

Lightly Treading Community Newsletter

December 2009



December's Green Fact:

"Light bulbs, bottle caps, toothbrushes, Popsicle sticks and tiny pieces of plastic... inhabit the Pacific garbage patch, an area of widely dispersed trash that doubles in size every decade and is now believed to be roughly twice the size of Texas." See the full article from the New York Times: [Afloat in the Ocean, Expanding Islands of Trash](#)

December Announcements and Resources

"Cash for Caulkers?" As the White House looks for ways to rejuvenate the economy, support is growing for increased federal funding for weatherization projects. Read the New York Times article "[A Stimulus That Could Save Money](#)" for more on this story.

Use the Regional Transportation District's (RTD) e-newsletter to track the latest construction updates all along the West Corridor light rail. The newsletter provides construction updates in sections from the farthest west in Golden through Lakewood into Denver. Visit www.rtd-fastracks.com to read the newsletter.

[Press Release](#) November 30, 2009: Governor's Energy Office Offers Coloradans the Opportunity to Invest in Energy Efficiency with Innovative New Statewide Program.

ALSO

- Beginning in early 2010, the Governor's Energy Office (GEO) will be offering rebates for Colorado residents and businesses that install energy efficiency measures and renewable energy measures. Visit the [GEO's website](#) for program specifics.
- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) presents an extraordinary opportunity to strengthen **Colorado's New Energy Economy** and will create new green jobs across the state. The Governor's Energy Office will be posting opportunities for Colorado businesses to bid for and become involved in projects funded by the ARRA. Visit the [GEO's website](#) for details.

If you are unsure of what to give your loved ones this year during the holiday season or would like to do something entirely different, check out this site! <https://www.alternativegifts.org/> Alternative Gifts International is a non-profit organization that inspires support for humanitarian and environmental causes. They offer donors the option to designate charitable gifts through carefully selected agencies in the name of their relatives, friends and associates.

Check out the attached article "Ditch the Climate Change Debate" from the GreenBuilder® (www.thegreenbuilder.com) on the Climate Change debate and addressing environmental change in our communities.

Upcoming Community Events

[Efficiency First](#) - The next community meeting will be held on Thursday January 7th in Denver. Specific location and time TBD. Contact Lightly Treading for details.

Solar Launch- Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Denver, Colorado, will become the first congregation in the city to run on solar electric power made possible through a unique financing arrangement developed by Bella Energy. See the attached press release for details about the launch on December 18th.

Green Careers and the New Energy Economy

Building Science Trainings: Lightly Treading offers trainings to prepare you for BPI Building Analyst certification and RESNET certification. Upcoming class dates are: January 11th-15th and February 8th-12th. Visit www.LightlyTreading.com or email DeaconT@LightlyTreading.com for details.

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.

[Green Building Certificate Program](#): March 4th – May 27th
[Green Homes Certificate Program](#): February 17th- May 5th

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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