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**Park Slope Civic Council
Sustainability House Tour
Sunday, May 17, 2026**

Solicitation of Interest

The Park Slope Civic Council is organizing and sponsoring its third annual Sustainability House Tour on Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The Tour features a self-guided “open-house” tour of homes or buildings in the Park Slope neighborhood—or very nearby—that have installed rooftop solar, heat pump HVAC systems, green roofs, radiant heating, advanced insulation technologies, triple-glazed windows, etc.—or that are completely passive.

In 2024 and 2025, more than 200 curious ticket-buyers toured more than a half-dozen beautiful and technologically advanced homes on the Tour. The reactions have been uniformly positive, both from homeowners and participants alike.

The Civic Council, which is the oldest (since 1896) civic association in Brooklyn, held house tours nearly every year from 1959 until the pandemic. After shutting down for a couple of years, the Council relaunched the Tour with a focus on sustainability, demonstrating to homeowners, building owners and prospective buyers that advanced, sustainable building technologies are practical and financially affordable in a very wide range of homes and building types.

The Civic Council publicizes the Tour extensively, and it can be an important opportunity for architects, contractors and others who design, build, engineer and install cutting-edge sustainable technologies to showcase their work.

For homeowners it’s a chance to help convince others that retrofitting century-old buildings is not as difficult as may be imagined, as well as to show pride in their lovely homes!

Consistent with the focus on sustainability, the Tour would also welcome properties with particularly beautiful and landscaped front or back gardens, as well as those that have installed flood mitigation and/or water conservation technology.

As long as there are no safety issues, properties where work is in progress are also welcome to apply, particularly if normally buried elements of the sustainable technology are thereby easy to view. Properties that are unoccupied and being prepared for sale are eligible, although preference will be given to occupied homes.

Also, although most of the properties on the Tour will be residential, a commercial building with a particularly compelling sustainability “story” will be considered.

Properties must be between Flatbush Avenue and the Prospect Expressway and between 4th Ave and Prospect Park West, or very near to the above.

Hosts must be prepared to:

- Allow House Tour participants into the property during Tour hours. FYI, the Civic Council will staff the entrance to each location to ensure that only ticketed Tour participants are allowed to enter. That will not be the Hosts’ responsibility.
- Optionally, hosts may require participants to remove their shoes and/or wear paper booties provided by the Civic Council. Hosts may designate certain rooms or floors as off limits.
- Provide someone on-site (owner, engineer, installer, agent, etc.) to discuss and answer questions about the building and about the particular sustainable technologies that have been installed.
- Provide text concerning the property, its construction/renovation, and its sustainable technologies. This will be printed in the House Tour booklet and used in other Tour publicity.

If you are interested in potentially being a Host, you may either:

- Email us at: housetour@parkslopeciviccouncil.org, or
- Go to our homepage: www.parkslopeciviccouncil.org, click on the link to the story about the House Tour, and fill out the form at the bottom of the article.

Thank you for your interest!