

Mountainside VILLAGE

June Newsletter, 2008

DRUMROLL PLEASE!!!

Mountainside Village is pleased to unveil its long-awaited recycling program!



It only took 15 years for Teton Valley Community Recycling Director, Ginny Newsome, to get a self-sustaining recycling program designed and operational in Teton County. But all this work has finally paid off, and now household recycling can be dropped off at the Teton County Transfer Station. It was the moment we at Mountainside Village have been waiting for. Now that we can recycle locally, we are pleased to initiate our own community recycling program!

Mountainside Village will collect:

Glass
Aluminum
Mixed office paper
Newspaper &
Tin cans

Recyclables should be sorted and dropped in the appropriate cans in the Village Depot - find them in the closet labeled "Recycling Center."

Because we are a growing community, we anticipate that this program will also continue to grow and change. Mountainside Inc. will get the program started, but the involvement of the community will ultimately make this program a success. At this June's POA meeting, program options will be discussed to determine how recycling will be funded, operated, and sustained in our community. In the meantime, we're excited to get this long awaited program underway and see where it takes us!

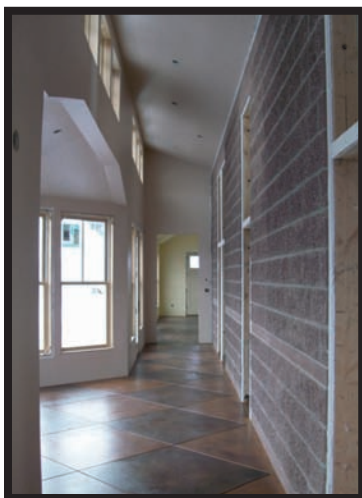
Going Platinum

Mountainside's own Suncatcher house on track to be the first LEED Platinum house in Eastern Idaho and all of Wyoming.



The US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program prides itself on setting an ever-rising bar for green homebuilding throughout the nation and the world. Perhaps it shouldn't be too surprising that one of the region's very first homes to achieve LEED's highest level of certification would be located right here in

our very own Village. Featuring high-performance passive solar design, an incredible, interior sun hall, excellent insulation, low-VOC paints and finishes, and artistically acid-etched concrete floors, the Suncatcher will set a new standard for efficient and beautiful design among its peers. At press time, there were no LEED Platinum homes in either Idaho or Wyoming. But even as the number of Platinum homes in the area grows, the Suncatcher is sure to remain unique among them, because it is on track to attain the Platinum distinction without many of the expensive features that scare some homebuilders away from green building (such as solar panels or heat pumps). For more on the Suncatcher or to experience its beautiful sunlit spaces, visit our website, come by the Village, or call to schedule a personal tour with our architect.



Mountainside Institute Offers Green Real Estate Training Course!

July 3, 2008



According to all sources, green real estate is the way of the future. But selling and understanding green homes requires a bit of education. With both the demand and the availability of green homes rising, and with high fuel prices forcing people to think about how much they

drive, green buildings and well-designed neighborhoods are suddenly starting to look even better than before. Promising higher overall quality of life for their residents, more robust market values for their investors, more durable buildings for their contractors, and a healthier relationship with the planet, traditional neighborhoods and green homes are hot right now, and the Teton region's realtors know it. Initial outreach efforts have indicated an overwhelming level interest in these topics among the area's real estate professionals. The course will be offered on July 3rd, 2008 from 9am - 1pm. It will focus on understanding and selling green homes, offering four hours of realtor continuing education credit in Wyoming and Idaho. Included in the course fee is the opportunity to take two additional elective hours, one of which will focus on the LEED for homes program and the other of which will look at the added values and benefits of green neighborhood design. For more information about this or other Mountainside Institute programs, please contact the Institute's Director, Dahvi Wilson.

Upcoming Events...

- 🌿 **Open House with Yellowstone Business Partnership/ Teton Valley Chamber of Commerce - June 27, 3-7pm**
- 🌿 **Green Realtor Course - July 3, 9am-3pm; Teton Mountain Lodge in Teton Village. Pre-registration required.**
- 🌿 **Teton Valley Sustainability Fair - July 10, 2-6pm; Driggs Community Center**

To find out more about upcoming events at the Village, visit www.mountainsidevillageidaho.com/events.htm!

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