Presentation of Babcock Ranch's 'Florida Green' Certification to Highlight FGBC Annual Meeting

There is still time to register and attend the Florida Green Building Coalition’s Annual Meeting this Friday, Nov. 16 at the Doubletree Hotel Downtown Orlando at 60 S. Ivanhoe Blvd.

Babcock Ranch developer **Syd Kitson**, Chairman and CEO of Kitson & Partners, is scheduled to attend to accept the community’s FGBC Certification as a 'Florida Green' land development and update members on the community. This important annual event brings members from all around the state together for meetings, lunch and networking opportunities.

There will be a welcome reception from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15 at the FGBC office, 25 E. Central Blvd. The reception is complimentary for FGBC members.

The annual meeting luncheon will be on Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m @ The Doubletree. The luncheon is $30 per person.

Don't miss this year's annual meeting. Registration required.

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FGBC Announces Senior Officers

ORLANDO, Fla. - The Florida Green Building Coalition, the leading certifier of green projects in the state, has announced its executive committee and board for the coming year. Hollywood's Barry Faske of Faske Enterprises, has been elected president. U.S. Army Major (Ret.) Bill Kachman of DeLand will serve as vice president. Katrina Locke, Sustainability and Natural Resources Director for Volusia County in Deland is the secretary and Orlando’s Jeremy Nelson of GreenGov, LLC is treasurer.

"The board's leadership and energy has been instrumental in promoting and maintaining "Florida Green" standards and programs throughout the state. The board makes policy, directs staff and has the ultimate responsibility for the advancement of our local mission to promote green building in Florida," noted FGBC Executive Director C.J. Davila.

With over 18,000 certifications to date, FGBC is by far the largest certifier of green homes, communities, commercial buildings, hi-rises and local governments in Florida.

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DeLand Earns Florida Building Coalition Gold Certification

DELAND - The City of DeLand is proud to announce it has earned gold-level certification under the Florida Green Building Coalition's Florida Green Local Government designation program.
The city initially earned silver-level certification in 2013 and applied for gold certification in early 2018. To receive gold certification the city must meet criteria focused on improving environmental performance in areas such as energy, water, air, land and waste.

"Congratulations to the City of DeLand. They have renewed their commitment to create and maintain a sustainable community," noted FGBC Executive Director C.J. Davila. "They are part of a growing list of local governments that have gone "Florida Green" with the FGBC standard.

Since the program began 97 Florida local governments have been registered to become "Florida Green."

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Ability Housing Breaks Ground on New FGBC 'Florida Green' Project

JACKSONVILLE - Representatives from Ability Housing, the City of Jacksonville, JPMorgan Chase and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation today broke ground on Village at Hyde Park, a multifamily housing development that will bring 80 affordable apartment homes to Jacksonville's Westside submarket.

Village at Hyde Park, located at 6480 Watergate Lane, will comprise 43 one-bedroom apartments, 23 two-bedroom apartments and 14 three-bedroom apartments, all located within one three-story building.

Twenty units will be accessible to individuals with mobility impairments, and eight units will be designed for persons with hearing and/or vision impairments.

Florida Green Building Coalition standards will be utilized to address energy performance, water conservation, site conditions (including native plants, materials and products) and a healthy interior environment designed to control air and moisture.

Construction will begin this month and is expected to take 12 months.

Certified: 36
Land Developments
Registered: 64
Certified: 14
Local Government
Registered: 97
Certified: 77

Recent Certifications

Miami
Square Station
High-Rise
Bronze

Tampa
ICON Harbour Island
High-Rise
Bronze

Chiefland
CF Levy Campus
Commercial
Bronze

Recent Registrations

Alys Beach
Alys Beach Club
Commercial

City of South Miami
Local Government

Fort Lauderdale
Eden Las Olas
High-Rise

Miami
Aston Martin Residence
High-Rise

Broward County
Johns Farm
Land Development

FGBC Committee Meetings

2nd Wednesday
Monthly
3 p.m.

Commercial
1st Tuesday
Monthly
2 p.m.

Education
1st Thursday
Monthly
3 p.m.
New Technology and Building Science Boost 'Florida Green' Certifications

**Builders See Benefits, Satisfaction in Green Construction**

Construction industry buzz words for several years, "green building" is today more of a reality than a catch phrase. Builders of all sizes are making a commitment to offer certified green homes. Lakewood Ranch-based Neal Communities is one of the top green builders in the state. "At Neal Communities, we try to lead by example," said Pat Neal, CEO and chairman of the board for Neal Communities. "Environmental stewardship is one of our guiding principles because our employees live, work and raise families in the communities where we build. Building green not only furthers our goal of preserving Florida's natural habitat, but it is also more efficient and cost effective for our homeowners."

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**Members on the Move**

*The Florida Green Building Coalition had a booth at the AIA Jacksonville Chapter Trade Show. AIA board member Erik Higgins and chapter president Jennifer Suharmadji with FGBC board member Mary Tappouni.*

**FGBC Participating in 2019 RESNET Performance Building Energy Conference**

**High-Rise**
3rd Tuesday
Monthly
11 a.m.

**Homes**
2nd Tuesday
Monthly
2 p.m.

**Land Development**
4th Wednesday
Bi-Monthly
2 p.m.

**Local Government**
3rd Thursday
Monthly
10:30 a.m.

**Programs & Promotions**
3rd Tuesday
Monthly
3 p.m.

**Funding Opportunities**

- St. Johns River WMD Water Programs
- South Florida WMD Water Programs
- Southwest Florida WMD Water Programs

**Job Opportunities**

- APA Florida Job Board
- Florida Facility Managers Assn Job Board
- Green Dream Jobs
The 2019 RESNET Building Performance Conference is the premier national forum on home energy ratings, existing home retrofits, building codes and energy policy.

The RESNET Building Performance Conference offers strategic options to the business challenges and provides a venue where you can obtain usable solutions in an evolving industry.

The conference offers and exceptional range of original content and fresh information for the home performance industry. For the second year, the Florida Green Building Coalition will be at the conference with a booth. This year FGBC will offering a presentation on Marketing Strategies for Energy Raters and Auditors.

The 2019 RESNET Building Performance Conference will take place on Feb. 25-27 in New Orleans, La.

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Storm Resilient: How a Home in Mexico Beach Survived Hurricane Michael

MEXICO BEACH - Thick concrete with rebar and steel cables. Extra tall pilings. And a roof meant to keep out the wind. Those are the things that allowed one home in Mexico Beach, Fla., to remain standing even as Hurricane Michael obliterated
The home, dubbed the "Sand Palace" by owners Russell King and his nephew Lebron Lackey, was built in 2017, the New York Times reported. The two men reportedly used the house as a family vacation getaway, and rented it out when not staying there themselves. According to the home’s Facebook page, it sleeps as many as 10 people, has four bedrooms, an elevator, and sweeping views of the ocean.

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