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equipment and free installation. Some of the free items that eligible customers may qualify for include interior and exterior compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and fixtures, faucet aerators, low-flow showerheads, and pipe wrap! Synergy Companies also helps mobile home owners identify and reduce heat and air leaks in their ducting systems through duct test and seal.

Synergy Companies will also provide information to income-qualified mobile home owners about income assistance programs offered by SCE. Through these special programs, income-qualified households may be eligible to receive a reduction of up to 20% on their electric bills.

All products and services are offered at no cost to the customer with funding provided by California utility ratepayers. This program is available on a first-come, first served basis to qualifying customers until allocated funds are depleted and may be modified or terminated without notice. Customer eligibility is based upon prior participation records, and some programs require income screening, proof of home ownership documentation, and climate zone restrictions. Participants must live in Inyo or Mono Counties and be customers of Southern California Edison. Additional terms and conditions apply.

To sign up for the Comprehensive Mobile Home Program, visit www.synergycompanies.org or call 888-988-9829. -Press release

MAMMOTH VIEW

In the last issue of The Green Sheet, we wrote about the Mammoth View project, a boutique condo/hotel in the midst of exploratory drilling for geothermal energy on its property in Mammoth. Since that time, the Planning Commission has approved the project's vesting tract map, use permit application, design review and California Environmental Quality Act findings, which means the project is continuing to move forward.

RES. RETROFIT PROGRAM

As a follow up to the presentation made to the Board of Supervisors

earlier this year by CHF (CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund), Mono County now has a contractor qualified to implement the Residential Energy Retrofit Program. At its most basic level, the program provides financial assistance for energy retrofits recommended by the qualified contractor, including a grant up to \$1,250, up to \$700 to cover home inspections before and after the project is completed, and a 15-year loan at a 0% introductory interest rate (may increase to 3% in the future). Income and other eligibility requirements do apply. Please see the attached flyers for a basic description of the program, and a folder of more extensive information is available at the County Building Permit Offices.

For anyone interested in the taking advantage of the program, the first step is to contact the qualified contractor to discuss eligibility and program requirements:

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If anyone has questions, please contact Jeff Bender or inquire with CHF at 855.740.8422. Mono County staff will not be able to answer detailed questions about the program.

ZPIZZA

zpizza cares about the health of the planet and their customers, which is why they've chosen to hold themselves responsible. By being committed to and conscious of their impact on the environment and the consumer, they've set an example for other companies and individuals to follow.

zpizza addresses the needs of today's health conscious consumer with concern for both the individual and the environment by supporting organic agriculture through organic menu items and practicing an eco-friendly approach to their operations. From the creation of their food to its delivery to the customer, zpizza analyzes operations to support the preservation and improvement of the environment. Visit zpizza.com to see examples of their environmental initiatives. -Press release

Calendar

Saturday, September 24/

Build a Trail! The Mammoth Lakes Trail System is under construction! Join MLTPA and Friends of the Inyo as they build a brand-new connector trail straight from the Sherwins Area Recreation Plan. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Meet under the tent at the Panorama Dome Trailhead.

Mammoth Lakes Basin Consolidated Mine Tours. A one-hour tour with Friends of the Inyo Lakes Basin Steward Carole Lester focusing on an interesting aspect of the Mammoth Lakes Basin's human history. Meet at 3 p.m. at the Mine Kiosk in the Coldwater/Duck Pass parking area. Every Friday and Saturday through Oct. 1. 760.709.0245

Lakes Basin Geology Tours. Learn why all of the trees at Horseshoe Lake are dead, and many other amazing facts on a half-mile walk to McLeod Lake. Meet at the McLeod Trailhead at Horseshoe Lake at 3 p.m. Every Saturday and Sunday through Oct. 2. 760.709.0245

Great Sierra River Cleanup. Join ESLT in the stewardship of our water resources and local recreation areas! This year, we will again partner with the LADWP in participation in the statewide Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Great Sierra River Cleanup and clean up trash from a popular area of the Owens River. Contact Hillary at 760.873.4554 or Hillary@eslt.org to register and for more information.

National Public Lands Day. www.publiclandsday.org

Wednesday, September 28/

Potluck and General Meeting. The California Native Plant Society, Bristlecone Chapter holds its General Meeting and Annual Potluck at 6 p.m. Then at 7 p.m. Maureen Finnerty and BryAnna Vaughan will give a talk entitled, "First Bloom: A Partnership between Devils Postpile National Monument and Bishop Paiute Tribe." Bring your favorite potluck dish, a serving utensil, and your own plate, cup, and eating utensils. www.bristleconecnps.org

Trail System Master Plan Public Hearing. The Mammoth Lakes Planning Commission holds a public hearing for the adoption of the Trail System Master Plan. Visit www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/calendar.aspx for more information.

Sunday, October 9/

Highway Cleanup. The California Native Plant Society, Bristlecone Chapter will hold a field trip/work day to cleanup the highway. Meet at the intersection of U.S. 395 and Pine Creek Rd., west of 395, at 9 a.m. We will try to be done by 1 p.m. For more information contact leader, Scott Hetzler at 760.873.8392.

Saturday, October 15/

Open forum at Stellar Brew. Come discuss ways to bring a greenhouse to Mammoth and to make the area more biodynamic. 6 p.m., free coffee and snacks.

Wednesday, October 19/

Trail System Master Plan Adoption. The Trail System Master Plan goes before the Mammoth Lakes Town Council for its review and potential adoption of the plan. Visit www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/calendar.aspx for more information.

Saturday, October 22/

Naylon Conservation Easement

Celebration. Join Bob & Lee Naylon, California Deer Association, California Wildlife Conservation Board, and ESLT for a celebration of the permanent preservation of this important and unique historic property. Visit www.eslt.org for more information.

UPCOMING

October 2011/

Signature Gathering. The Label GMOs: It's Our Right to Know campaign begins gathering signatures to place the initiative on the 2012 ballot. Visit www.labelgmos.org for more information.



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