Belmar: A Certified “Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood”

The Belmar neighborhood has achieved certification from the City of Lakewood as an “Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood” through the City’s Sustainable Neighborhoods Program.

In 2012, participating Belmar residents worked together to select a variety of sustainability initiatives based on resident interests and existing opportunities specific to the community and neighborhood. The successful implementation of Belmar’s unique sustainability initiatives has resulted in the reduction of Belmar’s ecological footprint and the growth of Belmar’s sense of community.

Custom signage is currently being designed for the neighborhood so Belmar can proudly identify itself as an “Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood” within Lakewood.

Neighborhood initiatives included projects addressing air quality, health and wellness, community gardening, Downtown Lakewood connectivity, participation and outreach at special events (including Earth Day and the opening celebration for the W Line), energy efficiency, waste and recycling, and neighborhood communication.

The Belmar neighborhood will be recognized for its certification at the August 12, 2013, regular meeting of the Lakewood City Council. The meeting will be in the City Council chambers at 480 S. Allison Parkway, South Building at 7 p.m. All Belmar residents are invited to attend and share in the celebration of this great accomplishment.
Certified Sustainable Neighborhood

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Air Quality
Participation in regional air quality programs requiring residents to pledge to reduce the number of vehicle trips per week, bike to work, and community rides.

Outreach, Communication, and Social Media
Community building including the development and maintenance of email lists, newsletters, postcards, and social media including the Belmar Sustainable Facebook page (Facebook.com/BelmarSustainable).

Health & Wellness
Partnership with St. Anthony Health Passport Belmar including the creation of a health and wellness program called WalkBelmar and leadership in planning Belmar’s National Night Out events.

Belmar Community Garden
Planning and oversight of the new Belmar community garden. Transition from construction and planning to education and outreach in the garden’s second year. This has included workshops and developing business and nonprofit partnerships.

Downtown Lakewood Connectivity Planning
Participation in planning process for the Downtown Lakewood Connectivity Plan.

Special Events
Providing information and outreach at various community events including Earth Day and the W Line grand opening.

Energy Efficiency
Conducting energy audits for residential buildings in the Belmar district.

Waste and Recycling
Household hazardous waste collection event and composting education associated with the Belmar community garden.

2012-2013 Belmar Program Credits:

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NEW INITIATIVES & PROJECTS WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 19, 2013, 6:30-8 pm
Ohio Center for Broadcasting, 404 S. Upham St.

Belmar residents will be working together to identify sustainability initiatives for 2013/14. Now is your chance to join your neighbors in building a sustainable community. If you are interested in one of the initiatives listed or eager to see a new initiative in Belmar, please attend this meeting to offer your help and expertise.

Join the email list: BCConnection@gmail.com

“Like” us on Facebook: Facebook.com/BelmarSustainable

Two Ways to Celebrate With Us!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CELEBRATION

AUGUST 6, 2013, 5-8pm
Belmar Square Park

Sustainable Belmar at National Night Out!

Featuring

The Sustainable Belmar
Photo Booth
Take pictures with fun costumes and sustainability-themed props!

Learn about how you can get involved with the program. Share your ideas!

FREE!!

CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION

AUGUST 12, 2013, 7pm
480 S. Alison Pkwy.
Civic Center South

Join your neighbors as Lakewood City Council honors Belmar for achieving certification as an “Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood.”

Featuring

Highlights of neighborhood accomplishments
Unveiling of custom neighborhood signage

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