



June 2008 Newsletter

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This month's newsletter recaps our May Meeting and seminars and takes a look at a very busy June. In June there will be a return of the Confederation Bus Tour and a timely meeting on money saving local vacation options. The NAHC newsletter is designed to provide information you can use when managing your associations and communicating with your members. Feel free to share all or parts of this newsletter with your membership. Please provide any feedback to our External Communications Director, Bob Fischer, at rafischer1@aol.com

President's Letter

One of the great things about living in Naperville is the ability to engage in meaningful dialogues with knowledgeable people. Our May 17th Confederation meeting was a great example as we discussed topics important to the financial security, safety, and welfare of local residents. The people involved not only "knew their stuff", but were community leaders in a position to help get things done.

One topic we spent time on was the Illinois Works Coalition, the program to get a Capital Funding Bill through the State Legislature. Taking part in our discussion were candidates for the Illinois House and DuPage County Board, representatives of township government, members of the Naperville City Council and concerned residents. The NAHC has yet to take a position on Illinois Works because we are concerned about how it will be funded and want input from our members and residents.

We have placed a web poll on the Confederation website, www.napervillehomeowners.org to solicit community input on where the needed money should come from. We encourage everyone to take the web poll and let us know what they think.

While on the website, feel free to take the other poll on your vacation plans for the summer. Looking at the reality of \$4 and more for a gallon of gasoline coupled with the continued hassles of air travel, we are examining closer to home vacation options at our June 21st meeting.

Whether it is fishing on the mighty DuPage, playing on any one of the excellent local public golf courses, talking part in community festivals and events, or just attending a concert in the park, there are any number of area attractions and activities that rival those that otherwise require several tanks of very expensive gas to reach. Come to meeting rooms A, B, and C of the Naperville Municipal Center on the 21st at 8 AM and learn what Naperville has to offer. Staying close to home has the further advantage of keeping your tax dollars local and feeding our economy – a win-win for all concerned. We hope to see you on the 21st!

Also, as noted elsewhere in the newsletter, the very popular City Bus Tour will be returning on June 14th. Space is limited for this always interesting and informative event, so send an email to nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com to reserve your seat.

I would like to personally thank Gerry Cassioppi and Jeff Knuckles for the excellent seminars on legal issues for homeowners associations they provided on May 21st at the 95th Street Library and after our May 17th meeting. We are planning more of these sessions and welcome your suggestions for topics.

Finally, I would like to welcome Dan Bulley to his new role as Confederation Treasurer and thank Marilyn Briscoe for the excellent job she provided previously as Treasurer.

Thank you for your support. Our members are critical to the ongoing success of the Confederation!

Chuck Schlabach,
President, Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation,
Chuckschla@aol.com

NAHC June Meeting Focuses on Vacations in Naperville!

- ***Does \$4+ for a gallon of gas make your budget crumble?***
- ***Looking for ways to stretch your dollars while still enjoying the summer?***

Come to the our meeting on June 21st at 8:30 AM in meeting rooms A, B, and C of the Naperville Municipal Center to learn what's available for a summer vacation in Naperville. We'll look at recreation opportunities, area attractions, and things to do that won't bust your budget. We'll have presentations from Naper Settlement, The DuPage Children's Museum, Park and Forest Preserve Districts, and others.

In preparation for the meeting we've placed a web poll on the Confederation Website, www.napervillehomeowners.org, to gauge what area residents have planned for their vacations. Click on "News and Info – Opinion Polls" in the left hand navigation menu to take our web poll and let us know how your plans may have changed for the summer.



This is our scheduled joint bi-monthly meeting with the City so there will also be an opportunity to informally meet and network with some of our community's leaders as well as participate in our Open Forum.

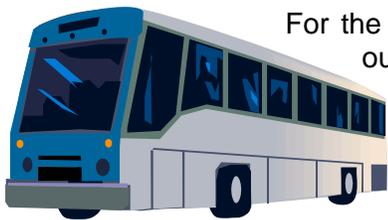
Come early for coffee and networking (begins at 8) and stay for the presentations on what our area has to offer. Confederation meetings are open to officers, directors, and members of homeowners associations across the Naperville area. Share the news with your members and make sure your association is represented!

More details will be posted on the Confederation website at www.napervillehomeowners.org.

Confederation Bus Tour

Do you know....?

- Where the Park District made a commitment to improved community service while being environmentally "friendly"?
- What major new retail developments will enhance the tax base while providing more shopping options for Naperville residents?
- How the City of Naperville is improving the environment while enhancing traffic safety?
- Where is the safest place to cross Route 59?
- Why more freight trains on the EJ&E will cause headaches for Naperville drivers?



For the answers to these and other questions on how, when, where, and why our city is growing and changing, join the NAHC and the City of Naperville on Saturday morning June 14th when we board the bus for a tour of projects around Naperville.

We'll get on the bus at 8:30 AM for an 8:45 departure from the Municipal Center. City Staffers will be on board to describe projects and answer questions. We plan on returning by noon following a stop at the Park District South Maintenance Facility where we will have a tour of this new "green" facility that has been constructed to serve the community.

Space is limited and reservations are "first come, first served." Contact the Confederation at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com and let us know you are coming along!

See you on the 14th!!!!

Board Changes???

With Spring comes Board elections in many of our member associations. If there are changes in your Board or officers, please let us know. Send an email to nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com and give us the new names and contact information. We'll update the directory and keep everyone informed and up-to-date.



You may wonder, since the Confederation Directory is no longer openly available, why it is important to provide the latest information. Obviously we use the Directory to keep in touch with our members about what the Confederation is doing. Less obvious to most, unless you've been contacted this way, is that Directory information is made available, on request, to the Police and other City departments who need to address problems or issues in a neighborhood. This may be a specific Neighborhood Watch circumstance, roads being closed due to a construction project, or a heads up on a study or project that may impact your part of the community.

Rest assured that your privacy is foremost in our minds and we do not make the directory available to solicitors, contractors, or developers. When these folks contact us looking for information, we will *forward* it to the local contacts and let them make the decision whether or not to get involved.

Thanks for keeping us in the loop!

National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 5th, neighborhoods throughout Naperville are invited to take part in the city's 13th Annual National Night Out. Join us and organize a block party, ice cream social or parade to promote spirit in your neighborhood.

Registered events will be visited by various city departments or groups including:

- * City Council
- * Fire Department
- * Police Department
- * Community Radio Watch
- * Electric Department
- * Police Explorers
- * Public Works



How your neighborhood can host a National Night Out event in just 3 easy steps:

1. Plan an event with your homeowners association. Decide on the event type, location and theme.
2. Ask your homeowners association president to register your event with Officer Cory Cullinan, by July 15th, by calling (630)420-8373.
3. Lock your doors, turn your lights on, go outside and meet your neighbors.

For more information or to register your event, please call (630)420-8373 by July 15th.

Thank You for A Great Meeting in May!

The Confederation Annual Meeting on May 17th was interesting and comprehensive. We elected new Board members, heard an update on all of the things the Confederation has been involved with for the

past year, had an interesting discussion on sources of money for the capital bill under consideration by the State legislature; and an update on the proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railroad, including a report from the Chamber breakfast where railroad management stated their case (which sounded a lot to us like “we can do it so learn to live with it”).



Officer Cory Cullinan briefed us on a number of topics including National Night Out, Neighborhood Watch, Crime Prevention (close those garage doors), and what could be in store for kids caught with drugs or alcohol. A great brochure was provided, “Guidelines for Parties and the Laws.” For those who missed getting this, we’ve posted it on the Confederation Website under “News & Info.” Click on the choice for “Community Information” and download your copy. Cory is also available to speak to your association and can be contacted at cullinanc@naperville.il.us.

Cory was followed by Kevin Lynch, an area homeowner and attorney, who provided a very informative overview of “parental responsibility.” Kevin covered a lot of ground in a very short period of time as we learned about subjects like responsibility, liability, and intent. One interesting “factoid” was that because underage drinking is against the law, homeowner’s insurance may not cover any of the consequences. We will try to bring Kevin back next year for a meeting as his message is something we all need to hear and be aware of.

The meeting concluded with a discussion on legal responsibilities and laws related to associations and their consequences. Local attorneys Jeffry J. Knuckles, of Knuckles, Keogh & Moody, LLC, and Gerald A. Cassioppi, of Nyberg & Cassioppi, LLC. brought us up to date on laws and conduct that Board members need to know. Later in this newsletter we will have a report on some specific learning’s from the presentation.

Finally, we had what had to be our **best** “Coffee and” of the year courtesy of Skeet and the Care of Trees. Thanks for keeping us well fed and informing us about the services your firm can provide to keep our properties looking good!

Zoning and Land Use Update

During the monthly meeting with Staff (Greg Jones and Suzanne Thorsen), the following items were discussed:

Toyota Dealership on Ogden Ave (near Jefferson) will be before Council in June for final approval. There are some outstanding landscaping issues to resolve.



Bill Jacobs dealership on Aurora and Fort Hill will also be before Council in June for final approval. There are no unresolved issues.

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A **West Suburban Bank** is intended at 104th and Naperville/Plainfield.

China Buffet on Ogden Avenue will be torn down in 2 weeks. The plans are for a single building with multi-tenants for retail. Pet Supplies Plus is on board.

Collision Center on Frontenac intends to occupy a warehouse and use as a service center. This will be going to Plan Commission. A motorcycle dealership is intended on Aurora Avenue between Fort Hill and Route 59 (by Menards) going into the existing retail space and will be going to Plan Commission. Inventory is to be stored inside. Plans call for a garage door to be added to the rear of building. Issues to be finalized include: possible noise and test drives (test track is not for motorcycles). Staff believes noise issue has been addressed and test drives are to occur on Aurora Avenue.

Fire Station #10 by Naperville Crossings plans are going to Plan Commission. Summer of 2009 is goal. The design is similar to fire station #9 with some modifications.

On **North Aurora Road near EJ&E** (to the south) is a currently unincorporated parcel. Annexation is being requested and the parcel is to be light industrial.

Edward Hospital: West Addition is being planned. Edward intends to initiate a meeting with the public within the upcoming month.

75th & Wehrli: plans have been submitted by the developer. The plans again include a Walgreens and Staff mentioned technical issues. This will be before Plan Commission in the Fall.

75th Corridor Study: Earlier this month Staff presented the residential market analysis for the corridor area. The Land Use issue will be discussed on June 5 at the public meeting. Staff will be posting online prior to the meeting so all may review prior to the public meeting. In July there will be 2 open houses for the public to review the study results.

Attainable Housing Study: surveys sent out last Thursday. Staff will be following up next week. The study is on course. Staff intends to present the study results and report to the Fair Housing Committee later this summer.

5th Avenue Study: Agreements are being signed. Traffic counts have been completed. The study is on course. However the study is awaiting the hiring of a traffic planner before it commences.

Sign Code Text Amendment: the draft text amendment is at the comment stage. Staff is meeting with the Chamber of Commerce today as there appear to be some issues with the proposed text amendment. Most likely this will be before Council in July.

Central Park Study: currently Staff and the Park District are preparing RFP's for design proposals.

Historical Survey: Staff received comments from residents earlier this month. A revised survey is expected on June 26th. This will be before Council on June 17th requesting approval to initiate review per the input received.

Also discussed was the following:

PUD Text Amendment: This was before Council at the last meeting and was continued due to complexity of text amendment and questions raised. Staff is responding to Council. Apparently, Council members raised questions in regards to the increase in percentage amount which decides what is minor vs. major change (from 10% to 20%) for all areas except downtown. *This is a change/increase which the Zoning & Land Use Committee did raise concerns with to Staff and does not support this increase.*

Everyday Parenting

“Spend the afternoon; you can’t take it with you.”

Annie Dillard

Seize the Day

Most kids—teens included—love it when their parents play with them once in a while, especially when it’s silly, spontaneous, or both.

Play can be a way to promote healthy risk-taking, something that young people need to experience in order to test their own capabilities, learn new skills and competencies, and discover that they can feel high, excited, have an adrenaline rush, sense of accomplishment, or (uncontrollable) laughter without drugs or alcohol.

Make time for play in your life – it’s a great investment in your health and the health of your kids!

Carpe Diem!



From information provided by Search Institute's MVParent (www.MVParents.com).

www.KidsMatter2us.org

Status of potholes on Aurora Avenue: Council has approved the funding for the improvements to Aurora Avenue however the potholes will not be filled as they are too large. The intent is to resurface the entire road and install landscaped medians. No start date has been given however work is expected to be done this summer.

The Westside Homeowners Association will be meeting with the property owner of the **TU building on Benton**. Apparently, there is the intention to request approval for a bakery on the 1st floor of the building. This would be a conditional use and would need Council approval.

Funding “Illinois Works”



At our May Confederation meeting there was a lively discussion on whether to voice Confederation support for the Illinois Works Coalition, the public/private partnership to pass a Capital bill in the Illinois General Assembly.

Illinois Works, if enacted, will provide funding for many needed projects statewide. These could include local efforts such as Route 59 Expansion and continued funding of the proposed

Star Line commuter railroad. The projects proposed will augment/replace/rehabilitate aging infrastructure and provide the basis for future economic growth and well-being for the State of Illinois.

While most in attendance seemed to agree that many of the proposed projects had merit, there were also questions on "who should" and "how to" pay the bills associated with these endeavors.

Go to www.napervillehomeowners.org and click on “News and Info – Opinion Polls” in the left hand navigation menu to take our web poll and let us know how you think Illinois Works should be funded. We'll pass this information along to our public officials!

Census Takers Needed

The City of Naperville is looking to hire 175 local residents to work as enumerators, crew leaders and clerical staff in the special census to be conducted in summer 2008.

Enumerators visit households within the special census areas to collect basic facts about each member living in a housing unit, such as name, age and relationship to a householder. Census takers are paid \$13.75 per hour, plus mileage and paid training. Also needed are crew leaders and clerical staff who will receive \$15.25 per hour and \$10.50 an hour respectively.



Interested applicants can visit www.naperville.il.us/specialcensus.aspx to review a job description fact sheet. All prospective applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Prospective enumerators and crew leaders must have a valid driver's license and a vehicle available for their use.

People can register with the city at the above Web site and a job application will be e-mailed to them. A job-related test will be required to further determine suitability. If selected, workers will be invited to attend a training class and then given a work assignment that lasts approximately three to five weeks.

The special census will be held in select areas of the city where significant population growth is believed to have occurred. Because State of Illinois income tax and motor fuel tax is based on a per capita distribution, a certified increase in the city's population will mean increased revenue to the city.

Good Food and Live Entertainment for a Good Cause

If KidsMatter to you, then join Lou Malnati's Pizzeria on Monday, June 23 between 5 – 10 PM, as they support our community's youth by generously donating 20% of their evening's sales to KidsMatter, a local not-for-profit organization dedicated to building Developmental Assets in youth.

While enjoying some of the best food in town, Lou's customers will also enjoy listening to five very special choral groups perform live on the front porch. All four high schools from District 203 and 204 will be represented. The evening's schedule is as follows:

5:00 - 6:00 PM	Naperville North High School - Flat Out Sharp
6:00 - 6:30 PM	Waubonsie Valley High School - The Pink Notes
7:00 - 7:30 PM	Naperville Central High School - Choral Group
7:30 - 8:00 PM	Waubonsie Valley High School - Cloud 9
8:00 - 8:30 PM	Neuqua Valley High School - 3x3 Ensemble

KidsMatter is grateful to Lou Malnati's for their generous support of our community's youth. We are also grateful to the young singers who are donating their time and talent to help raise funds for KidsMatter.



Reservations are NOT required.
Take-out orders will also benefit KidsMatter.



www.KidsMatter2us.org

New Commuter Parking Fees

Effective August 1, 2008, the commuter parking permit fees for the City of Naperville at both the Naperville and Route 59 Metra stations, including the Burlington, Parkview, Kroehler and Route 59 commuter parking lots, will be increasing as shown in the table below. The fee increase will be phased in over two quarters with the first increase going into effect on August 1, 2008 and the second increase going into effect on November 1, 2008.

Commuter Parking Permit Fee Increase

Commuter Lot	August 1, 2008		November 1, 2008	
	Resident	Non- Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
Parkview / Burlington	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
Kroehler	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$135.00
Route 59	\$90.00	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$145.00

Permit invoices for the upcoming quarter will be mailed in mid-June and will reflect the increased permit fees. Daily fee parking and permit fees for reverse commuter parking permits have not increased.

Also, please remember to contact the City of Naperville Finance Department at (630) 420-6059 to update your account information, including a change in home or business address, carpooling information, and vehicle information. You may also contact the Finance Department should you no longer wish to remain on the permit waitlist.

Should you have any questions regarding the new commuter parking permit fees, please feel free to contact Karyn Robles at roblesk@naperville.il.us or (630) 548-1133.



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
EXTENSION



"Gettin' Buggy Camp" Butterflies, Bees and More!

Worm your way into a fun afternoon of investigating our insect world and participating in lots of exciting activities!

Choose to attend ONE afternoon from 12:45–4pm on either August 4, 5, 6 or 7.

Program is designed for youth ages 8–12 and will be delivered by 4-H Youth Development Staff, Horticulture Staff and Master Gardeners at University of Illinois Extension in Naperville—1100 E. Warrenville Rd, Suite 170.



Cost is \$20 per person.
Register online at
www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage by July 25. Call Heather Britton with any questions at 630-955-1123.
Sorry, no refunds.



University of Illinois Extension
University of Illinois * United States Department of Agriculture * Local Extension Councils Cooperating
University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunity in programs and employment
If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact Heather Britton at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

Use the Confederation Calendar

The Calendar on the Confederation website is your source for what is happening around Naperville. In addition to NAHC meetings and events, we post Municipal and civic meetings and other things of interest around town. During April our calendar took



over 7000 “hits” with many people using the “print” feature to download more information. To have your organization's event listed, send an email to the Confederation webmaster (nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com) and include the details of your event for inclusion on the calendar.

Note: The NAHC reserves the right to edit or reject any notice submitted for the calendar

Upcoming Confederation Meetings – Your Chance to Learn More about Our Community

Confederation General Meetings will not be held during the months of July and August in recognition of the heavy vacation schedules. We'll still be publishing the newsletter and our Board will be hard at work planning the meetings that will resume in September.

Topics for upcoming meetings may include National Safety Month, Eco-Friendly Pond Maintenance and Management, and School Districts 203 and 204. Recognizing that there will be School Board and Municipal elections next Spring, we're planning Candidate Forums to provide Homeowners with an opportunity to learn more about candidates and their positions. There will also be more seminars on issues of importance when managing a homeowners association. We welcome your suggestions on meeting topics – please let us know what you would like to see addressed.



Naperville Park District Upcoming Events

For additional details, visit www.napervilleparks.org or call 630-848-5000

Millennium Carillon at Moser Tower and Visitor Center

The 14-story-tall Moser Tower, home to the Millennium Carillon a 72-bell instrument that began its annual summer recital series in July 2000, is open for tours on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through Sunday, October 26. Friday tours will be held through August 29. For information and summer concert dates, visit www.naperville-carillon.org.

Frontier Park Kite Festival

June 7, June 8, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily. Frontier Park, 3380 Cedar Glade Drive, Naperville Festival featuring Chicago Kite, Sparling Kite Entertainment, Chromatic Kites and Illinois Kite Enthusiasts. Enjoy this event including activities for all ages, games and prizes. Purchase a \$5 wristband in advance or onsite and kids will have access to climbing aboard an inflatable rocket ship, experiencing the G-Force, winning prizes at the Penny Carnival, moon jumping and a climbing wall.

Canine Dog-Disc Championships

June 8, Riverwalk Grand Pavilion, located west of Centennial Beach, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Bring your dog and compete in this unique event. No experience required. Spectators welcome. Registration required. \$7-\$12

Cubs Outing - June 12 vs. Atlanta

Play ball! It's time for Cubs fans to sign up for outings to Wrigley Field. Game begins at 1:20 p.m. Fee includes minicoach transportation, parking and terrace-reserved seats. Registration required. \$48(R)/\$55(N) Trip departs from and returns to the Riverwalk Warming House parking lot, 736 Sindt Court (10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.)

Friday Flings (5 events running into July)

Riverwalk – Grand Pavilion,; 4-5 years - 9:15-10:30 a.m. 1-4 grades – 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
June 13 - Sports and Games Galore

June 20 - Mini Kids Carnival

June 27 - Water Works

July 11 - Olympic Day

July 18 - Mud Madness

Registration Required - \$10(R)/\$15(N)/single pass or \$42(R)/\$63(N)/season pass

CPR – Family and Friends – For Young People

June 21 - The Barn Recreation Center, Room C, 421 W. Martin Ave., 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

This class gives young people ages 10-15 the opportunity to learn the American Heart Association CPR skills. Participants will learn CPR life saving techniques for infants, children and adults. Relief of a foreign body obstruction in infants, children and adults also will be covered. This class is a video-driven, instructor-facilitated, hands-on class designed to allow for maximum mannequin practice of CPR skills learned. All participants will receive the new American Heart Association textbook. This is a non-credentialed class. Registration required. \$31(R)/\$47(N)

Safe Kids At Home and Away/First Aid

June 21 - The Barn Recreation Center, Room C, 421 W. Martin Ave. 12:30-2:00 p.m.

This interactive class focuses on thinking safely and making safe choices. Children will learn first aid and simple rules to keep them safe in situations both at home and in public. The proper treatment of small cuts, bumps and bruises, nosebleeds, minor burns and other injuries will be taught. Children also will create their own take home first aid kit. Each child will receive a certificate of completion and a safety packet. Please bring your lunch. Designed for ages 7-10. Registration required. \$19(R)/\$29

Women's Self-Defense One-Day Course

June 22 - The Barn Recreation Center, Main Floor, 421 W. Martin Ave. 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Students will learn verbal techniques and practice skills such as striking, kicking and escaping. Designed to increase options if you are ever faced with an assault, this program focuses on personal safety, dynamics of an assault, prevention strategies and the myths that surround sexual assault. Each student will receive take home materials. Designed for women 16 and up. Registration required. \$39(R)/\$59(N)

White Sox Game - June 30 vs. Cleveland

Join us as we travel to see the Chicago White Sox play! Price includes transportation, parking and ticket to the game. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years-old.

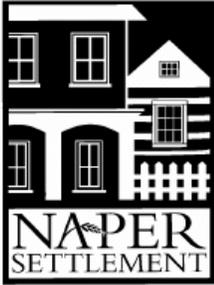
Registration required. \$46(R)/\$53(N) Trip departs from and returns to the Riverwalk Warming House parking lot, 736 Sindt Court 5:00-11:15 p.m.

DuPage Dragons Collegiate Baseball Team

As the summer months approach, the Dragons are looking to put together outings for local neighborhoods. The Dragons are also proud to announce that they will have Naperville's own Jordan Tokarz playing for the team this summer.



Playing at Lisle-Benedictine Sports Complex, the Dragons offer a great facility to watch a game, as well as a family-friendly atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. Kids of all ages are welcome to jump-around in the moonjump, run the bases, and get players autographs after the game. The adults in the audience will enjoy the between-inning promotions with free prizes from their sponsors. Also, by planning a group outing, one person from the Homeowners Association may be able to throw out the first pitch! This is a great environment for everyone! Tickets start at \$6, and group rates are available. For more information, please visit their website: www.dupagedragons.com.



A Historic Museum Village

Spend Part of Your Summer Vacation at Naper Settlement

<http://www.napersettlement.org/>

523 South Webster Street

Naperville, Illinois 60540

(630) 420-6010

(630) 305-5255-fax

Remember the days when school let out and you knew you had complete freedom for three whole months? Relive those carefree days in the “Good Ole Summertime” at Naper Settlement where you can join in hands-on activities and games for all ages throughout the summer months.

Naper Days

Experience the best Naperville has to offer from its past, present and future at Naper Days, a family-friendly festival held over Father’s Day weekend at Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. The Taste of Naperville™, bed races, musical entertainment, children’s activities, the blue ribbon baking competition and a petting zoo are part of the fun. Hours are from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, June 13, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 14, and 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 15. Admission is \$5, children ages 8 and under are free. Admission is \$10 after 5 p.m. on Saturday for the Gin Blossoms, who will be performing their hits on the Main Stage. For more information, visit www.naperdays.org.

Sheepherding day

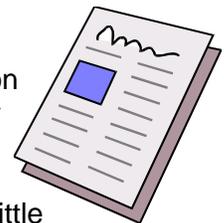
Come to Naper Settlement Tuesday, June 17 to see how border collies herd sheep during two demonstrations that will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. The Rev. John Seraphine of Heatherhope Farm, located near Sycamore, Ill., is bringing five championship border collies and his own flock of sheep for this unique demonstration. This special activity is included with the regular admission price of \$8 adults, \$7 seniors and \$5.50 youth 4-17.

Camp Naper

Every day is an adventure at Camp Naper, Naper Settlement’s summer day camp for kids entering grades 1-6. Spend an exciting week in our “Treasure Hunters” camp using maps, compasses, puzzles, secret codes and high-tech GPS devices to seek and find adventures. Check out our “Adventures in Time” camp where every day is a journey through time in our village. Track the past and seek the future at Camp Naper – totally new for 2008! The weeklong camps are held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 16-Aug. 8. The fee is \$180 per camp (discounts for Naperville Heritage Society member apply). Camps are filling up fast, so call (630) 420-6010 to register. For more information, visit www.napersettlement.museum.

Newsletter Advertising?

Does your association newsletter accept paid advertising? The Confederation periodically gets requests from companies wanting to reach our member associations. Since it is against Confederation policy to make member information publicly available, these requests generally are not passed through. To facilitate spreading the word to our members (and to help our member associations make a little money) we are putting together a list of newsletter contacts where advertising is accepted. In this way, when someone contacts us, we will pass the message along for your action (we still won’t give out any contact information).



If you would like to be placed on this list, please send us an email at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com. Thanks!



DuPage Children's MUSEUM

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Summer 2008

Call 630-637-6000 TO REGISTER
 Pre-registration and pre-payment required.
 For a complete program schedule, please visit
www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org.

SEE WHAT'S
 COMING 'ROUND
 THE BEND THIS
 SUMMER



Built for Rolling Speed - AGES 5-7

"Conducted" by Christine Rojek. * Build a model racer of your own design with kinetic sculptor Christine Rojek. Strap on goggles while using a number of tools and explore the world of streamlined construction.

Member/Child Partner \$35; Nonmember/Child Partner \$40

Code	Date	Time
AIR-108	July 12, 26, August 2	10:00-Noon
AIR-208	July 12, 26, August 2	1:00-3:00pm

*Christine Rojek, the Museum's Artist in Residence, is an internationally renowned sculptor with many whimsical, interactive installations throughout the U.S., including our very own *Parting the Prairie* (a.k.a. the train sculpture in front of the Museum.)

YOUNGER SIBLING ACTIVITIES - AGES 2-3

Start in Art® Series

Three of our favorites encourage the expressive talents of the littlest artist. The science of color, the literacy of lines and the math of shapes and forms are also the building blocks of creative art.

Member/Child Partner \$25; Nonmember/Child Partner \$29

Code	Title	Date	Time
SIA-1108	Color My World	June 18 & 25	9:30-10:15am
SIA-1208	Line Forms Here	July 16 & 23	9:30-10:15am
SIA-1308	Get In Shape	July 30 & August 6	9:30-10:15am

Wet 'n' Messy® Series

Mix, pour, slather, pound and knead! You can't get more hands on -- or hands in -- than Wet 'n' Messy®! Create something amazing with your young preschooler as you explore the properties of common materials. Take home sheets available to continue exploring together. New and different activities each month!

Member/Child Partner \$35; Nonmember/Child Partner \$40

Code	Title	Date	Time
WNM-1108	Goo & Glop	July 11, 18, 25	9:30-10:00am
WNM-1208	Budding Scientists	July 29, August 5, 12	9:30-10:00am
WNM-1308	Budding Scientists	August 1, 8, 15	9:30-10:00am

FOR MORE PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE, www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org, AND CHECK OUT OUR CALENDAR UNDER THE PROGRAMS TAB.



FREE to Members or with Museum Admission!

Discover the magic of live family-friendly performances from 10:30 am - Noon, in Creativity Connections:

- June 7** Steve Butters, steel drums
Experience the music of the Caribbean
- June 21** DuPage Symphony Orchestra
Get to know the parts of the orchestra
- July 5** Kalapriya, classical East Indian dance
Every movement tells part of a story
- July 19** Rich Baumann, Folk singer song writer
Entertainment for young and old
- August 2** Paulina Stompers
Foot Tappin' Dixieland & Swing
- August 16** State St. Dance
A variety of dance: modern, jazz and more!

SOMETHING'S HAPPENING EVERY DAY!

Studio Drop-in - FREE with membership or admission

A wide variety of daily make-it and take-it art activities. Fun for all ages!
 Mondays 10:00 am-Noon*
 Tuesdays-Saturdays 10:00 am-Noon and 1:00-3:00 pm*
 Sundays 1:00-3:00 pm*
 Third Thursdays 5:00-7:00 pm*

*Except on pre-registered class dates.

Exhibit Activities

Explore our wonderful exhibits in new ways with extra materials and different points of view!

Family Resource Center

- Imagination Break
- Storytelling
- Story Reading
- Parent Talks

ACTIVITY SCHEDULES POSTED DAILY IN MUSEUM!

Registration Policies for all PACE Classes: No portion of the enrollment fee will be refunded as of the day class begins. Registrants withdrawing one week prior to the beginning of class will be charged a 50% administrative fee. Registrants who withdraw prior to the week before classes begin will be charged a 25% administrative fee.

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2nd Annual Garden Walk in Naperville, IL SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2008

“Walk the Garden Path to find a Cure for Parkinson’s Disease”



Team Fox volunteer, Mary Anne Ostrenga, and her dedicated friends have put together another fabulous garden walk for your pleasure. Not

only will you stroll through the spectacular grounds of four homeowners, but each backyard will feature a tablescape to give you ideas for your next outdoor entertainment get together. End your tour at The Growing Place nursery for a reception, entertainment, and silent auction. By the end of the day you will walk away relaxed, inspired and entertained.



***Garden Viewing
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM***

***Reception & Entertainment
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM***



**Tickets available at
“The Growing Place”
25 W 471 Plank Road,
Naperville
or Call 630-357-4175**

\$50.00 donation per person. All proceeds benefit The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research, a 501©3 not-for-profit organization.



Self-guided tour starts at any one of the four private gardens or at The Growing Place. The gardens are all located in north-central Naperville. All within close driving range.

Garden Photos from 2007 Team Fox Garden Walk

Legal Seminar Recap

On Wednesday evening, May 21st, and also after our annual meeting on the 17th, local attorneys Jeffrey J. Knuckles, of Knuckles, Keogh & Moody, LLC, and Gerald A. Cassioppi, of Nyberg & Cassioppi, LLC graciously provided our member with a Q&A on legal topics for homeowners associations. While sessions such as these elsewhere often carry a price tag, these sessions were provided by the NAHC as a service to our membership, looking forward, we are planning other Association education sessions covering insurance, communications, and other topics. We welcome input from our members on what they would like to see discussed.

If you were unable to attend either session, following are some notes (thanks to Doug Metcalfe of Heritage Knolls) of what was covered:

Laws which govern Homeowner Associations

Homeowner's Associations in Illinois are governed by 2 bodies of law:

1) **Illinois Not For Profit Business Act**

- a. Applies to all Mandatory Associations
- b. Association exists to manage and maintain common property.
- c. Fee based.
- d. Sets a high standard for Fiduciary responsibility since Association is handling other people's money
- e. Must file annual tax return and perform annual audit.
- f. Must perform annual insurance review.
- g. Provides some legal insulation from law suits for Board members operating in good faith

2) **Illinois Condominium Act**

In addition, Associations are also governed by Covenants and Bylaws ***Get Covenants and Bylaws into new owner's hands ASAP!!!***

Covenants (also called Declarations) are part of each homes title and part of the property. The owner agrees to them upon the purchase of their home. Also, since dues are specifically mentioned in the covenants, the owner also agrees to pay all dues and waives their right to without paying dues.

Bylaws are Association's operating rules and include rules for: board elections, special assessments, Capital Improvements, Meeting notification, conditions for Quorum, approval levels, homeowner notifications, architectural reviews, fence specifications, Complaints, etc. Bylaws are typically referred to by the declarations, but are outside of them.

Board **must enforce all items** in covenants and bylaws, or risk loosing any case that goes to court. If there is any **discrepancy** between Covenants and Bylaws, Covenants take precedent.

Board Operations: (Suggest hiring professionals):

- Lawyer (typically charge \$300-400/mo for retainer or will quote flat rate prices for specific work)
- Management company (typically charge \$15-20 per month per home, though board needs to meet and make decisions as management company is simply the board's agent)
- Accountant (to manage money, conduct audit and file tax returns)
- Insurance Agent (do annual insurance review)
- Hire Licensed and bonded professionals and tradesmen for all work

Raising Funds:

- 1) Annual dues (per IL law cannot raise more than 15% without approval from homeowners)
- 2) Special Assessment (must have specific project and approval from homeowners.)
- 3) Borrow from Bank (Few banks will lend to Associations, and place a claim on future dues)

Bank Accounts:

- 1) Checking account for month to month expenses
- 2) Savings account for Reserve account, which is separate from the checking account. This account can only be used for items identified in the Reserve Study.

Q&A:

Dishes: FCC preemption ruled that any homeowner can place 1 meter or smaller dishes where-ever they want on their private property. Association can only control placement on common property.

Reserve Study: Identify assets which will need to be replaced and accrue from annual fees so funds are available for asset's replacement. Note: State Law prohibits paying for Landscaping costs for re-doing mulch beds, adding trees etc, cannot be paid for with reserve monies.

Meetings: There are 2 types of meetings:

- Board meetings, which do not have to be open to homeowners.
- Homeowner meetings, which must happen at least 4 times per year (1 per quarter) All homeowner meetings are open, where anyone can attend and participate.
- Suggested compromise - Allow homeowners to attend first 10 minutes and last 10 minutes of board meetings to state concerns. Then excuse them and conduct board meeting.
- Keep minutes of all board and homeowner meetings
- Meet once per quarter and all meeting dates, time and location must be published at least 30 days in advance or as specified in Declarations or Bylaws..

Collections of Past due accounts:

- Important to give home owner's over 30 days late a written that they need to pay within the next 15 days, plus penalty.
- After that, turn over to a law firm to collect, since the legal process is very long (about a year) and complex (filings, waiting periods, filings, judgment, waiting period, the file lien.) All legal and court costs to enforce collections are paid for by the delinquent homeowner. Initial charge to have lawyer send letter is \$160. Costs escalate from there to \$700 when case goes to small claims court. Mandatory Associations almost always win in court as homeowner agreed to pay all dues when they agreed to purchase property.

Release Letter - Can be used to get violations fixed by seller or by buyer at closing.

We're looking forward to seeing you at the

Confederation Meeting on June 21st

Keep an eye on our website

www.napervillehomeowners.com

***For late-breaking news and information of importance to
homeowners.***

Watch for the next NAHC newsletter in early July!!!!

***Bob Fischer
Newsletter Editor &
Director - NAHC***