

2016 GREEN AWARDS

RESIDENTS

Erin & Ford Andrews. *For running an exemplary environmentally-friendly restaurant.* Having lived in Lafayette for 25 years, the Andrews opened Sideboard Lafayette this past year and have made it a priority to ensure the business is environmentally-friendly in a number of ways. In addition to being Green Certified, the Andrews brought in reused furniture and use environmentally-friendly cleaning products, biodegradable to-go containers, and locally-grown, natural, and organic products on their menu whenever possible. Additionally, they have their used cooking oil picked up for reuse, purchase coffee beans from small roasters, supply water jugs with reusable cups, and recycle all food scraps, paper, plastic, and glass. The Andrews' commitment to sustainability is evident in the level of effort they have put in to make Sideboard as "green" as possible.

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Urban Remedy. *For reducing their environmental impact through using sustainable foods, installing energy-efficient products, and conserving resources.* Built on the belief that business will be most successful through collaboration with the environment, Urban Remedy takes pride in encouraging customers to shop locally, eat organic, locally-grown foods, and reduce the environmental footprint of the community. During construction, Urban Remedy kept most of the existing tenant space in La Fiesta Square intact to reduce construction waste and elected to use low-wattage LED lighting, zero-VOC paint and finishes, reused materials, low-flow bathroom appliances, and an energy-efficient HVAC system. The store uses 100% recyclable plastic, paper, and compostable greenware, offers recyclable flatware, cups, napkins, and paper straws, uses compostable trash bags, and is in the process of switching to a post-consumer, recyclable plastic within the year. Urban Remedy also offers complimentary purified water, helping to keep an estimated nearly 2,000 plastic single-use water bottles out of the landfill since their opening. Additionally, the business has a goal to minimize food waste and donates all leftover products instead of putting them into the landfill. Urban Remedy is helping to set a high standard for responsible, sustainable business practices in the community.

Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa. *For continuing to take advantage of new technology to reduce their carbon footprint.* The hotel began using Xeros for all hotel laundry, a program which allowed them to save 1.8 million gallons of water in 2016 compared to what they would have used with their old conventional system. The hotel also uses Stem, a battery storage system that pulls electricity from the grid at non-peak hours and puts it back into the system during peak demand times, reducing the major spikes normally associated with peak demand. As the hotel is required to have fans that clear out carbon monoxide (CO) in their parking structure, they installed a monitoring system that only turns the fans on when CO reaches a certain level, reducing the amount of electricity that is used. The hotel has replaced their boiler, chillers, and cooling tower system with energy-efficient systems, switched to LED light bulbs that are motion-censored, installed low-flow technology, and continues to recycle all food scraps. Through all of these improvements, the Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa has achieved significant savings in energy and water use.

YOUTH

Burton Valley Elementary. *For reaching and maintaining the State's 75% waste diversion goal for the last three years and continuing to set a positive example for other schools in the district.* Burton Valley Elementary was the first school in the Lafayette School District to reach the 75% Waste Diversion Goal of both the State and the City, surpassing the City's approximate diversion rate of 60% (using 2015 data). This was accomplished through a campaign to recycle and divert both landscape and cafeteria food waste, which inspired other schools in the district to reach the 75% diversion level as well. In addition to their food recovery and recycling programs, Burton Valley Elementary has a garden classroom where students learn about sustainable living. Burton Valley Elementary will be the second recipient of the Lafayette Environmental Action Fellowship (LEAF) and will be awarded \$1,000 to continue to execute sustainability projects with its students.