

Work on CiTiRAMA underway

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City leaders and the Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati held the groundbreaking ceremony for CiTiRAMA today. Five homes are being built at the Villages of Daybreak in Bond Hill, which will be the site for CiTiRAMA from September 17-25. Local HBA President Rex Gordon spoke at the ceremony:

"The partnership that the Home Builders Association of Cincinnati has with the City of Cincinnati is the longest public/private home ownership partnership between a local HBA and municipality in the country. Today we mark our tenth CiTiRAMA showcase and that's quite an accomplishment."

The Chairman of the Board of the National Association of Home Builders also attended the groundbreaking. Robert Nielsen officially kicked off National Home Ownership month:

"Every new single-family home that's built in this country creates an average of 3 new full-time jobs. It generates a total of \$90,000 in government revenue, plus \$145,000 in wage income and \$86,000 in net business income."

One new element of this year's CiTiRAMA is a partnership between "Blueprint for Success" and the Home Builders. The program pairs students in the construction trades with various builders.

