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San Diego Green Building Council Unveils 10 Homes to be Featured on 2016 Green Homes Tour on Nov. 12

Seventh annual event showcases best practices in green residential design and building with unique opportunity for community to tour private homes throughout the county

SAN DIEGO (OCT 25, 2016) – The [San Diego Green Building Council](http://www.usgbc-sd.org) (SDGBC), an environmental nonprofit dedicated to providing education, outreach and advocacy focused on green building in the San Diego community, announced today the 10 residential projects that will be featured on the **Green Homes Tour** on Saturday, Nov. 12. Home sites are located throughout the county, including Mission Hills, Pacific Beach, Poway, Ocean Beach, Leucadia, Chula Vista, Ramona, Jamul and Campo.

Now in its seventh year, the event brings together hundreds of members of the local community to celebrate best practices in green building and design while showcasing the innovative work of some of the industry's top professionals. The diverse projects include sustainably remodeled residences, urban multifamily developments, luxurious custom homes and many projects that have achieved or are seeking LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, the top third-party verification system for sustainable structures around the world.

On the self-guided tour (which runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.), attendees may visit as many of the homes as they would like, meet with industry professionals and learn more about the latest green home design, construction and upgrade options. Each eco-friendly project features a number of innovative, high-performance design features including impact areas such as energy, water conservation, building materials, indoor air quality, landscaping, and sustainable building sites.

Tickets are on sale now at <http://www.usgbc-sd.org/event-2296833>. Green Building Council members are \$10 and non-members are \$15. Students are \$5 (with I.D.) and children under 16 are free.

The 2016 spotlight projects include:

- **Casa Aguila (Ramona)** – This single-family home is LEED Platinum certified and a DOE Challenge Home. It is the first Southern California "Passive House" home and the first in San Diego County to supply 100 percent of its indoor potable water from rainwater and use recycled blackwater for irrigation.

- **Fallgren Naturally Healthy Home (Campo)** – Constructed from straw bales, straw clay, adobe block, clay plaster and other natural materials, this home provides a welcoming shelter from the extreme heat and cold of the high desert community of the East County. The owners are currently seeking Living Building Challenge Net Zero Building/Petal Certification.
- **Lofts on Landis (Chula Vista)** – This new 33-unit affordable housing community in the city’s downtown was built using an integrated design that incorporated sustainability at all stages of development, including principles of smart growth and a “whole systems” approach to construction. It exceeds Title 24 energy-efficiency requirements by 34.9 percent and has achieved LEED Platinum certification, EPA Indoor airPLUS, EPA Energy Star, California Advanced Homes and New Solar Homes Partnership status.
- **The Shed (Leucadia)** – This four-unit infill project combines private residences with a central space for communal gatherings, bringing a welcome improvement to the previously rundown property. The nearly-completed project features energy- and water-efficient design choices as well as extensive use of recycled, natural and low-emission materials, is seeking GreenPoint Rated certification.
- **Dimock Residence (Pacific Beach)** – This GreenPoint-rated (gold level) single-family home underwent a down-to-the-studs remodel with additions, featuring sustainably harvested and salvaged lumber, FSC certified and nontoxic materials, water-saving fixtures, smart technology and California-native, drought-tolerant landscaping.
- **Szulc Residence (Poway)** – A single-family home with 270-degree mountain views features blue jean insulation, solar panels, rain water catchment/graywater system and multiple Solatube daylighting units. It was featured in the “150 Best Sustainable House Ideas” book published by Harper Design in 2013.
- **Clea House (Mission Hills)** – This secluded, 4,000-square-foot, hilltop home seamlessly blends modern design, luxury living and green building features. The lines between nature and architecture blur as the home’s innovative mid-century-inspired design captures the shifting light, fresh breezes and 270-degree views from a 1,100-square-foot rooftop deck.
- **Tourmaline House (Pacific Beach)** – Perched above the Pacific Ocean with large decks and sweeping views, this new, single-family spec homes features extensive green building and design choices throughout and is currently seeking LEED certification.
- **O’Brien Residence (Ocean Beach)** – This GreenPoint-rated home is undergoing an extensive whole-house remodel and addition and features a high-efficiency furnace and water heater, energy-efficient windows, advanced waterproofing systems, solar power system, low-water landscape, drip irrigation and graywater system, and extensive use of sustainable and recycled materials.
- **Alta Loma (Jamul)** – This unique single-family home for sale in San Diego’s back-country features energy-efficient straw bale construction with adobe and clay plaster interior walls. The home is situated to take advantage of natural air ventilation in order to maintain indoor comfort without heating or air conditioning systems. The interior floor plan revolves around a central pond and massive boulder providing thermal mass, and the property offers views of

the adjacent nature reserve and diverse surrounding geography. A 1,000-foot-deep well provides all of the water for the home.

A Green Homes Tour map and complete list of this year's projects, including photos and building additional details, can be found at the San Diego Building Council's [website](#).

The Green Homes Tour is made possible by a committee of industry volunteers and the generous financial support of local sustainability-minded businesses, including [Xpera Group](#) (premier event sponsor) and [Alliance Green Builders](#).

Additional sponsorship opportunities are still available by contacting Bryon Stafford, this year's Green Homes Tour coordinator, at (619) 955-9208 or bryon@lelandconstruction.com.

The San Diego Green Building Council is a 501(C)3 environmental nonprofit dedicated to providing education, outreach and advocacy surrounding green building in the San Diego region. It is the San Diego Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council, whose mission is to inspire, educate and collaborate within communities to transform the built environment toward true sustainability. More information is available at <http://www.usgbc.org/> (national website) and <http://usgbc-sd.org/> (local website).

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