

This newsletter was made
**for South of 6th residents,
by South of 6th residents.**
Please take a few minutes to look inside and check
out the 2013 South of 6th initiatives:

-  **EAT N' LEARN**
-  **GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD WELCOMING TEAM**
-  **LITERACY OUTREACH**
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-  **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**
-  **SOUTH OF 6TH WALKING GROUP**
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Sustainable South of 6th

Your ideas. Your neighborhood. Your home.



Lakewood Welcomes South of 6th into the City's Sustainable Neighborhoods Program

Sustainability is a topic we have been hearing about...reading about...and probably even thinking about. Less waste. Less plastic. Less. Energy that originates from sources that can be used over and over again. Conserving energy. Reducing how much we use in general. The list goes on. Great ideas but can leave a person feeling completely overwhelmed and wondering where to start.

Early this year there was an article in our local paper, The Sentinel, about Lakewood's Sustainable Neighborhood program. A program, supported by the city, that breaks down sustainable living efforts into categories with suggested projects and ideas. Not only could this program improve our efforts at leaving this world a little better than given to us but connect us with neighbors looking for the same guidance on where to begin in this journey and those already well on their way and willing to share their knowledge.

Program Goal Areas



We applied and were accepted into the Sustainable Neighborhood Program. Our area includes those living north of Alameda Parkway, south of 6th Ave and between Kipling and Wadsworth. Since our "sustainable neighborhood" includes a number of different neighborhood associations our leadership team decided on the name **South of 6th** to describe our group. After a Kick-Off meeting to determine our neighborhood interests, volunteers gathered, initiatives were determined, committees were formed and plans are now in progress!

We hope you will take some time to review the list of initiatives and upcoming events and find something of interest to you. We are always looking for more people to join teams and share ideas. If you are interested and would like to do more or would like to see something started that you don't see here, please get in touch with us at Southof6th@gmail.com

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 community. 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 www.Lakewood.org/GreenNeighborhoods

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Neighborhood Newsletter:

This newsletter was produced by South of 6th community members in partnership with the City of Lakewood Sustainable Neighborhoods Program. We welcome your ideas, support, and participation.

UPCOMING EVENTS for SOUTH of 6TH

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 6pm
Eat N' Learn Meeting
Join us for a potluck dinner and a discussion on sustainability related topics. RSVP to NAME?
Location: 245 Brentwood—The Wray's Home

EVERY FRIDAY MORNING 9am
South of 6th Walking Group
Meet at South Lakewood Elementary School right after the kids start school.

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Southof6thLakewood.com

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[Facebook.com/South-of-6th](https://www.facebook.com/South-of-6th)

Contact us
Southof6th@gmail.com

"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

Have ideas to keep South of 6th

sustainable?

Email:

Southof6th@gmail.com

South of 6th Sustainability Initiatives

INITIATIVE: LITERACY OUTREACH



Mission: Improve, encourage and support the education of youth in the community.

Projects:

- Tutoring aimed at helping students attending Creighton Middle School, South Lakewood and Dennison Elementary Schools, and the Miller Special School. More details will follow as contacts with these schools are established.

Join the team:

If you are interested in the program
Contact Michael Wray
michaelwray4god@gmail.com
970-692-0102



INITIATIVE: EAT N' LEARN



Mission: Monthly events and meals that encourage South of 6th neighbors to come together and discuss various sustainability related topics.

Projects:

- First Eat N' Learn meeting: 9/17/13 at the Wray's home - 245 Brentwood. RSVP to NAME?
- These events will be hosted by individual volunteers who will coordinate the potluck and discussion topic.

Join the team:

For more information
Contact Jeslin Shahrezaei
jshahrez@gmail.com
720-785-0680



INITIATIVE: GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD WELCOMING TEAM



Mission: Help grow our collective sense of community by planning neighborhood activities, lending a hand to those in need, sharing emergency contacts, and in general being a good neighbor

Join the team:

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or volunteering to be a leader
Contact Peggy Keen
Margaretkeen@comcast.net
303-997-40663



Projects:

- Neighborhood potlucks, group outings, etc.
- We need your help! We are looking for suggestions on how to collectively develop small neighborhood groups and the types of activities that would help create a strong neighborhood.



INITIATIVE: SOUTH OF 6TH YOUTH INITIATIVE



Mission: Promote kid and family activities that support sustainable living habits and a healthy community.

Join the team:

For more information
Contact Lucy Preston
ryanmonkey2002@gmail.com



Projects:

- September: Bike workshop and ride
- October: Lights Out Night
- November: Sustainable crafts and holiday gifts
- December: Toy donation/clothing/coat drive
- January: Make your own birdfeeders
- February: Great Backyard Bird Count



INITIATIVE: RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL



Mission: Protect our air, water, ecosystems and the health and safety of our community.

Join the team:

Those interested in joining the leadership team
Contact Matthew Ver Miller
Ver_miller@yahoo.com
720-234-8584



Projects:

- Address responsible household recycling, proper disposal of household materials, electronic waste recycling, and appropriate disposal of medications.
- Join us as we pursue responsible stewardship and conservation in our community.



INITIATIVE: SOUTH OF 6TH WALKING GROUP



Mission: Meet and connect with our South of 6th neighbors in a social setting.

Join the team:

If you'd like to volunteer to head up a group
Contact Sharon Koenig
Sharon_newcomer@yahoo.com



Projects:

- Friday morning walking group at various neighborhood meeting locations and times. Walking groups meant for all levels of fitness.

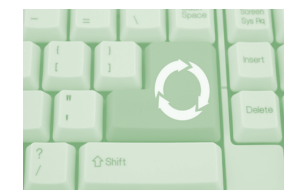
INITIATIVE: COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Mission: Inform and promote our neighbors of the sustainable initiative groups' efforts and upcoming events.

Join the team:

For more information
Contact Jennifer Thibeault
jlthibeault@gmail.com
303-332-6796



Projects:

- To create and maintain a website and Facebook page that acts as a resource and support to our neighborhood associations in our area to promote involvement in upcoming events.