&E work to clear vegetation around a high-pressure gas transmission line, per the recommendations of a third party engineering firm hired last year, following residents' concerns about the safety of trees overhanging an exposed

pipeline.

The work, which will also include vegetation in the Girl Scout Camp area, is anticipated to be complete by March 6. In total the utility company says it will be removing 13 trees and eight brush units.

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