

2018 Parade

WHAT IS THE LAKES REGION PARADE OF HOMES?

Frequently Asked Questions & Touring Tips

COME ENJOY VIEWING THE LATEST IN HOME INNOVATIONS, STYLES AND DECORATING! WHETHER YOU ARE IN THE MARKET TO BUILD, REMODEL OR BUY, OR JUST EXPECTING A FUN DAY OUT. The Parade attracts a wide audience from design idea hunters to mild house hunters to the serious buyers seeking to find that perfect builder for their next project.

The home tour is an opportunity to meet some of the area's best builders, along with their product and service providers to learn how a home was designed, what materials and techniques were chosen and why, and what went into the construction. It allows the general public to walk through showcase houses and gather ideas for their dream home or provide great examples of what is possible in the world of remodeling.

HOW OFTEN DOES THE PARADE OF HOMES OCCUR?

The Lakes Region Parade of Homes takes place annual every year over the Columbus Day Weekend. Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10-4 daily. More information on each is available through the websites:

www.lakesregionparadeofhomes.com

WHAT WILL VISITORS SEE?

Most parade homes are decorated and ready to show off the latest colors, tiles, window treatments, exterior designs, floor plans and furniture trends to admire. And of course the moldings, doors, state of the art appliances, decking, insulation, home heating, home financing options etc. – indeed many of the products and services, even the homes themselves can be duplicated for you. Information on just about every detail on the homes is available to make your own house a showcase home! There are eleven homes to view this year scattered in six lakes region towns.

INTERESTING PRODUCTS

Visitors will learn how energy saving features like geo-thermal heating & cooling, radiant heat, back-up propane systems and can significantly increase your warmth and decrease your heating bills. Check out first hand a variety cabinets, fixtures, master baths boasting walk-in shower with granite seats and high performance windows and

doors. Security and the smart home are what homeowners want, check out what is trending. If you like granite or quartz countertops, see for yourself on display in some of the homes. This is a home show like no other!

WHAT IS THE COST TO TOUR PARADE HOMES?

The tour is a 3-day event and cost \$20/ticket. One ticket is good all three days and visitors may visit homes as often as they wish. The money collected helps the Lakes Region Builder's Workforce Development initiative of helping the next generation of building trade professionals through educational scholarships, mentoring, tool box awards. For the third school year, the Lakes Region Builders & Remodelers Association will be working with students from six area high schools and the Huot Tech Center to build their third "Tiny House", the approximately 272 SF tiny home features all the amenities you can imagine and is a perfect training tool for the students to gain hands on experience as well as to help to shape career goals and employment opportunities. This is a WIN:WIN; visitors get a 3-day home tour experience, builders get an opportunity to showcase their work, and students get money to help with schooling and learning the trades as a viable career!

Here are some tips for you to consider
to make the most of your Parade of Homes experience:

PLAN AHEAD. Several days before you go on your home tour, plan your route. Be sure to download the ParadeCraze "APP" onto your mobile device either through the App Store or Google Play. This interactive app will help you with descriptions, builder information, how to purchase tickets etc... You can also view online and decide where to begin the tour, then purchase your ticket at the first home. Depending on your point of origin, you can easily see five homes or more in one day, or half-day, if you're ambitious. Saturdays are typically the most busy so if you want more time to talk with the builders or explore the details, think about going on Sunday afternoon or Monday. Look at the map and directions on the website. Remember: the homes are open on Parade days from 10am to 4pm. We see couples carpooling together and making this a fun event, visitors come from southern New Hampshire as far as New York and many from Connecticut and Massachusetts.

PARKING. Most Parade homes require that you park on the street in the neighborhood. Watch for Parade of Homes signs. A few will have designated parking areas. Some homes have long driveways and their may not be up-close parking. Be courteous of the neighborhood and observe all city parking and speed regulations. Lock your car and valuables. **THE HOMES.** Please keep in mind, these are new homes treat them as you would like a visitor to treat your own home. If you can wear "easy to slide off shoes", that is helpful. **NOTES?** By all means, feel free to take notes. Hopefully, you'll get some great ideas for your current home or your next home. If you are planning to build or have renovations in the near future, this is a great way to talk directly with the builders and other trade professionals with your questions. **RESTROOMS.** Parade homes do NOT offer public restrooms. So, plan

accordingly. **FOOD.** Some homes may have light refreshments but either pack snacks or plan to stop for breakfast, lunch or dinner at local restaurants during your tour of Parade homes. But remember, you can't take food or beverages into the homes. **WALKING.** Speaking of all that walking – wear comfortable shoes. **VOTING.** When you are done with your last home on your customized tour, be sure to vote for your favorite home which will reflect “The 2018 People’s Choice Winner”! At your last house on the tour, don't forget to enter your name into the raffle for some great prizes!

HAVE FUN! This is an adventure. The home builders who built these new homes are professional business people and they have chosen to allow us into their magnificent homes. Take advantage of the ideas they have to offer, and recognize that typically if you wanted to see these homes, you'd have to make an appointment with a Realtor and prove you have the means to purchase the home. Have fun and enjoy your tour of this year's Lakes Region Parade of Homes!

GET INSPIRED ON COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND!

Saturday, Sunday & Monday; October 6-8th - tour hours 10-4 each day

For questions about the Lakes Region Parade of Homes, please call 603.387.1817 or visit

www.lakesregionparadeofhomes.com or www.lakesregionbuilders.com.