

Lightly Treading Community Newsletter

February 2010



February's Green Fact:

Recycling saves energy: Creating a new aluminum can from scratch takes 95% more energy than making a can from recycled aluminum.

Source Earth911

February Announcements and Resources

Difficult Item to Recycle? Try Earth 911

A Recycling Widget that can tell you where to recycle that motor oil, metals or electronics. Learn more [here](#) or visit earth911.com.

REEP + Efficiency First.

The Retrofit for Energy and Environmental Performance (REEP) program has been passed by the House of Representatives as part of the Waxman-Markey climate bill. Before the legislation can be sent to the White House for a Presidential signature, the Senate must pass its own version of the bill. Senators in particular need to get the message that REEP will reverse the employment crisis in construction and related industries while lowering energy costs for American consumers. See EfficiencyFirst.org.

"Greenest," "Meanest," "Greener Choices,"

Highlighting the year's best-in-class list of Green Cars, the greencars.org website features informational write-ups on model year 2010 highlights, a consumer primer on vehicles and the environment, and advice on how to buy green when shopping for a new car or truck.

More Renewables from Utilities?

"Under current state law, investor-owned utilities in Colorado must get 20 percent of their power from renewable sources such as wind, solar and geothermal by 2020. However, if a bill introduced by Representative Max Tyler wins state legislative approval, that figure would jump to 30 percent by 2020, with at least 5 percent coming from smaller "distributed" sources." From Colorado Energy News reported by Ann Rascalli. Read the full article [here](#).

Upcoming Community Events

[Efficiency First](#) – Upcoming meetings dates are found below.

- February 25th, Thursday
 - 5:00 pm Meet & Greet
 - 6:00 pm EF CO Meeting
 - Location: [Standard Renewable Energy](#)
 - 5757 Arapahoe Avenue Unit C2, Boulder, CO 80303
 - 303.562.2752
- March 25th - CSU Campus
- April 29th – Denver, at Lightly Treading Office
- May 27th – Berthoud, at Energy Logic Office

Footprints Radio

Airing on KGNU, February 19th, 9am
88.5 FM *Boulder* - 1390 AM *Denver* - 93.7 FM *Nederland*
"A BGBG radio talk show focused on green building, conscious living, and shaping sustainable futures."

Denver's Old House Society- click [here](#) to view their website.

Saturday Morning Workshop-

February 20th - 9 am

6820 E. 12th St., Denver

Cost: \$10; Workshops focusing on maintaining and treating your home's exterior

Old House Fair

March 27th - 9am – 4pm

Highland Masonic Temple, 3550 Federal Blvd

Workshops on a variety of topics, including how to Green your home

Sustainable Opportunities Summit

March 2-4

Colorado Convention Center

"The 2010 Summit is all about hastening the pace at which effective sustainability strategies and practices are integrated into businesses, large and small. The Summit will bring together hundreds of leading business, government, academic and nonprofit organizations from across the country and the globe to accelerate the adoption rate. The Summit has been recognized for consistently offering an exceptional program that delivers real, actionable substance." Click [here](#) for details.

Growing Your Business in a Difficult Market

March 10 -11, 2010

Cheyenne, Wyoming

"The Wyoming Contractor Exchange goal facilitates networking and professional development for residential and small commercial contractors. General sessions feature industry experts who discuss the potential for incorporating energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives into traditional contracting business practices..."

See the attached PDF for additional details or for the full agenda click [here](#).

Intro to Green Living in your Garden and Home

Denver Botanic Gardens

March 30, 2010; 7:00pm- 8:30pm

Cost: \$15.00 (member) / \$20.00 (non member) / \$25.00 (member day of class) / \$30.00 (non member day of class)

"Learn how green living will help you save money and reduce toxins in your home and garden. A comprehensive hand-out will outline the many green resources in the Denver area along with suggested "green" products to use or make yourself."

View their [website](#) for details.

Green Careers, Education Opportunities and the New Energy Economy

Professional Development Training: Green Building Practices and Certifications

Offered by the BGBG and the City and County of Boulder

February 19th & 26th 9am – 5pm

"Green Building Practices and Certification is a 2-day training geared toward builders, architects, contractors and trades people who need a more in-depth understanding of how to build green and how to meet city of Boulder Green Points, and Boulder County BuildSmart green building codes." Click [here](#) for more information on this and other trainings offered by BGBG.

Colorado State University's Institute for the Built Environment offers Green Certificate Programs taught by industry experts. Lightly Treading's Paul Kriescher serves as an adjunct professor for the institute. , but we are now offering a 50% discount for the 2nd participant when 2 people register for the course together. Also, we are offering a 25% discount to CSU Alumni.

[Green Homes Certificate Program](#): March 10th- June 2nd, Denver

Now offering a **50% discount** for the 2nd participant when two people register for the course together OR a **25% discount to CSU Alumni**.

[Green Buildings Certificate Program](#): March 11th – June 3rd, Loveland

Job Opportunities:

The Learning Source: http://www.coloradoliteracy.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.display&page_id=29

Building Science Trainings:

Lightly Treading is partnered with the Rocky Mountain Education Center (RMEC) at Red Rocks Community College to offer monthly 5 day long BPI Building Analyst preparation classes. Building Analysts certification will prepare you for

working as an energy auditor as well as in the home improvement industry, teaching you the details of building science and how the house works as a system. Click [here](#) for pricing and schedule details. Or call the RMEC today to register 303-914-6423.

Registration for the April 12-16th class is open now!

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.

Thanks to [Community College of Denver](#) for donating classroom space to Lightly Treading for various training classes.

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,

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