



Prepare Yourself Because There will be Plenty of Home Tours to See This Year

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In the upcoming months the Home Builders Association of Dayton members will be showcasing their crafts through a variety of interesting events taking place throughout the Dayton area.

The events will allow the public to see remodeling and new construction of some unique homes and communities. There will be historic neighborhoods, academic neighborhoods and new urbanism neighborhoods.

Plenty to pique the interest of those looking to buy a new home or recently remodeled home, possibly pick up some renovation tips, scout out a potential house for university enrollee, consider a change in lifestyle or just spend some time reminiscing in the old neighborhood that's not so old any more.

Starting in August, the 2007 version of Citirama takes on a unique perspective. Citirama at the South Student Neighborhood is a presentation by the University of Dayton showcasing state of the art student housing. This is a national first of its kind project partnering a local home builders association and its members with an academic institution to build and display student housing.

As you will see, the floor plans provide efficient live/study environments with many conveniences of "home". The exterior details allow the units to blend with the existing homes in the neighborhood. The important front porches allow the much-desired interaction within the neighborhood.

The four renovated houses and five new houses are equipped state of the art mechanical, safety and communication systems, energy efficient windows, doors and insulation and durable and low maintenance interior and exterior finishes.

The university will also partner with its many community partners to share and display in the open house.

In September, the focus will turn to the northern portion of Montgomery County. A home tour and festive event will take place at the Village of North Clayton "Dream Village Tour". This show will highlight a newer concept to the Dayton area. The "New Urbanism" vision creates a town center with a variety of home within a very short walk. There will be beautiful single-family homes, twin homes and live/work homes on display. All nestled around pocket parks, coffee and candy shops and salons.

Things wrap up in the fall with the 2007 Rehabarama in Historic South Park. This traditional is event presented by the City of Dayton. You may recall that the transformation began for this beautiful neighborhood with the 2001 Rehabarama. The neighborhood has made huge strides over the past six years. South Park residents have created a strong community bond, which has led to an impressive list of recognition for its hands-on approach for continuing to enhance this popular neighborhood. The resident's strong will and the neighborhood's charm and desirability attracted a pair of urban do-gooders

who have committed to assist in the transformation of the neighborhood – one house at a time. Except, they will be offering for sale more than thirty remodeled houses that were formerly vacant. This year's show will feature ten recently renovated homes. They range from cozy cottages with quaint details to large homes that have been updated to all the latest finishes such as high-end flooring and countertops. These homes as well as the many others will be offered at relatively affordable prices throughout the show and beyond.

So as you can see, after you celebrate the Fourth of July, you may consider taking a short rest because August will be here before you know it and these will be experiences that you will not want to miss.