

2012 GREEN AWARDS

RESIDENTS

Beth Ferree & John Eaton. *For being exemplary and passionate stewards of the earth by turning your home and yard into a model of sustainable living.* Beth and John have transformed their yard by replacing their grass with drought tolerant plants and an edible garden. They have also swapped their car for their bikes when travelling to work and around town. Beth and John share their passion by providing leadership for the new Community Garden and The Urban Farmers.

Brad Crane. *For riding your bike everywhere and promoting biking in Lafayette.* Brad lives in the Lafayette-Moraga Trail neighborhood and rides his bike everywhere instead of driving. He uses his bike trailer to take his kids to school and for shopping and errands. Brad promotes biking by serving on the City's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee and is part of Sustainable Lafayette's GoLafayette team.

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Whole Foods. *For being a corporate culture that promotes local best practices and that is a model for other businesses.* Whole Foods: supports carpooling for its employees; provides electric vehicle charging stations for its customers; uses compostable supplies; bans plastic bags; implements paperless ordering systems; promoting local foods; supports alternative energy; and is a County Certified Green Business. Team Leaders Gary Ramirez and Jane Shafer are commended for making an immediate impact on Lafayette.

La Boulange. *For ongoing devotion to thinking green.* La Boulange: uses compostable or recyclable packaging; uses furniture from sustainably grown trees; produces bio-fuels; and uses energy- and water-saving devices. La Boulange has supported the Hunsucker Goodstein / Lafayette Green Committee's annual Earth Day Cleanup.

Mechanics Bank. *For being the only bank in Lafayette that is a County Certified Green Business.* Branch Manager Debbie Copper has made it her mission to be green by: putting reports online; printing double-sided; promoting paperless banking for its customers; using green products, furniture, paint, and cleaning products. The branch became a certified business after a rigorous process and inspections by EBMUD and PG&E. Debbie is helping other Lafayette businesses to go green.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Lafayette Community Garden. *For developing an inspiring community garden and educational resource that has touched a wide array of Lafayette residents.* The Community Garden group transformed a plot of unused and highly visible dirt into a special community garden and learning center that promotes local foods and organic gardening through its 50 member families, public workshops, and Fall Festival. The Garden has achieved the City's environmental goal to support local food groups.

SCHOOLS

Quan Nguyen. *For being the Eco-Custodian of the Decade.* None of Springhill's efforts to be a sustainability leader would have been possible without the enthusiastic support of Lead Custodian Quan Nguyen. He eliminated the need for plastic trashcan liners by rinsing out the cans instead, and he facilitated the reusable lunch tray program. Quan manages the school's compost and food scrap recycling, and has even helped Springhill's sister schools in their programs. Quan is an inspiration to students, parents, and faculty.

Nanette Heffernan. *For being passionate about showing the Springhill School community how to eliminate waste.* Nanette has led the school's Green team over the past three years, and helped reduce lunch waste by 80-percent. The latest initiative is eliminating disposable lunch trays. Nanette is a model for students, parents, and other schools on how to be green.