

How does a century-old neighborhood on the rebound in North Birmingham reintroduce itself to metro Birmingham? Similar to how new home communities advertise themselves - with a collective "open house".

That's the big idea behind the first annual [Historic Norwood Home Tour](#), taking place May 2nd from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Its organizers, all neighbors, are calling it a "hard hat" tour because all of the homes included have either been totally renovated or are in the middle of that process. They hope the tour will inspire with ideas and provide first-hand tips on how to manage a home renovation.

Eleven homes will be open for tours with proceeds from ticket sales benefitting the [Norwood Resource Center](#), a local community non-profit operating in one of Norwood's restored homes. Local businesses are taking out ads in the tour's guide to cover the expense for putting on the event.

The organizers hope that the grassroots nature of the Home Tour may be inspirational to other neighborhoods of significant historic character wanting to introduce new people to the treasures of Birmingham's neighborhoods.

Tickets for the tour are \$10 and are available in advance by visiting [the Historic Norwood website](#) or, on the day of the tour, at Norwood's historic trolley stop on the corner of Norwood Boulevard and 32nd St. North.