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## Smaller, faster format for this year's parade

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The timing is going to be tight, but the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago announced its plans for a fall Parade of Homes last week.

Eight custom builders will display houses priced from \$500,000 to \$700,000 at Kimball Hill Homes' new Settlers Ridge development in Sugar Grove. The builders met at the development to choose their lots for the show, Oct. 4-22.

The less-than-six-months time frame might make for a photo finish when the parade opens, but Kimball Hill executive Dan Urben said the builders are planning accordingly, and it helps that the parade homes will be relatively smaller than the mammoth ones in recent years.

"The size of the homes probably will range from 3,000 to 3,500 square feet," Urben said. "The goal is to put together a community and homes that really touch more of the mainstream purchaser."

To put the size in perspective, last year's parade in Woodstock had considerably larger homes, priced from \$800,000 to \$1.6 million.

If you're more into remodeling than building, the builders' group has scheduled a new event, Remodel Chicagoland, which will open nine renovated Chicago-area residences to visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 20 and 21.

The wide range of houses on this tour include a redone 8,000-square-foot Gold Coast mansion; a redesigned kitchen, laundry and powder room in a 1978 ranch home in Northbrook; a whole-house renovation of a 1938 two-story Colonial in River Forest, and a new second story on a Cape Cod in Arlington Heights.

You're on your own for transportation to the houses, which are spread from downtown to Glen Ellyn to Mettawa and everywhere in between. But if you make it to all nine (and don't go bankrupt buying gasoline), you can enter a drawing for a flat-panel television. Tickets are \$10 online or \$15 at any of the homes. Details are available at [www.RemodelChicagoland.com](http://www.RemodelChicagoland.com) or by calling the home builders (which also can provide details on the Parade of Homes) at 630-627-7575.

The little house that could

Bursting with pride over how you've fixed up your bungalow? Enter it in the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Bungalow Awards, which recognizes outstanding restorations, rehabs and landscaping. Five winners will receive \$750. The homes must first be certified as historic Chicago bungalows and the rehabs

