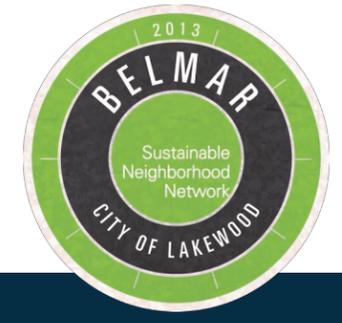


This newsletter was made **for Belmar residents, by Belmar residents.**
Please take a few minutes to look inside and check out the 2014 Belmar initiatives:

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



BELMAR Sustainable Neighborhood

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.

Lakewood's FIRST Sustainability Plan

The Sustainability Plan will be a separate document that provides specific goals for issues such as reducing vehicle miles traveled, waste reduction and energy conservation. It will create a blueprint for Lakewood to become more resourceful and energy efficient, to meet ecological and economic challenges and to protect vital resources like our air, water, climate and ecosystems. It's the first step in a process to make sure Lakewood is able to maintain the resources that we need, not only to survive, but to maintain a good quality of life. Like us on Facebook, www.Facebook.com/BelmarSustainable, to automatically receive updates and stay up to date on this process and other planning department events.

Program Goal Areas



Belmar — Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood

Belmar is a participating neighborhood of the Sustainable Neighborhood Network and received the City designation as an "Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood" from the City of Lakewood in 2013! Join your Belmar neighbors and share your enthusiasm and ideas to earn program credits for our efforts in 2014.

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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UPCOMING EVENTS for BELMAR

JANUARY 16, 2014 6:30pm
Sustainable Belmar neighborhood Meeting
Join us for a discussion on our neighborhood initiatives and other sustainability related topics.
Location: Colorado Media School, the corner of Alaska and Upham, 2nd floor classroom

EVERY SATURDAY 1:00pm
Open to Belmar neighbors!
Come get to know your neighbors! We walk for about 45-60 minutes.
Location: Belmar Plaza

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Contact us
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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.

"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



Belmar Sustainability Initiatives 2014

Belmar Sustainable Neighborhood'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.**



Do you want to be more *connected?*

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Have ideas to keep Belmar *sustainable?*

Email: BCCconnection@gmail.com



The next Sustainable Belmar neighborhood meeting is Thursday, January 16th at 6:30PM, 2nd floor classroom at the Colorado Media School, the corner of Alaska and Upham.

January 16 6:30PM

INITIATIVE: BELMAR'S URBAN GARDEN



Belmar's Urban Garden (BUG), located at the Learning Source, provides its gardeners with healthy produce, recreation, and exercise while stimulating social interaction through work days and potluck dinners. For more information about BUG, please refer to the Sustainable Belmar Facebook page, [Facebook.com/BelmarSustainable](https://www.facebook.com/BelmarSustainable).



INITIATIVE: RECYCLING / WASTE



Three good ideas to start in your home:

1. Recycle as much paper, glass, plastic, aluminum and cardboard as possible.
2. Refuse to use plastic water and soda bottles.
3. Replace your standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent, linear fluorescent or LED lighting.

If you have an interest in joining this group or have ideas you would like to share, please email Sara Livingston at sibliv@gmail.com

INITIATIVE: TRANSPORTATION



Our Belmar neighborhood is a public transportation hub.

Seven RTD bus line stop in Belmar, taking riders to downtown Denver, Cherry Creek, Southwest Plaza, and many other Metro Denver Destinations.

How can I find out which bus to take and where to catch it?

The rtd-denver.com Trip-Planner gives options for which bus to take, location of the bus stop, and how long the ride will take. Just type in your starting point, destination, and when you want to travel.



How much will it cost?

One-way fares for bus and light rail are \$2.20. People 65+, K-12 students, and people with disabilities pay discounted fares of \$1.10. You must pay cash or have a prepaid ticket. King Soopers in Lakewood Commons sells RTD books of 10 tickets for \$20 or \$10 for discounted fares. Transfers are free, usable for bus routes and light rail.

INITIATIVE: HEALTH & WELLNESS

"Walk Belmar" meets every Saturday at 1:00 p.m. on Belmar Plaza. We walk for about 45-60 minutes and participants can go at their own pace. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors!



Possible upcoming events & projects in 2014:

- 5K event with an educational component
- "Walking With a Purpose" litter pick-up committee
- "Bike Belmar" initiative