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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

Recently, as NAHC President, I was asked to join the steering committee of FORWARD, a joint education program of the DuPage County Health Department and the county’s YMCAs. FORWARD’s mission is to promote a healthy lifestyle for our residents and reduce obesity, especially in children. Since the motto of the NAHC is “neighbors helping neighbors” our Board felt FORWARD’s message was important to Naperville neighborhoods and merited a meeting in our schedule. This occurred in December.

FORWARD’s call to action was the revelation that obesity in children, from 6 to 11, nearly tripled from 6.5% in 1980 to almost 20% in 2008. Similar increases occurred with adolescents aged 12 to 19 in this same time period. Their percentage went from 5% to more than 18%. Obviously both groups are heading in the wrong direction!

As the Y promotes healthy living through its outreach programs, it was a logical partner for this critical educational call - to - action. The Y will soon begin assessing different homeowner associations and neighborhoods to determine what type of physical exercise is common in that community. This data will be analyzed, with neighbor input and feedback, to determine what good exercise amenities (sidewalks, parks, common space, bicycle paths, etc) are already in place and what more may be needed. The goal is to encourage our kids to play outside, keep moving and have fun, and adult supervision should not be needed.

Speaking of adults, we face two obstacles that increase our chances to become obese; too little exercise and too much sitting. So, we too have to get out and “shake it all about.” If your association is interested in participating, let us know and we’ll pass your info to the Y.

On behalf of the NAHC Board I’d like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Dr Bob Buckman
President, NAHC
drbobuckman@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming Confederation Meetings

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation's next general membership meeting will be January 22nd, 2011, in lower level meeting rooms B&C of the Naperville Municipal Center. We will have coffee and networking sponsored by Higdon & Associates (who does newsletters and printing for homeowner associations, more info at <http://www.higdonsnewsletters.com>) beginning at 8 and the formal meeting kicking off at 8:30. Our goal is to complete the meeting by 10 AM so everyone can get on with their day.

Higdon & Associates Marketing

Tying it all together for you!

We are inviting our State Senators and Representatives to join us for the meeting and provide an update on what we can expect from Springfield in the coming year. With State services and finances regularly in the news, this opportunity to have a dialogue with our elected representatives is a key component of the Confederation's mission to create an awareness of residents' needs by developing and maintaining relationships with all levels of government including national, state, city, counties, townships, and school and park districts.

In the same spirit, another item on the agenda is staffing **Confederation liaison committees for 2011**. The Confederation is looking for members willing to devote an hour or so a month to serve as the Confederation's eyes and ears with those governmental groups and units that impact our home values and provide us with services.



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

February: City budget

March: "How to" on landscaping

April: City Council on the dais.

May: NAHC Annual meeting & elections

The 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.

Change in Boards:

Effective April 2011, the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals), will be folded into the Plan Commission. This change is being made as part of the effort to streamline government and reduce costs. Plan will remain a 9 member board with some possibility of ZBA members moving over to Plan.

New Proposals:

New Multi-tenant Retail Building: A 10,000 square foot multitenant retail is proposed for the vacant lot located immediately south of the Jewel Express Gas Station at 95th Street and Route 59. A Plan Commission hearing is anticipated in January of 2011.

Text Amendment: At the Dec 15th Plan Commission meeting, commissioners rejected a request from staff to initiate a changes to the B4 downtown business district. Staff had proposed requiring a conditional use if a bank wanted to be on the first floor of a building located in the B4 district.

Ongoing Proposals:

Dick's Sporting Goods: Received approval from the Plan Commission on 12-15 for a new 50,000 square foot building is proposed to be constructed on the west side of Springbrook Prairie Pavilion (Center at 75th Street and Route 59, near Whole Foods).

Renewable Energy Ordinance: City Council voted 6-3 on December 21st to approve an ordinance that adds a Small Wind and Solar Energy Systems chapter to the city's code book. The new ordinance permits small wind roof-mounted turbines in commercial and industrial districts and ground-mounted wind systems in industrial districts. Both ground and roof-mounted turbines are allowed in all other zoning districts — including residential neighborhoods — so long as owners are willing to have their proposed turbines vetted through the city's lengthy conditional use process

The conditional use process, which requires a hearing before the Plan Commission and City Council approval before equipment could be installed, would give the city and nearby neighbors the opportunity to weigh in on individual proposals. Both ground-mounted and roof-mounted solar systems would be permitted in commercial areas but would need to go through the conditional use process before being built in neighborhoods.

Source: <http://napervillesun.suntimes.com/2985851-417/wind-council-ordinance-systems-solar.html>

Studies and Initiatives:

Naperville Downtown2030 plan: On December 9th, DAC (Downtown Advisory Commission) approved a final recommendation on the Draft of *Naperville Downtown2030* (incorporating feedback received from DAC, Plan Commission, TAB, HPC, Advisory Commission on Disabilities, and City Council. The draft is now posted on the city's webpage

<http://www.naperville.il.us/napervilledowntown2030.aspx>

There is a 60 day comment period, and residents are encouraged to offer their thoughts. City Council review is anticipated in March 2011.



Recycle Your No Longer Functioning Holiday Lights



Was this season's snowy cold more than your outside holiday light strands could handle? Are you left with bundles that only half light, or, worse yet, tangled balls of bulbs and wire that will never again light up the December night? If either of these scenarios sounds like you don't throw out the lights – recycle them!

Naperville residents have two "green" options to dispose of their no longer usable/useful lights without sending them to a landfill.

One is to bring them to one of five Naperville Park District facilities for recycling through February 1, 2011. The District is taking advantage of a program through Elgin Recycling that takes old, nonworking lights and recycles them.

The Park District will receive a rebate of \$.15 for each pound of lights recycled. The funds will be used for a District-related "green" initiative. The following Park District locations will be accepting lights for recycling:

- South Maintenance Facility, 3415 Book Road (Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)
- Central Shop (behind the Barn), 421 W. Martin Avenue (Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

- Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, 305 W. Jackson Avenue – Upper Level (Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)
- Springbrook Golf Course, 2220 W. 83rd Street (Hours: Mon.-Sun., 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)
- Naperbrook Golf Course, 22204 W. 111th Street/Hassert Boulevard (Hours: Tues.-Sat., 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

Naperville residents can also bring their used holiday lights to the Department of Public Works Recycling Drop-Off Center, located at 180 Fort Hill Drive. Here, residents may discard lights that no longer work during normal hours of operation on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 15, 2011.

Accepted lights at both the Park District and City locations include all colors and lengths of:

- mini-lights (Italian lights)
- C7
- C9
- rope
- LED
- extension cords



For more information on the city's Recycling Drop-Off Center, visit www.naperville.il.us/recyclecenter.aspx. For more information on the Park District, go to <http://www.napervilleparks.org/>

Everyday Parenting	
<p>“Dad, I can’t find my homework!”</p> <p>“Did you look on the table?”</p> <p>“Yes; it’s not there!”</p> <p>“Hmm . . . did you look under your backpack, jacket, and lunchbox? Because that’s where I found it.”</p>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Get Organized!</h2> <p>Organization means different things to different people, even within families.</p> <p>Getting organized can mean a household in which everyone pitches in to complete chores, it can mean finding time for complex science fair projects, or it can refer to juggling complex family schedules.</p> <p>Teaching kids the skills to plan future events, manage homework and activities, and be part of the family team that keeps the household running smoothly is a great parenting gift that serves children well into high school and beyond.</p> <p>Organization skills can be taught. Consider this...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring your children into the family planning and decision-making process for vacations and celebrations, schedules for family computer use, neighborhood block parties, and so on. It does take more time, but it’s a positive investment in children’s growth. • Resist the urge to buy expensive products that will help you organize. Instead, start by taking a quick inventory of your home to see if there are three things you can do to improve your family’s organization. Then do it! <p style="font-size: small;">From information provided by Search Institute’s MVParent (www.MVParents.com).</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
<h2 style="margin: 0;">www.KidsMatter2us.org</h2>	

December Meeting Recap



As Doctor Bob mentioned in his opening letter, our December meeting featured representatives from FORWARD (Fighting Obesity Reaching healthy Weight Among Residents of DuPage) and the Fry Family YMCA discussing the problem of obesity in our communities and what we can do to change the trends to create a healthier future for ourselves and our families

One key takeaway from the meeting was that even though FORWARD is an initiative sponsored by the DuPage County health department, Naperville subdivisions located in Will County are eligible for the initiative and healthy living assessment process.

For more information on how your Naperville neighborhood can be assessed for healthy living, contact Judy Ellertson at the Fry Family YMCA, 2120 W. 95th St., Naperville, at 630-904-9595.

Also at the December meeting, Confederation Secretary John Mesarchik reported on the cooperative effort the Confederation and the Morton Arboretum SLRCA (Sustainable Landscaping Resources for Community Associations) are pursuing to obtain funds from the **Illinois Green Infrastructure Program for Stormwater Management**. This Illinois administered EPA program awards reimbursement grants (with a 25% matching funds requirement from the grant recipient) to control stormwater runoff for water quality protection. In conjunction with SLRCA, the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation is surveying its member associations to determine if there are local HOA's with the budget and willingness to propose projects that might qualify for consideration. If your association has the need (a project that can benefit the watershed) and the means (funding to proceed while the grant reimbursement is being pursued) contact John through the Confederation at nahc-naperhomeowners@way.com.

Home Energy Savings Program Applications Due January 7th

The City of Naperville is now accepting applications for Phase II of the Home Energy Savings Program. Due to additional funding, the city is accepting an additional 100 qualified residents for participation in the program. Participants will be selected through a lottery process in mid-January. Residents who participated in the program in 2010 are not eligible to apply for Phase II.

Applications may be downloaded from the city's website at www.naperville.il.us/HESP.aspx. Interested parties may also pick up an application in person at the first floor counter of the Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group located at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., or call (630) 420-6077 to receive an application via mail. **All applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 7, 2011.**

The Home Energy Savings Program is designed to provide qualified residents an opportunity to improve their home's energy efficiency through a free home energy evaluation. Program participants will also receive a 50 percent reimbursement up to \$1,500 for qualifying energy improvements. According to a recent survey of program participants to date, more than 95 percent were satisfied with the overall program and 98 percent would recommend the service to a friend or neighbor.

Change in Program Criteria for Phase II

The City of Naperville has modified the criteria for Phase II to allow more residents to qualify for the program. To qualify for Phase II, applicants must own a home in incorporated Naperville built prior to 2000.

About the Home Energy Savings Program

The City of Naperville created the Home Energy Savings Program through funding from the U.S. Department of Energy through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). To date, 400 Naperville residents have been accepted into the program.

For more information on the Home Energy Savings Program, visit www.naperville.il.us/HESP.aspx or call the city's Home Energy Hotline at (630) 420-6077.

NAHC Briefs – News You Can Use!

The following two scholarships are available to area college students who are majoring in natural resources or a related field:

The Conservation Foundation Environmental Scholarship Fund

The Conservation Foundation's Environmental Scholarship Fund was established in 2007 within the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley to provide annual scholarships to students pursuing careers in natural resource management (e.g., forestry, wildlife management, etc.) or other environmentally related fields of study. Applicants must have demonstrated a strong commitment to the preservation of the environment through their work-related, volunteer or other community activities. This scholarship was established by Ron Yenerich, a member of The Conservation Foundation's Advisory Council.

This scholarship is available to students residing in The Conservation Foundation's service area (DuPage, Kane, Kendall and Will Counties) who are or will be upper classmen attending an accredited two-year college, or a four-year accredited college or university. Applications are due January 31, 2011. For more information and an application, contact the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley at (630) 896-7800 or visit www.communityfoundationfrv.org.

Paul D. Pierotti Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established in 2006 by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County President D. "Dewey Pierotti, Jr. and his wife, Leslie, in memory of their late son Paul. "This is a fitting tribute to Paul," said Mr. Pierotti. "He had a great love of the outdoors, especially for the forest preserves of DuPage County. This scholarship will enable deserving students with similar interests to pursue an education related to nature."

This scholarship is designed for students from DuPage, Kane, Kendall or Will Counties pursuing college majors and careers in the environmental fields. Applicants wishing to be considered for this scholarship must be a volunteer or associated with the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County or The Conservation Foundation, possess a 3.0 cumulative G.P.A., provide details of their academic achievement and an outline of their participation in extracurricular activities, and write a 350 word essay on an environmental topic determined annually by the selection committee.

Completed applications are due January 14, 2011. For more information or to download an application, visit www.theconservationfoundation.org or contact:

The Pierotti Memorial Scholarship
The DuPage Community Foundation
104 E Roosevelt Rd., Suite 204
Wheaton, Illinois 60187
630-665-5556

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The eighth annual DuPage Environmental Summit will be held **Wednesday, January 5th from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Krasa Center at Benedictine University in Lisle**, and is an exciting mix of presentations by industry experts, professional exhibits, and networking opportunities. **The Summit is free of charge and open to the public.** Advanced registration is requested.

Who Should Attend

If you are concerned about the sustainability of our local water supply, want to learn how to reduce the use of our valuable water resources, or are even concerned about flooding or saving money, this free

afternoon of learning, networking and celebrating our most precious natural resource is for you. **Students, homeowners, businesses, engineers, land use planners, elected officials and anyone concerned for our environment is welcome.** Since it's free, you can't afford not to attend!

What's the Summit About?

We will learn about **local efforts to conserve our water, to preserve and reuse it and to make sure once we are done using it, we treat it with respect. Most importantly, you'll learn what YOU can do to help.** Local vendors and organizations involved with water conservation and the environment will be on hand in the exhibit area to provide additional information on this important issue. For the full day's agenda, visit www.theconservationfoundation.org.

The summit is sponsored by the DuPage Environmental Commission, The Conservation Foundation, the DuPage County Board Environmental Committee, the DuPage Community Foundation, SCARCE, the DuPage Water Commission and Benedictine University.

Attendees to the "no waste, environmentally-friendly" event are asked to **bring their own containers for beverages and a reusable bag for summit materials. Carpooling is also recommended.** The Conservation Foundation has donated a rain barrel which will be awarded via a raffle.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. For information, directions or to register, please contact The Conservation Foundation at 630-428-4500, Ext. 10, email cthompson@theconservationfoundation.org, or visit www.theconservationfoundation.org to download and print a form to be faxed or mailed.

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Parent University 2011

Help! Parenting isn't as easy as it looks.

If your kids have you looking for the manual...

Join us for a day of informative and interactive workshops designed to provide practical lessons for parenting kids in preschool through high school.

Saturday, February 5, 2011
8 AM-2:15 PM

Metea Valley High School
1801 N. Eola Rd., Aurora

Early bird pricing through Dec. 15: \$30/person full day or \$20/person half day
After Dec. 15: \$35/person full day or \$25/person half day

 www.naperville203.org  www.ipisd.org

If your kids have you looking for the manual, register now for the **2011 Parent University** - a day of informative and interactive workshops designed to provide practical lessons for parenting kids in preschool through high school.

Parent University takes place Saturday, Feb. 5 from 8:00 AM – 2:15 PM at Metea Valley High School. Nationally acclaimed parent educator, author, and speaker Char Wenc is the keynote speaker.

Parents may choose to attend either the full day program which includes continental breakfast, keynote, one morning workshop, lunch and one afternoon workshop or opt for the half-day program which ends at 11:55 AM prior to lunch.

Attendees can select from a variety of 90-minute workshops presented by local child and adolescent development experts. During lunch, full-day attendees can chat with presenters and pick up resource information from local social service agencies.

Early bird pricing is: \$30/person full day or \$20/person half day. If parents register after December 15, 2010, the price increases to \$35/person full day; \$25/person half day.

To register for Parent University, visit either Naperville School District 203 at

http://www.naperville203.org/departments/student_services/ParentUniversity.asp or Indian Prairie School District 204 at <http://ipsdweb.ipsd.org/News.aspx?id=31978>.

Participants will be registered on a first come, first-served basis. As space is limited, early registration is strongly encouraged.

Parent University is sponsored by Naperville School District 203 and Indian Prairie School District 204 in cooperation with the Collaborative Youth Team.

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Additional information and resources related to the **City of Naperville's attainable housing efforts** is now available on the city's website at www.naperville.il.us/attainablehousing.aspx. The page showcases the city's attainable housing efforts and provides residents and prospective developers with access to available housing programs and resources.

Over the years, Naperville has shown its dedication and support for equal housing opportunities through efforts such as the creation of the Fair Housing Advisory Commission, the designation of attainable housing as a Strategic Plan Initiative for Fiscal Years 2008 through 2011, the administration of Community Development Block Grant funds and comprehensive planning.

The webpage will periodically be updated as new resources and programs become available. For more information on Naperville's attainable housing efforts, visit the city's website at www.naperville.il.us/attainablehousing.aspx.

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The Naperville North Booster Club will host its 11th annual **Seniors on Parade** fashion show fundraiser on Sunday, February 27, 2011 starting at 11 AM at Bobak's Signature Room in Woodridge.

This year's event theme is **Sizzling Seniors** and will feature hot fashions from a variety of local independent retailers as well as national chains with outlets in our community. Over 100 models, all members of the Class of 2011, will represent their extra-curricular teams and clubs.

Doors will open at 11 AM for raffle prize viewing and a performance by the award winning Naperville North Jazz Band. Lunch begins at 12:15 PM, followed by the fashion show at 1:30 PM. Early bird tickets are available through Feb. 1 for \$35/person and \$20 for NNHS students and children under 12. Ticket prices will go up after 2/1/2011. Attendees may reserve a table for 8 – 12 people.

All proceeds go directly to the NNHS Booster Club so they can continue to financially support all Huskies involved in athletic teams, activities and clubs. To download a ticket order form, visit: http://www.nnhsboosters.org/uploads/2011Fashion_Show_Ticket_Form.pdf.

For more information about this event, contact Anna Fattore, Event Chair, at afattore@aol.com or call 630-961-0922.



Upcoming Webinars*:

Tues., January 11th: "Why an Association Needs a Window Replacement Policy" webinar, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Presenter: RJ Mariotti of Woodland Windows & Doors

What You'll Learn: How window replacement policies protect owners with group energy costs savings, continuity between units, water management, & professional installation

Wed., January 19th: Financial Aspects webinar series. "How to Avoid Financial Fraud", 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Presenter: Mark Cantey, CPA of Mark Cantey & Associates

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

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

JANUARY 4th is the last day to register for **Learn & Lead: ACTHA's Certification Program** in Plainfield. The program requires a pre-registered minimum of 15 people. If pursuing certification, you will have two years to finish the program once it is begun. Individuals may attend any of the programs whether pursuing certification or not.

For those interested in Certification, the cost for all six is \$100 if an ACTHA member or \$150 if a non-member. There is no cost for ACTHA members; for non-members the cost is \$ 20 per session. All sessions are from 7 - 9 p.m., except for the "Insurance/Risk Management" seminar which is three hours. All course modules will be at Acres Group, 23940 W. Andrews St. in Plainfield.

*Wed., January 5: Physical Aspects of an Association: Maintenance, Repair & Replacement, Planning for Major Improvements, Capital Asset Programs, Reserve Studies. Presenter: Kami Farahmandpour of Building Technology Consultants

Wed., January 19: Administration of an Association: Assessments and collections, Limited and Common Elements, Contracts, Communication Presenter: Marcia Caruso of Caruso Management Group

*Wed., February 2: Meetings/Elections of an Association: Elections, Owner Meetings, Open Meetings Act, Committees Presenter: Attorney David Bendoff of Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit

Wed., February 16: Financial Aspects of an Association: Understanding Financial Documents and Statements, Audits, Taxes, Budgeting Presenter: Mark Cantey, CPA of Mark Cantey & Associates

*Wed., March 2: Governance of an Association: Definition of Terms, Governing Documents, Liability Exposure, Record Keeping. Presenter: Attorney David Bendoff of Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit

Wed., March 16: Risk Management/Insurance of an Association: The Nature, Management, Process, Application, and Management Tools of Risk, Insurance Needs (Note: This module is three hours and will begin at 6 p.m.) Presenter: Barbara Wick of CARMIC, LLC

* Acres will be host a 20 minute presentation on this date, starting at 6:30 p.m. The topics are:

January 5: Contract Grown Annuals
February 2: What to Look For in a Lawn Contract
March 2: Early Spring Containers

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

Arboretum Activities



Don't let your child's nature knowledge hibernate! Take a 15-minute guided glimpse into the trees and natural world with "Meet the Naturalist!" Activities may include snowman building with natural materials or skull and pelt identification. This is a drop-in activity. All ages. Children's Garden. Through February 28: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (weather permitting)

Who's hiding in the "Magical Winter Garden?" Most of the animals may be hibernating, but the Children's Garden still has enchanting gnomes, fairies and wise old trees within

the Garden. Come see what you can find! Children's Garden through Feb 28: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (weather permitting)

Go walkin' through a winter wonderland in a pair of snowshoes! Bring your own or rent a pair of ours to explore quiet stillness of nature in hibernation. Visitors may also bring their own cross-country skis. Snowshoe rental is \$8 for up to three hours, limited quantities. Snowshoes are rented only when there is at least four inches of snow on the ground. All ages, rentals at Visitor Center from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Get a story, a craft and a journey with "Arbor Reading Adventures!" Children get to hear an exciting nature-themed story, create crafts, and then head out to the grounds for an energizing walk! Themes change each week. Cost: \$5 (discounts for Arboretum members). Suggested for ages 3-5; adults must accompany children. Sterling Morton Library. Fridays through March: 11 – 11:45 a.m.

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. Through January 2011: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday–Friday; 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday

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 2011 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

DuPage Symphony Orchestra – “The Genius of Prokofiev”



The DuPage Symphony Orchestra (DSO) presents music of Sergei Prokofiev including excerpts from his 1940 ballet masterpiece, *Romeo and Juliet*. The Naperville Chorus and the North Central College Concert Choir, both under the direction of Jeordano Martinez, will join the DSO for Prokofiev's powerful *Alexander Nevsky* cantata. Two concerts will be presented: Saturday, February 12 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 13 at 3 p.m., both performed at Wentz Concert Hall, 171 East Chicago Avenue, Naperville, on the campus of North Central College. Both concerts

are part of the 2010-2011 *Soviet Arts Experience Festival*, a collaboration involving major cultural institutions in the Chicago area.

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.



Open until
4 pm Mondays
Jan. 3 & 17

January 2011

Mon. 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.; Tues.–Thurs. 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Except Third Thursday of every month, open until 8:00 p.m.;
Fri. 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.;
Sun. Noon–5:00 p.m.
Hours subject to change; check website to plan your visit.



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DuPage Children's MUSEUM Presents
Chagall
for children

GREAT
Performances
FREE to Members or with
Museum admission!

FAMILY FUN
FRIDAY NIGHTS!
DCM's open Fridays until 8:00 p.m.
Different activity every Friday night!

Spring Break Mini-Camp,
Kids Design Engineering,
Two day session!

Just for
Grown Ups
Monday, Feb. 28 – 7:00-8:30 p.m.

New Exhibit Opening Saturday, Jan. 15!*

*Members-ONLY Preview Night – Friday, Jan. 14, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
The art of Marc Chagall inspires hands-on, interactive exploration of
creativity through the use of color, texture, shapes and more!
At DCM from Jan. 15 through Apr. 20 – Don't miss it!

Peter and the Wolf

DuPage Symphony Orchestra Woodwind Quintet
Guest Narrator, Ralph Covert of *Ralph's World*
Sat. Jan. 15 - 10:30-Noon*

*Limited Seating! FREE with admission or membership, but a first-come,
first-served ticket process will be in effect for two performances.

January Friday Night Activities

- Jan. 7 **The Art of Marsden Hartley**, A Math Discovery, 5:00 p.m.
- Jan. 14 **Museum Closed to General Public**
Members-ONLY *Chagall for Children* Preview, 5:00 p.m.
- Jan. 21 **Arya Dance Academy**, Indian Dance, 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 28 **Good Show! Gallery Opening**, 5:00 p.m.

FOR AGES 7-10 – Sign up by Feb. 28 and SAVE \$10!

Mon. & Tues., Mar. 28 & 29 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Register by Feb. 28 - \$90 member, \$100 nonmember
Register Mar. 1 or after - \$100 members, \$110 nonmembers

On-line registration available – see website for details

Reaching the Fullest Potential for Boys and Girls

A Talk by Lise Eliot, Ph.D. Author of *Pink Brain, Blue Brain*

- Are boy-girl differences "hard-wired" into their brains?
- Is the "Mars/Venus" philosophy true for children too?
- Who is harder to raise in a gender-balanced way – Girls or Boys?

More information on our website. Register early and SAVE!

EDUCATORS: 1.5 CPDUs/CEUs are awarded with the completion of this presentation.

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

Visit www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org for a complete program schedule.
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Park District Updates



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

This winter, the Naperville Park District will officially close the parking lots located at Meadow Glens, Winding Creek and Ashbury Park from December 1-March 1.

The District does not plan to plow these locations as there are no winter activities scheduled or promoted for these parks. However, street parking will be available.

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Volunteer tax preparers in the AARP Tax-Aide Program will provide free tax filing assistance to seniors and low- and middle-income persons at the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center beginning in February 2011.

Those interested in scheduling a 45-minute appointment for tax assistance may call the Naperville Park District at 630-848-3613 beginning in January 2011. Membership in AARP is not required.

Like thousands of other volunteers across the country, the local AARP Tax-Aide volunteers complete training courses in aspects of tax law with materials supplied by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The volunteers provide free electronic filing services using IRS software that also is used by many paid professionals.

Individuals who register for tax assistance are asked to bring all necessary paperwork to their appointment, including the following:

- Last year's tax return and tax records
- Social security or Tax ID number for self, spouse, and dependents
- Checking account routing number for direct deposit information
- Income documents, including W-2, 1099, K-1, etc.
- Information about tax-deductible items, including dependents, interest, real estate tax bill, state tax bill, charitable donation receipts, etc.

For more information about tax assistance or other programs at the Naperville Park District, visit www.napervilleparks.org, or call 630-848-5000.

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Magical Starlight Theatre will present Disney's ***Aladdin Junior*** for one weekend only, **January 14-16**, 2011, at Naperville North High School Auditorium. The all-youth cast will delight audiences of all ages in a high-energy performance of a familiar Disney classic.

Tickets are now on sale at the Naperville Park District and can be purchased online at www.napervilleparks.org, by phone at 630-848-5000, or in person at 320 W. Jackson Avenue. Tickets are \$8.00 if purchased by Thursday, Jan. 13 and \$10.00 at the door.

Show times include Friday and Saturday evenings, Jan. 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m., Saturday afternoon at 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

For more information about Magical Starlight Theatre, please visit www.magicalstarlighttheatre.org.

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Winter is upon us...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.

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

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.

Gartner Park Ice Rink

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

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.

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2011 Season Reserved Tee Time Program

Create your own foursome and take advantage of the Season Reserved Tee Time (SRTT) program. Resident golfers are entered into a lottery for a change to reserve weekend tee times in this 22-week program from late April-September. Tee times are from 5:50 a.m.-11:26 a.m.

At Springbrook, 28 tee times will be available on both Saturday and Sunday and Naperbrook will have 15 tee times each day; there will be a limit of three available tee times per hour. The lottery will be held on **February 27** to determine those groups that can select a regular tee time at the course of their choice. Applications for the SRTT program can be picked up at Springbrook or Naperbrook; completed applications are due back to either course on **February 21** at 5:00 p.m.

Library News



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

Meet A Chicago Wolves Hockey Player! - Jamie Sifers, Defenseman, with the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team, will visit the Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd. on Tuesday, Jan. 4 at 4:30 p.m. and answer questions, sign autographs and photos! A lucky child will be dressed in an entire hockey uniform, complete with pads.

Sifers' appearance is part of the Library's Winter Reading Program and the Wolves' "Read to Succeed" initiative. During his appearance, Sifers will talk about how reading is a great stress reducer for him – and he needs to reduce



his stress in a game like hockey! A new member of the Wolves, Sifers scored the game-winning overtime goal in the team's Oct. 15 game with Milwaukee.

The Library's Winter Reading Program, "Chill Out with Good Books" is for children from birth through completing the fifth grade. All participants have a chance to win family packs of tickets to a Chicago Wolves Hockey game and other fun prizes from our sponsors. Program sponsors are the Chicago Wolves, Choo-Choo Johnny's, Odyssey Fun World and Aurelio's of Naperville.

Paying Fines Via the Web is the Latest Naperville Public Library Electronic Service -The Naperville Public Library is pleased to announce eCommerce, an online service that lets you pay your Library fees and fines. Fines of more than one dollar may be paid using eCommerce.

"Now you don't have to make a trip to one of our buildings," explains Frances Tong, Information Technology Manager. "You can go to our website, log into "My Account" and pay your fines using Visa, MasterCard and American Express credit cards."

The Library is making its services easy to access via electronics because "we recognize what people are using," she says. The new eCommerce service is located in the "My Account" area.

Paying your fines and fees via eCommerce is just the latest Library service designed to make the Naperville Public Library more accessible. All kinds of electronic devices can be used to interact with the Library – computers, tablets, iPads and, smartphones including the Blackberry, iPhone, and Droid."

Smartphones can search the Library's catalog (<https://m.naperville-lib.org/>), download materials ("https://m.naperville-lib.org") and databases. Residents can "Text a Librarian" and get their questions answered or subscribe to a text notification service that sends texts about overdue titles and more.

Wednesday, January 12, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. - INFORMATION SESSION FOR ADULT LEARNERS AND CAREER CHANGERS

Angela Nackovic, MS, Adult Admissions Specialist, College of DuPage
Nichols Library Community Room Room Limit: 100

During these challenging economic times, community colleges provide excellent programs and career services for adult learners. Join Angela Nackovic, Adult Admissions Specialist from the College of DuPage, for this informative session aimed at first-time college students, career changers who already have a degree, as well as adults looking for classes for enrichment or enjoyment. Come learn about the variety of educational opportunities the College of DuPage offers adults 21 and older. This workshop will also include information on financial aid, scholarships, and federal workforce retraining.

This program is open to all. No registration is required.

Tuesday, January 18, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.- UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S REAL ESTATE MARKET

Juliana Hackel, CRA Relationship Manager, Harris Bank N.A., Panel Moderator
Nichols Library Community Room Room Limit: 100

Come learn from the experts about the current real estate market and the impact on the Naperville community. Short sales, foreclosures, and REOs (real estate owned properties) are the new reality. It is important for prospective homebuyers, sellers, and real estate investors to understand these trends in order to make informed decisions and avoid fraudulent schemes. Whether you're looking to purchase a home or facing

the prospect of a short sale or foreclosure, you'll get the information you need from a panel of experts, including representatives from Harris Bank, First American Title Insurance Co., an attorney, a home inspector, and a realtor. William Smirniotis, Director of Homeownership Counseling and Outreach with the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), will also be present to explain tax credits available to first-time Naperville homebuyers and veterans. Refreshments will be served.

In case of inclement weather, the program will be rescheduled on Tuesday, January 25, at the same time and location. This program is presented in partnership with Money Smart DuPage and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. No registration is required.

Thursday, January 20, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. - FROM NOTHING, TO AWARD-WINNING NOVELS, TO THE STAGE!

Presented by Naperville's Center Stage Theater, Nigg Media Productions, and Harmony Productions

In 1999, attorney and writer Bruce Steinberg had one short publication credit to his resume. Since then, his first two novels have won a writing completion and received notable reviews from Kirkus and Publishers Weekly. Using the moniker Bee Robb, Bruce is here with his newest novel, *My Occasional Torment*, which dares to ask the question, What makes a woman a woman and how in the world would a man know the answer? The novel's stage adaptation has been picked up by Naperville's Center Stage Theatre and is scheduled to premiere in February. Along with the author and producers, the play's talented actors will appear to perform a scene. If you love beautiful theatre, stories that make you laugh and cry as well as think, or are a budding writer or actor yourself, you'll want to attend this program! For more information on the play and novel go to:

www.wix.com/enigga/myoccasionaltorment.

No registration is required.

Nichols Library

Community Room

Thursday, January 20

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Room Limit: 150

95th Street Library

Meeting Room A/B

Thursday, February 10

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Room Limit: 120

Friday, January 28, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. - DUPAGE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - Chamber Music at the Library

95th Street Library Meeting Room A/B

Room Limit: 165

Join members of the DuPage Symphony Orchestra tonight as they present a selection of chamber music. Afterwards, there is an opportunity for the audience to interact with the musicians and learn more about the instruments and the Symphony.

No registration is required - This program is held in partnership with the DuPage Symphony Orchestra.

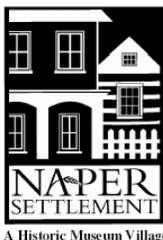
Confederation Schedules 2011 Candidate Forums

The NAHC is proud to announce its schedule for 2011 Spring Election Candidate Forums.

Continuing this award winning voter education series, the following dates and times have been set:

- 2/23 - City Council (7 PM)
- 2/24 - Mayor (7:30 PM)
- 3/14 - Park District (7:30 PM)
- 3/22 - SD 203 (7:30 PM)
- 3/24 - SD 204 (7:30 PM)

Check the February newsletter and our website for more information. If you would like to volunteer to help with our forums, please contact us at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com.



News from Naper Settlement

www.napersettlement.museum

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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. 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.

Bridal Showcase

If you're planning a wedding, you won't want to miss this opportunity to meet with more than 30 local, quality vendors at this up-close and personal showcase — one of the best in the western suburbs. The Bridal Showcase will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 at Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Admission is free and includes food, beverages, cake tastings and tours of Century Memorial Chapel, the perfect setting for a wedding. For more information, call (630) 420-6010 or visit www.napersettlement.museum.

History Speaks Lecture Series – Charles Darwin and the Voyage of the Beagle



"Charles Darwin and the Voyage of the Beagle," is the featured presentation of the History Speaks Lecture Series, to be held from 4 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 23, at Naper Settlement's Century Memorial Chapel, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Imagine an evening at London's Royal Geological Society with the affable, young Charles Darwin among friends, telling the stories of his amazing adventure sailing around the world on the HMS Beagle. Storyteller and science teacher Brian "Fox" Ellis steps into Darwin's shoes to model the scientific process and engage listeners in a discussion. Advance tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for students, youth and Naperville Heritage Society sustaining members; tickets at the door are \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and youth. For tickets, call (630) 420-6010. Visit www.napersettlement.museum for more information.

School's Out: Super Cool

Children in grades 1-5 will enjoy at day off school from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, at Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Have fun with super cool, snow-related activities: learn about famous snowstorms and the chemistry of making snow; make a snow globe; play ice cube relay races and snowflake bingo. Children also will participate in a community service activity to acknowledge the purpose of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Fee is \$45; \$40 for Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining Members. Call (630) 420-6010 for reservations.

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**Naperville Area Homeowners
Confederation**

The NAHC is looking forward to seeing all of our members and other interested homeowners at our meeting on Saturday morning, January 22nd. 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 February 1st

***Bob Fischer
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