



May 2011 Newsletter

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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

Our April general meeting featured current as well as new members of the City Council. Along with spending time with these dedicated people, we awarded “Snow Hero” awards to City Staffers who, during the blizzard of 2011, went beyond the call of duty to serve our fellow residents. Those recognized included a snow plow driver who put out a fire in his truck cab in order to continue plowing for several more hours. In another instance, Dispatchers – both police and City – slept in the jail or in the Police Chief’s conference room because of extended duty time and the terrible snow conditions. Those named went the extra mile when they delivered the services we sometimes take for granted.

Going beyond these few representatives singled out, I would also like to say “Thank You” to each and every City Employee for their day-to-day efforts to deliver quality service to all of our good neighbors. These efforts should never be taken for granted and are always appreciated. So, a sincere thanks to all our City employees, heroes whose daily efforts make our quality of life so very high. Our membership is very proud of their service to all of Naperville. It gives me great pleasure to say Thank You to them for gladly serving us with the great deal of professionalism and pride which we admire in each and every one of them.

Also in April we hosted a full house in the City Council chambers for our town meeting on the emerald ash borer problem. The interest expressed during and after that meeting from our neighbors, other communities, and professional foresters tells me that we made the right choice as a Confederation to put the spotlight on this issue.

Our May meeting, the last one before Summer Vacation, is our annual meeting. Officers and directors are elected, we look back at the year that was, and look ahead to what the Confederation may be doing in the months ahead. We hope to see you then.

Dr Bob Buckman
President, NAHC
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Upcoming Confederation Meetings

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation's next general membership meeting will be May 21st, 2011, 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 kicking off at 8:30. Our goal is to complete the meeting by 10 o'clock so everyone can get on with their day.

The May meeting is our annual meeting. During the meeting we will hold elections for President, Vice President, and two at large director positions. We will also spend time recapping the Confederation's prior year which included election forums, the EAB town meeting, 10 general meetings, and position statements on various local issues.

Following the May meeting, we will begin planning the next round of meetings that will commence in September of 2011. We welcome your suggestions for meeting topics, presenters, and from applications to become a sponsor of an upcoming meeting. 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 Thom Higgins, the chair of 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:

Full service hotel & Alzheimer's care facility, Freedom Plaza near Rt. 88: Developer CRL has been working with staff to refine their proposal for a 150 room hotel with an attached conference center (large enough to qualify under the city code as a full service hotel). The hotel will share the property with a 4 story full service Alzheimer's resident treatment facility. The proposal is expected to appear in front of the Planning & Zoning Commission in May or June.

Ongoing Proposals:

Primrose School: Will be before the City Council on 5-3-11, looking for final approval to construct a day-care pre-school south of the Theater at Naperville Crossing on Rt 59.

Kiddie Academy: Received approval from the City Council on 4-5-11 to construct a daycare facility at Rt. 59 and 95th. Construction is slated to start in 30-60 days.

Studies and Initiatives:

Naperville Downtown2030 plan: Was approved by City Council on April 6th. There was extensive discussion regarding the height of various parcels in the Special Study Area (Washington to Webster, Benton to Douglas). Ultimately, Council voted to approve the plan reducing the height along Washington from the initially proposed 60' to 43' which corresponds to the height limit for other properties along Washington from Douglas to Ogden. The properties along both sides of Main, from Benton to Franklin, had their height set at 57'. Additionally, properties along Franklin and Douglas had their height limits established at 47', down from a proposed 50', although some properties have a 47' limit and others have a 40-47' range.

Councilman Hinterlong argued for a slight height reduction for the properties along Webster, between Benton and Franklin, namely reducing the 40-50' height to 40-47' height for consistency. Additionally, he did not support the 57' ht. limit on the west side Main from Benton to Douglas preferring 50' as had

Naperville
Downtown2030

Planning the Downtown Experience

been suggested at a previous Council meeting. Councilman Fieseler concurred, but there was no other support for the motion. Both Councilmen voted against the plan which passed 7-2.

The entire study can be viewed/downloaded, including the final height map, from the city's webpage at: <http://www.naperville.il.us/napervilledowntown2030.aspx>

City of Naperville Planning Services Team planning workload for FY2011-2012. With the elimination of a Community Planner position, the decision was made to reduce long range planning activity by 50% compared to previous years, resulting in the following proposal:

- Focus planning efforts on the implementation of action items resulting from recently adopted plans namely, *Naperville Downtown2030*, Attainable Housing, Greener Business Program and other Strategic Plan Initiatives.
- Evaluate “quick fixes” which can be used to achieve the most critical recommendations of other studies without undertaking new studies or major zoning amendments.
- Eliminate new studies and major zoning amendments, including the Tollway Corridor Study; Mill & Bauer Small Area Study; Mixed Use Text Amendment (resulting from the *5th Avenue Study*); and Single-Family Residential Tree Preservation Requirements.

At the April 20th Plan Commission meeting the workload plan was discussed extensively, with a great deal of time spent on the Single-Family Tree Preservation Requirements. Per staff, existing tree data has been collected but there has been no analysis of it. Staff feels that drafting a text amendment will take considerable amount of their time as such a significant change in property owners rights would result in a large outpouring of public interest/comment. Currently, the city forester actively reviews permits and encourages property owners to preserve trees, but there is no requirement to preserve/replace trees. Staff indicated when property owners request annexation to the City; the City can require tree preservation as part of the annexation agreement. In the end, Commissioners voted unanimously to add the Residential Tree Preservation Text Amendment back into the workload. While Staff repeatedly requested an item be dropped if the Tree Preservation Ordinance was to be added, the Commissioners did not remove a compensating work item.

In other matters, Staff indicated their desire to institute a 43' height overlay in lieu of going forward with the previously planned Mixed Use Text Amendment for applicable properties in the 5th Ave. Study area (essentially Washington from Douglas to Ogden and 5th Ave. from Washington to Columbia). This would have had the effect of putting a hard limit on height where previously only the FAR calculation was the limiting factor for some properties.

Staff expects to hold public workshops regarding proposed B4-B5 and TU (Transitional Use) zoning amendments as part of the DT2030 implementation plan before going to Council for final approval of these amendments.

Emerald Ash Borer

Our April 4th town meeting on how communities and homeowners should deal with the scourge of the Emerald Ash Borer was presented to well over 100 people in the City Council Chambers.



With over 25% of Naperville's trees at risk, the ecological and economic devastation from this infestation has the potential to be significant. Based on current reports, the assumption can be made that the Ash Borer is present citywide.

Early on, conventional wisdom was that infected ash trees had to be removed and destroyed, while healthy trees were merely awaiting an eventual death sentence. As is so often the case with “conventional wisdom,” this approach is wrong, and, in fact,

counter-productive. Research and actual field experience have proven that there is a way to treat this imported pest and maintain both the appearance and economic viability of our properties. Treatment, not wholesale destruction of trees in our parkways and yards is the answer.

The Confederation panel, including Naperville City Arborist, Jack Mitz; Dr Fredric Miller from Joliet Junior College and the Morton Arboretum; Dr Joe Chamberlin from Atlanta, GA; and Skeet the Arborist from the Care of Trees explained the problem and offered up solutions. With the cost of tree removal and replacement estimated at between \$500 and \$1000, the advice regarding products on the market, and how homeowners and municipalities can band together to save our urban forest was very valuable.

Since the meeting, we have been approached by other municipalities and tree care professionals regarding the information we shared. The presentations are posted on our website, and links can be found at <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/WebPage.asp?PN=TradeShow>. We have been told that the NAHC was one of the first community organizations to recognize the critical need to inform residents of the facts about EAB and what they can do about it.

Thanks for the accolades, but we see this as just another example of neighbors reaching out to help neighbors!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Boy Scout Troop
501**

Date:	Saturday, May 7, 2011
Time:	7:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

- Pancakes
- Sausage
- Orange Juice
- Beverages



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St. Timothy's is 3 blocks North of the
intersection of Mill and Ogden Ave. on
the West side of Mill.

April Meeting Recap

Our April meeting was the one time this year we focused on City Council. Listening to our members, and the Council, we cut back this year to a single meeting for Council, and what a great one we had! With newly elected councilmen Steve Chirico and Joe McElroy joining the mayor and all but two of the current councilmen, we had a great discussion around issues that will impact our community in the months ahead. City Manager Doug Krieger spent part of his birthday with us and provided an update on what we can expect moving forward as the City prepares for representation by district beginning in 2015. Department heads were also in attendance, providing insights and answering resident questions before, during, and after the meeting.

The Confederation would like to thank our City leadership for spending a Saturday morning with us, and we offer our sincere hopes that it was as good for them as it was for us.

NAHC Briefs – News You Can Use!

The Naperville Police Department now offers an online reporting service to citizens wishing to file an official police report. Online reporting will allow citizens to file a police report for non-emergency incidents at any hour, day or night. The intent of this new online reporting service is to enhance the public's ability to interact with the Naperville Police Department and free up patrol officers for emergency calls.



The Department is accepting the following types of electronic reports: civil matter of record, criminal damage to property under \$300, dumping/littering, lost property, nuisance complaint and theft of property under \$300.

Citizens interested in filing a police report electronically should visit www.naperville.il.us/police.aspx and select "Online Police Reporting." Completed online reports will be submitted to a police officer for review within five days. Citizens filing an online report will receive an e-mail confirming acceptance of the report and a unique report number.

For more information, visit the City of Naperville's website or call the Police Department's non-emergency number at (630) 420-6157.

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Linden Oaks at Edward is offering Military Families Unite, a support group for families who have loved ones serving in all branches of the armed services.



The group meets on the following Wednesdays through May, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Edward Hospital, 801 S. Washington St. in Naperville: May 4 – 11 – 18 – 25.

The meetings are informal. Families will be able to ask questions, express ideas and concerns, share practical tips and provide emotional support.

There is no cost. For more information and to register, please call (630) 527-6363.

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Starting May 1, 2011, the City of Naperville will begin hosting a one-year electronics recycling pilot program at the Public Works Service Center Recycling Drop-Off Center, 180 Fort Hill Drive. Residents can drop-off their unwanted electronics on Tuesdays and Thursdays during normal operating hours at the drop-off center of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This program is anticipation of a new state law prohibiting deposit of electronics in landfills beginning January 1.



To deal with anticipated demand for this service, the city requests residents living north of 75th Street to bring their electronics to the facility on Tuesdays and those living south of 75th Street to bring their electronics on Thursdays. This program is an excellent opportunity to dispose of electronics in an environmentally friendly manner and replaces the one-day annual electronics recycling event the city has hosted since 2007.

Accepted items include personal computers, laptops, all-in-ones, monitors, televisions, large peripherals, copiers, computer cables, keyboards, mice, fax machines, VCR and DVD players and video game consoles. Complete program information is available at www.naperville.il.us/electronicrecycle.aspx.

To protect electronic components that may be repurposed, at the end of each day of operation, all collected electronics will be transported to a secure location within the Public Works Service Center until Creative Recycling Systems is called for collection. Upon collection, all items become the property of Creative Recycling Systems. The City of Naperville is not responsible for items after they have been dropped off.

Please note that residents should take steps to clean computer hard drives prior to bringing the item to this recycling program. The City of Naperville assumes no responsibility to protect any electronic data remaining in electronics deposited in the electronic recycling programs. Creative Recycling Systems will also take steps to maintain data security. The organization's data security policy can be found at

www.crserecycling.com/main.php?p=data.



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Edward Cancer Center is offering Camp Hope, a week-long summer camp for children, ages 6 – 12, whose parent or loved one is living with cancer.

Two sessions of Camp Hope are scheduled: June 20 – 24, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and August 1 – 5, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Both sessions will be held at Edward Health & Fitness Center, 6600 S. Route 53 in Woodridge.

Camp Hope campers take part in therapeutic breakout sessions, including arts and crafts, music therapy, martial arts, yoga and small group discussions, as well as traditional summer camp activities. Licensed clinical social workers from the Edward Cancer Center facilitate the breakout sessions and are available throughout the day.

Tuition for children who attend Camp Hope is paid for through donations to the Edward Foundation. Child care is available, at no cost, before and after camp, 7 – 9 a.m. and 4 – 6 p.m.

Registration is required. For more

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Two key city staff positions in the area of safety and emergency preparedness were filled in April. The city's new Emergency Management Coordinator and Safety Coordinator will further the City Council's mission of ensuring the safety and well-being of all Naperville residents and businesses.

Dan Nelson, the City of Aurora's former Assistant Coordinator for Emergency Management, has been selected as the city's new Emergency Management Coordinator. Nelson began his employment with the city on April 11 and brings with him 12 years of experience in emergency management, including developing, coordinating and implementing emergency operations plans.

Nelson has also served as a Firefighter/EMT and Emergency Management Advisor for the North Aurora Fire Protection District and the Village of North Aurora. Nelson has a bachelor's degree in Environmental Health from Illinois State University and has experience with the Southern Kane County Training Association and the American Red Cross AmeriCorps USA. He also has served as a member of the Illinois Terrorism



Taskforce (ITTF), ITTF Emergency Management Subcommittee, ITTF Emergency Management Grant Review and Administration Committee, International Association of Emergency Management and the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association.

Safety Coordinator Don Phillips began his employment with Naperville on April 18 and brings with him 20 years of experience in the area of safety program management. Phillip's prior work experience includes delivering safety training programs, facilitating safety committees, conducting safety audits, investigation of employee accidents/injuries, handling workers compensation matters and ensuring compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations.

Most recently, Phillips was employed as corporate safety manager for Motor Coach Industries, North America's largest manufacturer of coach buses, and was responsible for the safety of 2,000 employees in 15 locations across the U.S. and Canada.

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The City of Naperville is currently accepting online applications for the 2012 **Sidewalk Replacement Program** at



www.naperville.il.us/sidewalkreplacement.aspx. The application deadline for the program is October 31, 2011.



Naperville's Sidewalk Replacement Program provides residents with an affordable way to keep sidewalks safe and neighborhoods beautiful. As part of the program, the City of Naperville repairs and replaces sidewalks on a cost-sharing basis. For residential sidewalks, the city pays 60 percent and the resident pays 40 percent. For non-residential sidewalks, the cost is split equally (50 percent) between the city and property owner. For more information on the Sidewalk Replacement Program, visit the city's website at www.naperville.il.us/sidewalkreplacement.aspx.

Take the NAHC Landscaping Survey

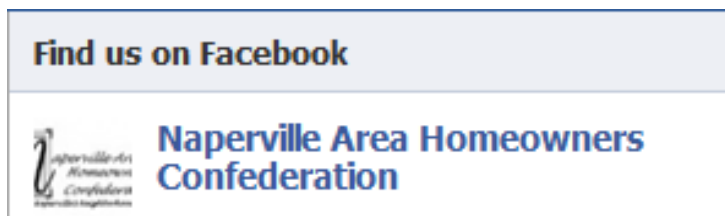
The NAHC, in cooperation with SLRCA (Sustainable Landscaping Resources for Community Associations) and the Morton Arboretum, want to know more about your association, your landscaping, and the issues and opportunities you face while dealing with the green space within your homeowners association.

Go to <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/WebPage.asp?PN=NewsDoc12152> to download and complete our survey. This survey will be used to help judge issues of importance, identify potential opportunities for possible grant funding, and provide SLRCA with direction for their future efforts on behalf of community associations.

Once you have downloaded and completed the survey, it can be returned via email to nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com or "snail mail" to:

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

If you have any questions, or issues downloading the survey information, contact the NAHC at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com



DuPage Symphony Orchestra Concerts



The DSO's final subscription concert of the 2010-2011 season is on Saturday, May 14, 8 p.m. at Wentz Concert Hall, 171 East Chicago Avenue in Naperville (on the campus of North Central College).

Program highlights include Rachmaninoff's lushly romantic Second Piano Concerto performed by Young Concert Artists International Winner Gleb Ivanov and Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*.

Ticket prices 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 information about the DSO please call (630) 778-1003 or visit the DSO website at www.dupagesymphony.org.

NAHC Dues

The NAHC is collecting annual membership dues for 2011. Invoices have been mailed. This annual \$30 assessment to member associations covers the administrative costs of our mission to:

- Serve as an advocate for and a voice of the people who call the Naperville area their home;
- Create an awareness of residents' needs by developing and maintaining relationships with all levels of government -national, state, city, counties, townships, and school and park districts;
- Support member associations with their organizational and program needs - facilitating an interchange of ideas, resources, and information between and among homeowners associations;
- Build, through a cooperative effort, a community dedicated to the enhancement of our property;
- Provide, through regular meetings, special events such as candidate and issue forums, our newsletter and website, a forum for homeowner concerns and interests.

When you receive your invoice, please return a 2011 Dues check for \$30 to:
Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation, Inc.
PO Box 5245
Naperville, Illinois 60567-5245



If you did not receive an invoice, your Association is not currently a Confederation member, or if there have been significant changes in your association's contacts, [download](#) and complete the Membership Application found on our website at: <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc7603.doc> and send it to us along with your dues. **Only associations that have paid their 2010 dues will be eligible to vote in the May Confederation elections.**



Dues are our primary form of income. They support meetings, issue and candidate forums, and the "legal requirements" needed to stay in operation and allow us to serve our members.

Remember, the City and Park District, as well as realtors and potential residents, contact homeowners associations through the Confederation. Due to past FOIA issues, we do not provide our entire directory to these groups to prevent the membership list from being used by third parties wanting to contact HOA's for commercial or political purposes. We take your privacy seriously and value our members!

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

New Federal Swimming Pool Regulations

In November the U.S. Department of Justice published updated ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) design standards related to recreational facilities, including subdivision pools and spas. These swimming pool accessibility requirements must be in place for all existing and new public pools on or before March 12, 2012.

These new standards state that accessible means of entry/exit are required for swimming pools. Such accessible means of entry include a pool lift or sloped entry, and either a transfer wall, transfer system, or pool stairs. Wading pools must provide a sloped entry, and spas must provide a pool lift, transfer wall, or transfer system. Wave action pools, leisure rivers, and sand bottom pools where user access is limited to one area shall not be required to provide more than one accessible means of entry, either a pool lift, sloped entry, or a transfer system.

Depending on the size of your association pool, differing regulations apply. Reviewing websites, the bulk of the information available seems to be from companies offering solutions to the issues established by these new regulations, and since these are government regulations, attorneys may also be a good source. More information can also be found at <http://www.ada.gov>

Neighborhood Teams Wanted for Last Fling Bed Race

Are the bed bugs after you? Let's hope so, because The Naperville Jaycees are looking for new teams to enter the Last Fling Bed Races! Teams typically include families, businesses, non-profit groups, and clubs. Speed is important, but creativity is also highly encouraged in this competition which takes place during Labor Day weekend. A variety of five person teams with decked-out beds will take to the street while competing for the fastest times. Hundreds of bed-racing enthusiasts gather to cheer on their favorite beds and you can too. This is a truly unique and wacky Naperville event that you don't want to miss. For rules and more information please call Jeffrey Ross at 630-605-4885. To see photos from past bed races, please go to <http://jeffreyworks.com/bedrace>



Upcoming Seminars & Webinars:

Sat., May 14th: Learn & Lead Graduate Case Study: Condo Properties, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Schaumburg Public Library, 130 S. Roselle Rd. in Schaumburg. This event is open to only Graduates of Learn & Lead. You may view the case study by clicking on "Education/Learn and Lead Graduates" to the left. The cost is \$ 50 and you are requested to pre-register for the event.

Sat., May 21st: Learn and Lead Graduate Case Study: Non-Condo Properties, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Location TBA. This event is open to only Graduates of Learn and Lead. You may view the case study by clicking on "Education/Learn and Lead Graduates" to the left. The cost is \$50 and you are requested to pre-register for the event.

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

Everyday Parenting

Listening!

“Truly listening to another person is the greatest communication challenge humans face.”

Nancy Gruver, founder of *New Moon: The Magazine for Girls and Their Dreams*

It is important for young people to know that almost always, and especially when they are in need, their parents really hear and care about what they have to say. Here are some tips on how to be a good listener for your kids.

- Set time aside each day, even a few minutes, to focus completely on your children. Let them take the lead on what you do, whether it's snuggle, talk, play or something else.
- Use “active listening” with your children: Ask good questions, paraphrases what they say to make sure you understand, and show that you empathize with what they are saying.
- Practice “hearing” on more than one level. Listen to the words kids are saying and tune in to the tone of their voice and body language.
- Spend time with your teenagers on a regular basis doing things you both enjoy. Often teenagers will prefer talking while doing some other activity over sitting down and having face-to-face conversations with their parents.



www.KidsMatter2us.org

Arboretum Activities



A brand new art exhibition will reveal how trees at The Morton Arboretum inspired artists to develop a diverse and surprising set of creations. “**Nature Unframed: Art at the Arboretum**” displays eleven striking and sometimes towering works of art. Renowned artists from around the world designed their pieces specifically based on how they “read” the unique landscape “galleries” where the works will be displayed.

The art will complement stunning beauty at the Arboretum, which features the largest collection of flowering, ornamental trees in the Midwest. All ages. **May 19 – November 27: 7 a.m. to sunset**

Create your own cultural experience. Go beyond the visual for a “**Strolling Salon.**” An Arboretum expert leads this tour and conversation about the connection to various art forms inspired by nature in the context of *Nature Unframed: Art at the Arboretum*. The group visits all 11 pieces in the exhibition during the mile and a half walk. Please dress for weather. Adults. Visitor Center. **May 20: 6 – 7:30 p.m.; May 21-22: 12-1:30 p.m.**

How did *Nature Unframed: Art at the Arboretum* get here? Get exclusive behind the scenes information from the “**Curator’s Tour.**” This walking tour of all 11 exhibition pieces allows visitors to ask questions, gain insight and see the art works’ beauty against the Arboretum backdrop. Ages teen and up. Visitors Center. **May 22: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

A rare opportunity! In “**Meet the Artists,**” talk to several of the featured artists where their art works are situated. Find out about their techniques and inspirations for creating their pieces, and their connection to art and nature. All ages, exhibition sites. **May 22: 1 – 3 p.m.**

See the world through the eyes of a bee! “**Nature’s Kaleidoscope**” lets kids explore how animals view nature. This is a hands-on discovery program. All ages. Children’s Garden. **Weekdays in May: 1 – 4p.m. (weather permitting)**

A world of shapes! Look around and see the “**Nature Shapes**” in your world. Use shape viewers to search for triangle trees, heart-shaped leaves and square stems. Then take your newfound knowledge and create a nature scene with basic shapes. This is a hands-on discovery program. All ages. Children’s Garden. **Weekends in May: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

The dusky side of the Arboretum! “**Twilight Hike**” takes you around the towering trees of the pine family collection and through some of the art in the *Nature Unframed* exhibition to see what it is like as the sun begins to set for the day. A few nocturnal animals may even pop by to welcome you. Held outdoors, please dress for weather. Costs \$23 per child (discounts for Arboretum members). Ages 9 and up with an adult. Visitor Center and East Side. **May 21: 7:30 – 9 p.m.**

MOTHER’S DAY WEEKEND EVENTS

Treat mom to a fabulous, elegant brunch that allows her to gaze upon majestic trees beside a lake and enjoy “**Mother’s Day Brunch.**” It’s sure to please all moms! Prices, including tax and gratuity, are \$45 per adult, \$31 per child. Tickets available at 630-725-2066 or www.mortonarb.org. On sale to the general public April 4. All ages, the Ginkgo Restaurant. **May 8: seatings: 9:30 a.m., noon, and 2:30 p.m.**

Capture a special Mother’s Day memory by treating mom to a professional **family portrait** at the Arboretum. A \$40 package includes one 8x10, two 5x7, and four wallet-size professional photographs mailed within two weeks. Cash or check only. No appointment necessary. **May 8: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Find the perfect Mother’s Day gift with original jewelry from a local artist who was inspired by her own mother’s jewelry! The creations feature pewter and brass charms, semi-precious stones, Swarovski crystals, and glass beads. “**Nancy Neill Designs Trunk Show**” highlights customizable pieces as perfect accessories for any jewelry-lover. All ages. Arboretum Store. **May 7: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

It is a “**Flower Frenzy**” for Mother’s Day! Look at all the different shapes, sizes and colors that flowers grow into and then paint a flower picture of your own! This is a free nature learning activity. All ages, the Children’s Garden. **May 7 and 8: 11 – 4 p.m. (weather permitting)**

Mother and daughter bonding time! “**Just the Girls Bike and Hike Overnight**” lets you spend time with that special young girl in your life. In the evening, you will set out on a fun hike around Lake Marmo to hear the nighttime sounds. Afterward, return to camp for snacks around the campfire. After a light breakfast the next morning, take a bike around the Arboretum. Bicycles and helmets required; indoor space available for bike storage and reflective safety vests provided. Costs \$51 per person (discounts for Arboretum members). Ages 6 – 11, adult presence required. West Side Outpost. **May 7–8 (6 – 8 years old); 20–21 (9 – 11 year olds): 6:30 p.m. – 9 a.m.**

Give Mom the gifts of sun, scents and spring! “*Wonderful Wildflowers*” brings mother and her family a sensational afternoon of flowers, with wildflower walks, crafts and games, and even a fun scavenger hunt. Afterwards enjoy a picnic among the blooms. Cost: \$20 per person (discounts for Arboretum members); picnic lunch included. All ages. Parking Lot 21, West Side. **May 7 and 8: 11 a.m.– 3 p.m.**

OTHER MAY EVENTS

Waddle this way! “**Make Way for Ducklings**” lets kids touch duck feathers and feet, while learning how to talk and walk like a duck. Then they will enjoy a reading of ‘Make Way for Ducklings.’ Costs \$19 per child (discounts for Arboretum members). Ages 2 – 3 with an adult. Parking Lot 29 on the West Side. **May 11 and 14: 9:30 – 10:45 a.m.**

Time to sing at the moon! “**Goodnight Moon**” takes kids on a guided walk in the Children’s Garden to explore the nighttime sky. Sing songs, play games and find out what animals are awake at night! Costs \$23 (discounts for Arboretum members). Ages 4 – 5 with an adult. Children’s Garden. **May 13 and 14: 7 – 8:30 p.m.**

Try our fishing hole! “**Hooked on Fishing**” lets kids spend the morning at the Arboretum’s private fishing spot- Arbor Lake. Fish where few have fished before. Catch and release a variety of large and small fish while learning how fish move and survive in the water. Fishing pole required; bait provided.

State fishing license required for 16 and older. Ages 6 and up with an adult. Costs \$16 per person (discounts for Arboretum members). Parking Lot 33, West Side. **May 7, 14 and 15: 8 – 10:30 a.m.**

A night for the boys! **“Just the Guys Bike and Hike Overnight”** is a night for father and son. Spend the evening viewing fish, frogs and other slimy creatures as you hike around Lake Marmo. In the morning, have a light breakfast before heading out to bike around the East Side. Bicycles and helmets required; indoor space available for bike storage and reflective safety vest provided. Costs \$51 per person (discounts for Arboretum members). Ages 6 – 11, adult presence required. West Side Outpost. **May 21 - 22 (6 – 8 year olds): 6:30 p.m. – 9 a.m.; June 3 -4 (9 – 11 year olds): 6:30 p.m. – 9 a.m.**

Mix it up! **“Exploring Mixed Media”** teaches how to incorporate different artistic techniques into one piece of art. First the class will begin with a canvas or water color paper as the base. Then slowly build a background from different thin papers and gel and continue on using transfers, stencils, masks and paint to create vibrant colors and rich textures. Botanical objects can also be used to give the pieces an organic feel. No experience necessary, all artistic levels are welcome! All supplies included. Costs \$85 (discounts for Arboretum members). Adults. Register via Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. Thornhill Education Center. **May 1: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**



Grab those walking shoes and **“Explore Gardening at the Arboretum!”** Spend an hour with experts as they offer the inside scoop to plant selection and gardening designs used right here at the Arb. Please dress for weather. Costs \$6 (discounts for Arboretum members). Normal admission fees apply. Ages 16 and older. Register via Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. Visitor Center. **April 17, May 1 and 15, and June 5: 2 – 3 p.m.**

Look up and learn! **“Night Sky for Naturalists”** introduces attendees to the basics of astronomy while exploring the Arboretum after hours. Some binocular are available, however students are encouraged to bring their own binoculars or telescopes. Costs \$30 (discounts for Arboretum members). Children ages 12 and up are welcome with an adult registrant. Register via Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. Thornhill Education Center. **May 3: 8 – 10 p.m.**

Bluebirds or meadowlarks? Visitors never know what feathered friends fly into the Arboretum. **“Spring Bird Walks”** follows the variety of birds that flock to Illinois for the spring migration. Attendees will learn about the different birds that visit the Arboretum in the spring. This class will hike on trails and encourages attendees to bring binoculars and a field guide. Costs \$10 (discounts for Arboretum members). Normal admission fees apply. Children 12 and older are welcome with an adult registrant. Register via Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. Thornhill Education Center. **April 16, May 7 and 21, and June 4: 8 – 10:30 a.m.**

Turn online advice into garden success! **“Off the Web and Into the Garden”** introduces visitors to great online gardening resources and how to apply the information to your gardening needs. Hands-on demonstrations bring online advice to life! Costs \$32 (discounts for Arboretum members). Adults. Register via Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. Research Center. **April 30 & May 21: 10 a.m. – noon**

Get ready for a summer of delicious, organic food from the garden! Join the 2009 Gardener’s Supply Garden Crusader of the Year, Vicki Nowicki of **“Let’s Grow Vegetables,”** for “Organic Gardening De-Mystified.” Create a calendar and planting plan for warm-weather vegetables and practice starting seeds. It’s part of the “Eco-Friendly Gardening Workshops” series that shows how small changes in landscape design and management create a beautiful, healthy, and sustainable yard. Costs \$59 (discounts for Arboretum members). Adults. Register via Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. Thornhill Education Center. **May 7: 1 – 5 p.m.**

Take an evening stroll with us! **"Arboretum After Dark"** takes you around the Arboretum to hear springtime sounds, and smell springtime scents. Discover the difference the evening brings woodlands and prairies. Binoculars encouraged. Costs \$19 (discounts for Arboretum members). Children ages 12 and up welcome to register with an adult registrant. Register via Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. Parking Lot 21. **May 14: 7 – 9 p.m.**

Go **"Around the World in 80 Trees!"** Meet spring's most spectacular specimens, loaded with fragrant blossoms and emerging green leaves. After a brief introduction, the class heads out to see the trees in person. Each season, the class explores 20 trees to complete a tour "around the world!" Costs \$24 (discounts for Arboretum members). Adults. Register via Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. Thornhill Education Center. **May 28: 9 a.m. – noon**

Nature education tools to go! **"Family Explorers Backpack"** lets visitors rent a bag full of science tools, guides and props to enhance their experience in the Children's Garden. Costs \$5 per backpack, (discounts for Arboretum members). One backpack is good for up to five children. Suggested for families with children ages 2 – 6. Visitor Center. **Daily April – October: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (weather permitting)**

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

Coming In May – NAHC Elections



In accordance with our bylaws, the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation will hold elections at the Confederation Annual Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 8:30 AM in meeting rooms B&C of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, Illinois. The offices to be voted on are President of the Confederation (currently Dr. Bob Buckman); Vice President (currently Bob Fischer); and two at large Director Positions (currently held by Allen

Panek and Rick Strawbridge). While all incumbents are eligible to run again for their current positions, Mr. Strawbridge has indicated he will not seek re-election.

A nominating committee, Chaired by Confederation Secretary John Mesarchik, was formed at the March 19th General Meeting to prepare a slate of recommended candidates. These were announced at the April General Meeting and include:

President: Dr. Bob Buckman

Vice President: Bob Fischer

At Large Directors: Allen Panek and Marcia Straub

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor the day of the meeting. Any person who, at the time of the election, is a member of a homeowners association which is a Confederation member in good standing may seek and hold office on the Confederation Board of Directors; except that there shall be no more than one Confederation Officer or a total of two Confederation Board of Directors members from any one Confederation member association.

Duties of the positions to be elected are as follows:

President – shall be the chief executive officer of the Confederation; shall preside at all meetings; shall be the chairperson of the Confederation Board of Directors; and shall be the custodian of the corporate records and seal. All records of Confederation business shall be and remain the property of the Confederation, including but not limited to electronically-stored records. The President shall also

ensure (and may delegate to other Board Members the direct responsibility to see) that all newsletters, notices to member associations, and other Confederation communications, are promptly sent and distributed in a timely and appropriate manner and shall ensure that the Secretary is provided, in a timely and appropriate manner, copies or other adequate information on all such communications.

Vice President – shall assume all duties of the President in the event the office of President becomes vacant for any reason, and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President of the Confederation Board of Directors.

At-Large Board Members – shall be chairpersons of Ad Hoc Committees of the Confederation as formed at the discretion of the BOD. They shall be eligible to assume the terms and duties of Confederation officers, if such officers resign, refuse, become ineligible, or are otherwise unavailable to fulfill their terms. At-Large Board Members shall be empowered to vote in all decisions of the BOD. If any elected Director is not able for any reason to complete a term of office, the BOD may appoint an Associate Director to serve as a Director until the next annual election and any individual so appointed shall be empowered to serve and perform their duties upon appointment.

All member associations in good standing are eligible to cast a vote in this election. To be considered in good standing, member associations are to be current in their annual dues. Other information on the conduct of the elections, or on membership status of associations, can be found in the Confederation Bylaws which are posted at:

<http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc8119.pdf>

Park District Updates



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

Resident online registration for the fall soccer begins Wednesday, May 4 at noon.
Resident online registration for all summer programs begins Thursday, May 5 at noon.
Residents may drop off completed registration forms as soon as they receive their Program Guide. These registrations will be processed in the order received concurrently with online registration.

To register online (on or after the start date), please visit www.napervilleparks.org and click on the "Click here for online registration" link on the home page.

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The April 5, 2011 election has brought two new park commissioners to the Naperville Park District Board of Commissioners: Bill Eagan and Rich Janor. Incumbents Ron Ory and Marie Todd were re-elected. Eagan and Janor are assuming the seats of outgoing Park Board members Andrew Schaffner and Suzanne Hart. Suzanne Hart was elected to the Will County Board in November 2010. Andrew Schaffner chose not to run for re-election.

Janor, Ory, and Todd each will serve four-year terms. Eagan will serve a two-year term, which is the remainder of the term left by Hart. Commissioners Mike Reilly, Gerry Heide, and Kirsten Young are serving 4-year terms which will expire in 2013.

The recently elected Park Board members will be sworn in at the May 12, 2011 regular meeting, which will be held in Council Chambers at the Naperville Municipal Center, located at 400 S. Eagle Street. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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This year's colorful tulip bulbs, now blooming in front of the Park District Administration Building, will be offered for sale to the public, beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 13. Bulbs will be sold for \$3 per dozen on a first-come, first-served basis.

The tulip bulb sale will take place at the Riverwalk pavilion near the Park District's parking lot at 320 W. Jackson Avenue.

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In honor of Mother's Day 2011, Springbrook and Naperbrook Golf Course announce a golf prize package drawing open to all mothers, with no purchase necessary.

Entries will be taken in person at either Springbrook Golf Course or Naperbrook Golf Course through May 7, with the winner announced on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8.

The package begins with a free limousine ride provided by Courtesy Limousine to and from the golf course. Next, the winner can enjoy a free round of golf at Springbrook or Naperbrook with two friends and the golf professional of her choice. The package includes complimentary carts, lunch and on-course beverages. The winner also will receive 2 gift baskets with gift certificates for dinner at Catch 35 with complimentary wine provided by Ray Kinney, Minuteman Press and David Kelsch, Advanced Data Technologies; gift certificates for Zazu Salon and Day Spa; a wine tasting for 10 from Tasting de Vine Cellars; and additional items from downtown Naperville merchants, courtesy of Naperville Development Partnership and Naperville Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

For more information, please call Springbrook Golf Course at 630-848-5060 or visit www.springbrookgolfcourse.org. Springbrook Golf Course is located at 2220 W. 83rd St. in Naperville.

For information about Naperbrook Golf Course, please call 630-378-4215 or visit www.naperbrookgolfcourse.org. Naperbrook Golf Course is located at 22204 W. 111th St. in Plainfield.

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Raffle tickets are on sale for viewing the **Fourth of July fireworks** from atop the Millennium Carillon. A total of 21 seats will be raffled with a total of five winners. Four winners will receive four tickets each and a grand prize winner will receive six tickets. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.

Purchase tickets now at the Naperville Park District's Administrative Building at 320 W. Jackson Avenue. Beginning May 7, tickets also will be available for purchase at the Carillon Visitor Center, which is adjacent to the Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower. For more information and to purchase raffle tickets online, visit: www.naperville-carillon.org and click on "Win a Trip to the Top."

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In a tough economy in which golf facilities often struggle to stay in business, both Naperville Park District golf courses, which are **not** tax supported, operated profitably in 2009 and 2010. One of the keys to the success of **Springbrook and Naperbrook Golf Courses** is their focus on customer satisfaction.

"Based on feedback from customer focus groups and surveys, we are offering several improvements at Springbrook and Naperbrook this spring," said Director of Golf Services Ed Provow. "We have enhanced the amenities and services at both clubhouses and have extended the hours for the popular twilight discount on greens fees, while keeping course fees unchanged from last year," said Provow.

Some of the clubhouse enhancements include new televisions at both Springbrook and Naperbrook, with expanded satellite dish service and high-top tables added at Naperbrook. Both clubhouses enlarged their menu to include hot sandwiches in response to customers' suggestions. Golfers are now able to register online for golf lessons and all Park District programs at the new registration kiosks at both Springbrook and Naperbrook. Twilight hours at both courses will now begin at 12:00 noon throughout the season, whereas previously, twilight rates began as late as 3:00 p.m.

Customer service training this month will orient staff to some of the key needs and wants that were discussed in the customer focus groups in February, including educating novice golfers on pace of

play. A new pace of play sign will be displayed at the first tee at Springbrook. Landscaping upgrades around the Springbrook clubhouse are planned for later in the spring.

Another change based on customer request is that both Springbrook and Naperbrook have renewed their membership with the Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA), which will provide many benefits to those golfers that decide to become members. Two of the many benefits include:

- USGA HANDICAP INDEX® - The CDGA provides a USGA Handicap Index® to all members. Handicap revisions take place on the 1st and 15th of every month and are sent to members via email as well as accessible from My CDGA Caddie.
- WEBSITE & MY CDGA CADDIE - The CDGA's official website features My CDGA Caddie, a personalized section which allows players to access their handicap information and post scores from any computer with internet access.

Carts at both courses have been equipped with new or recently refurbished Y-box GPS units to assist golfers in determining the correct yardage to the center of the green.

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With the new interpretive center now under roof and the rough grading complete for the dry detention area, construction at **Seager Park** is set to progress substantially through the spring and summer. Therefore, for safety reasons, the Naperville Park District must close the park for construction.

Signs are posted at the main driveway entrance on Plank Road, at the pedestrian entrance on Plank Road, and at the pedestrian entrance at Yorkshire Manor. The park most likely will remain closed through the summer months.

The Seager Park project is on schedule to be completed by late fall 2011. The project is funded, in part, by an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and by a Water Quality Improvement Program grant from the DuPage County Stormwater Management Division. Improvements include a new walking trail, a council ring, a baseball backstop, soccer field, relocated and renovated basketball and volleyball courts, a wildflower garden and interpretive signs, and a new entry drive and permeable paver parking lot. To view the site plan and project updates for the Seager Park renovation, or to learn more about the Naperville Park District, please visit www.napervilleparks.org

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Naperville Park District Centennial Beach - Celebrating 80 Years **500 W. Jackson Avenue, Naperville, IL**

Centennial Beach has been charming more than 155,000 visitors each year from Memorial Day through Labor Day since 1931. With water depths ranging from zero to 15 feet, the Beach lends itself to swimmers of all skill levels. Planning an outing? We can accommodate up to 300 guests, provide you with an area reserved specifically for your event and offer catering options as part of your package. Centennial Beach opens for the season on **May 28**.

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Naperville Park District Paddleboat Rides

For a refreshing and unusual view of the Naperville Riverwalk, try a relaxing ride on one of the Riverwalk paddleboats. Four-passenger models are available for 20-minute and 40-minute rides. Paddleboat rentals are available on all non-school days beginning **mid-May-September**. Paddleboats are located at 435 Aurora Ave., Naperville, IL. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. A 20-minute ride is \$8/boat; a 40-minute ride is \$10/boat. In the event of inclement weather, poor conditions or low attendance, the manager may close the paddleboats. Beginning mid-August, the paddleboats will close earlier due to the earlier darkness.

**Museum
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Monday,
May 30**

MAY 2011

Monday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.; Tuesday–Thursday 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Except 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.

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May Friday Night Activities

May 6 **MEMBERS-ONLY EVENING!**

National Train Day Celebration, 5:00 p.m. start
Museum closed to the general public at 4:00 p.m.

May 13 **Good Show! Gallery Opening**, 5:00 p.m. start

May 20 **Anima Young Singers of Greater Chicago**, 6:00 p.m. start

May 27* **Box Cars**, Art Discovery, 5:00 p.m. start

*5/27 will be the last Friday night until the fall.

DCM in the Community!

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WFamily Days - Wed., May 4 & 25, 10-11:00 a.m.

Westfield Mall, Aurora (First level near JCPenney)

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Sat., May 21: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. & May 22: 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Carol Stream Town Center, Gary Avenue & Lies Road, Carol Stream

Arlington Park Family Day - Sun., May 29, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Arlington Park Race Track, 2200 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights

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Library News



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

Nichols, 95th Street, and Naper Boulevard libraries will be **closed Sunday, May 29 and Monday, May 30**. Normal hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. will resume on Tuesday, May 31. Drive-up returns for all materials are available 24 hours a day at all three locations – Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave.; Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd. and the 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr. You can renew materials or see what you have checked out by accessing the Library Catalog at our website, www.naperville-lib.org and using the “My Account” function. Materials may also be renewed by calling 630-961-0460.

May Events

May 2011 – All Month! -- Naperville Heritage Month

Matie’s Local History Mystery Challenge -- Young Adult Fiction Book Stacks

Matie’s back, and so is Naperville Heritage Month! Matie Egermann, Nichols librarian from 1909-1950 and the city’s original Naperville history buff, wants to help you learn more about local history. Teens in 6th through 12th grades can pick up a quiz at any Naperville Public Library location. Complete the quiz and drop it in a raffle box for a chance to win a prize. If you need help finding an answer, take a look around the Young Adult Fiction area, you will spot the ghost of Matie giving out hints. Prize winners will be contacted starting June 1. A valid Naperville Public Library card is required to participate. For more information, please contact the Naperville Public Library at 1.630.961.4100, or visit the Library’s website at www.naperville-lib.info.

So, You Think You Know Naperville? --Adult Services Reference Desks

In what year was Naperville founded? Has Naperville always been called Naperville? Challenge yourself by answering questions about our community’s history! Adults can pick up a quiz at any Naperville Public Library location. Complete the quiz and drop it in a raffle box for a chance to win a prize. Prize winners will be contacted starting June 1. A current Naperville Public Library card is required to participate. For more information, please contact the Naperville Public Library at 1.630.961.4100, or visit the Library’s website at www.naperville-lib.info.

Naperville Community Heritage Week – Children’s Department Activities

Celebrate Naperville’s Community Heritage at the Naperville Public Library! Join us at all three of our Children’s departments for fun activities. All children are welcome to enter the popular Guessing Jar Challenge and check out our book display. Children can also try to win a raffle prize by showing their Naperville Public Library card and answering trivia questions about Naperville. Come test your knowledge of your hometown.

Wednesday, May 4

Serve Your Resume With A Sizzle! - Visualize a great restaurant experience and envision that same excitement when your prospective hiring manager reads your resume. Becky Brillon, MS in Human Resources Management and Certified Resume Writer, will review the tools and techniques to serve up a mouthwatering resume that will impress resume readers and win interviews. Topics covered will include resume styles, critical components, resume mechanics, and stylistic methods for grabbing and holding attention. This program is particularly suited for the unemployed, college graduates, and anyone considering a job change or wanting to manage their career more effectively. No registration is required. This program is open to all and is presented in partnership with the Community Career Center. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 1:00 p.m.

Women of the Civil War presented by Jim Weren - Naperville Public Library Commemorates the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War Award-winning artist Jim Weren is here with his newest illustrated presentation Women of the Civil War. The women of the Civil War era did not command on the battlefield, hold the reins of power, nor do their names fill the pages of history books, yet their

participation in the conflict impacted its outcome and radically changed their lives and the future of women in America. In this presentation you will learn about more than 50 women of the era – women as soldiers, doctors, lawyers, freed slaves, nurses, spies and of course wives and mothers. This is an exciting, informative and profusely illustrated presentation designed for all audiences. This program is part of Naperville Public Library's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. No registration is required. This program is presented in partnership with Jim Weren. 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11

***Ruth By Lake And Prairie* by Author Katharine Kendzy Gingold** - Meet Naperville author Kate Gingold as she discusses her children's book *Ruth by Lake and Prairie*. This is the true story of the families that settled on the land that would become Naperville, Illinois. The story follows Ruth, Joseph Naper's niece, as she travels from her home in Ohio to her new home in Illinois. For eighteen months, Kate collected facts from sources all over the world via car, mail, and the Internet to learn more about life in 1831 America, Great Lakes sailing ships, and the families who made the journey. This presentation will walk through the research process, shows how to make a "story" out of history, and gives factual tidbits about our city. The book won an award from the Illinois State Historical Society in 2008. No registration is required. This program is presented in partnership with Kate Gingold. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 12

Rocking on the Road to Reading! – A Workshop for Parents and Caregivers - Come with us as we go "Rocking on the Road to Reading!" As parents and caregivers you provide your baby and toddler with their first books and reading experiences. Learn more about the six Early Literacy skills, sing some songs, hear new rhymes and discover fun things to do at home with your child. We will focus on three Early Literacy skills at each class, so by attending both classes you will learn about fun things to do for all six Early Literacy skills! This program is intended for parents and caregivers accompanied by children birth to age 5. Children attending the program must be supervised by an adult. No registration is required. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 13

Give Digital Audiobooks A Listen - Do you enjoy reading by listening? First, listeners enjoyed books on tape, next books on CD, and now downloadable eAudiobooks are coming into their prime. Naperville Public Library currently has over 7,000 eAudiobooks available from the OverDrive® digital audio library. Bring your MP3 player (including iPod®, iPad™, or iPhone®) and we'll show you the future of audiobooks – eAudiobooks. 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. 95th Street Library, Computer Classroom, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 6:00 p.m.

Check Out Digital eBooks - If you travel while reading, transporting your current reads can cause strained muscles! Interested in reducing that stack of books down to one item? If so, eBooks may be the perfect solution. If you have, or have been thinking about getting, a Barnes & Noble Nook™, Sony® Reader, or other device capable of displaying Adobe® ePub and PDF eBooks, Naperville Public Library and OverDrive® have books for you! Bring your eBook reader and we will help you join the world of eReading. (Amazon® Kindles cannot display OverDrive® eBooks without paying Amazon® a fee for file conversion. iPads cannot display OverDrive® eBooks at this time.) 95th Street Library, Computer Classroom, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 14

Finding Your Family History Online - Tracing your family's roots is easier than ever with the wealth of information that can be found online. Learn how to use the library's genealogy databases and find

out about some useful websites. Federal census records, obituaries and death records, passenger lists, and other important sources will be featured. This class is free. No registration is required. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 17

Remembering Marshall Field's with Author Leslie Goddard - For more than 150 years, Marshall Field and Co. reigned as Chicago's leading department store. This lavishly illustrated presentation traces the store's history from its beginnings as a dry goods store in 1852 into a world-class fashion and service trendsetter. Photographs, ads, postcards, and memorabilia trace the store's cherished traditions – the Walnut Room Christmas tree, the State Street store's legendary window displays and of course, Frango Mints. Trained as a historian, Leslie Goddard's presentation combines both her teaching and performing experience with her background as a researcher and historian. Her book, *Remembering Marshall Field's*, is slated for publication by Arcadia Publishing in April as part of their Images of America series and will be available after the presentation. No registration is required. This program is presented in partnership with Leslie Goddard. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24

Exam Cram - Who knew the Library would be a hot spot for finals week? We know that finals can be a drag, so let's try to make it a little more fun. Just for teens, the Library is opening up the Nichols Community Room for group study. We will have lots of big tables, Wi-Fi for your laptop, and reference help. Beverages, including coffee, and snacks will be available. No registration is required. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 4:00 p.m.

Host a Summer Exchange Student from Spain!

Share America International Exchange, a not-for-profit organization, is seeking host families for this summer!

- ▶ The high school aged students speak English and are fully insured.
- ▶ Students have their own spending money.
- ▶ Students have 2 field trips per week, and host families are welcome, but not required to attend
- ▶ Students *do not require a private bedroom.* You do not need to have a teen; families with young children and grandparents make great host families.
- ▶ In return, you will learn first hand about the Spanish ways of life, **make a lifelong friend!** And it's lots of fun!

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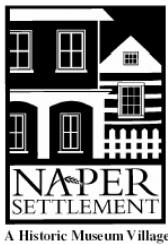
Dates Call Eileen Stephens at 630-664-6703

June 29th – July 27th

Or email: eileenmstephens@gmail.com

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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 that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For more information about hours and admission prices, visit www.napersettlement.museum or call (630) 420-6010.

Community Heritage Month

During May, Naper Settlement, along with its community partners, recognizes Community Heritage Month in Naperville. This is an opportunity to learn about the organizations, events and activities that contribute to our heritage. Watch for information on special programs, events and heritage-themed activities held throughout the month.

Weed Ladies Floral Designers open every weekend in May

The Weed Ladies Floral Designers will be open every weekend in May to celebrate Community Heritage Month. The Weed Ladies have been creating silk and dried floral designs since 1969. Visit them in their beautifully decorated workshop in the historic Daniels House at Naper Settlement. Sales from the arrangements support education programs and preservation at Naper Settlement. For information about custom arrangements and open hours, call (630) 305-5289.

Home Run Inn fundraiser

Hit a home run and support the Naperville Heritage Society/Naper Settlement during this fundraiser from 3 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, held in partnership with one of Chicagoland's legendary restaurants, Home Run Inn at 1280 W. Boughton Road in Bolingbrook. Print out the flyer available on Naper Settlement's website, www.napersettlement.museum, present it when paying for your order, and 20% of all proceeds will go directly to the Naperville Heritage Society/Naper Settlement. Either dine in or carry out. For more information, call Home Run Inn at (630) 679-9966.

Blacksmithing 101

Learn the art of blacksmithing with an introduction to safety, tools and the forge in this two-session class to be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturdays, May 7 and 14 in the Blacksmith Shop at Naper Settlement. Participants will learn hammer techniques while making an iron hook. For ages 18 to adult. Fee is \$150 for two sessions, which includes materials. Registration required, call (630) 420-6010.

Naperville Cemetery Walk

During the Naperville Cemetery Walk on Saturday, May 7, from 2 to 3:15 p.m., learn about 19th century mourning customs and superstitions from Naper Settlement's Museum Educators. Then take a walk through the Naperville Cemetery to take a glimpse back in time. Learn about some of the early settlers of Naperville, see their headstones and explore the different symbols and their meanings used in the creation of these unique artifacts and, in some cases, works of art. For ages teen to adult. (Some historical material may be too graphic for younger audiences.) The walk begins at the Naper Settlement Visitor Center. Tickets: \$10 per person; \$8 for Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining members.

Streaming History Walking Tour

This guided stroll of Naperville's Riverwalk begins at the site of Naperville's co-founder, John Naper's estate, and will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 8. Other points of interest include the site of the Naperville Ice Cream Factory, the site of Joseph Naper's Mill, and former quarry workers' homes. The tour ends at the Naperville Fire Department Memorial on Jefferson Avenue. All ages welcome.

The tour begins at the Naper Settlement visitor parking lot at the corner of Webster Street and Porter Avenue. Tickets are \$12 per person; \$10 for Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining members.

History Speaks Lecture Series: Nellie Bly, Daredevil Reporter

Lynn Rymarz portrays Nellie Bly, newspaper reporter, for whom nothing was too daring or impossible to scoop a story during this presentation of the History Speaks Lecture Series to be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 8 at Naper Settlement's Century Memorial Chapel. Hear about her life lessons and some of her stories, such as how she got herself arrested, danced as a chorus girl, rode an elephant and raced around the world. Advance tickets are \$5/Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining Members and students, \$6/non-member; at the door, tickets are \$7/adults, \$6/youth or student. Visit www.napersettlement.museum or call (630) 420-6010 for tickets.

Colonial Café fundraiser

During this Colonial Cares fundraiser to be held from 4:30 to 10 p.m. Thursday, May 12 at Colonial Café, 8 W. Gartner Road, Naperville, tell your server that you are supporting the Naperville Heritage Society/Naper Settlement. The receipt will be dropped into a box at the cash register and the Naperville Heritage Society will receive a portion of the sales. For more information, call Colonial Café at (630) 420-7722.

Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the Archives

Take a behind-the-scenes tour which begins at the Visitor Center of Naper Settlement's archives from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14. Learn how the museum curators care for and store archival items like newspapers, photographs, letters and books, and how you can help preserve the archival items you have in your home. In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, participants will have a rare opportunity to view Civil War era diaries, letters and photographs from the museum collection. For teens to adults. Tickets are \$10 per person; \$8 Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining members.

A Celebration of Craft Beer

Calling all beer enthusiasts – get a “hop” on American Craft Beer Week as Naper Settlement debuts the first in a series of “Liquid History” events. During “A Celebration of Craft Beer” from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 14, stroll the grounds munching appetizers and tasting craft beers from six exceptional breweries - Summit, Bells, BridgePort, Rogue, Samuel Smith and Lindemans. Guests will have the unique opportunity to learn about each specialty beer and the story of the breweries directly from the representatives; plus the history of Naperville's Stenger Brewery. Must be age 21 or over to attend. Advance reservations recommended. Limited tickets at the door. Advance tickets - \$40 per person; \$45 at the door; \$25 Designated Driver tickets. Call (630) 420-6010 for tickets.

Town & Gown Walking Tour

This walking tour of the campus and neighborhood surrounding North Central College will explore the history and architecture while highlighting buildings, instructors and alumni of the college as it celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. The tour will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 15 and begins on the west side of Old Main, North Central College, 30 N. Brainard St., Naperville. All ages welcome. Tickets are \$12 per person; \$10 Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining members.

Evolution of Fishing in America

Dan Basore has one of the largest collections of historic fishing tackle in the country, which explores the evolution of fishing spanning more than 5,000 years. Join Dan from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19 at Naper Settlement's Visitor Center. After the presentation, he will be available to evaluate and appraise fishing tackle brought in by participants. For all ages. Tickets are \$5 per person, free for Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining members. Registration recommended.

Civil War Days

Commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War during Civil War Days to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22 at Naper Settlement. The entire museum campus is transformed into a Civil War encampment where visitors can meet famous figures of the past and

experience firsthand a turbulent time period in our nation's history. Hundreds of re-enactors participate, staging a battle complete with cannons and infantry. Walk the grounds and talk to President Abraham Lincoln, famous generals and characters that bring the past to life. The battle begins at 2:30 p.m. both days. Admission is \$12 adults, \$11 seniors and \$8 youth (4-17). Naperville Heritage Society members and Season Pass Holders receive free admission. Discounted advance admission tickets are available at Naper Settlement, Anderson's Bookshop, Country Curtains, Just Ducky and Oswald's Pharmacy. For more information, visit www.napersettlement.museum or call (630) 420-6010.

Whole Foods Market 5% Day

Please shop from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 25 at Whole Foods Market Naperville, 2607 W. 75th St., Naperville, when 5% of all net sales between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. will be donated to the Naperville Heritage Society/Naper Settlement. For more information, call Whole Foods Market Naperville at (630) 579-7700.

Blue Star Museums

Naper Settlement is proud to participate in Blue Star Museums, an initiative of Blue Star Families, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and more than 900 museums in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. These museums are offering military families free admission this summer from Memorial Day, May 30 through Labor Day, Sept. 5. All active duty service members (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard), National Guard and Reserve, and up to five immediate family members, including spouse, child or sibling, can participate. Naper Settlement joins other local museums including the DuPage Children's Museum, the First Division Museum at Cantigny, the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art and the Morton Arboretum. For a full list of participating museums, visit: www.bluestarfam.org/drupal/participatingmuseums or www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

The NAHC is looking forward to seeing all of our members and other interested homeowners at our Annual Meeting on Saturday morning, May 21st. 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 June 1st
If you have something you would like to share with other Naperville Homeowners in a future newsletter or on our website, please send it along.
Thanks for reading our newsletter!***

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