

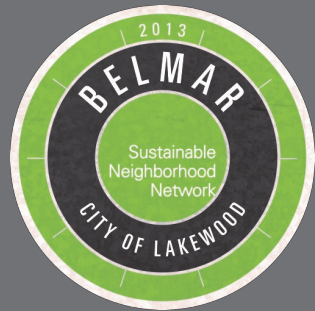


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This newsletter was made
for Belmar residents,
by Belmar residents.

Please take a few minutes to look inside and
check out the 2014 Belmar initiatives:

- TRANSPORTATION**
- HEALTH & WELLNESS**
- RECYCLING / WASTE**
- BELMAR'S URBAN GARDEN**
- COMMUNITY OUTREACH**
- AIR QUALITY**
- ENERGY CONSERVATION**



Neighborhood Newsletter:

This newsletter was produced by Belmar community members in partnership with the City of Lakewood Sustainable Neighborhoods Program. We welcome your ideas, support, and participation.

"Community sustainability is creating balance among the environment, economy, and society to ensure that practices and decisions do not compromise the quality of life for future generations."
- Lakewood Comprehensive Plan

UPCOMING EVENTS

..... for **BELMAR**

APRIL 9, 2014 7pm

Protect Your Identity Seminar

Join us for a FREE fraud prevention, protect your identity seminar with presenter Cary Johnson from the District Attorney's Office.
Location: Colorado Media School

APRIL 19, 2014 10am—3pm

Lakewood's Earth Day Celebration

A "Zero-waste" event with special attractions like a xeriscaping tutorial and seedling exchange.
Location: Lakewood Heritage Center

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Sustainable Neighborhood BELMAR

OUR IDEAS. OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. OUR HOME.

City of Lakewood Sustainable Neighborhoods Program

The Sustainable Neighborhoods Program gives residents the opportunity to become active partners in making Lakewood a vibrant and sustainable city. Neighborhoods participating in this unique certification program use guidance from the City staff to organize workshops, projects and events that enhance the livability of their neighborhood and reduce resident's ecological footprint.

Participating neighborhoods earn program credits for projects and initiatives and, depending on the number of credits earned in a given year, may receive City designation as an "Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood," earning custom signage for the neighborhood.

Learn more at
SustainableNeighborhoodNetwork.org

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March 2014 Update | Belmar's Tour of the All Together Recycling Facility

On Friday, February 28, the Belmar and Southern Gables Sustainable Neighborhoods groups took part in a tour of All Together Recycling in Denver. This is the largest single-stream recycling facility in Colorado and employs very sophisticated separation equipment to sort and process recyclable materials for shipment to customers all over the U.S. and internationally.

Here are a number of things that were learned about the current facts of recycling:

- There is no need to remove plastic caps and lids from bottles. They all get processed together. In fact, very small items fall through the system and get put into the landfill.
- Plastic bags should never be put in the recycling stream as the equipment cannot handle them.
- You might think Colorado leads the nation in recycling, but it doesn't. Our diversion rate, the amount of trash diverted to recycling instead of going into the landfill, is only about 20 percent. Less than half the rate achieved in the Pacific Northwest.
- You don't have to completely clean out your food containers. Do what you can but no need to run them through dishwashers.
- Aluminum cans remain the most valuable and easily recycled material.
- Broken glass cannot be recycled.
- Don't put shredded paper in the recycling bin. Only shredding companies can bail it properly.

To learn more, check out All Together Recycling's website.
www.altogetherrecycling.com/complete_list.php

- Recycle Belmar Team



BELMAR'S 2014 Sustainability Initiatives

& SPRING EVENT CALENDAR

Sustainable Neighborhood Belmar's Focus

The Sustainable Neighborhoods Program focuses on five broad goal categories and associated target areas. We use these goal areas to guide the selection of our neighborhood initiatives. The goal categories are *air, water, land, energy, and people*.

INITIATIVE: BELMAR'S URBAN GARDEN



Spring is just around the corner, and we're already at membership capacity. Four temporary plots and two triangular plots from last year's Learning Source allocation are now a permanent part of the garden.

Cheers to Terry Penny. He will establish two fruit trees on either side of the shed in early April: a cherry and an apple. Terry promises a cider fest.

Lakewood's Earth Day Celebration is **Saturday, April 19 from 10 am—3 pm** at the Lakewood Heritage Center. Sustainable Neighborhood Belmar will be hosting a booth to promote the SN program and our neighborhood initiatives. Come check out attractions like a xeriscaping tutorial, recycling demo, ukulele band and more. Please let us know if you're interested in helping us run the booth!

Mary Lai is also spearheading a seedling exchange on **Saturday, April 12** during our Spring meeting and we hope an "early planting" workshop will accompany it.

In late spring, we will be scheduling workshops on container gardening, water conservation and the ever-popular "how to raise a tomato." Also being planned is a garden cleanup day that will coincide with D.U.G.'s annual delivery of compost.

INITIATIVE: TRANSPORTATION

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Car2Go Comes to Belmar!!!

The innovative car sharing service, Car2Go, is being expanded to the Belmar area! This is the first expansion for Car2Go outside the central Denver home service area and is a result of cooperation from the City of Lakewood, Belmar property management, and residents supporting alternative transportation as a part of Sustainable Belmar.

It's easy to have access to a car when you need it. After registering with Car2Go, all you have to do is swipe your access card on the windshield of an available Car2Go. The car unlocks, the key is in the console and off you go! Rentals are 38 cents per minute, which includes gas, insurance and free parking at any City of Denver street meter. Some residents are thinking this may be the opportunity to get rid of that extra car that doesn't get used as much after having moved to Belmar. There is even a handy smartphone app that tells you where the nearest available Car2Go is parked. More information will be available soon regarding the official launch of Car2Go in Belmar!

INITIATIVE: COMMUNITY BUILDING

Protect your identity!

We are hosting a FREE Fraud Prevention, Protect Your Identity Seminar. It is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 PM** at the Colorado Media School. Cary Johnson from the District Attorney's Office will be the presenter. For more information go to: [Facebook.com/BelmarSustainable](https://www.facebook.com/BelmarSustainable)



INITIATIVE: RECYCLING / WASTE

If you have an interest in joining this group, want more information on any of the events, or have ideas you would like to share, please email: BCConnection@gmail.com

We are working on a spreadsheet that will help identify locations to recycle many items that are not traditionally accepted in single-stream recycling. We'll begin approaching businesses in Belmar to learn about their level of participation in recycling.

This summer there will be a "Repurposing Rodeo" for Belmar residents to gather and bring their gently used items to share with other residents.

This subcommittee's next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 16**.

INITIATIVE: HEALTH & WELLNESS

Walk Belmar continues to be very successful and is close to reaching one of our initial goals. The Walk Belmar group has met every Saturday since November 2. By the end of February, the group had walked **51 miles**, with **32 different Belmar residents participating** in one or more of the walks.

Our group plans to lead group walks in the parks near Belmar when the City of Lakewood's Recreation Division kicks off Passport to the Parks, a program encouraging residents to visit and walk many of the parks throughout our city. We'll reach out to the other Sustainable Neighborhoods and encourage them to lead group walks in the parks surrounding their neighborhoods.

We'll be starting group bike rides in May.

This subcommittee's next meeting will be **Thursday, April 10**.