



This newsletter was made  
for Belmar residents, by Belmar residents.  
Please take a few minutes to check it out!

### Neighborhood Newsletter:

This newsletter was produced by the Belmar Community Connection registered neighborhood organization in partnership with the City of Lakewood Sustainable Neighborhoods Program. We welcome your ideas support and participation.

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**National Night Out**  
Tuesday, August 7th  
5:00-8:00 p.m.  
Belmar Square Park

### It's a Potluck, so bring a Dish

extras provided by Baker St. Pub & Grill, Century Theater, Champa Street Burger Works, Delaney's Deli, Elephant Bar Restaurant, Jamba Juice, Little India Restaurant & Bar, Mile High Wine & Spirits, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Paciugo Gelato & Caffe, Ted's Montana Grill, The Oven Pizza e Vino, R Design LLC, The Press Coffee Company, The Rock Wood Fired Pizza & Spirits, Wasabi Sushi Bar, Whole Foods Market Belmar, Wystone's World Teas, and Zinga! Frozen Yogurt

This is a non-alcohol event

Hosted by Belmar Community Connection (BCC), Belmar and Target

### Upcoming Events

**August 7, 2012**

National Night Out  
5:00-8:00 p.m.  
Belmar Square Park

**August 11, 2012**

(Every Saturday Morning)  
Belmar Walkers  
8:00 a.m.  
Health Passport, 463 S. Vance St.

**August 23, 2012**

Sustainable Neighborhoods  
Workshop & Community  
Garden Tour  
6:30 p.m.  
Meet at Health Passport,  
463 S. Vance St.  
for a brief meeting, followed by  
a tour of the new community  
garden at the Learning Source,  
455 S. Pierce St.

### Lakewood Sustainable Neighborhoods Program

Neighborhoods participating in this unique certification program use guidance from City staff to organize workshops, projects and events that enhance the livability of their neighborhood. Participating neighborhoods earn program credits for their efforts and, depending on the number of credits earned in a given year, may receive City designation as a "Lakewood Sustainable Neighborhood"



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## Belmar Residents Participating in Lakewood's New Sustainable Neighborhoods Program

Do you know what kind of light bulbs to buy when the old ones burn out?

Do you know we have a wind farm in Belmar?

Do you know that leaving your car at home two days per week this summer is one of the best ways you can help reduce ozone creating pollutants?

Do you know why the streets in Belmar are narrow and the sidewalks are wide?

Do you know how many tons of asphalt were recycled in developing Belmar?

Do you know there is a Belmar walking group?

Do you know we have an EXPRESS bus [87X] to downtown Denver departing at Vance and Alaska?

Do you know what these questions have in common?

They fall under the up-to-date heading of Sustainable Living. If you're like me you wonder what sustainable means? I looked it up on the Internet.

Merriam-Webster defines it as "capable of being sustained". All right then. Wikipedia's definition of sustainability is longer, but sounds rather vague and complex to me.

If you have questions of your own and are interested in exploring what sustainable is and what we can do to achieve it in Belmar, please join us on our journey of discovery through the Sustainable Neighborhood Program, sponsored by the City of Lakewood and coordinated by Belmar Community Connection.

We will be organizing workshops, projects, and events and we're looking for others with questions, ideas, and/or expertise. Check us out and join us on [Facebook.com/belmarsustainable](http://Facebook.com/belmarsustainable) or email [BCCconnection@gmail.com](mailto:BCCconnection@gmail.com).

Leann Wood Lupomech,  
President, Belmar Community Connection

## Belmar's Community Garden Breaks New Ground

Belmar's Community Garden, located just east of east of South Quay street and adjacent The Learning Source, is off to a beautiful start. Belmar residents who chose a Downtown Lakewood lifestyle now have a place to practice their gardening skills. In cooperation with The Learning Source and Denver Urban Gardens, Belmar residents mapped out 17 individual plots with irrigation and walkways and began planting in June. This was a true community effort and part of a movement seen all around Denver to beatify unused spaces as well as put folks back in touch with growing their own food.



**Join us for a tour of the garden and to learn more about the Sustainable Neighborhoods program at 6:30PM on August 23rd at The Learning Source.**





**2012 Belmar Sustainability Initiatives**  
 Your neighborhood needs you! Share your expertise.  
 Get involved at the next Leadership meeting on August 23rd.

Belmar residents have been working together to identify sustainability initiatives for 2012. Now is your chance to join your neighbors in building a sustainable community. If you are passionate about one of the topics below, contact the appropriate neighborhood volunteer to offer your help and expertise.

**Initiative:**  
**Air Quality**  
*Belmar's Share for Cleaner Air*

**Mission:** Reduce neighborhood emissions and improve indoor and outdoor air quality.

**Current Projects:**

- Promote regional air quality initiatives
- Participate RTD's Tour de Fastracks promoting the new bike path along the West Corridor Light Rail line.

**JOIN THE LEADERSHIP TEAM!**

Looking for dynamic leaders with creative ideas, and anyone passionate about protecting our air and environment.

**Contact: Cathy Hatfield**  
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**Initiative:**  
**Recycling & Compost**  
*Re-hash our Trash*

**Mission:** Reduce waste in the neighborhood through green purchasing, composting, and recycling.

**Current Projects:**

- Recycling resource database
- Community composting
- Business partnerships for waste reduction

**JOIN THE LEADERSHIP TEAM!**

Looking for zero-waste experts and anyone passionate about reducing waste, recycling, and composting.

**Contact: Val Manzi**  
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**Initiative:**  
**Health & Wellness**  
*Activate Belmar*

**Mission:** Promote active living and wellness through community groups, events, and classes offered at Belmar Health Passport.

**Current Projects:**

- Healthy eating
- Fitness in the square
- Belmar Health Passport partnership. Class information [www.myhealthpassport.org](http://www.myhealthpassport.org)

**JOIN THE LEADERSHIP TEAM!**

Looking for anyone passionate about active living, nutrition, fitness, and community.

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**Initiative: Communication & Community Building**  
*Share, Tag, Like, & Ping*

**Mission:** Build a strong community network that encourages collaboration, communication, and participation in sustainability initiatives and events.

**Current Projects:**

- Expanding neighborhood social media network
- Print and electronic newsletters and communication
- Marketing & promotion of initiatives and events

**JOIN THE LEADERSHIP TEAM!**

Looking for social media/web experts, marketers, gossip columnists, fast talkers, graphic designers, and anyone with creative ideas and a desire to help facilitate community collaboration.

**Contact: Julie Garra**  
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**Initiative:**  
**Energy Efficiency**  
*Smart Energy Belmar*

**Mission:** Promote energy efficiency in the neighborhood and encourage conservation and use of renewable resources.

**Current Projects:**

- Residential energy audits
- Establish community-wide reduction targets
- Explore alternative energy opportunities for residents in Belmar

**JOIN THE LEADERSHIP TEAM!**

Looking for experts in energy conservation, alternative energy, handymen and handywomen to help with home efficiency upgrades, and anyone passionate about clean energy and energy conservation.

**Contact: Doug Wells**  
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**Initiative:**  
**Community Garden**  
*Roots, Shoots, & First Fruits*

**Mission:** Promote local foods, urban agriculture and Belmar's new community garden.

**Current Projects:**

- Enhance Belmar's new community garden
- Promote local food production and resources
- Container, hydroponic, and traditional gardening workshops

**JOIN THE LEADERSHIP TEAM!**

Looking for green thumbs, localvores, canners, cooks, composters, and anyone passionate about gardening, community, and urban agriculture.

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