

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**

**UPCOMING EVENTS for BELMAR:**

**Rooney Road Recycling Center Open House**  
**Sat, Sept 27** 12- 3 pm  
**Location: Rooney Road Recycling Center**  
**151 South Rooney Road Golden, CO**  
Did you know Rooney Recycles household paint, motor oil, cleaners, pesticides, etc? Stop by the only hazardous waste facility in Jefferson County and see how it's done at the Rooney Road Recycling Center open House. Free tours, free food and activities!  
Visit: [www.rooneyroadrecycling.org](http://www.rooneyroadrecycling.org) for more information.

**Health and Wellness Committee Meeting**  
**Thurs, October 2** 6:30 pm  
**Location: Sara Livingston's Home**  
The Health and Wellness Committee is looking for new members. This meeting will be a great opportunity to share your ideas about how Belmar can incorporate health and wellness ideas into future activities as well as everyday life. For directions or any other information please contact Sara Livingston at: [sjbliv@gmail.com](mailto:sjbliv@gmail.com).

**Walk Belmar**  
**Every Saturday** 9 am  
**Location: Belmar Plaza**  
Join fellow Belmar residents for weekly walks!

**Recycling Committee Meeting**  
**Wed, October 15** 6:30 PM  
**Location: Diane Frei's Home**  
For location and other information please contact Sandie Weathers at [sandie.weathers@hotmail.com](mailto:sandie.weathers@hotmail.com).

**Bike Belmar**  
**1st Sun of every Month** 10 am  
**Location: Belmar Plaza**  
Bike through Lakewood with neighbors!

**In October keep an eye out for:**

- FAB7 Art Event
- Community Potluck
- Community Clean up Day



**"Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood"**

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*A FAB7 Evening for Belmar Residents!*

On Saturday, October 11, 4-7pm, come out for Food & Art at Block 7 - 445 S Saulsbury St. As a thank you to Belmar Residents for supporting our local arts we invite you to come down and sample food and drink from handpicked Belmar eateries while you take in the diverse art from the nine studios/galleries along Block 7. Meet the artists, learn about the classes and services they offer and enjoy a fabulous evening in your Belmar neighborhood. This is a free event for Belmar residents and their families only. Would you like more info? Please email us at [block7art@gmail.com](mailto:block7art@gmail.com). (Submitted by Valerie Saverie, Valkyrie Gallery)

I'm honored to be their friend and attend monthly meetings with these artists on Block 7 in Belmar. One of the group is Pat Pendleton, from True Colors Studio & Gallery, she is also a Belmar resident, and a representative of the Live, Work, and Play concept that was promoted initially. She brings this concept to life in "True Colors"!

The galleries are located on the east side of the free covered parking garage that enters on Saulsbury Street. Hopefully you've noticed the solar panels on top of the garage ( I look at them from my place every day!). They are part of the 8,370 solar panels producing 2.3 million kilowatt hours of electrical energy annually for Belmar.

The Belmar solar initiatives reduces energy fees while offsetting more than 5% of the Belmar power consumption.

These facts are just a small part of the sustainability fact sheet (reproduced inside!) I just received from Christina Brickley, Director of Marketing, Belmar.

Submitted by Judy Davis, Belmar Resident

**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](http://SustainableNeighborhoodNetwork.org)

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**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.

# THE SUSTAINABLE SIDE OF BELMAR: *Belmar Sustainability Fact Sheet*

## Solar Power

- An 8,300 solar panel array is located on the top of three parking garages. The 1.75 megawatt array generates approximately 2.3 million kilowatt hours of clean electrical energy per year offsetting approximately 5% of the total Belmar power consumption.
- Additionally, solar powered pay-and-display parking kiosks are used to manage 350 on-street parking spaces.

## Wind Power

- The Belmar district also features a small urban wind farm with 14 turbines powering lighting for a large parking lot. The wind farm has the potential to generate 700-900 kilowatt hours of electric power per month.

## Lighting

- All outdoor lighting has been designed in cooperation with the International Dark Skies Association to preserve and protect the nighttime environment and reduce light pollution.
- All outdoor, parking garage and holiday lighting was completed in 2013.

## Tree Program

- Belmar has over 300 trees throughout the property.
- Approximately 130 of these trees were transplanted from the original Villa Italia site to a temporary nursery and were then replanted in Belmar's first phase of development.

*Belmar Sustainability Facts were provided to Judy Davis by Christina Brickley, Director of Marketing, Belmar— GF Real Estate Group.*

## Pedestrian and Transit Orientation

- Belmar was designed to reduce automobile reliance and to promote pedestrian and transit activity.
- There are multiple regional bus routes that circulate through the site with multiple stops (previously no routes penetrated the 104 acre site).
- The Belmar Free Shuttle was launched in April 2013 to provide free access to the new Lakewood-Wadsworth light rail station (shuttle operates 7 days a week)
- June 2014 brought the car2go program to Belmar with 6 cars available for short term rental and return ([denver.car2go.com](http://denver.car2go.com))

## Housing

- All on-site housing has been built with high quality, sustainable materials and energy conservation technology, ensuring high levels of energy efficiency and green building.
  - The rowhomes built by McStain were built to exceed Energy Star standards.
  - The Harvard Courtyard Homes were built to conform to the requirements of the Environments for Living program.

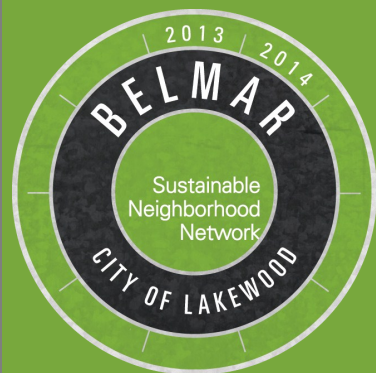
## Building Design

- Developers used the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) criteria to guide design and development of many Belmar buildings.
- A 3-story mixed use building (offices over retail space) earned the nation's first silver- Level LEED certification.
- Other Silver LEED-certified buildings: Whole Foods, Target, Best Buy and Nordstrom Rack

*These photos show several elements of Belmar's sustainable efforts.*

*Left: Trees and LED lights along South Teller Street.*

*Right: Solar panels atop one of 3 parking garages that sport solar panels. (photo provided by Christina Brickley)*



## Recycling

- Belmar has had an expanded single-stream recycling program for all residents, office and retail tenants with Waste Management since May 2004.
- Original Belmar developer, Continuum Partners spent in excess of \$4 million in cleaning up water and soil contamination on site (PCE, PCBs, hydrocarbons) and removing asbestos and hazardous materials from the buildings prior to demolition and recycling.
- Much of the construction material from the demolition of the original Villa Italia mall structure has been recycled.
  - 88% of all materials by weight from the original site have been reused.
  - 100%, or in excess of 2 million square feet, of asphalt originally on site was milled into more than 40,000 tons of base material used for temporary roadways and the base under building slabs.
  - Over 200,000 tons of concrete from the original mall slab were crushed and reused on site, the weight of which is equivalent to approximately two aircraft carriers.
  - All steel, copper and aluminum was recycled.
  - Glass, doors, windows and light fixtures have been re-used in Continuum's downtown headquarters office as well as the on-site sales and leasing office at Belmar.

## INITIATIVE: *Recycling & Waste*

### Repurposing Rodeo

On August 30, Third Villa West, with the assistance of BSN, hosted its first annual Repurposing Rodeo. The rodeo had three goals:

- Build a sense of community among the neighbors of Third Villa West.
- Give unused and unwanted items a second life and keep them out the landfill.
- Inform the residents of Third Villa West on their local recycling options.

Residents were able to bring in their unused and unwanted goods to trade them with their neighbors. This was a free event that attracted people from nearby neighborhoods. BSN was able to talk to the residents about the monthly electronics waste collection at Whole Foods and our current Terracycle brigades. We were also able to distribute our Local Retailer Recycling flyer which outlines many of our local neighborhood recycling programs.

Recycling Committee will meet on October 15 at 6:30 pm. For location and further information, Email Sandie Weathers at [sandie.weathers@hotmail.com](mailto:sandie.weathers@hotmail.com).

## INITIATIVE: *Health & Wellness*

The health and wellness subcommittee are continuing with our weekly walks and monthly group bike rides. The general schedule for these events:

**Walk Belmar**-Every Saturday morning at 9am. Meet in the plaza. Group walks last about an hour and all abilities are welcome.

**Bike Belmar**- First Sunday of every month at 10 am. Meet in the plaza. Group bike rides are also open to all abilities. Please bring water and wear a helmet!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 2 at 6:30 PM at Sara Livingston's home— anyone interested in attending, please email Sara for directions. The committee is in need of new members and encourages anyone interested to come to the meeting and share ideas they have to help promote healthy living throughout Belmar.

For questions, concerns, and directions please contact Sara Livingston at [sjbliv@gmail.com](mailto:sjbliv@gmail.com)

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**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.***

