

2014 GREEN AWARDS

RESIDENT

Bart Carr. *For serving as a leader in transportation and waste diversion efforts.* As co-founder of Sustainable Lafayette, Bart has been a leader in waste reduction for the past 20-years and is a widely recognized waste and transportation expert in Contra Costa County. He currently works as a senior program manager at Recycle Smart, formerly known as the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority. Bart volunteered on the City of Lafayette's Environmental Task Force and is on the Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Bart also volunteers on the Chamber of Commerce Green Committee and has helped organize Lafayette's Earth Day Festival in years past. At home, Bart is actively working to reduce his family's environmental impact by installing solar panels, riding his bike to work and around town, composting, and a host of other activities.

"Papa" John Kiefer. *For helping the community raise chickens and live sustainably.* "Papa" John is an advocate for bringing agriculture back to the community. Specifically, he conducts a series of workshops that cover raising young chicks, laying hen maintenance, and sustainable coop construction. In addition, this past year he helped the City update its regulations so that residents can keep chickens and other small farm animals, while ensuring impacts on neighbors are minimized.

Steve Richard. *For serving as a leader in environmental issues for residents, businesses, and surrounding communities.* As co-founder of Sustainable Lafayette, Steve has organized a hard-working team that has collaborated to make an environmental difference throughout our community. Through Sustainable Lafayette, Steve has launched multiple programs which include Recycle Lafayette and Go Lafayette. Steve is a fifteen year resident of Lafayette and has continuously worked to reduce his family's environmental footprint since watching *An Inconvenient Truth* in 2006. This effort has included installing solar panels, CFL & LED lights, new appliances, low flush toilets, riding his bike, using a push mower, transitioning to native plants, and a wide range of other upgrades. Steve is utilizing his 18-year background in high-tech marketing and management at companies like Hewlett-Packard, Netscape, and Lotus to help promote sustainable practices across the community. Steve was a member of Lafayette's Environmental Task Force and Chamber of Commerce Green Committee from 2007-2014.

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Lafayette Car Wash & Detail Center. *For promoting water conservation efforts during the drought.* The Lafayette Car Wash and Detail Center is a designated Lafayette Green Business. They have been designated as a WATER SAVER Car Wash by the International Car Wash Association where more than 60-percent of their water used is recycled. Lafayette Car Wash and Detail Center goes above and beyond to make their business sustainable. They use low flow toilets, florescent lighting, incorporated motion sensor lighting and switches throughout the facility, and installed a high insulation foam roof. For the convenience of their customers, they are also a drop off recycle station for batteries and ink cartridges and give discounts for hybrid vehicles.

Metro Lafayette. *For being a model restaurant in Lafayette's Restaurant Row.* Metro Lafayette's green efforts span every aspect of their business including food, cleaning, and waste diversion. Their menu is comprised of organic and locally grown ingredients, some of which are grown in their garden. Metro Lafayette, owned and operated by Lafayette residents Jack Moore & Erika Pringsheim-Moore, was one of the first businesses to participate in the Food Recycling Project, where food scraps are converted into renewable energy and compost at the EBMUD Wastewater Treatment Facility in Oakland. This Lafayette Green Certified Business also spearheaded efforts to green the business, including use of eco-friendly cleaning products, recycled teak and 3FORM tables, low-flow toilets, energy-efficient lighting, biodegradable to-go packaging, and sourcing ingredients from local, sustainable farms and vendors.

GREEN BUILDING

Edward & Carolyn Milovic. *For prioritizing the natural environment while constructing their American dream.* Ed & Carolyn Milovic constructed a new residence that is seeking LEED platinum certification. Primary efforts to obtain the certification include constructing a modest sized home that limits its impact on the natural environment with minimal tree removal. Specific “green” technologies include rainwater catchment, SIP panels, pervious pavement, and tankless water heater which are especially crucial given the current drought. To conserve energy, the project incorporated LED lighting and solar panels. With the clean solar energy production, the project is offsetting up to 50% of the homes energy needs. Home performance was HERS tested 50.7% above Title 24 energy requirements.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. *For helping our business community become more green.* The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce sponsors the annual Art & Wine Festival which supports on average 10,000 visitors each day over the two day event. A significant quantity of waste and recyclables are generated, due to the large number of event visitors in addition to event vendors. The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce has placed a high priority of waste reduction and recycling at the two day event. The Chamber worked to develop a comprehensive recycling program for the event that has recovered and diverted significant amounts of material. In 2013, over 5 tons were diverted from landfilling resulting in a diversion rate of 89%. In addition to the success at the Festival, the Chamber Board of Directors also supported Lafayette’s regulations for “Single-Use Carryout Bags” and “Food and Beverage Container Recycling” resulting in a greener business climate.

SCHOOLS

Global Student Embassy. *For inspiring the next generation to think sustainably.* Global Student Embassy, with special recognition to Mallory Bressler and Chrissy Orangio, has empowered Lafayette youth to become environmental stewards, social innovators, and community leaders. They represent the opportunity to engage the next generation as leaders in the 'greening' of their community and the world. The organization has reduced students' environmental footprint at Acalanes High School and at home. They offer lessons to the Environmental Science students and club members about gardening, resource management, sustainability, and food systems. They also provide an international exchange, traveling to Nicaragua and Ecuador with students. In those countries they have built bio-intensive gardens, greenhouses and drip irrigation systems. In February 2014, Nicaraguan students traveled to Lafayette for a cultural exchange to learn more about organic gardening techniques.

Janet Kaidantzis. *For teaching the next generation to value our resources.* Janet Kaidantzis, coordinator for Burton Valley Elementary School’s Green Team food waste and recycling program, has organized parents and teachers to train “green team” students. She interfaces with Recycle Smart, assists on grant applications, and constantly strives to make the food collection and recycling program at Burton Valley Elementary better. Her efforts have helped the City reach its waste diversion goals.

Brian Mangold. *For teaching the next generation to reduce, reuse, and recycle.* Brian Mangold, employee at Stanley Middle School, has demonstrated commitment to improving campus practices and expanding environmental awareness amongst both students and administration. He streamlined operations with the maintenance staff to help increase rate of recycling, made food scrap recycling a campus-wide practice, and expanded the on-site garden. He incorporated paper towel composting in all bathrooms which has resulted in the reduction in a considerable amount of waste that would have otherwise ended up in the landfill.