

February 9, 2016

Add It To Your Calendar

Events:

[The Biggest Global Change You've Never Heard of:](#)

*How Nitrogen is Affecting
Colorado's High Country*

Wednesday, Feb. 10

5:30 PM

Third Street Center
and

Thursday, Feb 11

7:00 PM

ACES

[Citizens Climate Lobby](#)

Meetings

Aspen chapter:

Monday, February 15

5:30 PM

ACES

Carbondale chapter:

Tuesday, Feb 16

6:00 PM

Third St. Center

USGBC Tour of the Marble Distillery

The distillery is the first major commercial building to meet the requirements of the 2012 IGCC & received the 2015 Commercial Green Building Achievement Award by the USGBC Colorado.

Join the tour and learn all about innovative green building.

150 Main St.

Carbondale

Thurs., February 18

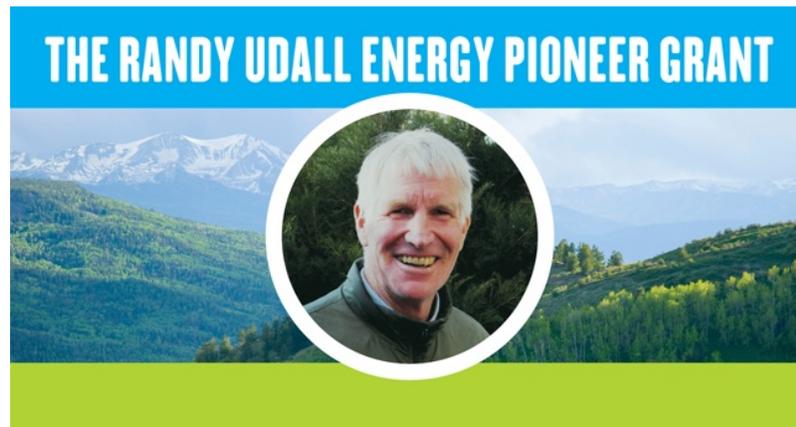
5:30-7:00 PM

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Now Accepting Applications for the TRUE Pioneer Grant

Applications due May 1, 2016

[The Randy Udall Energy Pioneer \(TRUE Pioneer\) grant](#) is named in honor of Randy Udall, CORE's first Executive Director and one of the nation's leading renewable energy activists.



The TRUE Pioneer Grant provides funding to:

- Public agencies
- Schools
- Nonprofits
- Businesses

To support projects that will reduce carbon emissions through energy efficiency, renewable energy, or water conservation. Priority will be given to projects that address the following:

- Affordable housing
- Educational benefit
- Environmental benefit
- New technologies/ green design
- Public visibility
- Cost-effectiveness
- Demonstration of leveraged funds

***To view the 2015 grant projects,
review application criteria,
and apply,
visit***

<http://aspencore.org/apply-for-grants/truegrant>.

The 2015 TRUE Grant projects are estimated to offset 14,700 tons of

Promotions:

Aspen residents:
[Sign up](#) for a Home Energy Assessment this month and be entered to win a FREE Nest Thermostat.
[Learn more here.](#)

Grant Applications:

Rural Energy for America Program

Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Loans & Grants
Due May 2nd.
[Click here to learn more.](#)

Aspen Ski Co Environment Foundation 2016 Grant

[Click here](#) to view past grant recipients.
Those interested in receiving an application can [email Matthew Hamilton](#).

CO2 equivalent over their lifecycle. Will your project be the next to contribute to these savings? Apply today!

To discuss a grant project idea, contact Marty Treadway, CORE's grant director at Marty@aspencore.org or 925-9775 extension 504.

"We can't thank CORE enough"

The Poslusznys tried many different potential solutions over the years to fix the terrible ice dams that would form on their roof each winter. The ice dams became so bad they damaged the house's windows, doors, hardwood floors and door and window trim, and they even experienced exterior soffit and framing damage.



Ice dams at the Posluszny's residence prior to adding insulation and air sealing.

The Poslusznys received a [home energy assessment](#) from Energy Smart Colorado, which revealed that 82% of their heated indoor air was escaping from the house every hour.

The Poslusznys hired "[About Saving Heat](#)", (Xcel Energy's 2015 "Home Performance" and "Insulation and Air Sealing" contractor of the year) and completed air sealing and insulation upgrades to insulate the attic to R-60. Once the upgrades were completed, they received \$866 in [rebates](#) from Energy

Smart at CORE.

Walter Posluszny was thrilled by the insulation upgrades. "We noticed immediate improvements in warmth, comfort and reduction in the ice dams. Our heater runs much less frequently and for shorter periods of time even on the coldest nights. **We can't thank CORE enough for helping us pay for these energy saving solutions!**"

Don't be a victim of ice dams. Call Energy Smart Colorado at CORE today at 925-9775 to discuss your house's needs. [Click here](#) to view and apply for available rebates.

A "Climate Action Tax" in Carbondale

"Carbondale has taken significant action on climate protection with annual support from our general fund," stated Carbondale Mayor Stacey Bernot in an article [in the Post Independent](#). Explaining the need for the "Climate Action Tax," Bernot states: "We need to create a stable, ongoing funding source for this investment that doesn't have to compete with other important municipal operations. We're proud of

what Carbondale has achieved to date on cutting carbon emissions, and it's because of our town's pioneering, innovative residents that we are working to do even more to address this critical problem."

Last month, the Carbondale Town Trustees approved a ballot measure for a "Climate Action Tax", which will be sent to the voters for their approval in April. Carbondale adopted emissions reduction goals in 2009 and is joining other small towns that are leading the way toward energy independence, climate protection, and a clean energy economy. The Climate Action Tax would provide a dedicated funding source to allow the town to invest in clean energy, and expand upon programs designed to help homes and businesses save energy.

The tax would be levied on electricity and gas usage in homes and businesses within Carbondale town limits, and would cost approximately \$7 total per month for the average home and \$30 total per month for the average business.

In an opinion piece [in the Sopris Sun](#), Carbondale Town Trustees Pam Zentmyer and Frosty Merriott state their support for the measure: "American history shows us the power of grassroots movements. Carbondale may be small, but that is no excuse for inaction. Many of us were inspired to run for local office by the opportunity to have a positive effect on our community's future. This program is exactly that."

To learn more about the Climate Action Tax, [click here](#).

CORE in the News

In her letter to the editor titled "Setting an example on climate change," CORE Executive Director, Mona Newton, writes about the significance of Aspen Mayor Steve Skadron's participation in the United Nations climate conference in Paris.

"Aspen is regarded around the world for its natural beauty, cultural activities and access to the outdoors. Thanks to Mayor Steve Skadron's attendance at the United Nations climate-change conference in Paris last month, the city of Aspen is now also known for our work addressing climate change."

[Read the letter here.](#)

Efficiently yours,

Lucy Kessler
Community Office for Resource Efficiency

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