

January 6, 2016

## Add It To Your Calendar

### Events:

#### Mid-Valley Green Drinks

CCY Architects  
228 Midland Ave.  
Basalt  
January 6  
5:30-7:30 PM

[Click here to RSVP](#)

#### Climate Talk Happy Hour featuring Steve Skadron

Community members are invited to attend a happy hour conversation with Aspen's Mayor, Steve Skadron, to hear about his recent experience as an attendee and panelist at the UN Climate Talks in Paris.  
January 14  
5 - 6 PM  
Limelight Hotel  
*Refreshments provided*

#### RMI Community Open House

The Rocky Mountain Institute Innovation Center is now open! The community is invited to take a tour of the new facility.  
January 6 (4 - 6PM)  
January 20 (12 - 2PM)  
January 27 (2 - 4PM)  
22830 Two Rivers Rd.  
Basalt  
Email [Megan Shean](#) to RSVP for a tour.

**Take Action by this  
FRIDAY:**

## Make a resolution that lasts!

What is your resolution this New Years? Whether you're committed to losing weight, getting organized, or spending more time with friends and family, we are committed to helping you save energy, now and all year long.

Even with the best intentions and greatest determination, most resolutions unfortunately don't last. Make a resolution that will, by saving energy in your home.

You can start today by [signing up for a Home Energy Assessment](#). Just like any goal, you have to understand your baseline in order to measure success.



An Energy Analyst will measure air leaks in your home with a blower door test.

The Home Assessment does just that. It examines your home's current energy use and offers specific recommendations to improve the comfort, safety and efficiency of your home. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Begin your New Year right! Save energy in your home with a Home Energy Assessment.

## New Rebates in the New Year

What if you could improve your home, save money, and get paid back for it? Through Energy Smart at CORE, you can. Whether you want to swap out inefficient lights or retrofit your heating system, [CORE is here to help!](#)

**DEADLINE FRIDAY:**

The BLM is proposing to cancel the majority of leases in the heart of the Thompson Divide, but they're asking for public input.

Please provide your comments

**by January 8th.**

[Click here to make your voice heard.](#)

**Help Wanted:**

The company working on "greening" the X Games is looking for help.

You could earn some cash, see the X Games, and help reduce waste at this major event.

If interested, email [Lindsay Arell](#) with Arell Logic.

This year, CORE will provide up to \$1,000 per home in rebates for qualifying efficiency upgrades and up to \$6,000 per home in rebates for renewable energy systems.



We've added a few new rebates, including rebates for Energy Star refrigerators, and ductless heat pumps (mini-splits).

We also have custom rebates available for projects that are projected to greatly reduce energy usage.

**For the complete list of rebates and to read the terms and conditions, [click here](#) and select "Roaring Fork Valley."**

### Aspen is Third!

The City of Aspen is currently ranked third in the Georgetown University Energy Prize, a national energy savings competition in which 50 communities across the country are all competing to reduce residential and municipal energy use.

In the first quarter of the competition, Aspen reduced 9.8 million kilowatt hours of electricity and 650,000 therms of natural gas, amounting to a collective savings of \$950,000 on the community's utility bills.

[Read more about Aspen's standings here.](#)

If you are an Aspen resident, you can join the "Aspen Energy Challenge" this month by improving the efficiency of your refrigerator. [Learn how here.](#)

### Building a New Home?

While CORE has rebates to fund retrofits in existing homes, we also want to encourage new home builders and owners to move beyond the required code, and build net-zero homes. We are pleased to announce the "[Zero Energy Homes Grant](#)," which is designed to do just that.



Often referred to as "Net Zero Homes," these buildings produce as much energy as they consume. This is achieved by building an exceptionally energy efficient home that has renewable energy generation on-site. This grant will utilize the "[HERS Index](#)" to measure the performance of the new home, and will provide a tiered grant commensurate with the home's performance.

Like other CORE grants, the goal is to lower energy consumption, reduce carbon dioxide emissions, promote renewable energy, educate the community, and develop more sustainable and replicable energy technologies.

If you are planning on building a new home in 2016, please email [Marty Treadway](#) with questions or call (970)925-9775 extension 504.

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### January is "Radon Action Month"

Radon is a radioactive gas that can leach into your home from the natural decay of uranium in the soil. Radon can be a problem for any home--old or new, well-sealed or drafty--and it is estimated that every 1 in 15 homes has elevated radon levels.

It is the number one leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers, and Colorado has some of the highest rates. Don't take your chances. The EPA and Surgeon General have strongly recommended that all homes get tested.

**Pick up your FREE test kit** at [either of our offices](#) at the ABC in Aspen or the Third St. Center in Carbondale.

[Read more about radon here.](#)

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## Welcome Kate!

CORE is pleased to welcome Kate Henion to our staff. As Energy Programs Assistant, Kate will be helping homeowners access rebates and providing complimentary energy advising services.

Born and raised in Connecticut, Kate joins us from Denver where she worked for the Public Interest Network. She is happy to be back in the Valley, where she can help make our communities more energy efficient and environmentally friendly. In her free time, Kate can be found hiking and biking or learning how to become a better rafter and skier.



You can contact Kate directly at [Kate@aspencore.org](mailto:Kate@aspencore.org) or extension 503.

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**Efficiently yours,**

Lucy Kessler  
Community Office for Resource Efficiency

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