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Lafayette's Green Award Winners

out people and businesses that contribute to a more sustainable community. Five winners, each representing a unique category, were recently se-

Gint Federas took on a number of as- tures. They're also recycling paper, pects of his home, replacing all indoor shipping materials and more, supportand outdoor lighting, installing solar ing local artists and donating defecpanels, replacing the pool pump, installing a tankless water heater and Animal Rescue Fund. ECOlunchmore; the net result is significant boxes.com is a Lafayette-based, nonhome energy savings.

School category: Lafayette School District Green Team— Partnering with Sustainable Lafayette, the Lafayette School District conducted energy, water and waste audits across all campuses in 2009 and started implementing upgrades in 2010 that are already saving \$75,000 per year for the District. Gym lights were replaced, windows were replaced, and a lunch recycling program was kicked Richardson. C.Tyson

very year the Green Awards single off, with substantial assistance from students. "School Liaisons" at each school were an integral part of making Green Team so successful.

A tie in the Business category: lected by the Environmental Task Force Clocks, etc. changed all of the light and honored at a City Council meeting. fixtures in the store and is now offer-Lafayette Resident Category: ing a new line of green lighting fixtive but useable products to ARF – the toxic lunch container company.

Green Building category: The Ecohouse Design Team took a year to transform an original 1950s ranch house into a sustainable home of the future. The very first PG & E bill for the home was only \$50. Members of the Design Team include architect Ken Hertel, designer Michael Brison Bornn, homeowner and project manager Karen Maggio and builder Mike

As seen in Lafayette...



Not something you see every day, but on a recent warm Sunday afternoon the French Quarter came to Lafayette complete with crawfish and a fantastic Zydeco band to entertain guests on the back patio at Yankee Pier restaurant. A native of southern Louisiana, Andrew Carriere, and his band, the Cajun Classics, set the tone for the New Orleans Crawfish Boil theme meal that was created to welcome summer weather to Lamorinda and celebrate the official opening of the back patio. A substantial turnout of happy diners enjoyed the relaxing rhythmic vibe, spicy crawfish, potatoes, roasted garlic cloves and artichoke halves, under the shade of umbrellas, surrounded by lush flowering plants. General Manager and Partner Michael Moore said there may be future musical events over the summer, stay tuned. C. Tyson

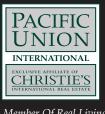


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