



Dear Neighbor:

On Saturday April 25th, the City of Belmont is celebrating Earth day at the Barrett Community Center from 10am to 3pm. Leading up to the celebration the City will be conducting demonstration projects to show that Belmont is going green. One project includes trying to increase the number of residents walking around town, especially for the short trips like to the grocery store or to the library. If more residents walk it will decrease vehicle traffic, improve our air quality, and lead to greater health and wellness.

In an effort to make walking safer we are encouraging residents to cut back vegetation that is reducing visibility or encroaching on the right-of-way. City crews will be coming by the week of April 20-24 and will collect vegetation that does not fit in your green bin and will trim back selective vegetation along high volume streets such as Alameda de las Pulgas and Cipriani. Vegetation in front of a house is the homeowners' responsibility and this trimming does not mean the City accepts the long term maintenance. This is a demonstration event meant to inspire the community to take action to improve our ability to walk and bike around town.

The goal is to increase the visibility of pedestrians and bicyclists on the street. Much of Belmont was designed as second homes and the planners wanted to maintain a "country feel" including winding streets without sidewalks. This legacy makes our town unique and gives it a small town ambience; however it also makes walking around town a challenging proposition. Please help us improve the quality of life in Belmont by trimming back vegetation from the street. For more information please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (650) 595-7441 or for information on the Earth day event please visit our website: <http://www.belmont.gov/earthday/>.

Thanks for your help.