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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

I am so pleased that many of our association members and the general public joined us for our very informative October meeting. We learned, unfortunately, that the Emerald Ash Borer has taken over an additional 10 associations beyond the 4 identified last year. Information about insecticidal control of this beetle was presented by Skeet from the Care of Trees. He suggested two websites for our review: www.illinoiseab.com and www.agr.state.il.us/eab/ . Early April is the critical time to act for control of EAB. The Confederation will take another look at landscaping at our March meeting, but it might be wise to start making your plans now. Another resource is DuPage Forest Preserve District Commissioner Carl Schultz’s blog at <http://theforestsedge.blogspot.com/2010/10/emerald-ash-borer.html>

Due to the unemployment situation in Naperville, the NAHC devoted the rest of the meeting to acquaint our members and guests with the various Educational and Employment resources available for those seeking to find employment. The vast resources of Work Net DuPage www.worknetdupage.org, the Community Career Center <http://www.communitycareercenter.org> and the job search resources of the Naperville Public Library www.naperville-lib.info were presented in great detail and I certainly strongly recommend these resources to you.

The November elections are this week and I urge you to vote. While the NAHC does not endorse candidates, I will say that our State Representatives have served us faithfully and with honor. I also urge you to give consideration to the College of DuPage referendum to provide major repairs and improvements for existing buildings on their campus. As we learned when looking at employment resources, job skills and training are critical factors necessary to become and stay employed.

Finally, our November general meeting will be on the 20th at 8 AM for coffee and the formal start of the meeting at 8:30 AM. We will be joined by the members of ACTHA and several State legislators for a very informative session about new laws and their impact on homeowners associations. Please know that you are welcome and I personally look forward to greeting you.

Dr Bob Buckman
President, NAHC - drbobuckman@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming Confederation Meetings

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation's next general membership meeting will be November 20th, 2010, at 8:30 AM in lower level meeting rooms B&C of the Naperville Municipal Center. We will have coffee and networking beginning at 8 and the formal meeting at 8:30. Our goal is to complete the meeting by 10 AM so everyone can get on with their day. For this month's meeting we will have a special treat as Invisible Fence Brand, <http://jgb.invisiblefence.com>, will be our meeting host, providing refreshments during networking.



Our focus for November will be new state laws that impact what can and cannot be done – as well as what must be done by Homeowners Associations. We are partnering with ACTHA, the Association of Condominium, Townhouse, and Homeowners Associations, to present a panel discussion of area legislators along with Attorney Mike Kim and Dick Lockhart representing ACTHA. ACTHA seminars normally include a registration fee. For this joint presentation with the NAHC, these fees are waived and all of Naperville Area associations are invited to attend and learn about the changes their Board's may need to be making over the coming

months. We will update our website at www.napervillehomeowners.com with more information.

Looking ahead, our tentative meeting schedule through the Spring of 2011 includes:

December: Member Appreciation/Information Roundtables

January: State Legislators

February: City budget

March: "How to" on landscaping.

April: City Council on the dais.

May: NAHC Annual meeting

The Confederation Board really appreciates the opportunity to have a light breakfast with our meeting and we thank Invisible Fence Brand for stepping up to the plate. If your company or organization is interested in being a "meeting sponsor" willing to offset the cost of a light breakfast in exchange for the opportunity to share their message, check out the Sponsor Guidelines on the Meeting Information page of our website, www.napervillehomeowners.com. Drop us a line if you are interested.

This schedule above is the vision of the Board, but our meetings are for our members. We welcome your suggestions. Please email your thoughts and ideas for meeting topics and focus to us at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com.

Zoning and Land Use Update



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

New Proposals:

Show Me restaurant 1126 E. Ogden Ave; The 15 store sports bar and restaurant chain has applied for a liquor license to operate at the old Famous Dave's restaurant site. Some residents are voicing concerns about the minimal nature of the waitress's attire and possibility of the restaurant serving liquor until 2:00 am.

Daily Herald article: <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20101026/news/710279758/>

Restaurants website; <http://www.showmes.com/>

Ongoing Proposals:

Coopers Hawk: A wine bar and restaurant chain received unanimous approval for their PUD from the Plan Commission to construct a facility on the east side of Freedom Commons rd. just north of Diehl.

Kensington School, 10705 South Walton Heath Drive: Subject property consists of a total of 1.68 acres located on the west side of IL Route 59 north of Tamarack Golf Course and south of 103rd Street. At the October 20th Plan Commission meeting they were unanimously approved for a conditional use to operate a preschool and day-care facility, and a parking variance to reduce the number of spaces from 57 to 31, among other minor variances. They are expected to appear in front of City Council in November.

12 N. Webster: The petitioners request for 2 variances was approved unanimously by the ZBA. They variances consist of allowing the parking lot to encroach approx 5' into the required corner side yard setback of 10' and to reduce the number of parking spaces required on-site from 25 spaces to 10 parking spaces in order to occupy the entire building with an office use (previous site approval included ground floor office and 2 upper stories of residential). To account for the difference in parking required vs. parking provided, the petitioner has agreed to pay into the parking lot fund in order to use spaces in the Van Buren deck for employees, leaving the lot for visitors. They are expected to appear in front of City Council in November. Source; City of Naperville staff.

Navistar, 2600 Warrenville Rd. Lisle, IL: After intervention by numerous public officials in September, Navistar agreed to commit to moving to the former in Lucent facility on Warrenville Rd. Part of the agreement has Navistar capitulating to a nearby resident group who opposed the engine testing segment of the operation. Navistar agreed to instead, test engines at its manufacturing facility in Melrose Park. The company is claiming that there will ultimately be a net increase of 1600 jobs.

The company will receive numerous financial incentives from various governmental bodies including a TIF. An unusual feature to the Navistar TIF is use of the previous year's higher assessment as the basis for determining the funds Navistar will receive. The difference in EAV's is significant; \$25.985 million in 2009 and \$36.339 million in 2008. Dave Zager, Ast. Superintendent of Finance for District 203 school district indicated that "Navistar and Lisle have agreed that for the duration of the TIF, the participating underlying taxing districts will be reimbursed their tax rate for that \$10 million out of the surplus funds for the TIF district each year. In essence, as the EAV rises, rather than all the money would go into the TIF, they will declare that surplus up to the \$10 million increase and return that to the taxing districts such as the school district

<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20101018/news/710199781/>

<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20100909/news/709099998/>

Parks Edge: In a 6 to3 vote, City Council on October 19th approved the annexation of this property into Naperville, paving the way for construction of 5 luxury duplex's, despite two years of opposition from neighboring residents. Voting against the annexation agreement were Councilmen Doug Krause, Richard Furstenau and Grant Wehrli. The annexation vote required 6 positive votes and was in doubt as Councilman Miller had previously voted against approving the plan in an earlier meeting. Of note is the fact that the annexation was approved even though the proposed development exceeds the recommended density per acre outlined in the just completed Plank Rd. Study.

Naperville Sun article: <http://napervillesun.suntimes.com/news/2043926-418/park-council-development-residents-concerns.html>

Studies and Initiatives:

Naperville Downtown 2030 plan: at their October 20th meeting, the Plan Commission failed to approve the Land Use section of the Downtown 2030 plan, voting 1 to approve, 6 to reject. Commissioner Herzog, cast the lone positive vote. The NAHC offered testimony (<http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc11936.pdf>) as well as a number of

residents. There was a great deal of discussion regarding the Special Study Area (Benton to Douglas, Washington to Main) regarding height and type of structures and the impact that additional development will have on the downtown's busy streets, a particular concern of the Confederation.

Additional concerns voiced regarded potentially allowing business uses on Jefferson, west of Eagle and the impact it would have on Naper School, as well as the possibility of having parking decks or large scale structures on Douglas across from Washington Jr. High as part of the Special Study area.

In response, DAC (Downtown Advisory Committee) met Oct 28th to discuss 4 possible modifications;

1. Reduce the allowable height in the Special Study Area bounded by Douglas and Franklin. After first voting unanimously to reduce maximum height to 43', Katie Wood (Director of the Downtown Naperville Alliance) offered a motion of substitution, seconded by Mary Ann Junkowski (Roseland Home Decor), recommending a height limit of 40'-50' as opposed to 43'. It passed with Bob Marshall (Asst. City Manager) and Steve Rubin (DAC Chairman) dissenting. Chairman Rubin commented that financial aspects should NOT factor into the passing of a proposal - it should be based on issues such as buffering/density/setback etc. Committee member Steve Grosskopf had to leave the meeting before this last vote.
2. The committee voted unanimously to remove Jefferson, from Eagle to Mill, from possible Home to Office conversions.
3. The committee voted unanimously **not** to reduce the boundaries of the downtown area as had been requested by the NAHC and area homeowners associations.
4. It also voted unanimously to create a "spotlight page" highlighting the relationship of the plan to the residents who live in, and around, the downtown.

The plan was in front of the Historic Preservation Commission on Oct. 28 and will be before the Advisory Commission on Disabilities on Nov. 4.

City Council and the Downtown Advisory Commission will review the plan jointly in a workshop at 5 p.m. Nov. 8 in Meeting Rooms B and C of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St.

The public is invited to all meetings. Residents can contact the lead planner, Amy Emery, at Emery-GraunkeA@naperville.il.us and City Council at council@naperville.il.us to offer thoughts on the plan.

Article in the Sun covering Plan Commissions rejection of the Land Use section:

<http://napervillesun.suntimes.com/news/2063054-418/downtown-plan-2030-commissioners-naperville.html>

ROLC Land use and Zoning Designation. City Council on October 5th in a 2 to 6 vote rejected the proposed land use designation. Councilman Boyajian and Brodhead voted in favor of the motion. Residents had a number of concerns with the proposed ordinance, and the NAHC offered comments on it as well. Parcels that were designated ROLC in the Plank Rd. Study will remain designated as such, but without any underlying zoning ordinance. Staff believes that these properties can still be developed with characteristics of a ROLC district through other existing zoning ordinances.

Naperville Sun article: <http://napervillesun.suntimes.com/news/1887967-418/district-zoning-council-residential-rolc.html>

Electronic Message Center Signs

The Confederation has been approached by City Staff for input on the topic of electronic message center signs located in residential areas. These advertising displays are becoming more and more prevalent at schools and churches within our neighborhoods with 45 square foot signs typically





allowed. If a church or a school decides to use an electronic message board (EMB), the EMB cannot exceed 50% of the permitted area of a sign. Therefore, a 45 square foot sign can only contain an EMB that is 22.5 square feet in size. The changeable message on an EMB cannot change sooner than once every 10 seconds and must contain a static message. This prevents the sign from flashing, scrolling, and using any form of animation. No sign can be taller than 10 feet in height (plus an allowance for a 2 foot architectural feature) and

must be set back 5 feet from the right of way (unless adjacent to a major arterial which requires a 10 foot setback).

As a result of a few complaints over the past year, the City Council asked staff to evaluate the need for additional regulations for EMB's located on residentially zoned properties (churches and schools are generally a permitted use in a residential neighborhood)..

Please send your comments to the Confederation at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com. We will be meeting with staff later this month to further discuss the issues and potential for added regulation.

Thanks for your input!

October Meeting Recap –Job Search Resources

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation October meeting included presentations from 3 important resources for job seekers:

workNet DuPage

This organization, located at 2525 Cabot Drive, Suite 302 in Lisle (by Lucent), is affiliated with the County and offers a menu of services critical to job seekers. The center's services are open to anyone who lives in or whose last job was in DuPage County. Basic services include access to the center's resource room and free faxing, copying printing and internet services. Computer classes are also available. Other services, such as 5 job search workshops focused on research and networking; resumes, references and cover letters; telephone job search, interviewing and negotiation skills are offered by appointment and begin every two weeks. There are also free job club meetings on a weekly basis, enabling networking and providing speakers on relevant job search topics. For more information, see <http://www.worknetdupage.org/index.php>.

Community Career Center

The Community Career Center opened its doors in Naperville in 1996. Now located at 1815 W. Diehl Road, Suite 100 (near Cracker Barrel), membership in the Center is \$50 annually and enables the member to have access to a variety of job search resources and skill building classes, such as career assessments, building your networking knowledge and interview skills, with videotaping of mock interviews to build skills and confidence. Staff includes career counselors, recruiters and other human resource professionals. Job clubs and BYO networking lunches are also offered by the Center. See <http://www.communitycareercenter.org/> for more information.

Naperville Public Library

Think you can get all the information you need for your job search free over the internet? Not quite. Described by others as irreplaceable, Business Librarian Bobbie Rudnick is a valuable resource at the Nichols Library (similar individuals are at the other library branches), with access to subscription based electronic resources that can help job seekers build their knowledge base for the interview process. Contact Bobbie at 630.961.4100 ext. 6328, or via email at brudnick@naperville-lib.org. for more information.

Water Street Update

At our October 16th meeting, the assembled **membership unanimously ratified the position** taken by the Confederation Board of Directors at its October 2nd meeting. This position will again come to a vote at the November 20th meeting, this time as a Public Stand of the Confederation.



This stand is as follows:

“It is our view that the Water Street proposals suffer from a number of significant deficiencies that would significantly impact the quality of life in the downtown area in a

negative manner. They are as follows:

- The height and density of the project. The proposed development would create an environment (even in the 5 story concept) that is taller and denser than anywhere in Naperville’s current downtown. The even taller, combined seven story Tower building, six story Mixed Use building and the attached 699 space parking deck concept, is a massive, monolithic structure, that will dominate the Downtown skyline, and the Riverwalk area.
- The high Intensity of use will create significant additional traffic problems along Aurora, already one of downtown Naperville’s most congested streets, and will create significant merging issues for Main Street, as well as a major increase in traffic on Main. Webster will see increased use but adding a traffic light at Aurora is problematic, as will be, trying to egress Webster without one. The street is not well situated to accept the significant additional traffic this proposal will generate
- Potential traffic/safety/delivery problems from constructing a very large, busy, parking deck, whose only access/egress is a 20’ wide alley, as well as security concerns with a parking deck hidden between a building and an alley (as compared to other decks fronting streets).
- Adding a private pedestrian skyway across the publicly owned Water Street right of way for the sole use of 20 luxury condo owners to the North, further canyonizing an already narrow street and obstructing views.
- With 3 years of the 23 years on the TIF already expired, what will be the financial effect of an extended construction timetable further reducing the TIF’s life? Will the project be able to service the TIF’s financial requirements?
- At five floors, the Theater building and especially the Loggia building along the river will overpower and commercialize the Riverwalk. The new request to put signs for commercial uses on the Riverwalk side of buildings would further commercialize the Riverwalk.
- The decision to narrow the street/ parking/sidewalk area from the standard 66’ down to 57’ has numerous and significant negative implications for traffic, and especially, for pedestrians. The thought of having the downtown’s highest intensity of use, coupled with the narrowest sidewalks and parking spaces, reflects a lack of concern for the pedestrian and those parking on Water St. Further, narrowing the streetscape will have a negative, “closed in”, visual effect for those on Water Street.

Accordingly, the Confederation Board urges the City Council to not approve the most recent proposed changes to Water Street as well as reconsider its prior approvals of this redevelopment.”

Input from our membership is welcomed at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com. You can see the entire set of drawings at <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc11904.pdf> and at <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc11905.pdf>.

NAHC Briefs – News You Can Use!

The Naperville Park District invites current and prospective volunteers, ages 12 through adult, to the annual Holiday Volunteer Open House and Sign Up Night from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3. The Open House will be hosted by Huntington Learning Centers, one of the Naperville Park District's corporate partners, at their facility located at 924 West 75th Street in Naperville.

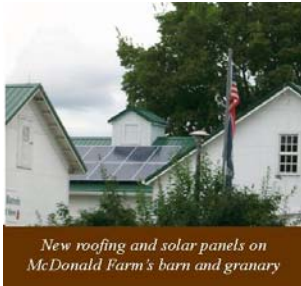


The Park District is seeking teens and adults to volunteer at Santa House (ages 14 and up) and Candy Cane Lane (ages 12 and up). Santa House runs from December 2 through December 23, and Candy Cane Lane takes place on Friday, December 17.

Naperville Park District staff will be on hand at the Open House at Huntington to answer questions about volunteering at the Park District and to assist with registration for holiday volunteer opportunities

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The Conservation Foundation has completed a renewable energy and water conservation project at the 60-acre McDonald Farm in Naperville.



Please join them for the Small Scale Renewable Energy and Water Conservation Open House and Workshops to see these technologies in action and learn more about them from experts in the field on Sunday, November 14th, 1pm to 3:30pm at The Conservation Foundation's McDonald Farm, 10S404 Knoch Knolls Road, Naperville.

The workshop agenda is as follows (all presentations will be held in the Clow Education Center at McDonald Farm):

- 1-1:30 p.m. Welcome and Tour of the Project
- 1:30- 2 p.m. Rainwater Harvesting: Ed Beaulieu, Aquascape Designs, Inc.
- 2- 2:30 p.m. Solar Power: Lisa Albrecht, Solar Services, Inc.
- 2:30- 3 p.m. Small Wind Power: Noel Thelander, Monarch Renewable Energy
- 3-3:30 p.m. Tour of the Project

The Conservation Foundation uses McDonald Farm as its home base of regional conservation operations and as an educational site to teach the community about its mission. We model on-site sustainable landscaping, water quality and water conservation techniques, and how to live in concert with nature. There are on-the-ground examples of native landscaping, rainwater harvesting, permeable pavers, water and butterfly gardens, rain gardens and rain barrels, to name a few.

To further this concept and add more items to the "educational menu," we recently installed high-content recycled metal roofs on the main barn and granary, solar panels on the barn, and constructed a 25,000 gallon rainwater harvesting system to collect the rainwater runoff from the barn and granary. In addition, we installed a 60-foot small wind turbine and several educational panels describing the benefits of small-scale renewable energy systems and water conservation. The energy generated by the solar panels and wind turbine will provide more than enough electricity required to run the pumps in the rainwater harvesting system so the Green Earth Institute's organic farming operation can irrigate their organic vegetables with clean rainwater.

The ultimate outcome for this project is to encourage people to consider these, and the many other environmentally-friendly practices demonstrated at the farm, as realistic ideas they can implement at their home or place of business. These are easy and affordable "green" living ideas that will, if more people do them, make a measurable difference in protecting and improving our local environment.

This event is free and open to the public. Call 630-428-4500, Ext. 12 with questions. You may also visit www.theconservationfoundation.org for more specifics on the project.

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Naperville Park District invites soccer players to clean out their closets and drop off their gently used soccer balls (or footballs, volleyballs or any inflatable sports ball) at Player's Indoor Sports Center at 1740 Quincy Avenue from November 6 – 20.

Rebound Sports Project, a Chicago-area non-profit organization, will collect the balls and ship them to kids around the world who need them.

Specially marked collection barrels will be placed at Player's Indoor Sports Center through November 20. The Park District requests that donated sports balls be deflated, if possible, to save space and time for Rebound Sports Project; however, inflated balls also will be accepted.



This collection project is one of the environmental initiatives of the Naperville Park District, and builds on the Park District Recreation Department's 2009 donation of used sports equipment to Rebound Sports Project. Thanks to Rebound Sports, not only will the soccer balls be kept out of a landfill, but they will go directly to kids who need them.

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The Compass Church is sponsoring a Food Pantry Compassion Project that will benefit three area food pantries: Green Harvest, West Suburban Community Pantry and Loaves & Fishes. On Sat., Nov. 6, 2010, more than 400 volunteers from The Compass will be going door-to-door to nearly 8,000 homes throughout Naperville and the surrounding communities. Volunteers will be distributing food collection bags and encouraging residents to lend support by way of food donations. On Sun., Nov. 7, volunteers will return to pick up donations made by the community. The Compass Church also will be collecting food donations at its Hobson Campus and 111th Campus worship services on Nov. 6-7.

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The Naperville Park District's preschool program will launch its 3rd annual Pennies for Pies drive to benefit Naperville's Loaves and Fishes, from November 1-18, 2010. The goal is to donate at least 100 pumpkin pies to the food pantry's "Thanksgiving-in-a-Bag" program, surpassing last year's total of 80 pies donated.



Preschoolers will be encouraged to bring in pennies and other small change during the 3 weeks leading up to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Park District staff, local businesses, and the general public are invited to participate in the drive contributing small change as well as larger donation amounts. All donations will be used to purchase pies for the Loaves and Fishes Thanksgiving-in-a-Bag distribution on Saturday, November 20.



This year the need for food donations is greater than ever. Last month, 141 new families signed up for food assistance at Loaves and Fishes, the largest new enrollment since September 2009. Loaves and Fishes expects 200 families to pick up a Thanksgiving bag on November 20th and 1,100 families to request assistance throughout the two weeks before Thanksgiving.

Donations of spare change for the Pennies for Pies drive to benefit those in need in the community will be accepted at the Naperville Park District's Administration Building at 320 W. Jackson Avenue through November 18, 2010. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon on Saturday.

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As of Monday, October 25, 2010, an additional 43 daily fee parking spaces became available for commuters parking at the Route 59 Metra Station.



These new daily fee spaces are located along the southwestern edge of the

commuter parking lot. All regular daily fee parking spaces are marked by blue signs with white space numbers. Daily fee spaces available after 9 a.m. are marked with yellow numbers on the pavement.

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Early bird registration is now available for Parent University. Sponsored by Indian Prairie School District 204, Naperville School District 203 and the Collaborative Youth Team, Parent University is a day of workshops designed to share effective positive parenting strategies for children in preschool through high school. Attendees choose workshops from offerings presented by local child and adolescent development experts. During lunch, attendees will have the opportunity to chat informally with presenters and pick up information from a variety of community social service agencies regarding the health and well-being of children, youth and families.

Parent University takes place Saturday, February 15 at Metea Valley High School. Discount registration is available through December 15. For more information, visit <http://ipspdweb.ipspd.org/News.aspx?id=31978>

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The City of Naperville's bulk curbside fall leaf collection program began Monday, October 18. This program provides every neighborhood with three collection opportunities during the program's six-week period, weather permitting. To participate, residents must rake leaves into the street, next to the curb and avoiding storm drains, at the beginning of each of the three leaf collection cycles. Depending on the weather, it will take crews approximately two weeks to complete each citywide collection cycle. Crews will collect leaves in front of each home once during each two-week collection cycle. The final citywide collection begins on November 15. Leaves must be raked into the street by 6 a.m. on the following dates for the last two collection cycles:

- Monday, November 1
- Monday, November 15



The city uses specialized equipment to collect leaves from the street. Leaf volume and weather uncertainties make it impossible to guarantee curbside leaf collection on a specific day.

The following tips will help the bulk curbside fall leaf collection program run smoothly:

- Snow, rain or freezing weather may significantly delay or permanently halt curbside leaf collection. If snow is forecast, residents should bag the remaining leaves as leaf collection may end or be significantly delayed.
- Rake leaves to the street during every collection cycle, even if it is a small amount. This helps prevent the final collection crews from having the largest quantity to pick up, when snow is the most probable and timing is crucial.
- Avoid placing items other than leaves in leaf piles. Branches, twigs, lumber and items other than leaves buried in leaf piles can cause mechanical breakdowns of leaf equipment and delay the collection process.
- Rake leaves away from storm drains in the street to prevent flooding.

Once crews have completed the final collection in your area, all remaining leaves must be bagged for pickup through the bagged leaf and yard waste collection program.

About the Free Bagged Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Program

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the free bagged leaf and yard waste collection program. **New this year is the ability for residents to fill 32-gallon paper yard waste bags with leaves and other yard waste** from November 1 through December 17, 2010. Previously, only leaves

were allowed in the free bagged collection program. Branches and other yard waste that are tied into bundles still require a sticker at all times.

Residents should simply fill 32-gallon paper yard waste bags with leaves and yard waste and place them at the curb by 6 a.m. for collection on their normal garbage collection day. No yard waste sticker is required. There is a 60-pound maximum per bag. Be aware wet leaves add to the weight of the bag.

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Fireman's Fund Insurance Company and ProAccess Insurance Wholesalers awarded a \$25,000 grant to the Naperville Fire Department to purchase six new self-contained breathing apparatus, which are the air packs that firefighters wear into structure fires to provide them with safe breathing air. The new air packs meet the current 2007 National Fire Protection Association standards and improve firefighter safety and rescue with the inclusion of a drag-rescue loop, buddy breathing system and Pak Tracker system and will replace the Fire Department's oldest packs.



***Tues., November 2nd: "Association Rules" Webinar, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.** Presenter: David Rudolph of Law Offices of David Rudolph

What You'll Learn: Development, implementation, and enforcement of rules

***Wed., November 10th: Financial Aspects webinar series. "How to Avoid Financial Fraud", 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.** Presenter: Mark Cantey, CPA of Mark Cantey Associates

What You'll Learn: What a Board should do to reduce the risk of financial fraud and ways to protect the Association's assets

*All Webinars **REQUIRE** pre-registration 24 hours before the start of the program. The cost is \$20 for ACTHA members and \$50 for non-members.

To register, visit www.actha.org, call 312-987-1906 or email kevin@actha.org

Arboretum Activities



Grab the whole family and go on a new "Autumn Discovery Trek!" Explore the Arboretum with November's theme: "Winter is Here." For families with children ages 2 and up. Cost \$4 per child (discounts for Arboretum members). Hedge Garden. **Fridays in November: 10 – 10:45 a.m. and 1 – 1:45 p.m.**

What mystical creatures are hiding in the "Magical Winter Garden?" Most of the animals may be hibernating, but the Children's Garden still has some enchanting gnomes, fairies and wise old trees within the Garden. Come see what you can find! All ages, the Children's Garden. **November 1 – February 28: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (weather permitting)**

Vivid chamber music by "Ensemble Caconne!" Enjoy glorious music, just as it was heard in the royal courts, salons, and great country houses of 18th century England. Hear gems by Handel, Vivaldi, J.C. Bach and others performed on historical instruments. Price is \$28 for individual tickets, and \$130 for the series' five concerts (discounts available for Arboretum members). Call 630-725-2066, visit www.mortonarb.org or stop by the Visitor Center to purchase. A \$5 transaction fee applies to phone or internet orders. All ages. Thornhill Education Center. **November 7: 2:15 - 4 p.m.**

Thanksgiving weekend, get outside and see how nature is "Winding Down for Winter!" Find out where insects and animals hide, make special tree treats for animals that stick around in the winter in this drop-in program for All ages. Children's Garden - **November 27 – 28: 11a.m.–4p.m. (weather permitting)**

Enjoy natural history art from the Nature Artists Guild of The Morton Arboretum with the "Nature Artists Guild Holiday Show." Enjoy the vibrancy of pastels, the delicacy of pen and ink, and the fluid beauty of watercolors. Artist will demonstrate a variety of techniques throughout the exhibit. All ages. Thornhill Education Center. **November 13-14: noon – 5 p.m.**

New: "Arbor Reading Adventures" offer interactive story time and fun crafts indoors before adventurers head out on the grounds for a winter walk! Themes change each week. Costs \$5 (discounts for Arboretum members). Suggested for ages 3-5; adults must accompany children. Sterling Morton Library. **November 5, 12, and 19: 11 – 11:45 a.m.**

Uncover trees and nature with "Into the Wild" after school series." Kids get to learn from fun, interactive games and experiments. November's topic: "Who's in Hibernation?" Discover what animals are sleeping, napping, flying south, or sticking around. Costs \$120 per child (discounts for Arboretum members). To register visit education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. Ages 7-9. Thornhill Outpost. **Thursdays, November 4 – 18: 4 - 6 p.m.**

Get a basic understanding of sustainable concepts in "Eco-Friendly Gardening!" Learn how to make gradual changes in home garden design for a healthier, but beautiful result! November's topic: "Supporting Wildlife in Your Garden." Costs \$57 (discounts for Arboretum members). Adults. Thornhill Education Center. **November 6: 1 – 5 p.m.**

Get new ideas and all your winter gardening questions answered with "Winterize Your Landscape." An Arboretum expert will describe proper techniques and offer advice on how to get your landscape ready for winter. Costs \$6 (discounts available for Arboretum members. Meets inside and outside. Adults. Visitor's Center. **November 4, 11, and 18: 2 – 3 p.m.**

Make special family memories with the "Enchanted Railroad," the model train display that's an annual holiday season favorite. See trains of different colors and styles loop around a holiday-themed track. All ages. Special Events Room. **November 26–January 2: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas, and New Years' Day**

See spectacular plant images from rare books and art collections in "Flora! Illuminated." A non-traditional exploration of spectacular plant images from the Suzette Morton Davidson Special Collections of the Sterling Morton Library. Selected snippets of song lyrics, poetry and prose will accompany these brilliant images to create a memorable experience for visitors. The exhibit will highlight rarely seen artwork and rare books revealing the extraordinary beauty and depth of the plant world. All ages, Sterling Morton Library. Free with Arboretum admission. **Now - January 2011: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday–Friday; 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday**

Capture the magic and charm of mushrooms in "Painting Mushrooms in Watercolor." Participants will work with watercolors to paint the colors and fine details of mushrooms. Taught by internationally known artist, Alexander "Sasha" Vizamensky, students will see a demonstration of his own techniques. Previous watercolor experience is required. Costs \$445 (discounts for members). To register visit education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. All ages, Thornhill Education Center. **November 12 – 14: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Unless otherwise specified, all Arboretum 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

Naperville Police Offer Advice to Avoid Vehicle Burglaries

So far this year, more than 450 motor vehicle burglaries have been reported to the Naperville Police Department. 49 of these burglaries occurred during the month of September. Most of these crimes occurred in residential neighborhoods, and the majority of the vehicles were left unlocked and unattended. Items taken from these vehicles included cash (coins), cell phones, GPS units, music devices, laptop computers, wallets, and purses. Credit cards taken in motor vehicle burglaries typically can be used to make unauthorized purchases before the owner even knows they have fallen victim.



The Naperville Police Department needs the help of the public in reducing the chances of vehicle burglaries occurring. A few simple guidelines to prevent or reduce the likelihood that your vehicle will become a target of crime include:

Lock all your car doors and make sure family members do the same, even in the driveway. Check the door handle twice before you walk away.

When away from home, park in well-lit, busy areas of the parking lot.

Take all valuables out of your car. Put packages and other items in the trunk. Don't leave change, CDs, cell phones and other items in plain view to tempt would-be thieves.

If you park your car in your driveway when at home, don't leave a garage door opener or house keys in the car and don't forget to lock the doors.


Be alert for suspicious activity in parking lots and in your neighborhood and call the police department if you observe anything out of the ordinary.

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.

If your vehicle is burglarized, call the police department immediately, and avoid touching anything until the police have had a chance to search for evidence.

The above information is being provided in an effort to help keep the community safe and crime free during this upcoming holiday season. If you need additional information on other crime prevention issues, please contact Community Service Officer Zarine Hussain - Crime Prevention, at 630-305-7061.

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Confederation**

CLOSED
Thursday Nov. 25*
OPEN
Friday Nov. 26.

November 2010

Monday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.; Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Third Thursday of every month, open until 8:00 p.m.;
Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.;
Sunday Noon-5:00 p.m.

* In observance of Thanksgiving holiday.



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Bubble Bash 2010 BASH TOFFIX
Friday, Dec. 31 – 9:00 a.m. to Noon
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Carol Weston – Interactive Music
Saturday, Nov. 6, 10:30 a.m. – Noon
The Academy Trainees of The Joffrey Ballet –
Selections from *The Nutcracker Suite*
Saturday, Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m. – Noon
Kidworks Touring Theatre Co. – *Peace Tales Around the World*
Sunday, Nov. 21, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

November Friday Night Activities*
Nov. 5 **Naperville Park District Dance Academy**, 6:00 p.m. start
Nov. 12 **Get in Gear**, A Math Discovery
Nov. 19 **Young Naperville Singers**, 6:00 p.m. start
Nov. 26 **Tribute to Andy Warhol**, An Art Discovery
***All activities start at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.**

Third Annual Manufacturers' Trunk Show SALE
Friday, Nov. 12 – 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Special Discounts • Expanded inventory • FREE Gift Wrap
All store profits help support the Museum and its programs.
Admission is never charged to shop the store.

FOR AGES 7-10 – Sign up early and SAVE!
Mon. & Tues., Dec. 20 & 21 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Mon. & Tues., Dec. 27 & 28 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Register by Nov. 30 - \$90 member/\$100 nonmember
On-line registration available – see website for details

9th Annual Family Friendly New Year's Eve Celebration
• Music by Mr. Singer and the Sharp Cookies
• Refreshments, art activities, photo ops and more!
• Members \$15/Nonmembers \$20
Make your reservations NOW!
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Park District 2011 Capital Plans



The Naperville Park District invites the public to view layout and concept plans for the capital improvements scheduled throughout the District for 2011 and to comment on preliminary plans for a future nature center at Knoch Knolls Park. A community open house will be held on Tuesday, November 9 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Barn Recreation Center at 421 W. Martin Avenue.

The Park District seeks to inform residents of upcoming improvements in parks throughout the community through occasional public meetings, information on our website, and other communication, including mail and e-mail. The November 9 meeting will showcase the park improvement projects for 2011.

The following 2011 projects are renovations to existing facilities unless noted as “new”:

- ARRCC – Parking lot lighting
- Ashbury Park – Parking/tennis
- Brook Crossings – Bridge, new playground
- Burr Oak Park – Playground, basketball
- Centennial Park – Bathhouse, site improvements
- Central Park - Gazebo
- Country Commons – Playground, basketball, parking
- DuPage River Sports Complex – Inline rink, basketball, tennis
- Knoch Park – Park renovation
- Nike Park - Playground
- Nike Sports Complex – New park development
- Pioneer Park – Natural area restoration
- Queensbury Greens - Playground
- Riverwalk Park – Paddleboat access/docks
- Seager Park – Park renovation & new interpretive center
- Springhill Greenway – New playground (to be shifted from Springhill Park)
- Stanford Meadows - Trail
- Tall Grass Lakes – New basketball
- Dorothea Weigand Riverfront Park – Parking, canoe launch
- Wil-O-Way Commons - Trail, sidewalk

Additionally, the Park District is seeking public input on preliminary concepts for a proposed nature center at Knoch Knolls Park—a facility that has been suggested by the Park District’s Open Space and Recreation Master Plan. A grant opportunity was announced by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources that may be able to provide significant funding in support of building a nature center.

The community is welcome to attend the Nov. 9 meeting at any time; during the 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. timeframe; there will not be a formal presentation. Those unable to attend are invited to view the plans online and submit comments to Director of Planning Eric Shutes at eshutes@napervilleparks.org by November 17. Plans will be posted for review beginning November 10, 2010.

For questions, please call the Naperville Park District at 630-848-5000 or visit our website at www.napervilleparks.org.

Park District Updates



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

The Naperville community is invited to join the City of Naperville and the Naperville Park District at a dedication ceremony to celebrate the completion of Segment 2 of the **Riverwalk Phase I Rehabilitation Project**. The ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. on

Friday, November 5, 2010, at the Riverwalk Amphitheater, located at Jackson Ave. and Eagle Street.

The dedication ceremony will include remarks from Mayor A. George Pradel, Naperville Park District Board of Commissioners President Mike Reilly, Riverwalk Commission Chairman Rick Hitchcock and a Riverwalk Foundation representative.

The following were implemented as part of this phase of the Riverwalk Rehabilitation Project:

- **New Bulkhead Wall (*supports the lower walkway*):** The deteriorated wall was replaced with a long-lasting, poured in place, textured, concrete wall system.
- **Improved Lower Walkway:** The lower walkway was widened from three feet to five feet and three 10- foot deep scalloped areas with convenient built-in seating were installed.
- **Stairway Access:** The stairs leading from the Riverwalk Amphitheater to the lower walkway were renovated.
- **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility:** The pathway east of the Riverwalk Amphitheater was made ADA compliant.
- **Youth Plaza:** The plaza was completely redesigned.
- **New Landscaping:** New plants, flowers and trees were installed, making the Riverwalk even more beautiful for generations to come.
- **Sidewalk Replacement and Lighting:** The concrete sidewalk along Jackson was replaced with Riverwalk brick pavers and widened to seven feet with new shepherd crook lights.

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Work on a new interpretive center for education programming and nature exploration began the week of October 25, 2010 as part of park improvements at Naperville's historic **Seager Park**, 1163 Plank Road on Naperville's north side. The Naperville Park District Board of Park Commissioners approved a construction contract for the project at the Park District Board meeting on October 14, 2010.

The plan for Seager Park improvements has been developed with input from residents and other stakeholders to preserve and enhance the natural beauty and recreational amenities of Seager Park, with its 24-acre woodland, open fields, wetlands, and diverse plant and animal life.

Seager Park now serves as a home for summer camps, pick-up soccer, basketball, and volleyball games, hayrides, corporate and family picnics, and quiet walks in the woods. Adding an interpretive center with a classroom will allow the Park District to offer nature-based classes year round, including preschool classes, for which the demand continues to grow. Additionally, local schools will be able to bring students to the park to actively explore a rich, natural environment close to home.

The interpretive center will be built according to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, including a natural ventilation system, natural and energy efficient lighting, dual flush toilets, sensor faucets, air hand dryers and native plantings to filter and slow storm water.

The site plan ensures minimal disturbance to the park's trees and landscape by locating the interpretive center on the existing basketball court and moving the basketball courts to an existing paved parking area. The reconfigured parking lot will include permeable pavers, designed to filter stormwater on site, minimizing stormwater runoff and ultimately improving the water quality in our watershed.

Other new amenities will include a wildflower garden, detention basin with native plantings, new trees and shrubs in the landscaping, and an ADA accessible exercise and walking trail through the woodlands. A small backstop will be installed for pick-up games, t-ball and coach-pitch practice. The existing picnic pavilion will remain, a council ring will be added, and the current restroom building will be converted to storage.

The Park District was awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to assist in funding

the renovations. The Park District also applied for grant funding still pending from other sources to support the educational signage, native plantings, and permeable pavers.

The Seager Park improvements are expected to be completed by late fall of 2011.

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On the evening of Thursday, Oct. 28 there was a fire at the **Centennial Park skate facility**, located just west of Centennial Beach. The facility sustained significant damage and arson is suspected. As a result of the damage, the skate facility will not reopen until repairs are completed, which may take several weeks. NAPERVILLE CRIME STOPPERS are offering up to a \$1,000.00 reward for information.

If you have any information regarding the fire that occurred at this facility, please call Naperville Crimestoppers at 630-420-6006 or the Naperville Police Department at 630-420-6164.

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Winter is coming...here's where you can enjoy it:

Riverwalk Sled Hill

The Riverwalk Sled Hill provides fun for the entire family. Bring your own inner tube or plastic sled; wooden sleds and metal-runner sleds are not permitted. Parent/adults are responsible for supervising their children under 8 years of age. The hill closes at 9:00 p.m. except on Fridays and Saturdays when it remains open until 10:00 p.m. The sled hill's official daily schedule will begin Dec. 1 and continue through Feb. 28, weather permitting.

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Neighborhood Park Sled Hills

The following hills are located in neighborhood parks. They have no concessions and close at dusk.

- Arrowhead Park, 711 Iroquois Avenue
- Brook Crossings, 1015 95th Street
- Country Lakes Community Park, 1835 North Aurora Road
- Gartner Park, 524 W. Gartner Road
- May Watts Park, 804 S. Whispering Hills Drive
- Old Plank Park, 583 Milton Drive
- Riverwalk Sled Hill at Rotary Hill, Riverwalk and Aurora Avenue, across from Naperville Central High School

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Centennial Park Ice Rinks, 500 W. Jackson Avenue

Centennial Park features two lighted hockey rinks as well as a lighted free-skating area. Lights may be turned off before 9:00 p.m. in the event of low attendance. Please do not skate after 9:00 p.m. since this is when the ice is flooded and groomed.

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Gartner Park Ice Rink

Gartner Park Ice Rink located at 524 W. Gartner Road is not lighted. Hockey sticks are not allowed.

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Snowboarding Hill

Naperville Park District has designated one hill in its parks to be used as a snowboarding hill. The hill at Weigand Riverfront Park, located at Washington Street and Ring Road, 2436 S. Washington Street, will be used as a snowboarding hill **only**. Snowboards are restricted on all other Park District hills. Sledding is **not** allowed at Weigand Riverfront Park.

Library News



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

New, faster check-out machines will be available by Nov. 4 at all three buildings. And there's more to make getting Library materials easier. The new machines allow you to pay your fees and fines, yes, even AV rentals.

"The Express Lane checkout machines will allow Library users more access to their accounts while checking out materials. They will be able to checkout, renew, cancel holds, and pay fines all in one session. I know our library users are going to love these machines," explains Anne Bultman, Naperville Public Library Network Administrator.

In addition to checking out materials and paying fees and fines, the new machines will allow you to renew all materials except adult fiction Blu-ray disc and DVDs. You'll also have a choice of whether you want to print your check-out receipt or email it to your home account.

Nichols, 95th Street, and Naper Boulevard libraries **will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25 and remain closed on Thursday, Nov. 26.** The normal operating hours of 9 a. m. to 9 p.m. will resume on Friday, Nov. 27. 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 on our website, <http://www.naperville-lib.info> and click on "My Account" or you can check due dates by calling 1-630-961-0460.

Wednesday, Nov. 3 - Federal Job Application with Becky Brillon, Community Career Center

Projections of the federal employment sector add 153,000 civilian employees by the end of 2010, bringing the total number of federal workers to nearly 1.5 million. Retirement plans of long-term federal workers are still on track and allow for additional new hire opportunities. Federal job benefits are among the best in the country, adding to the attractiveness of working for the government. But landing a federal job involves a different process than landing in the private sector. Join Becky Brillon, MS-HRM and Program Director at the Community Career Center, for this informative presentation. She will demonstrate the government job postings website, describe the GS pay system, tell you what you need to know about resume writing for federal jobs, and answer your questions! No registration is required. For more information, please call 630.961.4100, ext. 6328. This program is presented in partnership with the Community Career Center. Meeting Room A/B, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 7 - NaNoWriMo NOVEL "Write-Ins"

Bring your laptop and join other authors during November's National Novel Writing Month. The Naperville Chapter of NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) helps motivate and encourage people to write a 50,000+ word novel in just 30 days. For three hours every Sunday in November, the Library will be hosting a "write-in" designed to support writers working on the great American novel. New members are always welcome. For more information see www.naperwrimo.org. No Registration is required. This program is presented in partnership with NaNoWriMo. Meeting Room A, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

November 8 – 14, 2010 - "Read S'more Books!" – Young Reader's Week

Celebrate Young Reader's Week at the Naperville Public Library! Join us in all three of our Children's departments for fun activities, games and crafts! Throughout the week we will offer activities to promote early literacy skills. Children can enter the ever popular Guessing Jar Challenge and try their luck at a raffle prize. Answer a trivia question about your favorite storybook characters and win a prize. Children entering the raffle must show their current Naperville Public Library card. Sponsored in partnership with Nancy's Pizza and Jump Zone.

Tuesday, Nov. 9 - Naperville Public Library Catalog ... And So Much More!

What's in the Library Catalog? Is it just a list of books and audiovisual materials? NO WAY! You can find books and magazine articles, read them online, and translate them into different languages directly from the Library Catalog. You can also save lists of books for future reading, receive emails of newly added materials, add reviews and tags to Library Catalog records ... and so much more. Attend one of the sessions below to discover all the wonderful information contained in the Library Catalog. Online registration and a Naperville Public Library card are required to attend this program. Register at www.naperville-lib.info or any of the Adult or Children's Service desks at the three Library buildings. Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 10 - Small Business Basics with the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) Counselors

Do you want to be self-employed, and is the timing right for you to consider starting a business? Meet experienced Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) counselors who will guide you through the myths and realities of business ownership. Learn how to evaluate the feasibility of your business idea and to examine the personal considerations that will impact your success as a potential business owner. You'll also learn what's involved in creating a business plan. Registration is required. To register, please call 630.961.4100, ext. 6328. This program is presented in partnership with SCORE. Meeting Room A/B, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 12 - Introduction to Basic Computing

This class is an introduction to computers for users who are not very familiar with personal computers. The concept of Windows Explorer® will be introduced. Folders, sub-folders, files will be defined and how to create new folders will be shown. Attendees will be introduced to mouse clicks, double-click and right-click and how to switch between left-hand right-hand mouse operation. We will use Internet Explorer to practice keyboarding and the patrons who do not have an e-mail address will be assisted in creating one. This class will be based upon the Windows XP® operating system which is in use at the Library's Computer Labs. Each class is free-standing and not part of any series. Computer class registration must be done either in person at any Computer Lab or by calling 1-630-961-4100, ext. 4990 for the 95th Street Computer Lab or 1-630-961-4100 ext. 6335 for the Nichols Computer Lab. Please have your Naperville Public Library card ready. You may sign up just once for each computer class. If you wish to take the same class more than once you will be placed on a waiting list. There is a \$10 non-refundable attendance fee for each class that must be paid at the time of registration. Library Computer Classroom, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 14 - NaNoWriMo Novel "Write-Ins"

The Naperville Chapter of NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) helps motivate and encourage people to write a 50,000+ word novel in just 30 days. Bring your laptop and join other authors during November's National Novel Writing Month. For three hours every Sunday in November, the Library will be hosting a "write-in" designed to support writers working on the great American novel. New members are always welcome. For more information see www.naperwrimo.org. No registration is required. This program is presented in partnership with NaNoWriMo. Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 15 - Bingo Game Night

Be here for BINGO! Bring the whole family to the Library to play BINGO. We'll provide the card, the markers, and lots of fun. Everybody wins! For children of all ages and their caregivers. No registration is required. Meeting Room A, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 16 - Bingo Game Night

Be here for BINGO! Bring the whole family to the Library to play BINGO. We'll provide the card, the markers, and lots of fun. Everybody wins! For children of all ages and their caregivers. No registration is required. Program Room, Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.

What Is A Masterpiece? With Claire Cross, Art Institute of Chicago

Many works of art are considered “masterpieces”. Is the concept of a masterpiece merely a function of the amount of exposure and promotion it receives? Or is there actually a way to judge quality in art? Join Claire Cross as she discusses paintings, sculpture and architecture that are considered masterpieces throughout the history of world art. Coffee will be served at 7:00 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30 p.m. This program is open to the public. No registration is required. This program is presented in partnership with the Naperville Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago. Meeting Room A/B, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 17 - Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007®

This class is based upon Microsoft Word 2007®, a component of Microsoft Office 2007®. The class will start with an introduction to the structure of a Microsoft Word® document window. Definitions of various components and location of common commands will be described. The class will cover keyboard entry into the document, copy-paste, spell checking and correction, saving the document in different file formats and printing of the document. Basic formatting commands will be introduced that will include font faces, typography, color, line and paragraph spacing, tabs, etc. A basic understanding of keyboarding and mouse operation is required for this class. Each class is free-standing and not part of any series. Computer class registration must be done either in person at any Computer Lab or by calling 1-630-961-4100, ext. 4990 for the 95th Street Computer Lab or 1-630-961-4100 ext. 6335 for the Nichols Computer Lab. Please have your Naperville Public Library card ready. You may sign up just once for each computer class. If you wish to take the same class more than once you will be placed on a waiting list. There is a \$10 non-refundable attendance fee for each class that must be paid at the time of registration. Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Bingo Game Night - Be here for BINGO! Bring the whole family to the Library to play BINGO. We'll provide the card, the markers, and lots of fun. Everybody wins! For children of all ages and their caregivers. No registration is required. Children's Storyroom, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 20 - College Prep Weekends with Kaplan™ -- ACT Test

Getting ready to start that all-important journey through the college application process? Start here at the Library. On Saturday, a practice ACT® will help to sort out those Test Day jitters. Instructors from Kaplan™ will provide proctored ACT® practice tests and return scores with analyzed results. Then, on Sunday, learn about the keys to a successful college application essay. A prep expert will address what colleges want to see in application essays and how to clearly show who you are to the admissions panel. Parents are welcome to participate in the essay workshop only. Make sure to bring #2 sharpened pencils, a College Board approved calculator, and a healthy snack. For students in Grades 9 to 12. Online registration is required for each event, Saturday and Sunday. Seating is limited. A Naperville Public Library card is required to attend this program. Register at www.naperville-lib.info or 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 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 21 - NaNoWriMo NOVEL “Write-Ins”

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Monday, Nov. 22 - Franny K. Stein's Mad Science Party

Author Jim Benton created the mad scientist Franny K. Stein who makes a monster out of lunchmeat and builds a two-headed robot. Franny encourages everyone to find their inner mad scientist and we will do just that with experiments, games, crafts and plenty of mad science. For children in grades 1 to 3. Online registration and a Naperville Public Library card are required to attend this program. Register at www.naperville-lib.info or any of the Adult or Children's Service desks at the three Library buildings. Program Room, Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Thanksgiving Weekend - Hometown Holidays

Take a break from shopping and other holiday festivities at the Nichols Library! Hot chocolate will be served in the Library's Community Room during the following times:

- Friday, Nov. 26, 4:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 27, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 28, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 28 - NaNoWriMo Novel "Write-Ins"

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DuPage Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concerts

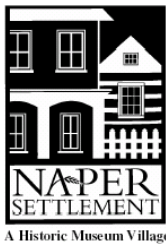


The DuPage Symphony's (DSO) holiday concerts this year will feature seasonal favorites celebrating both Christmas and Hannakkah, including excerpts from Tschaikovsky's "The Nutcracker". The Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Chorale under the direction of Greg Wheatley also joins the DSO for a variety of carols and traditional holiday songs. Two concerts will be presented: Saturday, December 11 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 12 at 3 p.m., both performed at Wentz Concert Hall, 171 East Chicago Avenue, Naperville, on the campus of North Central College. Donations of non-perishable food and toiletry items will be collected for the

Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry.

Ticket prices for both concerts are \$28 for adults, \$25 for seniors, and \$11 for students. Tickets may be purchased through the North Central College Box Office at (630) 637-7469(SHOW) or online at

<http://tickets.noctrl.edu>. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. For additional details about the DSO, please call (630) 778-1003 or visit the DSO website at www.dupagesymphony.org.



News from Naper Settlement

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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. Naper Settlement's Winter Season begins Nov. 1. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Admission is \$5.25 adults, \$4.75 seniors and \$4 youth 4-17. Enjoy the free audio tour as you stroll through the village to see the beautifully restored exteriors of 30 historic structures. The Pre-Emption House Visitor Center, galleries and Museum Store are open, but the building interiors are closed. Visit www.napersettlement.museum or call (630) 420-6010 for more information.

In recognition of its preservation efforts, Naper Settlement recently received an Award of Merit for its "Collections Care and Storage Improvements Project" from the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) Leadership in History Awards. The Leadership in History Awards, now in its 65th year, is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history. Awards for 2010 represented 49 organizations and individuals from across the United States. Award winners were honored at a special banquet held in September during the 2010 AASLH Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Realizing the need for improved care and storage of its collections, the Naperville Heritage Society, administrator of Naper Settlement, seized an exclusive opportunity in 2007 to partner with the City of Naperville to construct a purpose-built storage facility to house collections, as part of the city's Multi-Purpose Public Works Facility. The facility was outfitted with high-density mobile storage equipment to efficiently and properly house the museum's collections and archival holdings. Collections were relocated from multiple storage facilities and consolidated and re-housed into the new state of the art facility. The successful completion of the storage project has allowed for the preservation and sharing of the museum's important and unique collections of Naperville's history. The project also has improved collections access, as well as made materials available for study and research, teaching, exhibition and public programming, all critical to the museum's mission.

Illinois Association of Museums Annual Conference

Get ready to experience a magical three days, Nov. 3-5, during the Illinois Association of Museums Annual Conference to be held at the Holiday Inn Select, 1801 N. Naper Blvd., Naperville. The theme of the conference is "Exploring the Magic of Place" with spellbinding activities, wizardry-focused presentations and entertaining hocus pocus as we discuss topics of mutual interest in the museum field. Check the conference schedule for an overview of the event, including speakers, sessions and evening activities. Don't miss keynote speaker, Karen Abbott, author of "Sin in the Second City" from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4. Hear how the author researched and developed her *New York Times* best-selling book of a detailed and intimate portrait of Chicago's world class bordello, the famed turn-of-the-century Everleigh Club, featuring local madams, ministers and playboys of the era. Books will be available for sale, and a book signing will follow the presentation. The author's visit is presented in partnership with Anderson's Bookshop in downtown Naperville. The public is welcome to

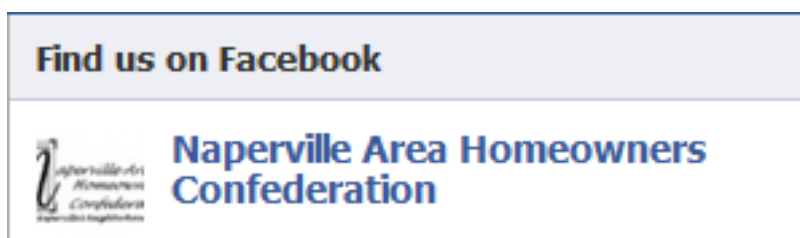
join any of these events with the exception of the Thursday evening optional activities. Fees apply. Use the registration form to sign up to attend any or all of the sessions listed in the conference schedule. For information, visit <http://www.napersettlement.museum/IAM>.

Weed Ladies Winter Floral Design Sale

The Weed Ladies Winter Floral Design Sale features holiday-themed floral arrangements and accessories from 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5-6 in the historic Daniels House at Naper Settlement. *Admission to the sale is free.*

History Speaks Lecture Series - Susan B. Anthony — You Can't Vote

Celebrate the 90th Anniversary of women winning the right to vote when Lynn Rymarz portrays Susan B. Anthony from 4 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 14. Until 1920, the law of the land said women were not allowed to vote. Susan B. Anthony spent her lifetime fighting for equality for women and the right for women to vote. Hear the story of how one woman's dedication and determination made a difference in helping to change history.



The NAHC is looking forward to seeing all of our members and interested homeowners at our meeting on Saturday Morning, November 20th. Come early, enjoy a cup of coffee with the Confederation Board, and tell us what is on your mind.

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 December 1st

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