

March 7, 2016

## Add It To Your Calendar

### Events:

#### Carbondale Climate Action

##### Tax Forum

Tonight: March 7

6pm - 7:30pm

Calaway Room, 3rd St.  
Center.

*Including representatives  
from the Town Trustees, Holy  
Cross Energy, SourceGas,  
and Xcel Energy.*

#### Jessica Catto Dialogue:

##### Thomas Lovejoy

Tuesday, March 8

6:30 pm

Paepcke Auditorium.

*Join tropical ecologist,  
Thomas Lovejoy, as he  
discusses his research in the  
Amazon in "The Land of  
Cinnamon and Gold: 500  
Years of Amazon Exploration  
and Science."*

Free.

#### The Energy Smart Contractor Expo

Thursday, March 17

9AM - 4PM

Colorado Mt. College

Advanced: \$15

Day-of: \$20.

*Exchange ideas, discuss  
best practices, and discover  
new clean energy  
technologies.*

[Click here to register.](#)

## Aspen Soars to 2nd Place

*Now in 2nd from 3rd out of 50 communities*

Since January 2015, Aspen has been participating in the Georgetown University Energy Prize, a national energy efficiency competition in which the community that reduces the most energy will be eligible to win a \$5 million dollar prize!

50 communities across the US are competing to reduce their energy consumption, and organizers just announced that Aspen has moved up from third to second place! The competition is known locally as the "[Aspen Energy Challenge](#)."

In 2015, there was a 100% increase in the number of homes in Aspen that received a [home energy assessment](#) and/or completed energy upgrades, as compared to 2014. "I'm proud to see our community's continued success in this competition" said Aspen Mayor Steve Skadron.

### To join the Aspen Energy Challenge this month,

Take the "LED Challenge":

Replace your inefficient bulbs with LEDs and [get up to 50%](#) of your project paid for!



**THIS MONTH: TAKE THE LED CHALLENGE**

**ASPEN RESIDENTS:  
GET REBATES FOR UP TO  
50% OF PROJECT COST** **GO »**

ASPEN ENERGY CHALLENGE  
a race to a brighter future

Learn more at [www.AspenEnergyChallenge.com](http://www.AspenEnergyChallenge.com)

**Get Your Ticket Today for the 2016 Energy Smart  
Contractor Expo**

## Glenwood Springs Water

### Treatment Plant Tour

Wednesday, March 30

4pm

Glenwood Springs City Hall.

*Jerry Wade with City of Glenwood will lead the tour of the water treatment plant.*

*Dress appropriately with closed-toed shoes.*

Registration required.

Call 970.927.1290 or [click here for more info.](#)

### Movies

#### "Racing Extinction"

Monday, March 14

7:30 pm

Wheeler Opera House

*An environmental documentary that highlights the ongoing sixth extinction crisis on earth.*

Tickets, \$15.

[Click here to buy.](#)

#### "How to Change the World"

Monday, March 28

7:30 pm

Wheeler Opera House

*A documentary that unveils the untold story at the birth of the modern environmental movement.*

Tickets, \$15.

[Click here to buy.](#)

### Promotions:

#### The City of Aspen Environmental Health March Giveaway:

FREE Curbside Compost Collection Buckets with compost.

*Collect yours at their office on the 2nd floor of Aspen City Hall.*



# EnergySmart Contractor Expo 2016

Thursday, March 17th

9AM - 4PM

Colorado Mountain College

1402 Blake Ave, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

Contractors, architects, builders, property managers and the public are invited to exchange ideas, discuss best practices, and discover new technologies to further safe, efficient and comfortable buildings in our region.

### [Space is Limited. Get Your Ticket Today](#)

Early bird price: \$15

Day-of: \$20

Over 25 vendors and 8 workshops including Dense-Pack Insulation, Air Sealing, Heat Pumps, Net Zero Home Design, Lighting Controls, Ventilation, Financing Solar PV and The Home Energy Score: A New Tool for the Real Estate Market. Reserve your spot today, [click here.](#)

For more information:

visit: <http://www.energysmartcolorado.com/forcontractors/>

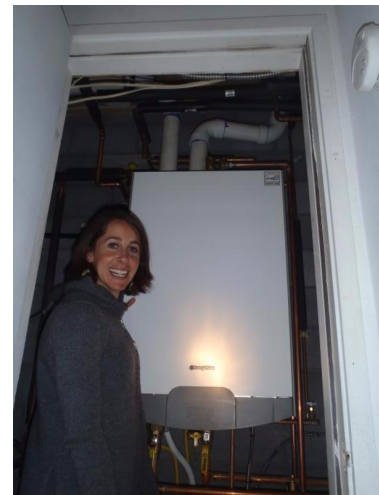
## Tax Credits Extended for Energy Efficiency

*Tax Season is here. Get up to \$500 in credits.*

Congress recently approved extending federal income tax credits for energy efficiency equipment installed in 2015 or 2016.

Eligible products include:

- Central air conditioners
- Heat pumps
- Furnaces and furnace fans,
- Boilers
- Water heaters
- Windows
- Insulation



For primary residences only. [Learn more about eligibility and criteria](#)

[here.](#)

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## Energy Smart Colorado Program Successes

*Energy upgrades have increased 85% since 2014*

Energy Smart Colorado was founded in 2010 and was available in three counties in Colorado: Pitkin, Eagle and Gunnison. Today, there are Energy Resource Centers in seven counties. Our Home Energy Assessment is now available statewide and is offered at a discounted rate **in 48 counties!**



### **Program success:**

In 2015, Energy Smart Colorado partners provided:

- 745 Home Energy Assessments (24% more than in 2014)
- 458 energy upgrades (81% more than in 2014)
- This work saved residents \$489,000 in annual energy savings (a five-fold increase compared to 2014).
- Collective energy savings was equivalent to taking 1,000 cars off the road, or 450 homes off the grid.

To join hundreds of other Coloradans by saving energy in your home, visit [www.EnergySmartColorado.com](http://www.EnergySmartColorado.com)

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**Efficiently yours,**

Lucy Kessler  
Community Office for Resource Efficiency

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