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February is a month rich in activities in the Old Pueblo — the Accenture Match Play Championships, the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show and the Rodeo. Now there's one more event that the entire family — and the whole community — will love.

It's the Southern Arizona Home Builders Association Parade of Homes, showcasing seven of the most ecologically forward-thinking homes the southwest has to offer. Seven local builders and a selection of local suppliers have joined forces to showcase the latest innovations in residential building.

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Says SAHBA president Ed Taczanowsky, "These suppliers are showing today's newest and greenest home features — some that aren't even out on the market yet. If you're like me, you like to see and touch these new things. That's why the Parade has designers and representatives available right on site to talk to you about many of these new features."

Each of the homes has earned the prized Energy Star Certification denoting that each home is significantly more energy efficient than a standard house. The Parade of Homes is Arizona's first custom residential subdivision to be awarded the Energy Star rating.

What features make these homes energy-efficient? Advanced window design, improved insulation, and high-efficiency heating and cooling systems are some of the key elements in an environmentally conscious house. Several homes also utilize solar power to take advantage of the desert sun.

But this year's Parade of Homes, back on the calendar for the first time in 20 years, is about more than green building; it's about energy in the Marana community. "The Parade is an opportunity to demonstrate the spirit of Marana and to celebrate the area we're in," says Taczanowsky. Adds Roger Yohem, SAHBA vice president, "SAHBA is all local, from the suppliers to the builders. And we're not just here to build houses. Our motto is 'SAHBA, the Community Builder.'"

Green building and community aside, the Parade of Homes is a chance to immerse yourself in the world of luxury living. Each home is for sale in the 1- to 2-million dollar range, and the

Parade is overflowing with inspired custom details — forget take-out pizza when you have a pizza oven in your backyard. And you can even imagine the perfect set of wheels parked outside your dream home: The Parade has teamed up with Jim Click to feature new-model high-end autos in each home's garage, selected by the individual builders. Whether you're considering buying one of these homes as-is or taking away ideas for your own home, there's something for everyone at the SAHBA Parade of Homes.

The Bauer Home, owned by Brad and Sandy Bauer, is an expression of old world design made contemporary with the latest custom amenities. The three-bedroom, three-bath house unfolds over 3,780 square feet of living space, including a stunning master suite with a spa shower for two, a coffee bar, beverage cooler, and a luxurious steam room. 2,100 square feet of outdoor living space and a vanishing-edge swimming pool complete this pristine package.

The Becklin Home, owned by Richard Fink and Ed Castelhamo, bridges indoor and outdoor living with a unique freestanding casita. This multi-use guest house features a custom skydeck with a rooftop fireplace, outdoor TV and sound system. The four-bedroom, four-bath main home offers an expansive 2,870 square feet of under-roof living space. And you can enjoy the desert's year-round sunshine with 1,955 square feet of outdoor living space, featuring a complete kitchen (outfitted with Viking appliances) and a mesquite-fired pizza oven.

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