

Mountainside VILLAGE

May Newsletter, 2008

Spring Is Coming to Mountainside Village! (We Swear...)



Selah Warren eats a freshly "baked" snow pie on her porch in the spring sunshine.

Despite another month of false starts, Spring is definitely on its way. Around the Village, green grass is appearing in our courtyards and commons, catkins are blooming on our aspens, and leaf buds are emerging on the maples that line our streets. The pond has melted and the smell of barbecues has begun to waft through the evening air. Every sunny day finds more Village residents out on their porches, and it is obvious that spring fever has descended upon our neighborhood. Spring has also brought a new wave of lot sales. Congratulations to Hamilton, Maliza, and Adriano Smith-Wetzler on their new lot and to Dayne Lahood on his. We are also pleased to welcome the Conroy family and the Linnell family to the neighborhood, bringing the number of occupied units in the Village up to eleven. We eagerly await the warmer weather, and we celebrate a new season of blossoming life in our community.

Mountainside Village in the Community

As summer approaches, Mountainside Village and Institute make their presence known entering into festival season with a bang!

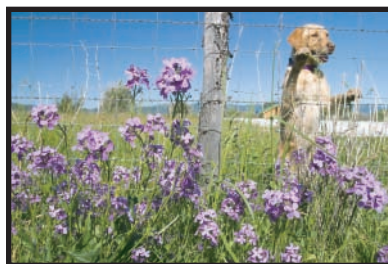
As a regional leader in Traditional Neighborhood Design and Green Building, Mountainside has begun what promises to be an exciting summer sweep of festivals, events, and educational forums. On April 28, Mountainside Institute hosted an educational program for local builders to help familiarize them with the ENERGY STAR building process and give them access to the knowledge and expertise of our third party LEED certifier, Tad DUBY. According to Mike Hudacsko of Alternative Building Solutions, "[The program] was very informational and provided me with answers to some of the questions I have had for a while. I really enjoyed getting to meet some of the people that are working with some of the same concepts as ABS and it is crazy how much more I am excited about being in the construction industry when I am working along side or at least getting the chance to talk others about these ideas and concepts." We hope to offer more programs like this moving forward, including a possible upcoming critical details training for subcontractors in partnership with Kath Williams + Associates.

On May 5, Mountainside Institute was pleased to host a panel discussion about the connections between neighborhood design and sustainability at the Teton County Library as part of the Teton Sustainability Project's Spring Earth Festival. The panel featured our own Larry Thal, Randy Carpenter of the Sonoran Institute, Teton County Commissioner Ben Ellis, Victor City Councilor Dave Bergart, and Kristy Bruner of the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance. With about 30 people in attendance, this program offered interesting insights about how to design neighborhoods sustainably and how these principles are being applied in Jackson and Victor and the Northern Rockies in general.

In the coming months, our community programming is set to continue. We staffed a booth at the Murie Center's ECOfair celebration in Jackson on May 10th, and we are looking forward to representing the Village at the first annual Idaho Green Expo in Boise May 17-18. Finally, plan not to miss our own first annual Mountainside Beach Volleyball Tourney scheduled for August 17th. For a complete listing of our upcoming events, check out our upcoming events page at: <http://mountainsidevillageidaho.com/events.htm>.

MsV Pilots Doggie-Doo Composting

Do the doo.



As our snow melts, doggie poo is surfacing all around, and the time has come for Mountainside dog owners to start collecting and disposing of their doggies'

doo! It is with this in mind that we are pleased to introduce a new pilot program to turn dog waste into a valuable soil enhancer. Participating in this program is easy. Just find one of our two doggie doo stations (one near the future Village Center and one along the pond walk), grab a compostable doggie-doo bag, collect your doo, and drop the whole thing into the station's specially marked collection bin. Every week or so, these bins will be emptied into a central composting bin, where the doo will be treated and allowed to slowly filter into the ground. Not to worry, this process shouldn't be stinky, and it will take place at a safe distance from Blue Flax Farm, so none of our home-grown vegetables will be at risk of contamination. Please be sure not to place any trash or plastic into the collection bins, as these will not biodegrade. For more information on this program, or any of the other sustainability initiatives currently underway at Mountainside, feel free to contact Dahvi Wilson (dahvi@mountainsidevillageidaho.com), our Director of Sustainability.

Upcoming Events...

- 🌸 **Teton County Opens Recycling Program! - May 10**
- 🌸 **Idaho Green Expo - May 17-18, 9am-6pm**
At the Boise Convention Center
- 🌸 **Open House with Yellowstone Business Partnership and the Teton Valley Chamber - June 27, 3-7pm**

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