If that isn’t enough to keep you busy, there is, of course, the first-ever Santa Cruz Music Festival—one day, 11 stages around town and more than 90 artists. Are you game? It all unfolds July 20. Take a look at this week’s cover story where we highlight several must-sees. And be sure to visit gtweekly.com for additional articles on the festival.

Not to be left out: Shakespeare Santa Cruz unravels July 19. Stay tuned for more details on those shows in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, turn to News [page 8]. This week, we look at the one-year anniversary of Assembly Bill 341, the state’s recycling mandate. What do local leaders think—and want to do—about it as they assess the one-year marker.

There’s plenty more to savor in between, but let me give a couple of mid-summer shout outs to some local entities whose work deserves some recognition: concert promoter Michael Horne, whose hard work never ceases to amaze—go see Bruce Cockburn Friday at The Rio. And also, the Downtown Association of Santa Cruz—from information kiosks to visitor-friendly trolley and helping to organize/oversee many other events, it deserves some kudos.

More soon. Onward ...

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