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### Add It To Your Calendar

#### Events:

#### Tonight!

#### Mid-Valley Green Drinks

Weds., Nov. 4

5:30 - 7:30PM

Roaring Fork Beer Company  
Carbondale

*Do you have a passion for sustainability? If so, come to Green Drinks and discuss your ideas over local beers.*

#### Aspen U Speaker Series:

#### "Protegete"

Thurs. Nov. 5

5:30 - 7:30PM

Limelight Hotel

*"Protegete" is Conservation Colorado's program to mobilize the Latino*

### The Gift that Keeps on Giving

#### ***Free Home Energy Assessments in Snowmass Village and Carbondale***

##### **Snowmass Village Residents:**

Hey Snowmass Village! Have you had an energy assessment performed yet on your home? Winter is here and now is a great time for a Home Energy Assessment, a \$400 value, for FREE!

##### **Homebuyers in Carbondale:**

If you purchased a home in Carbondale in 2015, The Town of Carbondale has a gift for you: a free Home Energy Assessment!

The offer is limited so don't wait, sign up now! [To schedule your free assessment sign up here](#) with Energy Smart Colorado and make sure to indicate in the comments section (page 4) that you are a new home buyer. If you need any assistance, stop by the Energy Resource Center, suite 7 in the Third St. Center.

The Energy Smart Home Energy Assessment includes:

- Up to \$100 worth of "quick fix" items, which could include LEDs, pipe-wrap, a hot water heater blanket and more
- Combustion safety analysis to test for carbon monoxide and gas leaks
- A comprehensive report which identifies priorities for saving energy, specific to your home.

[Sign up today!](#)

#### **Aspen Residents: A Free Smart Thermostat Could be Yours!**

***If you've ever wanted to try the Nest, now is the time.***

The City of Aspen is giving away free smart thermostats (a \$250 value) to Aspen residents who complete a [rebate-eligible upgrade](#), such as adding insulation, swapping out inefficient lights for LEDs, or purchasing a high-efficiency water heater.

[Learn if you qualify for a free smart thermostat here...](#)

community  
on climate change and clean  
air. Dulce Saenz will speak  
about promoting clean  
energy for a healthy future  
for Colorado.

**The last Aspen  
Green Drinks of 2015**

Wed. Nov. 18  
5:30 - 7:30  
Aspen Art Museum

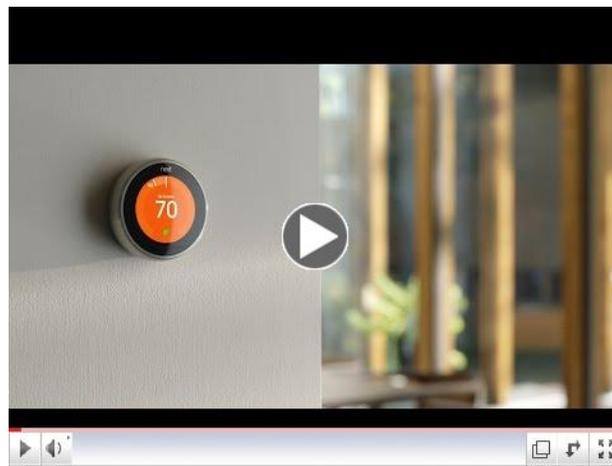
**Aspen TREE free  
Community Meal**

Tues. Nov. 24  
5 - 8PM  
Hotel Jerome ballroom  
*Break bread with your  
community and enjoy an all-  
organic and locally grown  
meal.*  
Volunteers are needed! [Click  
here to volunteer.](#)

**Wild and Scenic Film  
Festival**

Dec. 4 - 5  
Crystal Theater, Carbondale  
*One of the largest  
conservation film festivals in  
North America is coming  
back to Carbondale.*  
[Get your tickets before it sells  
out!](#)

Find out what makes a Nest so smart:



**Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and compost?**

*Between Thanksgiving and New Years, Americans  
generate **25% more waste.***

The holidays are a wonderful time to  
get together with friends and family  
and enjoy a warm, hearty meal.

But what happens to the pounds of  
pie, potatoes and peas, the tons of  
turkey, tater tots and turnips that go  
uneaten?

**American families throw out about  
25% of the food and drinks they  
buy.** Food that gets dumped in the  
trash goes to the landfill and as it  
degrades it emits methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Food is the  
single largest component of municipal solid waste in America's  
landfills and its decomposition accounts for close to **25% of the  
methane emissions** in the US. (Source: NRDC, "[Wasted: How  
America is Losing Up to 40 Percent of Its Food from Farm to Fork to  
Landfill.](#)")



Additionally, our food scraps take up valuable space at the landfill  
and space is limited, especially in Pitkin County where the landfill  
has an estimated lifespan of 17 years remaining under current use  
rates.

There is a solution--you can **compost your food! Here are some  
options:**

1. Make your own compost bin at home. [Check out these DIY  
videos](#)
2. Bring your food scraps to the Pitkin County Landfill and drop it  
off for free during operating hours. There are even free

compost buckets available to collect your food scraps. [Learn more here.](#)

3. [Sign up](#) for curbside compost pickup with Evergreen Events.

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## Rewards for Property Managers

### *Get up to \$350 for moving forward on energy upgrades*

DID YOU KNOW? The single largest contributor to Aspen's emissions is the residential sector? That means our homes are consuming more energy than Aspen's cars and buses, more than all the hotels and restaurants, more than the airport!



If Aspen is going to meaningfully compete in the [Georgetown University Energy Prize](#), we have to be more efficient with our energy usage, starting at home.

**Property Managers:** help your clients save energy, save money and get cash back for your efforts.

- **Get \$100!** Sign up any property in Aspen for a [Home Energy Assessment](#) and get \$100 bucks from us.
- **Get \$250!** Move forward with any energy upgrades and we'll send you \$250--and send your client up to \$1,000 in rebates.

[Learn about the rewards program here](#)

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## This Month: Take Your Mug Shot!

### *Get a \$25 gift card to your favorite coffee shops in Aspen*

Just post a photo of yourself with your reusable mug to the Waste Free Roaring Fork facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/WasteFreeRoaringFork/](http://www.facebook.com/WasteFreeRoaringFork/). Whoever posts the most per week will win a gift card.

# MUG SHOT CONTEST!

1

## Grab ANY Reusable Mug.

Use your own or get one at our office for **FREE!**

2nd Floor of Aspen City Hall



2

## Take Your Mug Shot.



Take a snapshot of yourself with your mug in any **Coffee Shop** you like.

3

## Post Your Mug Shot.

Post a new mug shot to

**Waste Free Roaring Fork** Facebook as many times as you can for each week.



# WIN!

**\$25 Gift Certificate to these Shops**

Most  
Mug Shots  
in  
Week  
Wins

Nov 2 — 8

Nov 9 — 15

Nov 16 — 22

Nov 23 — 29

Nov 30 — Dec 6

Peach's

Starbucks

Jour de Fete

Paradise Bakery

Spring Cafe



Waste Free Roaring Fork for more information!

## CORE in the News

Mona Newton's Letter to the Editor about the Ski Town Showdown: ["Think Aspen's The Best? Let's Prove It."](#)

An article in the Aspen Daily News about how the Aspen School District has reduced their electricity usage 23%: ["Schools' energy savings aids competition's efforts."](#)

## Snowmass Village Seeks Environmental Advisory Board Member

*Help protect the environment and contribute to your community*



The Town of Snowmass Village is currently searching for a local resident who is passionate and knowledgeable about environmental issues to serve on the Town's Environmental Advisory Board.

The Board meets monthly and is tasked with providing the Town Council with direction relating to environmental policies. This is a one year term starting in 2016.

Learn more and apply online at [www.TOSV.com](http://www.TOSV.com)

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**Efficiently yours,**

Lucy Kessler  
Community Office for Resource Efficiency

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