



September 2006 Newsletter

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www.napervillehomeowners.org

In this issue we will talk about the NAHC Board's plans for the coming year, preview our September 16th General Membership meeting, and will bring you up-to-date on things happening around the City.

This newsletter is an information conduit to our Member Associations, providing information you can use when managing your associations and to help you keep your members informed. Moving forward, we'd like to use the newsletter to share information between associations and help all of us become better leaders in the community. Please provide your feedback to our External Communications Director, Bob Fischer, at rafischer1@aol.com

President's Letter from Chuck Schlabach

We are looking forward, as your President/ Board in 2006/2007, to be even more "PRO-ACTIVE" (after a great year of 2005/2006 accomplishments) with more involvement in City matters representing you - our member Homeowners Associations.

Our GOAL will be to "EXPAND and LISTEN".

We want to further our MISSION STATEMENT which says in part:

- To foster awareness of, and develop and maintain relationships with city, county, and other local government agencies.
- To build through a cooperative effort, a community dedicated to the enhancement of our property; and lastly,
- To support member associations with their organizational and program needs by fostering an interchange of ideas and information between individual homeowners associations.

Our MAIN OBJECTIVES for this term year are:

- To support and lead the expansion of Naperville's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program to include more Homeowners' Associations from all areas of the city
- To register our new NAHC By-Laws
- To improve attendance at our meetings with more HOA informative Agendas.
- To improve the NAHC awareness in the community with our Liaison Committees.
- To complete and publish the HOA Survey.
- To expand our timely communication with an updated website, Newsletter, & Phone Tree.
- To encourage more press, media coverage, and Open Forums with the City and HOA's.
- To improve our membership and develop more leaders for the future with more volunteers.
- To build even better relationships with all government & service agencies.
- To develop stronger contact with our member Homeowners Associations, and they with us.
- To establish more on-going education series and key topics for the new calendar year.
- To put together another top notch TRADE SHOW on 1-27-07 at the Holiday Inn Select.

We Pledge to Serve you Better. We want to Listen more so please tell us what your needs are so we can help you to become an even better association and us a better Confederation. See you each third Saturday of the month at 8AM at City Hall, Rooms A, B, and C (except Dec. and Jan.). Please complete your new Surveys, get your By-Laws updated if needed, and serve your homeowners well per your C&R's. We need your comments, suggestions and topics for our new year, so let's make sure we have a dialogue and active communication as we move forward.

Thank You.

Chuck Schlabach
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NAPERVILLE AREA HOMEOWNERS CONFEDERATION

General Membership Meeting September 16, 2006 Naperville City Municipal Center (Rooms A, B, C)

8:00AM – Networking, Coffee and Doughnuts

8:30AM - CCC-CERT (Org & Training) - Pete Smith, Emergency Prep. Mgr.,

8:45AM - Secretary's review of New Survey, Appl. & Dir – Kathy Benson

8:50AM - Treasurer's Update (Payments and Blue Sheet) – June Edlund

8:55AM - President's Message - Chuck Schlabach

9:00AM - Committee Chair Reports (Special Updates only) –

- * Newsletter and Website – Bob Fischer**
- * Liaison Committee Update-- Rick Strawbridge**
- * Trade Show & Conference (1-27-07) – J.Edlund/M. Straub**
- * Home Based Business Ordinance – Bob Fischer/Reilly/ Buckman**
- * Nichols Library and Parking Deck - Dan Bulley/Tom Harris**
- * PODS Regulations – Brief Open Forum**

9:30AM - October Crime Prevention Month – Mary Browning, Naper Police Dept

9:45AM - Curbside Appeal Program - John Rutkowski, Oper. Mgr TED

10:00AM - Naperville 175th VISION Event 10-14-06 – Pam Swafford, Chair

10:15AM - Smoke Free Naperville – Open Forum with both sides represented

**10:30AM - Adjournment (Thanks for your participation - See you next month!)
(Next meeting will be Joint City/NAHC on 10-21-06 at City Hall)**

Newsletter Advertising Opportunity

We receive many requests from businesses requesting information on individual associations so that the businesses can place advertising in Neighborhood Newsletters. As policy, we do not provide contact information on our member associations to outside parties (and this includes the City of Naperville). However, we are always happy to pass along advertising leads to our members to help offset the cost of newsletter distribution. Our most recent request came from the Invisible Fence Company. If you are interested in including their information in your newsletter, please contact:

Kristin Rogers
Retail Marketing Specialist
Invisible Fence Brand® & JGB Distributing Inc.
7948 Mayfield Rd.
Chesterland, OH 44026
(p) 440-729-1780 X126
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krogers@ifco-jgb.com

If you would like to be included on a list of Associations whose newsletters accept paid advertising, please let us know and we will add you to the list.

Confederation Calendar

Upcoming meetings for the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation, including Board of Directors and Trade Show Planning, are posted at www.napervillehomeowners.org under "Calendar" in the left hand navigation menu. If your Association or Organization is involved in something you'd like the rest of Naperville to know about, drop a note to Bob Fischer at rafischer1@aol.com and we'll include your information on the calendar too!

How are we doing????

The NAHC would like to hear how we are doing!

Member Associations should download our 2006-2007 membership survey, complete it, and return it to us! Your input will help us do a better job of planning our programming for the upcoming year.

You can find the survey on the next page of this newsletter or on the Confederation website (www.napervillehomeowners.org) under **News & Info**

Just go to News & Info, click on NAHC Information, select the 2006-2007 membership survey, complete your copy, and drop it in the mail to the Confederation. Also, if your Association has not paid their 2006-2007 dues, a check can be returned to us along with your completed survey. If your Association is not currently a Confederation member, the Membership Application (which also includes the survey) is also found under **News & Info/NAHC Information**.

Thanks for your help!!!

Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation (NAHC) 2006-2007 Survey and Membership Application

Please complete both sides

Please return this survey (and a check for your \$30 annual dues payment if you haven't paid yet) to:

NAHC, P.O. Box 5245, Naperville, IL 60567-5245

Your NAHC Board would like to identify ways to better serve Naperville's homeowners and the Homeowners Associations. We appreciate your membership and participation, and want to make sure that your highest expectations and needs are met. Please take a few minutes to tell us about your association and how we can further support you and your residents. Feedback will be used to fine tune NAHC's 2006/2007 programs.

Thank you for your time!

Date: _____

Association Name: _____

Association Address (P.O. Box): _____

How many NAHC meetings has your Association attended in the past year? _____

Please circle the appropriate response to the following questions:

Overall, how would you rate the value and quality of each of the activities provided by NAHC?

Newsletter: Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent

Trade Show: Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent

Monthly Meetings: Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent

What kinds of activities, speakers, topics, would you like NAHC to schedule during the monthly meetings?

Overall, how satisfied have you been with the services/activities provided by NAHC?

Very Dissatisfied Somewhat Dissatisfied Neutral Somewhat Satisfied Totally Satisfied

What suggestions do you have for the NAHC Board that, if implemented, would increase your satisfaction rate?

This Association is voluntary mandatory

Dues are \$ _____ monthly quarterly annually

What Type of Association is this? Single Family Duplex Town Home Condominium

Number of homes/units within your Association boundaries? _____

Number of homes/units that are *members* of your Association? _____

Does your Association have any of the following? Clubhouse Pool Tennis Courts

Is there a separate membership fee for the pool? Yes No N/A

Is the pool membership open to residents outside of your Association? Yes No N/A

Are there retention/detention ponds in your subdivision? Yes No

Who maintains any retention/detention ponds? Association Park District Other

Does your Association have a website? Yes No

If so, what is the internet address?

Would you like a link to your website from www.NapervilleHomeowners.org? Yes No

Name of Property Management Company _____ or
Self-Managed?

Name of Landscape Maintenance Company _____

Name of Insurance Carrier: _____

Contact Information:

Association President:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Alternate Contact 1:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Alternate Contact 2:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Alternate Contact 3:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

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What are PODS???

City staff is proposing revisions to Title 6 of the Zoning Code to provide fair and reasonable regulations on the storage of temporary storage facilities/containers and dumpsters. The moving and storage industry has evolved into a business that can now bring the storage to the customer. The success of these portable packing and storage businesses, such as Portable On Demand Storage units (PODS), has allowed residents who are moving, cleaning, or putting unneeded items away in storage, to do so at their own pace. Under the current regulations, customers can store said containers on their property for an indefinite period of time.

To address these issues, City Staff is in the process of:

- Drafting a definition for “Temporary Storage Container” or “Temporary Storage Facility”, if necessary
- Evaluating each zoning district and land use for appropriateness and relevance of proposed regulations
- Identifying an appropriate period of time that temporary storage containers/facilities (e.g. PODS) may be located on a lot and draft language accordingly
- Identifying any additional adverse impacts of temporary storage containers/facilities and develop fair and reasonable regulations

Join us at the September 16th General Membership Meeting as we work to develop a “sense of the NAHC” on these matters so that together we can provide input to City Staff, and, eventually, to the Plan Commission and City Council.

Segment of 248th Avenue to be Closed and Permanently Vacated on September 20th

On Wednesday, September 20, 248th Avenue, between 91st Street and 95th Street, will be permanently vacated and closed to through traffic. Existing traffic on 248th Avenue, between 91st Street and 95th Street, will be routed west to 250th Avenue (Wolf's Crossing Road). 248th Avenue south of 95th Street will remain unchanged.

The vacation of 248th Avenue is part of an annexation agreement associated with construction of Carillon Club, an age-restricted, active adult community on property bounded by 91st Street on the north, Heatherstone subdivision on the east, 95th Street on the south, and the EJ&E railroad tracks on the west.

The agreement had a provision to vacate 248th Avenue, from 91st Street to 95th Street, once 95th Street was constructed west of 248th Avenue; and once a new road, referred to as 250th Avenue (now known as Wolf's Crossing Road), was constructed between 91st Street and 95th Street. The current location of 248th Avenue north of 95th Street will serve as the future entrance to the Carillon Club development. Signage will be posted to direct drivers to the new alternate route. For more information on the closure and vacation of 248th Avenue, visit www.naperville.il.us. Residents and businesses in the affected area will receive written notification about the project.

Community Recreation Center Information Sessions

The Naperville Park District will be hosting several opportunities in the coming weeks where the public can view the conceptual drawings for the planned recreation center and learn additional details about the facility. Dates and places include:

Saturday, Sept. 9

Doggie Dip at Centennial Beach, 500 W. Jackson Avenue
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 12 - 95th Street Library
3015 Cedar Glade Dr, 9:00 a.m.-noon

Thursday, Sept. 14 - Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center's Community Hall
305 W. Jackson Avenue, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 20 - 95th Street Library
3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23 - 95th Street Library
3015 Cedar Glade Dr. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 4
Wonderful World of Wheels at Garden Plots on West St.
10:00 a.m.-noon

Saturday, October 7
Passport to Safety at Safety Town, 1350 Aurora Ave.
Noon-3:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 14
City's 175th birthday celebration event at Frontier Park off of Cedar Glade Rd.
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program

(Editor's note: During our 2006-2007 planning year, the NAHC Board has committed to help the Naperville CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program grow to cover all parts of the community. The following information from the City of Naperville is included in this month's newsletter as we feel it is of community wide interest and can also be adapted for inclusion in individual association newsletters and mailings.)

The City of Naperville will once again be offering residents the opportunity to take a more active role in emergency preparedness projects by participating in its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program. The four-day emergency preparedness course will be held on October 5, October 12, October 19, and October 28.

Designed to educate residents about what to do during various emergencies, the CERT Program offers basic disaster response training skills in fire safety, light search and rescue, first aid, disaster medical operations and team organization, among others. Once they have completed the 17-hour program, CERT members will be able to assist others in their neighborhoods or workplaces in cases of emergency when professional first responders aren't readily available.

"Using the skills they learn in the classroom and from hands-on exercises in the field, it is our hope

that CERT members will be able to take a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in the Naperville community," said Emergency Preparedness Manager Pete Smith.

The next series of CERT classes will be held from 7-10 p.m. on October 5, October 12, and October 19. The fourth class in the series will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, October 28. Residents must attend all four sessions to be certified. Participants must be 18 years of age and must either live or be employed in the City of Naperville. Applications are available on the city's Web site, www.naperville.il.us, and can be submitted to: Emergency Preparedness Manager Pete Smith, City of Naperville, 400 S. Eagle Street, P.O. Box 3020, Naperville, IL 60566. Limited space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, please contact Pete Smith by phone at (630) 420-6009 or via e-mail at smithp@naperville.il.us.

Watch for the October newsletter which will highlight our first joint meeting with the City of this program!!!!

***Bob Fischer
Director - NAHC***