

## 2021 GREEN AWARDS

### RESIDENTS

**Jamie, Scout, and Finn Renton.** *For their activist efforts to address the use and proliferation of gas leaf blowers in Lafayette.* Jamie, Scout and Finn Renton's efforts to promote awareness of gas leaf blowers happened while remote learning earlier in the COVID-19 pandemic. Finding it hard to hear their teachers over Zoom while people were using leaf blowers outside, they decided to conduct research on the impacts of this equipment and whether other municipalities have taken measures concerning their use. Emphasizing the environmental impacts and actions other cities have taken, the Renton siblings have conducted a grassroots outreach effort to neighbors, the school district and the City to advocate for the ban of leaf blowers.

### LOCAL BUSINESSES

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

### YOUTH

**Project Earth Team at Burton Valley Elementary.** *For their ongoing efforts to address and mitigate car-idling around schools and throughout Lafayette.* The Project Earth team consists of 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Burton Valley Elementary who are dedicated to reducing our carbon footprint through three main ways: Supporting MCE Deep Green, promoting construction of more bike lanes and reducing or eliminating car idling near schools and citywide. Their efforts to end car idling began in 2018 by making creative signs telling people not to idle and holding them up around school. This effort led to a 10 percent reduction of idling in one day. The team has also reached out to other students for feedback on car idling and its impact around their schools, and presented their efforts and advocated for a no-idling ordinance at the City's Environmental Task Force meeting this year.