



The Newsletter for Members and Friends of Community Land Trust Association of West Marin (CLAM)

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Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year from the CLAM Board of Trustees and Staff!

“Blue House” Renovation Completed and Tenants Moved In.

The renovation of CLAM’s 2-bedroom “Blue House” in Point Reyes Station was completed in October. See a photo-journal of the renovation project at www.clam-ptreyes.org. A family (a couple with a school-aged daughter) made it their home in November. The tenants have already taken advantage of the energy-efficiency improvements CLAM made during the renovation, reporting that just using the clothes dryer (on the back porch) or the kitchen stove heats the whole house!

There’s Still Time to Help CLAM complete the Blue House Project!

CLAM will be breaking ground in January on the 2nd unit of the Blue House Project. It is expected to be the first certified “passive house” in California, using energy efficiency techniques to drastically reduce impacts on climate change.

To date, sixty-four people have donated more than \$35,000 toward the 2nd unit construction and CLAM’s annual operating budget. Thank you! There is still time to donate and receive a tax benefit this year. You can donate by mail or online at www.clam-ptreyes.org. To donate stock, please call the office at 663-1005. *A gift of any amount will help enormously!*

CLAM’s Next Property in View!

Ending the year with another big step forward, CLAM is pleased to announce that we have secured an Option to Purchase the Mesa Apartments. This is the 4-unit building across from Whale of a Deli on Mesa Road in Point Reyes Station. The agreement gives CLAM the exclusive right to purchase the property until September 30, 2010, giving us time to organize the financing. We have applied for a grant from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/HOME funds, which come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the County of Marin that could cover part of the cost. If we can raise all the funds needed, completion of this purchase will mean four more affordable homes, bringing us to a total of 10 toward our goal of 50 affordable homes in 25 years. We’ll keep you updated in the next months.

CLAM’s mission is to provide stable and permanently affordable housing in an environmentally responsible way in the communities surrounding Tomales Bay. As a community land trust, CLAM holds land and housing in trust for the community in perpetuity while creating housing that working people can afford.

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