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TINY HOUSE LUMBERS TOWARDS OCCUPY WALL STREET

"When I found out that living in a tiny house is illegal, I just had to get myself into one. This is the coziest form of civil disobedience I've found. It's the tiny Trojan horse with curb appeal." Jay Shafer, Tiny Activist and founder Tumbleweed Tiny House Company.



A lumbering Tiny House coming to assist the Wall Street Occupation Forces may be the most important piece of moral combat artillery around. From this formidable podium, on Tuesday, December 13, Jay Shafer will be speaking to the people at Occupy and to the media about the role of the Small House Movement in protecting the people's right to live in residences compatibles with their wants and needs.

The tiny mobile house, designed by the Tumbleweed Tiny House Company, is the vanguard of Small Movement Founder Jay Shafer's assault on an establishment he feels has wrecked the economy, disenfranchised the middle class and taken over our fragile democratic systems. The tiny house of wheels is only 130 square feet (18'x8') but is symbolic of resistance to a corporate infrastructure that disallows small, but comfortable residences to co-assist with its larger neighbors, thereby depriving many citizens of the possibility of owning their own homes and controlling their own destinies.

"For decades corporations like those from the housing, insurance and lumber industries (under the banner of the International Code Council and state) have maintained that our houses need to be of a certain size to be legal," says Jay Shafer, commenting on the idea that mandatory consumption laws insure a vibrant economy, when what they really do is "increase spending on virtually everything- from heating fuel and property taxes to more trips to Ikea."

Now, he points out, the banks have hopped on the bandwagon, mandating even larger house-size requirements so people buy into houses they can ill-afford which can be quickly foreclosed on when they fail to make payments.

The Tiny House is coming to Occupy Wall Street to proclaim the people's right to have affordable housing and to confront the unfair codes that constrain the ability to obtain affordable housing. The current situation, says, Jay Shafer, is "a win-win for banks at the front and the back end of the deal. And it's a win-win-win when bailouts are ultimately collected at the backend of American taxpayers with a little extra leverage from friends in government."

Jay Shafer is headed towards Wall Street, fully cognizant of the pepper spray and billy clubs that have increasingly intimidated those who have chosen to freely assemble. He knows that when a society puts consumption over safety, it not only depletes bank accounts, causes citizens to face possible disclosure, but risks residences with enhanced dangers of earthquakes, floods and fires, one of the unfortunate by-products over larger houses. It is the time for him to speak out.

The Small House is coming, Wall Street. Viva la tiny revolution!

Jay Shafer, an expert in small living, is a designer specializing in sustainable architecture and urban planning. He has been a popular lecturer at the Eco-Dwelling program at New College, the Boston Architectural Center and the University of Iowa's School of Art and Art History where he served as an Adjunct Assistant Professor for more than a decade.

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IMAGES OF JAY'S HOMES:

