

# Lightly Treading Community Newsletter

November 2009



## November's Green Fact:

**Investing in Energy Efficiency is more cost effective than creating new energy supplies.** The study, "Saving Energy Cost-Effectively: A National Review of the Cost of Energy Saved Through Utility-Sector Energy Efficiency Programs," from the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) found that the utility cost per kWh of energy efficiency has held steady or declined in the past decade, and now stands at 2.5 cents. In comparison, the report found, new energy supplies have typically cost between 7 cents and 15 cents per kWh. The report is available for free download at [www.aceee.org/pubs/u092.htm](http://www.aceee.org/pubs/u092.htm). (Fact from Energy Design Update October 2009)

## November Announcements and Resources

The ENERGY STAR Summit is coming soon. **ENERGY STAR Summit: More Business. Less Energy. Now!**

The summit goals are to give you the information you need on strategies that immediately improve your marketing, building methods, business and bottom line.

If you are a Colorado Home Builder, Contractor, Realtor, Auditor, Architect, Developer, Lender, Appraiser, Remodeler, HERS Rater, Home Performance Contractor, Code Official, Housing Official, Student or Other Industry Leader, register now to:

1. Discover cutting edge science and resources for new, existing, single and multi-family homes.
2. Learn about the latest trends and resources available from utility, government, ENERGY STAR and other incentive programs in Colorado.
3. Gain a competitive edge and increase profitability.
4. Partner with ENERGY STAR brand to increase sales and customer satisfaction.
5. Create new business through extensive networking opportunities.

Register now to receive the **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION** rate. **Early rates end November 15, 2009.**

Xcel Energy is the presenting sponsor of this event. Lightly Treading encourages all improvement contractors to attend this informative event.

Lightly Treading has Indoor Air Quality Tests from National Jewish available for sale. The test will assess the levels of molds and allergens in your home and compares results to averages levels in U.S. homes and levels associated with allergy symptoms in some individuals. For product details see [FamilyAirCare.com](http://FamilyAirCare.com)

Certain Duette® Architella® honeycomb shades from HunterDouglas may qualify for a Federal Tax Credit of up to \$1500. Available for purchases made between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010. For qualifying details visit [hunterdouglas.com/taxcredit](http://hunterdouglas.com/taxcredit).

## Upcoming Community Events

**Lester Brown: Plan B 4.0, Transition to a New Energy Economy.** This is a great opportunity to see a top sustainability expert and international speaker in Boulder - for free! Plan B 4.0 books will be

available for sale and book signing will follow the lecture. <http://ecenter.colorado.edu/event/282>

When: Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Where: CU Boulder, Wolf Law, Wittemyer Courtroom

**Climate Change and Faith Conference:** Sponsored by Colorado Interfaith Power & Light, the conference is for people of all faith traditions to expand their knowledge of climate change and explore a spiritual call to care for Creation. Lightly Treading's Nancy Kellogg will be speaking about Home Energy Efficiency at 3:20pm. Please register at <http://www.coiplnew.com/>.

When: Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30pm – Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – 5:00pm

Where: Spirit of Christ Catholic Community Church; 7400 W. 80<sup>th</sup> Ave., Arvada

## Green Careers

**Building Science Trainings:** Lightly Treading offers trainings to prepare you for BPI Building Analyst certification and RESNET certification. The next class is **December 7<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup>**. Contact [DeaconT@LightlyTreading.com](mailto:DeaconT@LightlyTreading.com) for details.

Lightly Treading is partnering with **Red Rocks Community College** in their Green Advantage Program. A program designed to help students move into green jobs. Contact Red Rocks admissions office for registration details 303-914-6351.

## Resources

Alliance for Sustainable Colorado – [Sustainability Calendar of Events](#)

[Boulder Green Building Guild](#) (BGBG)

[Center for Resource Conservation](#) (CRC)

[Colorado Renewable Energy Society](#) (CRES)

## Don't Forget

Xcel Energy sponsored energy efficiency presentations are available for free to Xcel customers, groups of ten or more. Call LT to set one up. See Lightly Treading's [website](#) for a schedule of local presentations.

Thank you for being a part of our grassroots community.

Sincerely,

Paul Kriescher, Principal  
And the Staff of Lightly Treading

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