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Tour of Solar Homes & Environmental Film Festival Happening This Weekend

The **2008 Denver Tour of Solar** system before heading out for the Homes is this Saturday, Oct. 4th, and once again I'm inviting readers with me, you can still come by for

to be in my carpool. If you're so inclined, call me at 303-525-1851 or email me at the address below. The fee is \$20 per carload, and we can share that expense.

Alternatively, you can sign up for a bus tour (\$45 per person), which includes lunch and a stop at the Governor's Mansion and a tour of its photovoltaic installation.

You can preview the homes and buildings on this year's tour by visiting www.CRES-Energy.org. If you want to take the bus tour or drive your own car, you can register on that website. I've already signed up for my carload.

We'll assemble at Golden Real Estate's office at 17695 S. Golden Road, where I'll explain the functioning of our own photovoltaic

tour itself. If you're not carpooling

TODAY

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the tour of our PV **REAL ESTATE** system at 8:30 a.m.

> Another big annual event taking place this weekend is the Colorado Environmental Film Festival. Here's the description from its website, www.CEFF. net, where you will find the schedule of screenings: "The Colorado Environ-



who value the natural world and share a passion for the power and beauty of film."

The film festival kicks off at 6 p.m. on Thursday and continues on Friday evening, all day Saturday, and concludes Sunday, Oct. 5th with an award ceremony and reception at 5 p.m. You can attend 20 films for \$40, or buy single tickets for \$5, with intermediate savings. Visit the website to purchase tickets and see the schedule. It's held at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St., Golden.

New Environmental Content on GoldenRealEstate.com

As a Certified EcoBroker®, I am trained in all aspects of "going green," and I have added a link for 30-plus "green" articles on our home page. These articles cover the full range of real estate-related topics, from energy efficiency to green building materials to solar energy to you-name-it. You'll find them all quite informative!

I've also added a link for real estate news, provided by Realty Times. This link includes a 10minute video newscast created fresh every week, as well as scores of links for written articles.

This week's newscast leads off. as you might expect, with a discussion and explanation of the current financial crisis and how it affects real estate. You'll want to click on this link regularly, as I do myself.

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