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## **San Diego Green Building Council Announces Featured Homes for 2017 Green Homes Tour on Sunday, Oct. 22**

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

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**SAN DIEGO (OCT. 4, 2017)** – The [San Diego Green Building Council](http://usgbc-sd.org) (SDGBC), an environmental nonprofit dedicated to providing education, outreach and advocacy focused on green building in the San Diego community, has announced 10 homes that will be featured on the **Green Homes Tour on Sunday, Oct. 22**. This year's home sites are located in the communities of Golden Hill, South Park, Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Lakeside and Valley Center.

Now in its eighth year, the [San Diego Green Homes Tour](http://usgbc-sd.org/event-2547926) 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 constructed or remodeled single-family residences, urban multifamily developments and many projects that are GreenPoint Rated or LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certified, the top third-party verification system for sustainable structures around the world.

On the self-guided tour (which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), attendees may visit as many of the homes as they like, meet with industry professionals and homeowners, and learn more about the latest green home design, construction and upgrade options. Each eco-friendly project features innovative, high-performance design features including impact areas such as energy and water conservation, building materials, indoor air quality, landscaping and sustainable building sites.

San Diego Green Building Council members are \$10 and non-members are \$15. Students are \$5 (with I.D.) and children under 18 are free. Tickets are available now at <http://usgbc-sd.org/event-2547926>.

The 2017 Green Homes Tour project lineup includes:

- **LeCase Ecovillage (Pacific Beach)** – Five residences on two urban lots designed to facilitate a more environmentally conscious communal lifestyle, with a community garden using permaculture techniques, rainwater catchment system, rapidly renewable cork flooring, recycled denim insulation, whole-house ventilation systems and a vegetated roof.

- **The Guild on 30<sup>th</sup> (Golden Hill)** – Newly constructed urban in-fill project featuring 15 townhomes built to LEED (Gold or Platinum) Certified guidelines, utilizing the tenets of smart growth and featuring built-in, eco-friendly technology and design elements throughout.
- **McConkey Residence (Lakeside)** – A creative, compact residence featured in *Dwell Magazine* that was constructed from three recycled shipping containers, features solar power, tankless water heaters and xeriscaping and embraces the owner's love of the great outdoors.
- **Sumer Residence (Solana Beach)** – Gut-remodel of a single-family home that has earned the rigorous LEED Platinum Certification for its commitment to lowering environmental impact. Green features include drought-tolerant and native plants, greywater and rainwater catchment systems, recycled and locally sourced materials, as well as significant reuse of the original framing lumber.
- **Wakeham Strawbale Residence (Solana Beach)** – Features super-insulated strawbale walls, passive solar orientation and distributed thermal mass for comfortable year-round living, photovoltaic solar array, rainwater catchment and greywater reuse, and natural/nontoxic building materials.
- **3 on Abbott (Ocean Beach)** – Unique three-unit residential project was efficiently pre-fabricated (factory-built) for safe, quick and efficient construction and significantly reduced building material waste. Building features include engineered bamboo flooring, ultra-low VOC content, rapidly renewable materials, tankless water heaters, daylighting and natural cross-ventilation, Energy Star appliances and xeriscape landscaping.
- **Fazenda (Valley Center)** – Super-efficient home is rated GreenPoint Platinum and features cork floors, heat recovery ventilation system, rainwater catchment and greywater system, metal roof and Perform Wall (for fire safety) and a projected 67 percent solar offset.
- **Neuhaus (Encinitas)** – Complete single-family home remodel currently seeking LEED Platinum Certification, designed to be healthy and sustainable with lifecycle-assessed material choices and energy- and water-conscious features throughout.
- **O'Brien Residence (Ocean Beach)** – This GreenPoint Rated home underwent a 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 extensive use of sustainable and recycled materials.
- **Vanderhoff Water-Wise Home (South Park)** – Home features extreme water-conscious landscaping, rainwater and greywater systems designed to create a regenerative culture of water conservation, as well as bee habitats and houses.

The San Diego Green Homes Tour is made possible by a committee of industry volunteers and the generous support of corporate sponsors [Cali Bamboo](#) and [Leland Construction](#) and media partner [San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles Magazine](#).

*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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