

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

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Sustainable Southern Gables

Your ideas. Your neighborhood. Your 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 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.



Lakewood Welcomes Southern Gables into the City's Sustainable Neighborhoods Program

This past spring, the Southern Gables neighborhood applied to and was accepted into City of Lakewood's Sustainable Neighborhoods Program. The program provides Southern Gables with resources and support to work on neighborhood projects and initiatives that enhance sustainability in the program's five goal areas: energy, air, water, land, and people.

On May 31, 2013, residents gathered at the Green Gables Elementary School for a kickoff workshop where we learned about the program and discussed ideas for projects. Residents also designed a neighborhood survey soliciting ideas and gauging interest on a variety of sustainability-related topics.

Thank You For Your Support

We thank you for your support and interest in sustainability and our neighborhood. We have seen a lot of community support in getting this project rolling from signing our application, filling in questionnaires, coming to meetings, taking on responsibilities to start initiatives and now building events and projects. Our community is full of very talented people who care about our neighborhood and make it a great place to live. Thank you!

We are excited to announce these efforts will be coming to fruition this fall as Sustainable Southern Gables begins to have events, workshops, gather information and in general, take action! Our neighborhood program is even beginning to get support from places like Denver Water and Xcel, which are interested in helping us accomplish our goals. Things are really taking an exciting turn.

We've included a list of committees and upcoming events. We hope you'll find something of interest to you! We are always looking for more people to join teams and share ideas, so 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 sustainablesoutherngables@gmail.com

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 Southern Gables community members in partnership with the City of Lakewood Sustainable Neighborhoods Program. We welcome your ideas, support, and participation.

Stay Informed

- Visit
www.GreenerGables.org
- "Like" us on Facebook
[Facebook.com/SustainableSouthernGables](https://www.facebook.com/SustainableSouthernGables)
- Contact us
SustainableSouthernGables@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS for SOUTHERN GABLES

JULY 30, 2013 7pm
Leadership Meeting
 Contact SustainableSouthernGables@gmail.com for address, or RSVP on Facebook

AUGUST 6, 2013 4-9pm
National Night Out
 Block parties, cookouts and more. Visit our website or Facebook page for further info
 Location: TBD
First Annual Conservation Contest
 Time/Location: Kickoff and Info at National Night Out

AUGUST 27, 2013 7-9pm
Sustainable Book Club Meeting — Social
 2276 S Dover Way

EVERY FRIDAY MORNING 9am
Families with Preschoolers Walking Group
 Meet at Green Gables Elementary School
 Parking Lot on Woodard



Southern Gables Sustainability Initiatives

INITIATIVE: WATER WISE

XERIC LANDSCAPES & WATER CONSERVATION



Mission: Reduce neighborhood water consumption by promoting conservation practices including replacement of high water-use landscaping with less water demanding materials.

Projects:

- Take inventory of neighborhood xeriscapes.
- Hold neighborhood workshops on water-wise landscaping.
- Create map and self-guided tour of neighborhood xeriscapes.
- Develop neighborhood information on ways to conserve water in homes.

Join the team:

Looking for enthusiastic neighbors who want to share their knowledge about water conservation and xeric applications and others who want to learn more about it.

Contact Robert Young
ryoung@earthlink.net
720-638-5039

INITIATIVE: G.A.B.L.E.S.

(Good health, Active, Beauty, Living Well, Eating Well and Simplicity)
HEALTH & WELLNESS



Mission: Educate and challenge our neighbors to live more natural, healthy, and sustainable lives.

Join the team:

Seeking residents to guest blog or others interested in joining the leadership team

Contact Karen Sevier
mksevier@msn.com



Projects:

- Follow blog postings at www.greenergables.org/blog.html for fun & healthy living challenges throughout the year!
- Biking initiatives will be available at GreenerGables.org and our neighborhood website on nextdoor.com
- Southern Gables Families with Preschoolers Walking Group, Friday mornings at 9am, meet at Green Gables Elementary School in parking lot on Woodard. Contact Shannon at: shannonszczeny@gmail.com with questions.

INITIATIVE: SLASH THE TRASH

RECYCLING, WASTE REDUCTION & COMPOSTING



Mission: Reduce waste in the neighborhood through the three R's - (Reuse, Reduce, Recycle) + composting.

Projects:

- Take inventory of volume of waste at a neighborhood level.
- Develop outreach materials and methods for encouraging waste reduction.
- Hold neighborhood workshop on composting.

Join the team:

Looking for zero waste experts and anyone interested in recycling and composting.

Contact Angela Stephens
stephens.angela@gmail.com



Have ideas to keep Southern Gables Sustainable?

Email: SustainableSouthernGables@gmail.com

INITIATIVE: GABLES SUSTAINABLE BOOK CLUB

SUSTAINABLE BOOK CLUB



Mission: To read and discuss educational and entertaining books in subject areas pertaining to sustainability while meeting neighbors in a social setting.

Join the team:

Seeking those interested in joining the Book Club leadership team

Contact Karen Sevier
mksevier@msn.com



Projects:

- Quarterly meetings to discuss books that relate to sustainability and particular project areas. Books will be chosen by a vote of the participants.
- Our first book club meeting is a social on **Tuesday, August 6, 2013** from 7-9 pm at 2276 S. Dover Way. Please RSVP to mksevier@msn.com and plan to bring a book idea and potluck snack/dessert.

INITIATIVE: EMPOWER SOUTHERN GABLES

ENERGY CONSERVATION & SOLAR



Mission: Help make energy usage better: more efficient, more affordable, and more eco-friendly.

Join the team:

Those interested in joining EmPower Southern Gables leadership team

Contact Dana Gutwein
danabrown9@gmail.com
720-234-8584



Projects:

- First Annual Conservation Contest: This year we will be hosting the First Annual Conservation Contest featuring prizes for biggest annual savings in energy costs, workshops, events, rebates and more to help you save money on energy bills. Kickoff on August, 6 at National Night Out.
- Visit greenergables.org for more information and to stay in the loop!

INITIATIVE: CONNECTING PEOPLE

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & MARKETING



Mission: To connect our neighborhood to businesses and resources in Lakewood to share ideas and information as support for other sustainable groups' work.

Join the team:

Contact Christine Laursen
christinelaursen@comcast.net
720-244-4180



Projects:

- Research and connect Southern Gables members with local businesses.
- Help build content and information for newsletters and regular communication.