



# February 2009 Newsletter

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The NAHC strives to be your source for what is happening in Naperville of importance to homeowners. Through our meetings, this newsletter, and our website, we attempt to provide actionable information and insights for your associations and residents. We are always looking for news to share with our members. If something is going on in your neighborhood the Confederation needs to hear about, please let us know. Likewise, the Confederation Calendar at [www.napervillehomeowners.com](http://www.napervillehomeowners.com) is a great way to get the word out on things happening around town. Our calendar takes thousands of hits every month – so let us help you publicize your events!

We welcome and appreciate your feedback. Send it to our External Communications Director, Bob Fischer, at [rafischer1@aol.com](mailto:rafischer1@aol.com).

## **President's Letter**

In day-to-day conversation there seems to be a sense of frustration in the air. People feel they are being pushed by events over which they have no control – events which impact our daily lives, our finances, and our families.

While this collective sense of resignation may have some credence in events with a national scope, this is definitely not the case on local issues. Here in Naperville we have valuable and unique opportunities to shape the world in our own backyard. Through the ballot box, in April, we will have the opportunity to choose the people who control the lion's share of our property tax dollars. These elections will cover School and Park District Boards, Townships, and City Government.

To help inform homeowners about who is running, and what they stand for, the NAHC is planning a series of Candidate Forums during March. More details, including dates and times, are provided later in this newsletter and will be posted on our website, [www.napervillehomeowners.com](http://www.napervillehomeowners.com). During the forums it is our plan to ensure questions of interest and importance to homeowners are featured.

Besides the power of the ballot box, the Confederation provides opportunities for personal interaction with civic leaders. Our February 21<sup>st</sup> joint meeting with City Council will focus on the 2009-2010 City Strategic Plan and Legislative agenda focusing on the needs of homeowners with an opportunity for open discussion with our community leaders on these.

Our March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will focus on the Naperville Park District. The agenda is still in the planning stages but we anticipate a look at programs, facilities, and budgets.

Our seminar on foreclosures at the end of January was designed to provide information and resources to help maintain our neighborhoods and homes. I would like to thank our panelists, Robin Coffey, Associate Director of The DuPage Homeownership Center; Stuart Fullett, Attorney with Fosco Fullett Rosenlund PC; Ann Michalsen, Code Enforcement Team Supervisor, City of Naperville; Lynda Reilly, President, Lynmar Lending; and Vince Rosanova, Attorney with Dommermuth, Brestal, Cobine & West Ltd, for their time and for sharing their knowledge for this excellent information exchange.

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation is pleased to provide these opportunities to get involved and take control of events that impact your homes and lives. If you, or your homeowners association, are not already involved in the NAHC we welcome your attendance and participation at our upcoming meetings. The NAHC is what grass roots citizen involvement is all about!

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## **Confederation February Meeting Focuses on Legislative Priorities & the City Strategic Plan**

On February 21<sup>st</sup> we will return to Saturday morning meetings, beginning at 8 AM with coffee and networking in rooms B&C of the Naperville Municipal Center. This will be our first joint meeting with City Council for the New Year, and, appropriately, we will focus on Naperville's Strategic Plan and Legislative Priorities for the coming year and how these impact homeowners. Assistant to the City Manager Dan DiSanto will provide updates and advise us how we can help for areas including:

Priority 1: Transportation Funding

- *Route 59 Expansion Funding.*
- *STAR Line*
- *Canadian National Purchase of the EJ&E Railroad*

Priority 2: Employees Under the Influence and Workers' Comp Benefits

Priority 3: Set Offs between Pension and Workers' Compensation Benefits

Priority 4: Illinois Labor Relations Act

Priority 5: Road Use Tax



Dan and others in attendance will also be available to comment on City Position Statements regarding:

- Real Estate Tax Relief for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities
- Interoperable Radio Communication Funding
- Unfunded State Mandates
- Illinois Public Utilities Act
- Streamlined Sales Tax Project
- Network-Neutrality
- Fiscal Reform of Downstate Municipal Pension Systems
- HMO Wellness Benefit Programs

In addition to legislative priorities, and with Council members in attendance, we'll have the opportunity to discuss strategic plan priorities that will impact transportation, safety, and the quality of life for Naperville residents. Also on the agenda will be an update from the American Red Cross on their Naperville activities and classes available to Naperville residents.

Come early and join us at 6:30 PM for snacks and networking, Confederation business begins at 8:30 AM and we will end the meeting by 10:30 with an Open Forum where you get a chance to ask the questions on your mind.

Whether you are an association officer or director, or simply a homeowner looking for information, the NAHC February meeting should not be missed.

## **Zoning and Land Use Update**

*The following report from Zoning & Land Use Committee chair Thom Higgins includes development projects that were discussed at the January monthly meeting with City Staff and/or were determined by Plan Commission and Council:*



### **New Proposals:**

**Turning Point Foundation:** Has submitted preliminary plans to construct a school and 12 unit housing structure for Autistic children on Naper-Plainfield Rd. at 104<sup>th</sup> St. Information on Turning Point Foundation can be found at: <http://www.turningpointautismfoundation.org>

The Pizza Hut at Ogden Mall will become a CVS pharmacy soon.

## **Ongoing Proposals:**

**The Woods Along Old Plank Rd:** There was considerable negative public testimony and discussion on this proposal by City Council members at the January 13, City Council meeting. Ultimately, it was rejected in a 5-4 vote, essentially sending the developer back to square one. There was an alternative motion made to send the request back to the developer for 30 days to attempt to make the plan more acceptable, but it failed. Councilmen Furstenau, Krause, Fieseler, Rosanova & Wehrli voted to deny the proposal, while Mayor Pradel and Councilmen Boyajian, Dunn, and Miller voted to NOT deny the proposal, but to be fair, some of those who voted not to deny did so as they wanted to give the developer the opportunity to attempt to salvage the proposal and come back in 30 days.

**PC1763 Good Shepherd Church 1310 Shepherd Dr.** gained approval for a major change to the conditional use for the purpose of constructing a 6,724 square ft. addition to the north, and a 12,397 square ft. addition to the west, along with a variance to reduce the number of parking stalls from 445 to 413. Plan Commission approved the plan 9-0.

**Omnia Performing Arts:** Although Omnia has not formally begun the required plan submittal and review process, it continues to attempt to garner support with the public and communicate with the City. In December Omnia submitted a packet of information, (largely containing the information provided on its website) to the city. Ms. Marcie Schatz, Director of Naperville's TED group, responded with a letter outlining the deficiencies in the packet, and making them aware of the necessary steps Omnia must take in order for the city to evaluate their proposal. Omnia has a website at: <http://www.omniaarts.org/>

## **Studies and Initiatives:**

**Fifth Avenue Study:** There will be a public open house for the Fifth Avenue Study on Thursday, February 19, 2009, at 7 p.m. in the lunchroom of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St. During the public open house, city staff will present the preliminary alternatives for future land use, commuter parking and multi-modal circulation improvements (i.e., vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian and public transit circulation) and streetscape improvements for Washington Street only. City staff will be available to answer questions from the public.

During the open house, information regarding the preliminary alternatives will be available for review at a series of stations organized by topic. Representatives from the City of Naperville will be available at each station to respond to questions and provide clarification. There will be no formal group presentation during the open house.

Following the public open house, interested parties will have the opportunity to provide input on the preliminary alternatives during a joint forum involving the city's Plan Commission and Transportation Advisory Board. The forum is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 7 p.m. in Meeting Rooms A, B and C at the Naperville Municipal Center.

<http://www.naperville.il.us/fifthavenue.aspx>

**Ogden Ave Corridor Enhancement Initiative:** The city is starting an Ogden Avenue Site Reimbursement Grant Program. This new program was created to provide funding for building façade, signage and site improvements based on requests by property owners for funding. Owners can apply for grant's at the city's Web site here: [www.naperville.il.us/ogdengrant.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/ogdengrant.aspx)

**Road Impact Fee moratorium;** In an effort to attract new business to Naperville in difficult economic times, the City Council, working with the NDP (Naperville Development Partnership), has voted to impose a 12 month moratorium of roadway impact fees. The moratorium applies to any new construction where a lease or contract for a tenant has not yet been signed. The City Council has instructed city staff and the NDP to look at extending these benefits to developments underway, such as some of the car dealerships that are now under construction and paid the fee recently.

In a somewhat related matter, The Main Street Promenade addition was previously granted an approximately \$800,000.00 reduction in the proposed fee in lieu charge of \$1,200,00.00 for not providing enough parking for its development, due to the owner successfully claiming that the full charge would harm the viability of the project. The city recently increased the fee in lieu formula to better reflect the cost of parking garages.

**Attainable Housing Study:** The city has released its draft 2009 Naperville Housing Needs and Market Analysis document is intended to provide Naperville's decision makers with factual information about the housing needs and housing market of current residents and of the people who work in Naperville. The study reports on the affordability of housing in the city for current residents and those who work in Naperville. The document also details housing demands and needs from a random sample survey of Naperville residents and employees. It is anticipated the City Council will consider this study in either March or April 2009.

A copy of the draft is available on the city's Web site at [www.naperville.il.us/fhac.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/fhac.aspx). For more information on the Fair Housing Advisory Commission, visit [www.naperville.il.us/fhac.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/fhac.aspx).

### **Miscellaneous:**

**Home Buyers Fair.** The DuPage Homeownership Center and the DuPage County Department of Community Services are sponsoring the 17th annual free Home Buyers Fair on Saturday, February 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the DuPage County Administration Building, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton. Consumers can receive expert advice, attend workshops on all aspects of the home purchase process and view exhibits by area lenders, Realtors, insurance agents and other service providers. For more information, call (630) 260-2500 or visit [www.dhoc.org](http://www.dhoc.org).

## **NAHC Board Letter to City Council**

On January 10<sup>th</sup> the NAHC Board sent a letter to Naperville's Mayor and City Council expressing our concern regarding the costs of the Federal lawsuit filed by Councilman Furstenau against the City and select City employees. A copy of this letter can be found on the Confederation website at <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc10854.pdf>.

Without taking sides on the lawsuit, or expressing a position on the merits of the suit, the Board expressed its concerns about what we saw as an unproductive use of our tax dollars (an amount approaching \$900,000 for outside attorney fees as of the end of November) in a time of economic peril and reduced City services. We respectfully requested that the primary parties to the suit, Mr. Furstenau as the plaintiff, the City through its payment of defense costs, and the named defendants, enter into an alternative method of dispute resolution to halt the use of our tax dollars for activities where no new city service nor no improved city service that would benefit residents of the City of Naperville is provided.

Questions from our members should be referred to Confederation Director Dr. Bob Buckman or via email to [nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com](mailto:nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com).

## **March Meeting Preview**

Mark your calendars for the NAHC March meeting on Saturday, morning, March 21<sup>st</sup>, where we will focus on the Naperville Park District, its programs and plans for the future. Confederation Director Mike Reilly is the March meeting chair.

The meeting, starting at 8 AM with coffee, donuts, and networking will be in rooms B&C of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street..

If you have any suggestions on future meeting topics, or how our meetings can better serve Naperville homeowners, please email us at [nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com](mailto:nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com).

Thanks for your support of the NAHC!

## **City Briefs – News You Can Use from the City of Naperville**

The Naperville Fire Department would like to remind all residents of the importance of dialing 9-1-1 if their smoke or carbon monoxide detectors activate in their residence or business.



Residents with non-emergency related questions can contact Fire Department Administration between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at (630) 305-5900. Among the services provided by the Fire Department Administration are registration for wireless fire alarm monitoring, copies of ambulance and fire incident reports, burn permits, free blood pressure checks and fire station tour scheduling. Fire Department administrative staff can also answer your inquiries in person or by phone regarding public education programs, the Senior Home Inspection Program and the department's juvenile fire intervention program.

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Residents can watch City Council meeting videos live and on-demand on their computer with the new eAgenda system recently implemented by the City of Naperville.

This service, available at [www.naperville.il.us/granicus.html](http://www.naperville.il.us/granicus.html), allows viewers to watch video and hear audio of City Council meetings as they are happening. Once the meeting is complete, the video will be archived on the Web site for access at future times.

One of the key features of the system allows residents to quickly access the portion of the meeting they are interested in seeing. If residents missed watching the meeting live, with a click of the mouse they can view archived meetings. When you click on your agenda item of interest, the corresponding video will load and begin playing. An item of interest can be viewed without having to view the rest of the meeting.

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With the large volume of snow that has fallen within the last month, the Naperville Fire Department is asking residents to consider clearing neighborhood fire hydrants of snow and ice when shoveling their driveways and walkways.



When firefighters are wearing their heavy equipment and dragging hoses to be connected to a hydrant, extended room is necessary for the firefighters to complete their task. In addition, the more time firefighters spend wading through knee-deep snow, the longer it takes to hook the hoses up to the hydrants. As such, the Fire Department asks that residents consider clearing a four-foot diameter around each hydrant and shoveling a path from the road to the hydrant.

In Naperville we have approximately 8,700 hydrants and being able to access the hydrant quickly can reduce fire loss and reduce risk to the individuals and firefighters. When a fire emergency breaks out, a short delay may be the difference between life and death.

The city also has a program called Pluggie's Pal that is designed to get children involved with hands-on fire prevention. The program asks children to "adopt" a hydrant during the winter months and clear a four-foot circle around the hydrant, as well as a three-foot path from the hydrant to the street. The child is also asked to watch for missing or broken port caps and water leaks and to report them to the Naperville Fire Department. The child will receive a certificate with the location of his or her hydrant.

The City of Naperville would like to inform residents that the application period for the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program in DuPage County is now open. Applications will be accepted through Friday, February 27.

This program allows qualifying seniors ages 65 and older to defer their property taxes until the time they sell their home. To qualify, an applicant's household income cannot exceed \$50,000. Additionally, the property must be used exclusively for residential purposes. The deferral is treated as a loan and accrues 6 percent simple interest until paid.

Last year there was a more than three percent increase in program participation. Application forms were automatically mailed to last year's participants on January 12.

For a copy of the application, call (630) 407-5900 or visit the DuPage County treasurer's Web site at [www.dupageco.org/treasurer/generic.cfm?doc\\_id=1251](http://www.dupageco.org/treasurer/generic.cfm?doc_id=1251).

## **FEEDING WILDLIFE IN WINTER**

By Brook McDonald  
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The Conservation Foundation

That beautiful blanket of snow covering the ground in the winter means tough times for many animal populations. Deer can't locate dinner, ice keeps seeds from hungry birds, and squirrels no longer have an easy time of it when it comes to satisfying their hunger. Although it's natural for wildlife to struggle to find food during harsh weather, winter may be the most important time of year for people to augment the menu.



For instance, many of our native birds do not migrate during this time of year. Of course, the best way to help wild animals survive a severe winter is to maintain high-quality habitat plantings year-round. The Illinois Audubon Society recommends including hollies, hawthorn and winterberry in landscaping because these plants have fruit which hangs on during winter months.

Bird feeders should be filled with seeds and berries which are natural foods. Feeders should be kept clean by disinfecting frequently and should be filled with only enough seed to be eaten in one day as a way to deter raccoons, deer, and other animals which otherwise may be attracted. A variety of foods will bring more kinds of birds to feeders.

Don't worry if feeders can't be filled every day. Backyard birds tend to visit a number of feeders in their daily search for food. If one is empty, they'll just go to their next stop. As with human diets, moderation is the key. Remember that one reason to feed birds is to replace the food that was lost when land was developed. Going beyond this may actually be a hindrance rather than a help.

One of the easiest ways to help wild animals in winter is to avoid disturbing them. Animals must conserve their energy to survive harsh conditions, and human disturbance causes them to move about. For instance, keep dogs confined, and slow down when traveling in motor vehicles through deer territory at night.

If you'd like to help backyard animals in a more active way, the Humane Society of the United States recommends suet as a good addition to feed set out for squirrels in winter, since they may benefit from animal fat in cold weather.

One main benefit of wildlife feeding is that it provides a direct, intimate view of wild animals for more than 50 million Americans who provide backyard feeding stations of some kind. In fact, with the

leaves off of trees and the bright snowy backdrop, winter can be one of the best seasons to spot the wildlife with whom we share our northeastern Illinois landscape. Whether its on a nature walk in the crisp cold air, or enjoying nature's bounty through our windows, our native animals are entertaining and educational to watch. Don't miss nature's winter show!

*The Conservation Foundation, a nonprofit land and watershed protection organization, is dedicated to preserving open space and natural lands, protecting rivers and watersheds, and promoting stewardship of the environment in northeastern Illinois. For more information about activities, programs and membership, visit [www.theconservationfoundation.org](http://www.theconservationfoundation.org) or call 630-428-4500.*

## **NAHC Candidate Forums – Coming In March.**

On the first Tuesday in April we will elect School Boards, Park District Commissioners, Township Officials, and City Council Members. To help keep residents informed on some of these important races the NAHC will conduct candidate forums so voters may understand how the people seeking your vote stand on issues important to homeowners..

The Forum Schedule will be:

- Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>: District 204 Forum
- Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>: District 203 Forum
- Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>: Park District Forum
- Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>: Council Forum



Our format will include a brief opportunity for the candidates to introduce themselves followed by our moderator posing questions, prepared by the NAHC as well as submitted by our audience. The forums, beginning at 7:00PM, will be held in the City Council Chambers of the Naperville Municipal Center and will be broadcast live on Naperville cable channels 6 (WOW) and 10 (Comcast).

Watch the NAHC website and future newsletters for more details. We're also looking for volunteers to serve on the question committee and help out during the forums. If you'd like to volunteer, send us an email at [nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com](mailto:nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com)

## **Naperville Park District Updates**



For additional details, visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) or call 630-848-5000

### **Notice On Upcoming Election**

It has come to the attention of the Naperville Park District that the "Pre-filing Notice" concerning the April 7, 2009 election for the office of Park Commissioner for the Naperville Park District (the "Election"), published by the Local Election Official on January 8, 2009 and January 9, 2009 in the Daily Herald and the Naperville Sun, contained an error. The Notice failed to mention that one of the open seats was for a two-year term. In fact, four seats for a full four-year term are open and one seat for an unexpired two-year term is open for the Election.

At this time the deadline for the filing of nominating petitions has passed.

Any resident who qualifies to hold the office of Park Board Commissioner may file a notarized "Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate" no later than Thursday, February 5, 2009. The Certificate is available at the DuPage County Board of Election Commissioners website, [www.dupageelections.com](http://www.dupageelections.com).

All questions or inquiries related to this matter may be directed to Steven B. Adams, Brooks, Adams and Tarulis, 101 North Washington Street, Naperville, Illinois 60540, (630) 355-2101.

**Naperville Youth Soccer - Registration in progress**

There is still time to register for Naperville Youth Soccer designed for those in grades K-12. Participants will enjoy a seven-game schedule in fun, recreational atmosphere. Teams will practice one to two times weekly; practices are considered part of the program. Games are played on Saturdays beginning Apr. 4. For more information, visit us at [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) or call 630.848.5000.

**Spring 2009 Program Guide and Summer 2009 Camps Guide delivery begins Feb. 14**

Naperville Park District Program Guides are delivered each season to our residents' doorsteps. Please watch for your copy. If you do not receive one, please call 630.848.5000 to request a prompt redelivery. A .pdf version of these publications also will be available on our website at [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org).

Spring 2009 Program Guides and Summer Camps Guides may be picked up at:

- Administration Building, 320 W. Jackson Ave.
- Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, 305 W. Jackson Ave.
- Barn Recreation Center, 421 W. Martin Ave.
- South Maintenance Facility, 3415 Book Rd.

They also will be available at Naperville library branches:

- Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd.
- Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave.
- Ninety-fifth Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr.

And at the following National City locations until Friday, Mar. 13:

- 1001 S. Washington St.
- 1308 S. Naper Blvd.
- 3135 Book Road
- 9 E. Ogden Ave.
- 3320 S. Route 59

Online registration for Spring programs and Summer Camps will begin on Wednesday, Mar. 4 at noon. Hard copy registration forms accompanied by payment will be accepted concurrently with online registration. These forms may be mailed or dropped off to the Park District's Administration Building at 320 W. Jackson Avenue or the South Maintenance Facility at 3415 Book Road. To register online, please visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) and click on the "Click here for online registration" link on the home page. If you are a resident new to Naperville, you will need to visit the Park District in person to verify proof of residency by presenting a pre-printed check, a current utility bill, tax bill or driver's license. Nonresident guests may register beginning Wednesday, Mar. 11 at noon.

*Please remember to use your child's 2009/2010 school grade when you register!*

**Coach Pitch/T-ball Registration**

Online registration for Coach Pitch and T-ball will be available through RecEnroll, our online registration system, beginning at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 25. Visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) and clicking on the "Click Here for Online Registration" link. Hard copy registration forms may be mailed in and dropped off at any time after Program Guide delivery. Registration forms accompanied by payment can be delivered to Naperville Park District's Administrative Office, 320 W. Jackson Ave. or our South Maintenance Facility, 3415 Book Road.

Coach Pitch is a co-ed league offered to incoming first graders who have participated in T-ball, incoming second and third grade boys and girls, incoming second and third grade girls only and incoming fourth grade boys and girls. These instructional sessions begin May 18; games begin the week of Jun. 1. The season ends Jul. 13 with no games on Jul. 2 and 3.

T-ball is for children entering kindergarten or first grade in Sept., 2009. Instructional sessions will begin the week of May 25; games the week of Jun. 1. The season ends Jul. 13 with no games on Jul. 2 & 3.

### 2009 Season Reserved Tee Time Lottery

Now is the time to secure your season-long tee time at Springbrook Golf Course for the 2009 golf season! The Season Reserved Tee Time Program is open to Naperville Park District residents only, and residents are required to enter a lottery for their tee times. The lottery will be held Sunday, Mar. 1 at the Barn Recreation Center located at 421 W. Martin Avenue. Applications to enter the lottery must be submitted to Springbrook by Monday, Feb. 23 at 5:00 p.m. Complete program details are outlined in the lottery application, which is available online at [www.springbrookgolfcourse.org](http://www.springbrookgolfcourse.org), or use the direct link below: <http://www.napervilleparks.org/webpages/index.aspx?webpageid=1000555>. For additional information on this and other golf programs, please contact Springbrook's Head Golf Professional, Mike Lyzun, at 630.848.5070 or [mlyzun@napervilleparks.org](mailto:mlyzun@napervilleparks.org).

### Ice Rinks

Lace up those skates and head on over to the Riverwalk, west of Centennial Beach, for some ice skating fun! Centennial Park features two lighted hockey rinks as well as a lighted free skate area. This is the only location where hockey is permitted. Skating is open from 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. on weekdays and from noon-9:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Skating rinks are open weather-permitting. Please note that a minimum of 72 hours of constant 15-degree or below temperatures is necessary before the ice-making process can begin. Call 630-848-0993 for ice conditions.

Other Park District rinks are located at Commissioners Park and Gartner Park. These rinks are not lighted. No hockey sticks are permitted.

### Sled Hills

If sled hills are more your style, Riverwalk Sled Hill at Aurora Avenue West of Eagle Street is ready and waiting. The hill is lighted and is open until 9:00 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays, 10:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Sled hills also are located in Arrowhead Park, Brook Crossings, Gartner Park, May Watts Park, Old Plank Park and Country Lakes Community Park. These hills close at dusk. Visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) for updates on sledding conditions.

### Snowboarding Hill

The hill at Weigand Riverfront Park, located at Washington Street and Ring Road, is designated for use by snowboarders only. **Sledding is not permitted at this location.** The hill closes at dusk. Parents/adults are responsible for supervising children under 8. Snowboards are restricted on all other Park District hills.

### Homeowners Association Golf Outings!

#### **Special 2009 Golf Outing Package for NAHC members:**

1. All outing participants receive a discounted green fee rate (\$8.00 savings)
2. All participants receive a complementary lunch (hotdog/Sandwich, chips and a non alcoholic fountain drink...\$6.50 savings)
3. All NAHC outings will receive complimentary range balls (\$6.00 savings)

Weekdays		Weekends	
<u>Regular rate (with cart)</u>	<u>Disc. rate w/cart</u>	<u>Reg w/cart</u>	<u>Disc. w/cart</u>
\$56.00	\$50.00	\$66.00	\$60.00

All participants receive the Discounted rate of \$48.00 plus a \$2.00 surcharge equaling the \$50.00 rate charged during the week, and \$58.00 + \$2.00 surcharge totaling \$60.00 on weekends. The surcharge is \$2.00 for all players and **if all goes well**, a total of \$2.00 x the numbers of participants is rewarded back in a gift certificate to be redeemed in the pro shop. Example: \$2.00 x 32 players = \$64.00 to be used for prizes!!

*Please remember the ALL GOES WELL clause. We need outings to police themselves with proper pace of play and etiquette towards other patrons.*

Thank you and please, when reserving your outing date, mention that you're a member of the NAHC to ensure all of the above benefits.

Call today to reserve your event!

- Springbrook – 630-848-5060

- Naperbrook – 630-378-4215

### **Birthday Parties**

Naperville Park District offers Dance Parties (ages 4 and up), Gymnastics Parties (ages 3-6), Pottery Parties (ages 4 and up) and Wii Gaming Parties (ages 6 and up) and includes a cake provided by Cold Stone Creamery. Visit us at [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) and get your party started!

### **Scholarship Program:**

With economic conditions being what they are, the Naperville Park District expects to see an increase in residents applying to be considered for its scholarship program in the New Year.

This program, available to Naperville residents only, provides a reduction in fees of 50% or 100% for programs and individual Centennial Beach memberships; each individual member of an eligible family can participate. Eligibility is based on guidelines issued by the United States Department of Agriculture for free and reduced fee lunch programs. Scholarships are given depending upon family income level and expensed based formula. Each eligible person in the family, adults included, may apply the fee waiver toward registration for one program per program season with a maximum value of \$100 per session. Programs available for full or partial waiver include introductory or basic level programs with a maximum value of \$100.

Applicants must provide certain documentation regarding income status; the Naperville Park District's Community Relations Department is ready to assist individuals who apply to be considered. All information given by applicants as a part of the process is confidential and not a matter of public record. A waiver of program fees may be issued for six months or one year, and an applicant must reapply at the end of each calendar year in order to continue participation in the program. There are exclusions to the scholarship program, and trips, ticketed events, leagues and participation in Naperville Park District's preschool program are not eligible for scholarship consideration.

### **Help Wanted: Spring Soccer Referees**

The Naperville Park District Youth Soccer Program is currently recruiting new and returning soccer referees for the spring 2009 season. Share your enthusiasm for the game with players in grades K-12 and positively influence the youth of our community in an instructive manner. The spring season will run for seven Saturdays from April 4 through May 16.

The Park District will provide all the training, equipment and support you need. Pay ranges are based upon experience. We are hiring both youth (age 14 as of April 1, 2009) and adult referees. These positions offer excellent part-time employment opportunities for college students, at-home parents and retirees.

If interested in becoming a soccer referee, contact Bob Trivett, Referee Coordinator, at 630.864.3921.

### **Help Wanted: Spring Lacrosse League Referees**

Naperville Park District Spring Lacrosse League is recruiting lacrosse referees for the spring 2009 season. The District will provide all the training, equipment and support necessary. No previous knowledge of the game or experience necessary. We are hiring both youth (age 14 as of March 1, 2009) and adult referees. If interested, contact Brock Atwell, Program Manager, at 630.848.3534.



# DuPage Children's MUSEUM

...where learning comes in to play!



## February 2009

\* School's on holiday but we're not.  
Morning & Afternoon Art Studio Sessions  
FREE to Members or with Museum admission!

Call 630-637-8000 TO REGISTER!  
Pre-registration and pre-payment required.  
For a complete program schedule, please visit  
[www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org)

### FAMILY FUN FRIDAY NIGHTS!

End your week right at  
DuPage Children's Museum!

**NEW!  
OPEN \*TIL  
8PM!**

**Different themed activities every week!**

Feb. 6 – Kidz Kabaret Presents The Wishing Tree

Feb. 13 – Preview of Seussical Jr. and Valentine Art Activity

Feb. 20 – Closing at 5pm for private event

Feb. 27 – Bedtime Story Pajama Party

**Dinner – Bring your own OR purchase from Braconi's on-site.**

**Exhibit QUEST – Challenge activities for school-aged kids**

NOTE: Museum will still be open until 8pm on Thursday nights too!

### Cub Scout "School Day Off" Programs

**Presidents Day, Monday, Feb. 16**

Tiger Scouts/Feed the Birds – Make pinecone and garland bird feeders for our fine feathered friends!

**FOUR DIFFERENT ONE-HOUR SESSIONS**  
at 10:00, 11:00, 1:00 and 2:00

**Fee:** \$8 per Scout, \$4.25 per Adult  
Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Adults must stay with the Scouts. Price includes Museum play time after class ends!  
DCM cancellation policies apply.

**Washington Jr. High School  
Performance to Benefit  
DuPage Children's Museum**

**WHEN:** Sunday, Feb. 22 – 2:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Washington Jr. High School  
201 N. Washington

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE MUSEUM

DCM presents  
**Dr. Jennifer Rosinia**  
Looking at Children with  
New Eyes –  
How to use the Sensory  
Processing Approach

**REGISTER NOW! Thursday, Apr. 23, 7-8:30 pm**  
Presentation will be at the MUSEUM.

Participants will discuss practical sensory strategies that can be incorporated into everyday life. Learn how to set up a sensory-friendly environment, how to incorporate "heavy work" activities and movement breaks, sensory diets and ways to help children help themselves.

For complete details including cost and opportunity to obtain CPDU/CEU credits for attending, visit the website or call 630-637-8000 ext. 0.

**Feb. 7 and 21 from 10:30am - Noon**  
FREE to Members or with Museum admission!

**Feb. 7, Liz Carroll, Irish Fiddle**  
One of the world's leading Celtic fiddlers and composers reclaims the primal spark of traditional Irish music.

**Feb. 21, DuPage Symphony Orchestra**  
Short recitals and instrument demonstrations presented by chamber groups from the DSO, specifically designed for children and their families!

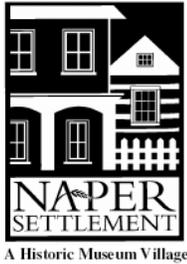
**Registration Policies for all DCM Classes:** No portion of the enrollment fee will be refunded as of the day class begins. Registrants withdrawing one week prior to the beginning of class will be charged a 50% administrative fee. Registrants who withdraw prior to the week before classes begin will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

*Distribution of information and materials through the schools does not imply District 203 or 204 endorsement of them.*

## Bi-Monthly City Homeowners Report Coming Soon

We had nearly 1,000 "hits" on December's Internet distribution of the City bi-monthly homeowners report! Electronic distribution definitely seems to be working and we hope that all of our members are taking the time to download this very informative and useful document. The NAHC partners with the City to make this report available in "even-numbered" months throughout the year.

Watch our website for activation of the link to the February City packet at <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc10524.pdf>. The new February packet should be posted by February 9th!



## **Thinkin' Lincoln in February at Naper Settlement**

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

523 South Webster Street  
Naperville, Illinois 60540  
(630) 420-6010  
(630) 305-5255-fax

The entire nation will be celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth in February and Naper Settlement is no exception. We're "Thinkin' Lincoln" — from an exhibit to an entire weekend devoted to Lincoln to a School's Out program just for kids — there's plenty to see, do and learn about our 16<sup>th</sup> president at Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Visit our Web site at [www.napersettlement.museum](http://www.napersettlement.museum) for more information.

### **Naperville in the Age of Lincoln**

Naper Settlement joins in the national celebration of the bicentennial of President Abraham Lincoln's birth with an exhibit about Naperville in the 1830s–1860s titled "Naperville in the Age of Lincoln." The exhibit will examine the everyday life of an Illinois community during this era of sweeping national change and touch on the legacies these decades and Lincoln have bequeathed to present-day Americans. The exhibit opens Feb. 6, runs through June 28, and is included with admission.

### **Happy Birthday President Lincoln!**

Naper Settlement is throwing a weekend party for the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8 at Naper Settlement. On Sunday from 3 to 4 p.m., President and Mrs. Lincoln will stroll the grounds. Join the party with games, activities, cake and punch. Admission is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors and \$5.50 youth 4-17.

### **History Speaks Lecture Series: An Evening with Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln**

Max and Donna Daniels as President Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln reflect on their lives just before they are about to leave for their fateful evening at Ford's Theater during this special History Speaks Lecture Series presentation, "An Evening with Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln," to be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8 in Century Memorial Chapel. For all ages. Advance tickets are \$6/person, \$5/NHSS member; at the door, \$7/person, \$6/NHSS member.

### **School's Out: Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln**

When School's Out, Naper Settlement's in from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16. You're invited to the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday party for President Abraham Lincoln, our 16<sup>th</sup> president, with games, crafts and cake. For children in grades 1-5, the fee is \$45 per child, \$40 for Naperville Heritage Society sustaining members. Reservations are recommended; call (630) 420-6010.

### **Valentine's Day Program**

Children in grades 1-5 will have fun learning about the history of the holiday, making cards, participating in fun activities and snacking on a sweet treat during this special Valentine's Day program to be held from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14. The fee is \$18 per child. Reservations are recommended.

### **School's Out: Webkinz© Day**

Come play with the hottest toys of yesterday and today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 during School's Out: Webkinz© Day. Children in grades 1-5 will even take home their own virtual pet. The fee is \$45 per child, \$40 for Naperville Heritage Society sustaining members.

## **Naperville Lyceum journal available on the Illinois Digital Archives**

The Proceedings of the Naperville Lyceum, a journal of weekly meetings held from 1836 to 1843, acquired in 2006 by the Naperville Heritage Society, is now available on-line. The book was conserved to stabilize the fragile document and then the pages were scanned. In cooperation with the Naperville Public Library, the book is now available electronically through the Illinois Digital Archives, [www.idaillinois.org](http://www.idaillinois.org).

Members of the lyceum, which met in several locations in Naperville shortly after the town was founded in 1831, gathered to debate important issues of the era and also held philosophical discussions. Included in the roster are recognizable citizens such as Naperville's founder Joseph Naper and early pioneers Stephen Scott, Lewis Ellsworth and Nelson Murray.

The minutes of Naperville's lyceum can be compared to other lyceums of the era, which evolved in the mid-1800s, throughout the East and the Midwest. A journal of meetings as complete as Naperville's lyceum is very rare. The manuscript is also important in that it embodies the thoughts and actions of a large constituent group of Napervillians in the late 1830s and early 1840s, at the time the town was being formed.

Future plans include a transcription of the manuscript, which also will be digitized, so it can be searchable by word. The full title of the manuscript on the Illinois Digital Archives in The Naperville Heritage Collection is "Proceedings of the Naperville Lyceum."



## **February at the Library**

Mark your calendar for programs for all ages at the various branches of the Naperville Public Library. For more

information go to <http://www.naperville-lib.org>

### **Tuesday, Feb. 3**

#### **The Underground Railroad in Illinois -- Author Glennette Tilley Turner**

Noted author and historian Glennette Tilley Turner visits our Library in recognition of Black History Month. Illinois played a pivotal role in helping slaves escape to the North. In her presentation, Ms. Turner will discuss the Illinois places where Underground Railroad activity was reported, and show photographs and drawings of some of these sites. She will also read from actual accounts of escapees who risked their lives to reach freedom and accounts of Americans who defied the law and possible imprisonment by helping an enslaved African slave. Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, [www.naperville-lib.org](http://www.naperville-lib.org), or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings. Nichols Library Community Room, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7 p.m.

### **Wednesday, Feb. 4**

#### **Musician Steve Askins - The Music and Songs of WWII**

The Greatest Generation also inspired great music. Tonight, travel back to the 1940's with songs like *Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree*, *Sentimental Journey*, *Swingin' on a Star* and *Don't Fence Me In*. As a singer, composer and musician, Steve Askins has been entertaining all ages for more than 30 years. He has toured the U.S. as a solo artist as well as a member of various ensembles. 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library Meeting Room A/B, 7 p.m.

### **Thursday, Feb. 5**

#### **ShawChicago presents Love Scenes**

ShawChicago, a non-profit theater company, was first created in 1994 to present the plays of George Bernard Shaw and his contemporaries in concert readings. In this one-act play performance, love and romance are explored in all their glory. The actors will perform readings from several of Shaw's plays

involving love, including *Pygmalion*, *Misalliance* and *Getting Married*. As George Bernard Shaw observed: "Marriage: When two people are under the influence of the most violent, most insane, most delusive, and most transient of passions, they are required to swear that they will remain in that excited, abnormal, and exhausting condition continuously until death do them part." Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, [www.naperville-lib.org](http://www.naperville-lib.org), or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings.

95th Street Library Meeting Room A/B, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7 p.m.

### **Tuesday, Feb. 10**

#### **Smart Investing @ your library®**

Need help with money management, college financing, or retirement planning? Interested in learning more about investing in stocks, bonds, ETFs, or mutual funds? This financial workshop will introduce the best free, unbiased online resources for saving and investing. This program is made possible by a grant from FINRA Investor Education Foundation through *Smart Investing @ your library®*, a partnership with the American Library Association. This workshop is open to the public, but seating is limited to 20 participants. To register, please call Bobbie Rudnick, Business Librarian, at 630 961-4100 ext. 6328. - 95th Street Library Computer Lab, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7 p.m.

#### **Naperville READS: Children's Author Dan Gutman**

Join us for a lively evening with the lively author, Dan Gutman. His entertaining books for children including his three fun series, "**My Weird School**," "**My Weird School Daze**" and "**The Baseball Card Adventures**." This event is free and open to the public, though tickets are required. Tickets are available at all three Naperville Public Library locations and at Anderson's Bookshop. Pfeiffer Hall at North Central College, 310 E. Benton Avenue, 7 p.m.

### **Wednesday, Feb. 11**

#### **Music for Lovers - The Jim Guter Trio**

Love is in the air, and Valentine's Day is getting close! Bring your best gal or guy to this moving program of love songs, including, *Our Love is Here to Stay*, *The Nearness of You*, *How High the Moon*, and *Moonlight in Vermont*.

Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, [www.naperville-lib.org](http://www.naperville-lib.org), or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings.

95th Street Library Meeting Room A/B, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7 p.m.

### **Thursday, Feb.12**

#### **Those Were the Days Radio Players**

Relive some of the lighter moments of the 1940's with the **Those Were the Days Radio Players West**, when they present two radio shows of the period. *Jack Benny Donates Maxwell to the Scrap Drive* and *Fibber McGee and Molly's Scrap Collection* will have you laughing at the ensuing misadventures of these radio icons. The **Radio Players** present comedy and drama based on the original scripts from the 1930's to the 1950's, with the old-time sound effects and original music. Although our country was at war, these humorous broadcasts brought some enjoyment and entertainment to the people at home. - 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library Meeting Room A/B, 7 p.m.

### **Tuesday, Feb. 17**

#### **Lincoln: Commander in Chief -- Jim Weren**

In honor of the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the Naperville Public Library is proud to present *Lincoln: Commander in Chief*, with artist and speaker Jim Weren. From the moment Lincoln took office, he had to manage both the military and political dimensions of the war. During his presidency, he faced endless crisis and constant criticism. In Jim's meticulous drawings of Lincoln, the viewer can plainly see the effects the Civil War had on the man. When he entered the White House, he was a prairie lawyer from Illinois, but in paintings of Lincoln just prior to his death in 1865, he had

aged well beyond his years. Our program will feature Mr. Weren's portraits of Lincoln, accompanied by his well-researched and compelling narrative.

Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, [www.naperville-lib.org](http://www.naperville-lib.org), or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings.

95th Street Library Meeting Room A/B, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7 p.m.

### **Naperville READS – Adult Author, Gary W. Moore**

Learn more about the astonishing story of “**Playing with the Enemy**” and Gene Moore’s life in and out of baseball when you meet author Gary Moore. This book is an exciting and often heart-wrenching saga that captures the heart of every red-blooded American who can still smell the fresh-cut summer grass or remember dreaming of making it to the "Bigs". This event is free and open to the public, though tickets are required. Tickets are available at all three Naperville Public Library locations and at Anderson’s Bookshop. - Wentz Concert Hall at North Central College, 171 E. Chicago Avenue, 7 p.m.

### **Tuesday, Feb. 24**

#### **Chicago and the Movies -- Dr. Sarah Marcus**

Dr. Sarah Marcus is an historian at the Chicago History Museum, as well as the managing editor of the *Electronic Encyclopedia of Chicago*. With a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, she has taught at Loyola University in Chicago and presents public lectures through the *Illinois Humanities Council's Roads Scholars* program. In our presentation, she will trace the history of Chicago as it has been portrayed in movies and television. Chicago has become a vibrant part of the American film industry in the past 20 years, as witnessed by the many films that are shot here. Its beautiful skyline and many historically and architecturally significant buildings make for a perfect backdrop. Don't be surprised if you see familiar faces, places, buildings and scenery in the PowerPoint® presentation.

Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, [www.naperville-lib.org](http://www.naperville-lib.org), or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings.

Nichols Library Community Room, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7 p.m.

### **Thursday, Feb. 26**

#### **The Story of Stuff: Film Screening and Discussion by Michelle Hickey Fouts**

The green movement has gained a lot of momentum lately and more and more people are interested in learning how they can participate. As individuals there are a lot of things we can do that will reduce our environmental impact. *The Story of Stuff* is a short film that addresses the impact of production and consumption. Join Michelle Hickey, Sustainability Project Manager for Seven Generations Ahead to view the film and then join in a solution oriented discussion.

Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, [www.naperville-lib.org](http://www.naperville-lib.org), or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings.

95th Street Library Meeting Room A/B, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7 p.m.

## **What's Important for your Association?**

The mission of the NAHC is to:

- To provide a forum for homeowner concerns and interests;
- To foster awareness of residents' needs by developing and maintaining relationships with city, county, school and park districts, and other government agencies - serving as an advocate for and a voice of the people who call the Naperville area their home;
- To support member associations with their organizational and program needs by fostering an interchange of ideas and information between and among individual homeowners associations; and lastly,



- To build, through a cooperative effort, a community dedicated to the enhancement of our property.

Does this align with the needs of your neighborhood and your association? What else can we do to help you? Would you like an NAHC Board member to attend one of your meetings to discuss how the NAHC can help? Send us an email at [NAHC-Naperhomeowners@wowway.com](mailto:NAHC-Naperhomeowners@wowway.com) and share your thoughts – or – better yet – come to an NAHC meeting and get involved. We want to get to know you better!

***The NAHC is looking forward to seeing you at  
Our Joint Meeting with City Council  
Focusing on Naperville's Strategic Plan***

***On***

***Saturday Morning, February 21<sup>st</sup>***

***At***

***8:00 AM in Meeting Rooms B, & C***

***At the Municipal Center***

***Keep an eye on our website***

***[www.napervillehomeowners.com](http://www.napervillehomeowners.com)***

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

***Watch for the next NAHC newsletter in early March!!!!***

***Bob Fischer  
NAHC Newsletter Editor  
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