



BIA Parade of Homes Returns to New Albany

Mayor Nancy Ferguson

I'm living proof that the BIA Parade of Homes can change your life.

As a Bexley resident nineteen years ago, I was first introduced to New Albany at the 1991 BIA Parade. I instantly fell in love with New Albany's architecture and excellent land planning. I knew right away this community would eventually be my home, but I never would have guessed I might someday have the honor of serving the residents of New Albany as Mayor or play a small role in its development.

With this brief personal history, it may be a little easier to understand why I'm thrilled to have the 2010 BIA Parade of Homes back in New Albany this year, from July 24 – August 8.

This year's Parade includes eight custom built homes in a new section of our Village Center called Ackerly Park. For the first time, the BIA has chosen to locate the Parade near a town center and all the amenities it has to offer. Ackerly Park is within easy walking distance of the New Albany Schools' central campus, the library, the McCoy Center for the Arts, the post office and Village Hall. In addition, restaurants, coffee shops, churches, banks, doctor's offices, the pharmacy and even an ice cream shop are right around the corner from Ackerly Park. Better still, there are 27 miles of leisure trails connecting it to other neighborhoods, the New Albany Business Park and the New Albany Country Club and its beautiful golf course.

As residents, we know firsthand how special New Albany is with its great architecture, white horse fencing, wide rural setbacks along two lane roadways, historic mailboxes and street lighting, uniform street trees and abundant parkland and open spaces. We are excited the BIA Parade of Homes is giving us this opportunity to share New Albany living with others in central Ohio.

Thursday, August 5th will be a special celebration of New Albany for anyone who works or lives here. Each will receive a discount to enjoy the homes in the Parade and some special activities will occur that day including:

- A 2-mile fun walk through various neighborhoods sponsored by the New Albany Walking Club;
- A 5-mile family bike ride on our leisure trails coordinated by Pelotonia; and

- Performances by artists from the New Albany Symphony, Broadway Bound dancers, and members of the New Albany Children's Choir at the BIA Parade near the New Albany Lifestyle Tent.

Finally, with the inclusion of Kid Village, the BIA has assured the Parade will be a hit among the younger crowd and include activities for the entire family. Open daily, Kid Village will include an arts area, video game area, movie tent and special toddler play area.

I encourage you to enjoy the 2010 BIA Parade of Homes in New Albany and join us for the special activities on August 5th. We know our 40,000 Parade guests are going to fall in love with New Albany!