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The NAHC newsletter is published monthly to provide the news and information Naperville homeowners need. We welcome and appreciate your feedback. Send it to our Vice President and Newsletter Editor, Bob Fischer, at rafischer1@aol.com.

President’s Letter

A discussion point covered at the Confederation’s May Annual Meeting was our work benefitting our members and neighbors. Here are a few ways the NAHC has served as the homeowners’ advocate:

Rental Registration – ongoing efforts to protect law abiding landlords and tenants from constraining ordinances and restrictions necessitated by a few egregious outliers;

Home Based Business –a model for coexistence of businesses in residential neighborhoods;

EJ&E Railroad – ongoing efforts aimed at ensuring the Canadian National Railroad does not tie up major intersections;

Cable TV – continued advocacy for open access to public, educational, and government channels. Successfully prevented placement of refrigerator sized boxes on private property without approval;

City Budget – over several public meetings, met and shared our members’ suggestions concerning expense reductions and City services;

Development Issues – the Confederation is a catalyst, bringing neighboring homeowners together;

25 MPH Neighborhood Speed Limit –worked with City staff to develop the rationale to implement this throughout most neighborhoods;

Fire Alarm Ordinance –together with the Fire Department, established an ordinance that allowed for instant notification to the Department of a fire in a commercial establishment or multi-family structure. This intense study led to establishment of the City’s 911 Emergency Operations Center which continues to serve us 24/7 day in and day out.

This impressive list is the tip of the iceberg of ways the Confederation represents our neighbors, the Homeowners of Naperville. Our meetings will return in September with a new list of topics. Details will be posted to www.napervillehomeowners.com. If your association would like a Confederation Board member to come out and talk about our work, email me.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you a safe and fun filled summer.

Dr Bob Buckman
President, NAHC
drbobbuckman@sbcglobal.net

Our Next Meeting

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation's next meeting will be held in September. Looking back over the past 10 months, we have held dialogues with our elected leaders, reviewed the property tax assessment process, met with the School and Park Districts, held educational discussions on homeowner association management, home improvement and maintenance, and learned about ways the College of DuPage helps small businesses and people searching for a new job.



Over the next two months our Board will be working on our program schedule for the next year's meetings. Besides meeting "focus" topics, we will also be reviewing meeting logistics including whether we should continue meeting on a weeknight or return to Saturday mornings, meeting length, location, refreshments policy, and whether the program year should include 8, 9, or 10 general membership meetings.

We welcome your feedback on both future meeting topics and the logistics around our meetings. Our only goal is to find the best way our meetings can better serve Naperville homeowners. Please email your thoughts and ideas to us at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com

A poster for "CONCERTS IN YOUR PARK" by the Naperville Park District. It features a row of green trees at the top. The text says "Presented by Continental Motors of Naperville". Below that, it describes the series as a summer music series geared toward families and neighborhoods. It lists three events: July 11 with SODA at Tall Grass Lakes Park, July 18 with BILLY CROFT & THE 5 ALARM at May Watts Park, and July 25 with NEW INVADERS at Pradel Park. At the bottom, there are logos for Continental Motors, Acura, and Audi, along with the contact number 630-848-5000 and website www.napervilleparks.org.

Zoning and Land Use Update



The following report from the Confederation Zoning & Land Use Committee includes development and land use projects that were discussed at the May monthly NAHC meeting with City Staff, of interest to Naperville area residents, and/or under consideration by Plan Commission and Council. It also includes information obtained at other meetings:

In attendance at the May meeting – Thom Higgins for the NAHC; Suzanne Thorsen and Allison Laff for the City of Naperville

New Proposals:

Grand Appliance, Design Pointe Route 59; Staff is reviewing plans for a store located in one of Design Pointe's out-lots.

Grace United Church, 300 E. Gartner; Has requested a Conditional Use for an 80' tall cell tower integrated into a cross structure, to be situated in the rear of the property. The church will be required to appear in front of the Plan Commission as well as City Council.

Ongoing Proposals:

Marquette Properties; Has submitted revised plans for the Water Street Development. The major revision is the inclusion of a hotel property in the development.

Aldi Foods, SE Corner of Naperville Rd. and Ogden; Site preparation is underway and construction will commence once completed.

Brighton Car Wash and Detail Center; Appeared in front of City Council June 1st. requesting approval to erect a small wind turbine that could supply between 250 and 500 kilowatt-hours of energy

monthly to the business. The request was tabled pending the development of regulations regarding such devices.

Navistar, 2600 Warrenville Rd. Lisle, IL: After Navistar's surprise withdrawal of their proposal last month, a variety of business groups and politicians have urged them to re-consider. Gov. Pat Quinn and Attorney General Lisa Madigan meet with to company officials to urge them to reconsider their decision. Leaders in the Rockford area have voiced their interest in having Navistar relocate there as well. At this point the ball seems to be in Navistar's court.

Statement by two Lisle planning commissioners on their view of the withdrawal:

http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/napervillesun/news/opinions/2365274.6_4_NA08_NAVISTOPE_D_S1-100608.article

Local supporters have created a facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=132966930050121>

Rockford area: <http://www.rrstar.com/opinions/x1600619003/Our-Views-Navistar-jobs-would-be-welcome-in-Rock-River-Valley>

Local newspaper articles;

http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/napervillesun/news/2366182.6_1_NA08_NAVISTAR_S1-100608.article

http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/napervillesun/news/2370968.6_1_NA09_COUNTY_S1-100609.article

<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=386517>

<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=386925>

Studies and Initiatives:

Boarding Rooms Text Amendment: City Council took public comments at the June 15th meeting. Due to the lateness of when the topic came up discussion by Council was postponed until their next meeting on July 20th. The draft recommendations were approved unanimously by the Plan Commission. You can read the draft recommendations here:

http://www.naperville.il.us/emplibary/DRAFT_Ordinance%20Boarding%20Facilities.pdf

Topic Website; <http://www.naperville.il.us/rentalrequirements.aspx>

Further, the Confederation Board wrote to the Council prior to the June meeting supporting the draft regulations. The points made in the email sent to Council by Confederation President Dr. Bob Buckman included:

“The Confederation does not believe in generating severe new laws to control the egregious rare outlier. This would be unfair to the majority of landlords who are a credit to our city. Similarly, requiring tenants to register their status with the government seems to be an undue administrative burden.

Our feeling is that the initial approach should be fourfold:

1. Eliminate boarding houses as an acceptable use in residentially zoned neighborhoods. Amend the existing codes on boarding rooms, as suggested by staff, to minimize the opportunities for abuse within this designation.
2. Educate landlords, tenants, and neighbors on what is acceptable and not acceptable under current city codes and ordinances.
3. Improve communication between city departments, ensuring that information developed within, for example, Public Safety is shared with groups such as Code Enforcement as appropriate.

4. Enforce existing codes and ordinances governing property use, maintenance, resident conduct, and appearance.

If after a period of time the presented approach needs to be tweaked so be it. Just do not punish the good landlords by imposing severe constraints due to the action of one or more outliers.

One can always ramp up, if needed, but for now we have enough good laws on our books to more than enough take care of a problem site. Another way we view it is 'be careful what you ask for because you might just have to live with it'."

Plank Road Study: Questions still remain regarding the proposed new ROLC (residential-office-limited commercial) zoning designation. Staff continues to evaluate the designation and anticipates hosting an open house sometime in August and then an appearance at Plan Commission sometime afterwards.

Naperville Downtown 2030 plan: The Downtown Advisory Commission draft Downtown Plan update will be discussed at the a public open house scheduled for August 26, 2010
<http://www.naperville.il.us/napervilledowntown2030.aspx>

North Central College Master Plan 2020: Will appear in front of Council July 20th for final approval.
<http://northcentralcollege.edu/x50188.xml>

National Night Out

Neighborhoods throughout Naperville are invited to join communities nationwide and participate in the city's 15th annual National Night Out event from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2010.

Neighborhoods are asked to register their National Night Out event with the City of Naperville by Monday, July 26. To register, please call Assistant to the City Manager Dan Di Santo at (630) 420-6043 or e-mail him at disantod@naperville.il.us.



National Night Out is a nationwide event designed to generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and improve the relationship between the community police department and residents. Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from more than 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In

all, more than 36 million people participated in National Night Out 2009.

To celebrate National Night Out, all residents are encouraged to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outdoors with their neighbors. Members of the Naperville Fire, Public Works and Utility Departments will visit registered events. Previous Naperville neighborhood events have included block parties, parades and more.

"We encourage all Naperville residents to once again participate in National Night Out," Assistant to the City Manager Dan Di Santo said. "The city is committed to educating our residents about what we do, strengthening our relationships with them and reminding residents that their safety is our top priority. This is an informal and fun opportunity for families to meet the city workers that keep our city running smoothly and safely."

For more information on National Night Out, visit www.nationalnightout.org/nno/ or www.naperville.il.us/nno.aspx.

Term Limits

The topic of “term limits” for local elected officials (Naperville’s Mayor and City Council members) was discussed at the June 15th City Council Meeting. Prior to the meeting, Confederation President Dr. Bob Buckman wrote to Council on behalf of the Confederation Board and stated:

It has been brought to the Confederation's attention that an agenda item related to Term Limits for municipal offices will be considered during the June 15, 2010 City Council Meeting.

While I would prefer to deliver this message in person at the meeting, I am currently out of town and will be unable to attend. Accordingly, I would like to make the following known to Council prior to the meeting and for this message to be entered into the Council minutes as appropriate.

The Board of Directors of the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation has been following the issue of term limits very closely. While we have not taken a position, either for or against, on whether or not these proposed limits are either appropriate or necessary, we do endorse opening the discussion to the broader electorate for their consideration and action.



Further to the topic, a web poll has been established on the Confederation website at www.napervillehomeowners.com. This poll asks the question: “Should Naperville's elected officials (Mayor and City Council) be limited to three consecutive terms in office?”

The NAHC invites our members to take the poll and let us know your thoughts on this matter.

Welcome to Our New Associate Directors

At the Confederation Board of Directors Meeting on June 5th, outgoing Directors Mike Reilly and Marcia Straub were invited to rejoin the Board as Associate Directors. They have accepted this invitation and we are pleased that they have opted to continue their involvement with the Confederation.



The newly appointed Associate Directors join current Board members President Dr. Bob Buckman; Vice President Bob Fischer; Secretary John Mesarchik, Treasurer Dan Bulley, Directors Kathy Benson, Tom Harris, Allen Panek and Rick Strawbridge; Associate Directors Thom Higgins, Steve Grosskopf, Joe Labut and Gary Vician; and Immediate Past President Chuck Schlabach.

NAHC Briefs – News You Can Use!



Don't miss the Naperville Woman's Club's 51st Annual Fine Arts Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11, at Naper Settlement. The longest continuously running art fair in Illinois showcases over 100 artists exhibiting pieces in painting, clay, fiber, glass, jewelry, mixed media, metal, photography, sculpture and wood. A children's 'Petite Picasso' creative area and a Silent Auction will be featured. Admission to the show and Naper Settlement are free to the public.

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Effective Monday, July 12, 2010, minor schedule changes will impact nearly two dozen trains on Metra's Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Line. Metra is implementing the changes to accommodate a major construction project in Downers Grove and to provide more reliable service by having run times more accurately reflect actual operating conditions.

Due to the schedule changes, trains may have a slightly earlier or later departure time. Changes may result in a slightly longer commute for some passengers.

Due to Metra changes, schedule changes will also be in effect for 16 Pace routes in Naperville. These changes accommodate Metra's minor schedule modifications.



All commuters are advised to check the schedule changes posted on the City of Naperville's website at www.naperville.il.us/transit.aspx or on Metra's website at www.metrarail.com, or PACE at www.pacebus.com.

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A ride to Chicago will cost less this summer thanks to Metra's Summer Fare Sale. Now through Labor Day, up to three children ages 11 and under ride **free** when accompanied by one fare-paying adult. Riders can also save a little cash by purchasing a monthly, 10-Ride or \$7 Weekend Pass.

Metra is also offering **free** Summer Fun Kits filled with fun-saver coupons to some of Chicago's most popular attractions, including museums and tours. The kit contains Metra's Event Planner and Travel Guide, which provides personalized information to easily plan a trip to the city. To request a free summer fun kit, visit www.metrarail.com.

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The City of Naperville would like to remind residents of the threat that retention ponds and other bodies of water pose at this time of year. Parents should caution their children about the dangers of playing in or near retention ponds and other waterways. The Naperville area has experienced a significant amount of rain throughout the past few weeks, resulting in a high level of water in area rivers and ponds.

Children should be told that retention ponds, rivers and any other body of water are not areas to play in or around at **any** time of the year.

For more information on Emergency Preparedness, including a downloadable copy of the city's Emergency Preparedness Guide, visit the city's website at www.naperville.il.us/nema.aspx.

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The Naperville Police Department wishes to remind residents of the risks associated with the use of fireworks not connected with public exhibitions. Illegal fireworks continue to be a serious problem.

In Naperville, it is illegal to sell, store, possess, discharge or set off any fireworks. During 2009, Naperville Police responded to 237 fireworks complaints, and 133 of those calls occurred in the month of July. Naperville Police will confiscate fireworks and may issue citations to anyone found to be in possession of fireworks. Penalties for possession of fireworks range from \$10 to \$200 for each offense. This does not include penalties incurred for property damage.



According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's Fireworks Annual Report, in 2008, seven people died and an estimated 7,000 were treated in hospital emergency departments for fireworks-related injuries in the United States.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety reminds all parents to be careful when using sparklers around children. The Council also encourages parents to safely supervise the activities of their children when sparklers are present. Children should always be reminded that sparklers are not toys.

For more safety information, contact the Naperville Police Department at (630) 305-5477.

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The City of Naperville has received a \$3,000 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation Fund. This grant will be used to support the costs of the Naperville Historic Building Design and Resource Manual and implement public outreach programs to promote the use of the manual.

As a result of the funding, the city is teaming up with the Lakota Group and Bailey Edward Architecture to conduct two workshops focusing on how residents and property owners can apply the Historic Building Design and Resource Manual to their home improvement projects.

The first workshop was held June 29. The second workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 14 at 7 p.m. in Meeting Rooms B and C of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St. All workshop participants will receive a free copy of the Historic Building Design and Resource Manual.

Each workshop begins with a presentation of the manual, highlighting the most common improvements made to historic homes. Following the presentation, participants will have an opportunity to talk to a historic preservation architect and city staff about their next home improvement project.

For more information about the National Trust for Historic Preservation Grant or the upcoming workshop, visit the city's website at www.naperville.il.us/preservation.aspx.

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VACATION SAFETY TIPS

When planning your vacation, don't forget to protect your home while you are away. The Naperville Police Department provides helpful tips to keep your home safe and secure. Residents may also request a "Vacation Watch" before leaving home for an extended period of time. By registering your home with the Naperville Police Department you provide us with a way to contact you if we receive a call about a problem at your home.

Take a few simple steps to reduce the possibility of becoming a victim of a burglary or other criminal acts against your home. The time spent preparing your home for vacation could save you money later. Before you leave for your trip:



- Notify local police of the departure and return dates of your trip and provide the name and telephone number of a neighbor or relative to notify in the event of an emergency.
- Place a "vacation hold" on newspaper subscriptions, mail delivery and include the start and ending dates.
- Ask a neighbor to pick up newspapers and mail if the "vacation hold" was not followed.
- Place interior lights and a radio on timers to give the appearance that the home is occupied.
- Have front exterior lights on photocells that activate in the evening and shut off at daybreak.
- Notify neighbors of your absence and encourage them to contact the police regarding any suspicious activity at your home.
- Arrange to have the grass cut and watered, leaves raked and the sidewalk and driveway shoveled during the winter.
- Remove all tools, lawn implements, garbage cans and yard furniture to the garage, basement or shed.
- Unplug all non-essential electrical appliances such as computers, fans, televisions, irons, washer and dryers to avoid damage from electrical storms.
- Make sure all entry points into the home are secure.
- Close the fireplace flue to prevent birds and animals from entering.
- If you have an alarm system, leave a current list of contacts with the alarm company in case of system activations. False alarms may be fined.

- Be sure all vehicles left at home are locked and remove all valuables.

To register your home for Vacation Watch, simply print out the form from the City of Naperville's website www.naperville.il.us and return it the Naperville Police Department no less than 7 days prior to your departure.

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The public can now reserve the Von Oven Scout Property for organized school and youth group gatherings. More information about the Von Oven property and the reservation process is available at www.naperville.il.us/vonoven.aspx.

The property is available for organized non-scout youth groups and youth educational organizations. The Von Oven site features several amenities including fire pits, a lighted pavilion with picnic tables, an amphitheater, latrines, campsites and trails. The site is located in

central Naperville west of West Street and to the north of Sportsman's Club.

Hours for reservations include 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. for daytime reservations and 6 p.m. to 11 a.m. the following day for overnight reservations, when permitted. There is a partially refundable \$110 fee for daytime usage and \$220 fee for overnight use.

For more information on the reservation process and amenities, or to download a printable Adobe Acrobat PDF version of the reservation form, visit www.naperville.il.us/vonoven.aspx. The form and required materials should be submitted to the City Clerk's Office at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St. For more information about reserving the property, contact the City Clerk's Office at (630) 305-5300.

To learn more about the Von Oven property, visit www.vonoven.org.

NAHC Dues – A Bargain at Only \$30

The year is half over and the NAHC is still collecting annual membership dues for 2010.

If your Association did not receive an invoice, your Association is not currently a Confederation member, or if there have been significant changes in your Association's contacts, download and complete the Membership Application found on our website at:

<http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc7603.doc>

and send it to us along with your dues.

Please return a 2010 Dues check for \$30 to:

Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation, Inc.
PO Box 5245
Naperville, Illinois 60567-5245



Dues support meetings, issue and candidate forums, and the "legal requirements" needed to enable us to serve neighbors. Remember –the City and Park District, as well as realtors and potential residents, contact homeowners associations through the Confederation. Due to past FOIA issues, we do not provide our entire directory to outside parties including government units. This prevents the membership list from being used by third parties wanting to contact HOA's for commercial or political purposes. We take your privacy seriously and value our members!

If your association or Board would like to learn more about the NAHC, a Board member will be happy to attend one of your meetings to update your community on what the NAHC can and does do for you. Contact us at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com to schedule a presentation!

CAI Legal Forum

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Registration; Coffee & Networking

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Session I of your choice

12:15 - 1:45 p.m. Illinois Legislation Update and Plated Lunch

(one attorney at each table)

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Session II of your choice

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Networking

Registration materials are available at www.cai-illinois.org.

CAI Member Rate: \$95 per person, Non-Member Rate: \$115 per person

Mail registration and check to:

CAI-Illinois Chapter

P.O. Box 66204

Chicago, IL 60666-0204

Or Fax registration & credit card

information to: 847-301-7507.

For more information, call 847-301-7505 or email info@cai-illinois.org.



*You are cordially invited to the
2010 LEGAL FORUM*

*Do you have legal questions concerning the
management of your Association?*

Six law firms will each present an educational session. At lunch time, twelve attorneys will be seated, one at each table, for an opportunity for you to participate in a small group discussion with the attorney at your table. An update on the Illinois State regulations governing Common Interest Associations will be provided and you will have the opportunity to network afterwards with other attendees and professionals.

*FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2010
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM*

*MARGIOTT HICKORY RIDGE CONFERENCE CENTER
1195 Summerhill Drive, Lisle, Illinois
Phone: 630-971-5000
Complimentary parking*

Morton Arboretum Creates "Best Of The West" Garden Walk

Gardeners often say they could never replicate the stunning landscapes they've seen in garden walks at large estates. But now, The Morton Arboretum experts have selected six west suburban gardens as "Best of the West" for a ticketed garden walk that demonstrates how property owners can create exquisite landscapes on average-sized lots. During the dates and times above, visitors can tour these six gardens.

This walk takes garden touring to new heights with the following features:

- Stylish use of carefully selected native plants showcasing colors, textures, scents, and forms.
- Layouts that incorporate sustainable features to create extraordinary garden beauty
- Average-sized residential properties where owners designed and now care for the gardens themselves. Visitors can be confident that they could replicate the beauty of these gardens at their own homes



- Wide variety of woody plants (trees and shrubs); more plant diversity than seen on a typical garden walk.
- A study guide explaining the design philosophy and key points at each property
- Personnel at each house to direct visitors to important design features

Admittance to gardens is via tickets only, which are \$20/person (\$15 for Arboretum members). Call the Arboretum registrar at 630-719-2468 or register online at www.mortonarb.org/adult-programs.

OTHER JULY EVENTS/ACTIVITIES.....

On July 23: 7 p.m., It's Hip to Be Square at this rockin' summer concert! "Huey Lewis and The News" sizzle up the summer night under a canopy of lush green trees. Famous for such hits as The Heart of Rock and Roll, Heart and Soul, and The Power of Love from the movie Back to the Future, this act will thrill audience members while they picnic under the stars. Tickets, \$45 in advance or \$47 Day-of-concert, at www.mortonarb.org, 630-725-2066, and in person at the Visitor Center.

On July 24: 7 p.m. listen to the acoustic, passionate, and witty folk-pop music of the Grammy-award winning duo "Indigo Girls." This boundary-breakin' group best known for 'Galileo' and 'Closer to Fine' will provide a relaxing evening in a beautiful outdoor setting. Tickets, \$43 in advance or \$45 Day-of at www.mortonarb.org, 630-725-2066, and in person at the Visitor Center.

July 25: 7 p.m. is the "New Millennium Orchestra of Chicago and special guest artist Matthew Santos" who brings a rare mix of diverse music as the barriers between classical and pop music are brought down and merged. Tickets, \$28 in advance or \$30 Day-of, at www.mortonarb.org, 630-725-2066, and in person at the Visitor Center.

July 25: 3 p.m provides an opportunity to Introduce your children to classical music in a great outdoors setting. Hear two beloved children's pieces with the "New Millennium Orchestra of Chicago." Tickets: \$14 individual tickets in advance; \$16 Day-of. Also available: \$43 for Family Four-Pack (advance orders only). Tickets at www.mortonarb.org, 630-725-2066, and in person at the Visitor Center.

For all concert events, a \$5 processing fee applies to phone and online orders.

July 17: 6 - 8 p.m. - Experience "East meets West" and the unique sound of "The Miyumi Project," musicians who combine Japanese music, including Taiko drumming, with freewheeling jazz improvisation. Nestle among the "Steelroots" fine sculptures, some of which evoke Japanese calligraphy, to enjoy the blend of Asian and American cultures. Bring a picnic or purchase food and cocktails. Tickets, \$18 www.mortonarb.org, at the Visitor Center, or at 630-725-2066.

On July 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31: from 1 - 3:30 p.m. Join Robin and his men as they battle the evil Sheriff of Nottingham in July's Theatre-Hike, "Robin Hood!" Cheer on Friar Tuck, Little John and of course, the notorious outlaw himself, Robin of Locksley as he fights to keep order in the land while the good King Richard is away. Each scene of the play is presented during stops in a hike. Regular Theatre-Hikes are on Saturdays and a low-impact hike, suitable for walkers, strollers and wheelchairs, is available on Sundays. Tickets are \$13-\$19. All ages, Visitor Center.

July 10: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Calling all fairies! Flutter over to the enchanting world of fairies in the "Fairy Garden Party." Fairies-in-Training will spend the afternoon listening to fairy stories, doing fairy crafts and activities, and having a fairy lunch all while decked out in their favorite fairy outfit. Don't have one? Fairy attire is available for purchase at The Arboretum Store. Reservations are required and space is limited. All ages. The Arboretum Store. Call 630-719-2454 for information of reservations. Tickets: \$25.

July 17: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; July 18: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Uncover the amazing art of bonsai! "The Art of Bonsai: Exhibition and Demonstration" will introduce visitors to the many varieties of trees and plants that can be dwarfed to an artistic shape using special methods of growing, pruning, and training.

Demonstrations will be held at 2 p.m. both days by members of the Prairie State Bonsai Society. All ages. Visitors Center.

Unless otherwise specified, all and destinations including the Children's Garden and Parking are free with Arboretum admission. For Program Registration, call 630-719-2468 or visit www.mortonarb.org. The 2010 Arboretum events rates are:

- \$11/adult, (\$7 on Wednesday), ages 18-64
- \$10/senior, (\$6 on Wednesday), ages 65 and over
- \$8/child (\$5 on Wednesday), ages 2-17, Under age 2 is free

Cutting Your (Storm) Losses: Help Damaged Trees

Wicked thunderstorms left a trail of tree limbs strewn around. Clearing debris isn't enough. To protect your storm-damaged trees from any possible long lasting effects, follow The Morton Arboretum guidelines for proper pruning.



When high winds rip large limbs off a tree, "it is far better to have a clean cut than leave a jagged edge," says Plant Information Specialist Doris Taylor of the Arboretum Plant Clinic, which diagnoses tree and other plant problems and recommends solutions.

Damaged trees attempt to isolate their "wounded" areas, growing a "wall" of cells to block any possible tree rot from infiltrating the trunk. However, when a wound is jagged, the wall could be compromised, leaving the tree vulnerable to diseases or pests, Taylor says.

To cure the problem, the Arboretum recommends a three-step pruning technique. In Step One: cut to remove most of the damaged branch, to reduce the weight pulling on the trunk. In Step Two: make a cut beneath the remaining damaged branch, approximately one-third of the way up through the branch. Make this cut between the edge and

the "branch collar," a swollen area where the branch arises from the trunk. In Step Three: make a final cut entirely through the branch, just beyond the branch collar.

Never cut flush with the trunk, which would cause a very large wound and make it difficult for the tree to heal. In contrast, trees that receive a clean cut develop a hard edge, like a callous, which is a sign that the tree has healed.

Hanging branches are hazards to people or property, and should be pruned as soon as practical.

Lightening sometimes kills a tree outright, and other times causes no damage. It sometimes takes a year or two for death to occur. After lightning strikes, prune the tree for safety otherwise wait until the following growing season to assess damage. Keep tree well watered and fertilized, according to Taylor.

Taylor emphasizes that some jobs are dangerous for average homeowners, who never should climb a ladder to prune a tree, and especially not with a chain saw. Similarly, if a tree is blown over or the trunk is so severely damaged that the tree may fall, safety is a primary concern. Homeowners should call a certified arborist to handle these cases.

Such arborists can often save young or small trees – up to about 15 feet tall – that are partially blown over. When a tree is destroyed and a homeowner wishes to plant a new tree in the same spot, Taylor advises that you have an arborist remove the old stump. In choosing a replacement tree, select a species that is suitable for our area and would help diversify the landscape.

Consult The Morton Arboretum Plant Clinic for free assistance, at 630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org. A diverse landscape helps promote a healthy ecosystem and guards against extensive landscape damage when exotic diseases or pests strike.

Park District Updates



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

On-the-Go PLUS Pass - The Naperville Park District, DuPage Children's Museum and Naper Settlement are partnering to offer the On-the-Go PLUS Pass, a convenient and economical way to experience key Naperville destinations.

The On-the-Go PLUS Pass offers one-time admission to Centennial Beach and the Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower and a 20-minute paddleboat ride for up to four people (the pass holder plus three guests) in addition to admission to DuPage Children's Museum and Naper Settlement. The PLUS version sells for \$27/person and has a value of \$38.50.

The Park District also is offering the original On-the-Go Pass, first introduced in 2008, for \$15/person (a \$21 value); this version provides one-time admission to the Beach and Carillon with a 20-minute paddleboat ride for up to four people (the pass holder plus three guests).

Also new for this year, and as an added convenience, passes are available for purchase online at www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org/onthegopass.html. They are also sold at several locations:

Naperville Park District's Administrative Building, 320 W. Jackson Avenue
Naperville Park District's South Maintenance Facility, 3415 Book Road
Centennial Beach, 500 W. Jackson Avenue
Millennium Carillon, on the Riverwalk near Rotary Hill
Paddleboat Quarry near the Riverwalk Eatery
DuPage Children's Museum, 301 N. Washington Street
Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster Street

A new lightning detection system has been installed at several Naperville Park District destinations, including Naperbrook Golf Course, Centennial Beach, Knoch Park, and Nike Sports Complex. The new Strike Guard system replaces the older Thor Guard systems in these locations. The new system will sound and flash the same type of alarm as the older one; the main difference in the systems is that the Strike Guard system detects both air-to-air and air-to-ground lightning rather than using atmospheric readings to predict when lightning may strike. It is expected that the new systems will eliminate false alarms, which occurred under the older systems.

The Park District reminds residents and park visitors that once the one, long blast of the alarm sounds, together with the flashing strobe light, everyone in the area needs to suspend outdoor activities and take shelter immediately. When no lightning is detected the siren will sound 3 short bursts, indicating that activities can resume.

According to experts in emergency medicine, lightning causes more casualties annually in the United States than any other storm-related phenomenon except floods (http://www.wxline.com/2002_article.pdf). Often lightning strikes before rain begins to fall and may strike after a storm has passed. Therefore, the Park District urges residents to take shelter as soon as the warning sounds and to remain in a protected location until they hear the 3 short bursts from the siren. The flashing strobe on top of the system will remain illuminated when lightning is in the area.

The Naperville Park District has placed lightning warning systems in several of its high use facilities in an effort to increase the safety of park patrons. The systems are intended to provide

adequate warning in order for patrons to take shelter; however, they are not fail-proof. In the event that either lightning or thunder is observed and the system siren has not sounded, park patrons should seek shelter immediately.

Free Lunch-Hour Entertainment - 12:00-12:45 p.m.

Pack a lunch and join the fun. You'll be treated to an exciting performance geared to the young and young at heart.

Riverwalk – near the Warming House, 736 Sindt Court (July 16, July 20 and July 30)

July 16 - The Junior Concert Dance Ensemble will perform at 11:30 a.m..

July 20 – ScribbleMonster,

ScribbleMonster is fun, interactive, high-energy, with great tunes, catchy hooks, excellent tag-team vocals, stellar musicianship and the perfect blending of traditional children's music, improvisational comedy, crayons and power-pop. Nothing can compare!

Frontier Park – 3380 Cedar Glade Drive

July 16 – Family Magic Show, Frontier Park

Jim Jensen's family show features interactive magic that is totally kid friendly but all adults will watch in amazement, too. Jim's family magic style is so much fun and presented in a quick, high energy style.

July 30 – Macaroni Soup

Dubbed "the Pied Piper of children's music," Carole Peterson is a nationally renowned music specialist. Her cross-curricular music and guidance techniques instantly invite all audiences from the youngest child to the oldest adult to join in singing, dancing and rhythmic movement.

Naperville Park District's Shakespeare in the Park

July 16 - Central Park, 104 E. Benton Avenue, 7:00 p.m.

Shakespeare in the Park provides audience members of all ages with a unique, outdoor theater experience in a beautiful park setting. Join the Naperville Park District and Midsummer Theatre Troupe for this year's free, all-ages performance, *As You Like It*. Park will open at 6:00 p.m. with the performance schedule to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Rollin' on the River, a live concert series

July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, August 6, August 13, August 20 and August 27; Riverwalk at Jackson Avenue and Webster Street; 7-9 p.m.

Rollin' on the River is a live, summer-long concert series running from through August 27 that entertains Riverwalk patrons Friday evenings at the Riverwalk Pavilion at Jackson Avenue and Webster Street.

Library News



*Naperville Public Library
Naperville's Neighborhood of Knowledge*

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

Naperville Public Library Closed July 4 & 5

Nichols, 95th Street, and Naper Boulevard libraries will be closed Sunday and Monday, July 4 and 5. Normal hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. will resume on Tuesday, July 6.

Drive-up returns for all Library materials are available 24 hours a day at the Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave.; the Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd.; and the 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr. Materials may be renewed at our website, www.naperville-lib.org and click on "My Account" or you can check due dates and renew items by calling 961-0460.

Monday, July 12

Get Your Game On! - Join the Library in giving our Wii™ Systems a workout! Each month, your local Naperville Public Library will be offering an open play session for you to come in and play the

time away. Enjoy the Library's assortment of video games for Nintendo Wii™: *Guitar Hero™*, *Dance Dance Revolution™*, *Mario Kart™*, *Rock Band 2™*, *The Beatles™: Rock Band™*, *Super Smash Bros.™*, *Wii Sports™*, and *Mario & Sonic™*! No registration is required. Naperville Public Library card holders will be given first preference, in accordance with our Priority Service Policy. Program Room, Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 20

Meet Author James Kennedy and Participate In the Dome of Doom Tournament! - Don't miss this opportunity to meet James Kennedy, author of *The Order of Odd-Fish*, described as "a work of mischievous imagination and outrageous invention." The author will perform scenes from his book and answer your questions about writing. Rummage through chests of costumes (or bring your own costumes from home), and dress up as one of the 144,444 gods of the fantastical Eldritch City. Participate in an insult-flinging, battle-dancing Dome of Doom tournament set to insane fighting music! Winners will receive prizes. We promise you a fun-filled afternoon. Bring your copy of *The Order of Odd-Fish* and have it signed by the author. No registration is required. Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Friday, July 23

Wii™ Want to See You! - Get your game on, and meet new friends. Race around mushroom land playing Mario-Kart™, show off your marksmanship skill with Boom Blox™, or go for the perfect game with Wii™ Bowling! This program is for grades three to five but all are welcome to join in the fun. No registration is required. Meeting Room A/B, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 27

PSAT® Kaplan™ Practice Test - Back by Popular Demand! - A practice test is crucial to ward off those Test Day jitters and can let you know how you'll score on the "real thing." Don't be surprised! Come and experience first hand what Test Day will be like. Instructors from Kaplan™ will provide a proctored PSAT® practice test and return scores with analyzed results. Make sure to bring #2 sharpened pencils, a College Board approved calculator, and a healthy snack. This program is for students in grades nine to twelfth and online registration is required to attend. Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.info, or at any of the Adult or Children's service desks at the three Library buildings. These programs are presented in partnership with Kaplan™. Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



A Historic Museum Village

News from Naper Settlement

www.napersettlement.museum

523 South Webster Street

Naperville, Illinois 60540

(630) 420-6010

(630) 305-5255-fax

History comes to life at Naper Settlement, an outdoor museum village, located in downtown Naperville at 523 S. Webster St. Accredited by the American Association of Museums, Naper Settlement has 30 historic structures ranging from a rustic log cabin to an elegant Victorian mansion, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. During the summer months of April through October, hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9 adults, \$8 seniors 62+ and \$6.50 youth 4-17. For more information, visit www.napersettlement.museum or call (630) 420-6010.

July is National Ice Cream Month

Celebrate National Ice Cream Month in July and enjoy a free ice cream sundae July 4, 18 and 25 during Settlement Sundays. Join in a variety of hands-on, family-friendly activities during the Settlement's open hours of 1 to 4 p.m.

Naperville Woman's Club Fine Art Fair

More than 100 juried artists will display original fine art at the 51st annual Naperville Woman's Club Fine Art Fair to be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 10, and Sunday, July 11, at Naper Settlement. Free admission.

Sheepherding Day

Enjoy a lively demonstration on Sunday, July 18, at Naper Settlement of how border collies herd sheep, conducted by the Rev. John Seraphine of Heatherhope Farm. He is bringing his championship border collies and his own flock of sheep. Meet his new puppy, Spot. It's also a Settlement Sunday with free ice cream sundaes. Included with regular admission.

National Lollipop Day

On Tuesday, July 20, visitors will receive a free lollipop at Naper Settlement to celebrate National Lollipop Day. Discover the history of lollipops, which dates back to the 1800s. Included with regular admission.

Beatrix Potter Day

Celebrate author Beatrix Potter's birthday on Wednesday, July 28, when there will be storytelling at Naper Settlement in honor of the woman who wrote the beloved Peter Rabbit books. Included with regular admission.

Naperville Summer Nights Battle of the Bands and Movie Night

Kick off the Naperville Summer Nights weekend with a teenage Battle of the Bands from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 23, followed by a family movie, the original "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" with Gene Wilder, starting at 8:30 p.m. or dusk at Naper Settlement. The Battle of the Bands winner will be the opening act for the music concert on July 24. Bring your own picnic, blankets and lawn chairs for a night of relaxation and entertainment. Admission is \$5 per person for the Battle of the Bands and the movie. For tickets, visit www.napervillesummernights.com. *Limited food and drink vendors will be on site. No outside beverages are allowed.*

Naperville Summer Nights Concert

This year's concert features the winner of Friday night's Battle of the Bands, who will be the opening band for State and Madison and headliners A Rocket To The Moon. Tickets to the Naperville Summer Nights concert are \$15 in advance, \$20 the day of the show and are available for purchase on-line at www.napervillesummernights.com. *Limited food and drink vendors will be on site. No outside beverages are allowed.*

Do KidsMatter to you?

A neighborhood is more than a place where people live. A neighborhood should be an important community in which people of all ages feel welcome, cared for, and secure.

A CARING NEIGHBORHOOD is one of 40 proven Developmental Assets kids need to grow into healthy, responsible adults.

This month focus on the important role you can play – as a neighbor – in building Assets in Naperville's youth.

Learn the names of kids who live around you. Invite neighbors into your home. It takes a whole community to raise a healthy child.

Give all kids what they need to succeed. Place a high value on making your neighborhood kid-friendly.



www.KidsMatter2us.org



DuPage Children's MUSEUM

...where learning comes in to play!



*The Museum will be closed Monday August 30 - September 12 for annual maintenance.

Summer 2010

301 N. Washington St.
Naperville, IL 60540
630-637-8000

www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org



Museum Summer Hours:

Tuesday June 1 - Sunday August 29, 2010
9 am - 4 pm Monday - Friday
9 am - 5 pm Saturday
Noon - 5 pm Sunday

Third Thursdays only - 6/17, 7/15 & 8/19
9:00 am-8:00 pm

Hours may change due to holidays and special events.
Please call 630-637-8000 or check the Web site at www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org to plan your visit.



Come discover the magic of live performance

SUMMER SCHEDULE

- June 12 DuPage Symphony Orchestra
Classical Music
- June 26 NoMi LaMad
Dance
- July 10 Andy Head
Juggler
- July 24 Fox Valley Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet
Peter and the Wolf
- August 7 Paul Abella Trio
Jazz
- August 21 Dennis Stroughmatt et L'Esprit Créole
Fiddle Music

All performances are on Saturdays,
10:30 am - Noon

Free for DCM members and/or with Museum admission.

Thanks to Fidelity Investments, Naperville Investor Center
and the Werth Family for their support!

Registration Fee 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.

Summer Mini-Camp Starts June 21 Three Different 4-Day Camps!



Electric Explorers



Cardboard Carpentry



Cool Chemical Concoctions

Member \$135/Nonmember \$160

Call 630-637-8000 ext. 0 or
visit the Web site to sign up today!



Preschool Summer Camp Starts June 21 Eight different week-long camps!

- Take one week, several or all eight!
- Teacher to student ratio - 1:5
- Maximum class size - 20



Member \$159/Nonmember \$189

*Must be 3 by May 1, 2010; all campers must be toilet trained.

Call 630-637-8000 ext. 0 or
visit the Web site to sign up today!

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

Distribution of information and materials through the schools
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Safeguard Your Home & Car This Summer

The Naperville Police Department wishes to remind residents to lock their vehicles when unoccupied, remove valuable items from view and document make, model and serial numbers of devices when available. A majority of thefts in Naperville result from unlocked or unsecured doors and windows, and these thefts occur during all hours, not just at night.

In 2009, Naperville reported 463 Burglaries to Motor Vehicles that *were not* forced and 302 Burglaries to Motor Vehicles that *were* forced.

Criminals often take advantage of open or unlocked doors and windows. The NPD reminds residents to consider the following:



- Do not leave vehicles unattended with the doors unlocked, windows down, or the keys in them, even in your garage or driveway. Do not leave valuables, such as cell phones, I-Pods, GPS units, computers, purses, or money in plain view. Remember, if a criminal has access to the inside of your vehicle, they likely have access to your garage door opener and/or house keys.
- Call 911 immediately to report ANY suspicious or unusual activity. Be prepared to provide vehicle (color, make, model, plate) and suspect (gender, race, and clothing) information.
- Remember that it only costs “a nickel a night” to leave your front and back outside lights on, all night, every night. Well-lit areas deter criminals from taking advantage of the cover of darkness.
- Close your overhead garage door unless it is within your immediate sight. It only takes a moment for a criminal to help themselves to your golf clubs, bicycles, alcohol and tools, OR to burglarize or steal your car or enter your unlocked home. This is especially important if there are children in the house while you are outside. The Naperville Community Radio Watch and the Patrol Beat officer report hundreds of open garage doors each month during the evening hours.
- Make sure you have deadbolts on your front and back doors and on your service door between the garage and your home, and most importantly use them! If you have sliding glass doors, install a bar or other auxiliary lock to enhance security.

The Naperville Police Department provides a Home Security survey to Naperville residents by appointment only. A Home and Personal Security Handbook will be available and located at City Hall and The Naperville Police Department’s lobby area.

NAHC Meetings are taking the summer off!

We’re Working On Behalf of Naperville Area Homeowners, Though!!!

Keep an eye on www.napervillehomeowners.com for late-breaking news and information of importance to homeowners and neighborhoods.

The next newsletter will be on or about August 1st

***Bob Fischer
NAHC Newsletter Editor & Webmaster***