



July 2007 Newsletter

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In this month's newsletter we will take a look at what's happening around town and provide an update on ongoing NAHC activities on behalf of Naperville Homeowners.

This newsletter is an information conduit to our Member Associations, providing information you can use when managing your associations and communicating with your members. Please provide your feedback to our External Communications Director, Bob Fischer, at rafischer1@aol.com

President's Letter from Chuck Schlabach

What are Homeowners Associations and why do we need them?

The Naperville area has over 140 Homeowners Associations (HOA). Associations come in two basic flavors, generally differentiated by the legal requirement to pay dues and assessments. Within Naperville there are both kinds of associations as well as areas with no association at all. Whatever the legal structure or status of the organization, all associations have the capability to create a sense of community amongst the residents of a neighborhood. Showing how this is a good thing, one of the strategies the City of Naperville uses to maintain and foster quality living experiences in neighborhoods is through interaction with Homeowners Associations!

The first and most common type of HOA is the mandatory association created by real estate developers at the time an area is subdivided and homes are built. Mandatory associations have covenants and restrictions associated with the deeds to the individual properties, membership and dues payments are required, and there is generally common property such as pools, tennis courts, ponds, or entryways owned, managed and maintained by the Association. These associations may also dictate community appearance standards and impose stricter restrictions on property use and appearance than required by the municipal code.

The second type is a voluntary association created by the residents of a neighborhood without the legal enablers of deed restrictions. These associations, where membership is optional, exist for a myriad of reasons including banding together to address specific issues of community concern; establishing an organized social infrastructure; addressing means to improve property values; and creating and maintaining common property such as entrance signs.

Homeowners Associations can range from a handful of residences to well over 1000. One thing that is unique to our community is how the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation ties all of these individual associations together. The NAHC, incorporated by the State of Illinois in March of 1979, works hard to:

- Foster awareness of, and develop and maintain relationships with city, county, and other local government agencies;
- Build, through cooperative efforts, a community dedicated to enhancement of our property; and
- Support member associations by fostering an interchange of ideas and information between and among individual homeowners associations.

For more information on the NAHC, visit our website at www.napervillehomeowners.org

Next month we will look at what you can do if your neighborhood does not have a homeowners association, if your association has become inactive, or if your HOA has newly elected Officers and Directors.

Chuck Schlabach

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NAHC Meetings: Your Forum!!!!

The NAHC is taking a summer break from our regular monthly meetings. Our next general meeting for all NAHC members will be held on Saturday, September 15th.

Even though we are taking the summer off from meetings, your NAHC remains busy. Our Liaison Committees continue to meet with local government groups and the Board is busy working on the details of the 2007-2008 program year. If you have any ideas or suggestions for information programs you would like to see at upcoming NAHC meetings, please let one of the Board members know.

Water Street Re-Development

City Staff as well as an active NAHC Liaison Committee have been looking at proposed redevelopment of portions of the Water Street area; running roughly from the DuPage River on the north to Aurora Avenue on the south, and stretching between Main and Webster Streets. This proposed development will include five story mixed use buildings (retail/commercial on the first, offices on the second, and condos/apartments on upper floors) on both sides of Water Street. A multi-level parking garage will also be constructed to meet the needs of the development.

Working on behalf of Naperville Homeowners, the NAHC met representatives of the developer and also has an ongoing dialogue with City Staff. While the NAHC has not established an official position on this proposed construction in downtown Naperville, we are concerned about a number of facets of this project.

One of our concerns is the height of the proposed buildings. In the Spring of 2006, at a General Membership workshop meeting, the NAHC determined that its members were not favorably disposed toward tall buildings in downtown Naperville and the potential "canyon" effect these could have on our vibrant downtown area. Subsequently, the NAHC Board issued a Public Position opposing buildings in the downtown area greater than three stories in height. During our candidate forums earlier this year questions were posed on building height and our city leaders would not endorse a firm cap on building height downtown, preferring to deal with projects on a case-by-case basis.

Other concerns we have is impact on the adjacent Riverwalk, the amount and flow of vehicular traffic the development will generate, and the overall density of the project. Beyond these concerns is the knowledge that there are still significant amounts of other re-developable property in this general area and the precedents established for one project can potentially carry forward to future projects. Positives from the development proposal include Riverwalk expansion, storm water detention, and upgrades to public utilities in the area. While some may question why homeowners would be concerned about downtown commercial development, as a Board we recognize that downtown Naperville is one of the economic and social engines that helps drive our property values and makes Naperville a unique place to live.

Currently a Public Hearing before the Plan Commission is scheduled for the Commission's July 25th meeting. The NAHC will continue to monitor this development and report to our members through our website and this newsletter.

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 7

Neighborhoods throughout Naperville are invited to take part in the City's 12th annual National Night Out. Join us and organize a block party, ice cream social or parade to promote spirit in your neighborhood. National Night Out is an annual City of Naperville sponsored event designed to heighten crime prevention and safety awareness, as well as strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships. Neighbors become better acquainted with each other because effective crime prevention involves the active participation of residents in cooperation with the police

department to reduce crime in their neighborhoods. Neighbors who know each other and look out for each other are one of the best crime prevention tools ever invented.

Hosting a National Night Out event is as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Plan an event with your homeowners association.
2. Ask your homeowners association president to register your event with Marita Manning by July 13, 2007, by calling (630) 420-6725.
3. Lock your doors, turn your lights on and go outside and meet your neighbors.

Registered events will be visited by various city departments or groups including:

- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association
- City Council
- Community Radio Watch
- Electric Department
- Fire Department
- Police Department
- Police Explorers
- Public Works

For more information on how your neighborhood association can become involved, contact Marita Manning, Crime Prevention Specialist, Naperville Police Department, at (630) 420-6725, or via email at manningm@naperville.il.us.

Naperville Commuters to get a Free Ride this Summer

City Offers Free Rides on Pace Buses to Encourage Public Transit

Who says you can't get a free ride in Naperville? Through August 31, rides from the City of Naperville's Park-n-Ride lots to the Route 59 train station will be free. In addition, rides aboard the Pace Metra Feeder bus routes will be free every Tuesday from June 19 through August 28.

Naperville's *Free Ride* program, fully funded by the City of Naperville, is a part of the city's overall effort to enhance and encourage the use of public transit city-wide. "The free ride program is just one more example of the city's commitment to enhancing its public transit system and encouraging ridership," said Carmen Carruthers, Transportation and Planning Operations Manager. "Not only is the program a thank you to our current riders, but we're confident that it will attract new riders."

The Free Ride program includes several components, including:

- **Ride Free from the Park-n-Ride Lots** - Complimentary rides Monday- Friday from the City of Naperville's Park-n-Ride lots to the Route 59 train station on Pace routes 673 and 675. The lots are located at the Community Christian Church near the intersection of Ogden Avenue and Ricker Drive at 1635 Emerson Lane and the Wheatland Salem Church at 95th Street and Book Road. Parking is free at these lots.
- **Transit Tuesdays in Naperville** - free rides will be available on Pace routes 676, 677, 678, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 781, and 783 every Tuesday for travel to and from the downtown Naperville Metra Station during the morning and evening rush hours.
- **Naperville Transit Team's Prize Patrol** - on Transit Tuesdays, the Naperville Transit Team will randomly ride Pace routes 530 and 714 around Naperville offering free rides to commuters as they board the bus. The Transit Team can be identified by their *Free Ride* t-shirts.

For more information on how to get a *Free Ride* in Naperville, visit

www.naperville.il.us/freeride.aspx.

Is Your Check in the Mail?

The Confederation has mailed 2007 dues invoices and questionnaires to our member associations. If your association did not receive these (we used "snail mail"), please let us know and we will get it out to you. In addition, we are asking everyone to take the time to fill out the questionnaires included with the dues invoice so that we can update and maintain our records and serve everyone better.

If your association is not currently an NAHC member, a membership application can be found on our website at www.napervillehomeowners.org by looking in the News and Info section under NAHC Documents.

Thank you for your support!



Naperville Park District Notes

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

Autumn Program Guide delivery: coming July 20

Naperville Park District Program Guides are delivered each season to our residents' doorsteps. Please watch for your copy. A .PDF version of the Program Guide also will be available on July 20 on our website at www.napervilleparks.org

If you do not receive one, please call 630-848-5000 to request a prompt redelivery. Autumn Program Guides also will be available for pick-up at Park District facilities, Naperville library branches, and the following MidAmerica Bank locations Monday, July 23 through Friday, August 17:

- 1001 S. Washington St. 630.637.4122
- 1308 S. Naper Blvd. 630.637.4152
- 3135 Book Rd. 630.637.4128
- 9 E. Ogden Ave. 630.637.3792

Children's Lunch-Hour Entertainment:

Pack a lunch and join in the fun on the Riverwalk near the Warming House on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons! Shows begin at noon and last approximately 35-45 minutes.

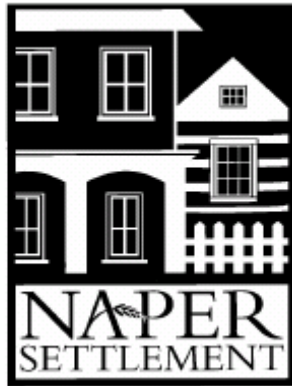
- July 10:** Chris Fascione – storytelling and juggling
- July 12:** Dan Lemonnier – storytelling and more
- July 17:** Little Nashville – musical performance
- July 19:** Dave Rudolph – "the Children's Comedian"

Darfler Realty's Concerts in Your Park:

Bring your folding chairs or a blanket and your family to the Riverwalk's Grand pavilion and join us Sunday evening, July 15th, for free musical entertainment from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. featuring Shirley King (Motown/Jazz) – the daughter of blues legend, B.B. King!

Rollin' on the River, a Naperville Park District event

95.9 The River is hosting Rollin' on the River, a live, summer-long music series running through August, that entertains Riverwalk patrons Wednesday and Friday evenings at the Free Speech Pavilion located at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Webster Street on the Riverwalk. Concerts will continue through Friday, **August 10**. All music starts at 7:00 p.m. and concludes between 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Call 630.848.5000 or visit www.napervilleparks.org for more information.



A Historic Museum Village

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Naperville Woman's Club Art Fair

The Naperville Woman's Club Art Fair is one of the longest continuously running art fairs in Illinois. See more than 100 artists at this 48th annual juried event held on the grounds of Naper Settlement. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 14-15. Admission is free.

Temperance Rally

Down with demon rum! Join the ladies of the Naperville Woman's Christian Temperance Union during a Temperance Rally as they describe the dangers of alcohol. The group will be gathering at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 21 and 22 on the steps of the Martin Mitchell Mansion. This activity is included with admission to Naper Settlement.

Naperville Summer Nights Concert

Pack a picnic dinner, relax under the open sky, mingle with your friends and enjoy great music from rock band Rocco DeLuca and The Burden during the Naperville Summer Nights concert from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Naper Settlement. Beer, wine, soft drinks and food will be available for purchase. No outside beverages are allowed. Tickets are \$20 at the door, \$15 in advance at Naper Settlement and on-line at www.napervillesummernights.com. Group discounts for 20 or more are available.

The past comes to life at Naper Settlement, the only outdoor history museum in Illinois accredited by the American Association of Museums. Located in the heart of downtown Naperville at 523 S. Webster St., Naper Settlement is open year round. For more information, call (630) 420-6010, the Event Hotline at (630) 305-5555 or visit www.napersettlement.museum.



DuPage Children's MUSEUM

...where learning comes in to play™!

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★ **Call 630-637-8000 TO REGISTER:**
Pre-registration and pre-payment required.
Please visit www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org
for a complete program schedule.

Art Escape: Visual Art with DCM Arts Specialist Marcia MacRae. Take an art escape to Japan: create block prints in the style of today's animation and try the art of gytaku—printing with fish!
Member / Child Partner \$15; Non-member / Child Partner \$20

Code	Title	Ages	Date	Times
HCA-507	Art Escape	5-7	July 7	10:00-11:30 a.m.
HCA-607	Art Escape	5-7	July 7	Noon-1:30 p.m.

Start in Art®: Get started with art and color basics; it's fun! The August session is an exciting introduction to our new exhibit, Wheel Works of Art, which will open at DCM on September 10th.
Member / Child Partner \$25; Non-member / Child Partner \$30

Code	Title	Ages	Dates	Times
SIA-1307	Hot Colors, Cool Art	2-3	July 11 & 18	9:30-10:15 a.m.
SIA-1407	Hot Colors, Cool Art	2-3	July 11 & 18	10:45-11:30 a.m.
SIA-1507	Roll Into Art	2-3	Aug. 1 & 8	9:30-10:15 a.m.
SIA-1607	Roll Into Art	2-3	Aug. 1 & 8	10:45-11:30 a.m.

Start in Science® Volume: Toddler scientists will measure and count with fun materials and active experiments to discover whether there is either less or more.
Member / Child Partner \$12; Non-member / Child Partner \$14

Code	Title	Ages	Date	Times
SIS-1107	Volume	2-3	July 25	9:45-10:15 a.m.
SIS-1207	Volume	2-3	July 25	10:45-11:15 a.m.

Wet 'n' Messy®: Create something amazing with your preschooler by pouring and mixing common ingredients! Call today to reserve your space—different activities each month!
Member / Child Partner \$35; Non-member / Child Partner \$40

Code	Title	Ages	Dates	Times
WNM-1107	Wet 'n' Messy	2-3	July 6, 13 & 20	9:45-10:15 a.m.
WNM-1207	Wet 'n' Messy	2-3	July 6, 13 & 20	10:45-11:15 a.m.
WNM-1307	Wet 'n' Messy	2-3	July 31, Aug. 7 & 14	9:45-10:15 a.m.
WNM-1407	Wet 'n' Messy	2-3	July 31, Aug. 7 & 14	10:45-11:15 a.m.

Hop 'n' Bop®: Hop to the beat and bop on your feet as you and your toddler discover rhythm, music and motion in this lively class.
Member / Child Partner \$12; Nonmember / Child Partner \$14

Code	Title	Ages	Date	Time
HNB-507	Hop 'n' Bop	15-24 mos.	Aug. 11	10:00-10:30 a.m.

My First Mess®: Come make a mess at the Museum, the perfect place to explore one- or two-step messy art and science!
Member / Child Partner \$35; Nonmember / Child Partner \$40

Code	Title	Ages	Dates	Times
MFN-707	My First Mess	15-24 mos.	July 10, 17 & 24	9:45-10:15 a.m.
MFN-807	My First Mess	15-24 mos.	July 10, 17 & 24	10:45-11:15 a.m.



Free with Museum Admission

Come discover the magic of live performance, in the Creativity Connections neighborhood, these Saturdays, 10:30 - NOON:

- July 14 Randy Erwin, cowboy music and storytelling
- July 28 Banjo Buddies Dixie Land Trio, music
- Aug. 11 Judy Bridges and Bridges Brass, trumpet and keyboard
- Aug. 25 DuPage Symphony Orchestra, ensemble



July 19 is Third Thursday at DuPage Children's MUSEUM:

Third Thursday is a special time (5-7 p.m.) each month for families with children who have autism spectrum disorders and visual or mobility impairments to enjoy play at the Museum. DCM is also open to the public at this time--everyone is welcome.

DCM is an award-winning location for learning, with exhibits and facilitation that offer ways to work on language development, social skills, and purposeful play. Photo Books are available to help visitors structure a visit; inquire at Visitor Services.

Come complete an art project in our Art Studio (visual systems available), visit the resource table...and much more! Take advantage of the Museum during this typically quieter time, and experience an outing the entire family can enjoy! For special concerns or other details, please call 630-637-8000 x4800.



Cancellation Policies for all DCM Classes: No portion of the enrollment fee will be refunded as of the day class begins. Registrants withdrawing one week prior to the beginning of class will be charged a 50% administrative fee. Registrants withdrawing prior to the week before classes begin will be charged a 25% administrative fee.

Be a good Neighbor

City of Naperville ordinances require that grass be cut so that it is no taller than 5" on the parkway and 8" on private property. Please be respectful of your neighbors and keep your lawns trimmed to the proper height. In addition, the Naperville Municipal Code contains several regulations that are aimed to ensure that sidewalks, and other public rights-of-way, are maintained in a manner to provide safe and unobstructed passage for pedestrians. Following are a few tips for keeping your sidewalks safe:

PARKING – Do not park a vehicle over a sidewalk. In addition, no part of a parked vehicle may extend over the sidewalk. Doing so makes pedestrians walk into the street to negotiate around the vehicle. This is especially difficult for persons with disabilities.

LAWN SPRINKLERS – Lawn sprinkler systems and heads are not be placed within four feet (4') of the back of the curb or within four feet (4') of the edge of the sidewalk. Furthermore, residents shall not be allowed to spray water directly onto any sidewalk, curb, gutter or street. Pedestrians should not be forced to alter their route to avoid water being directly sprayed onto the sidewalk.

OBSTRUCTIONS – It is unlawful for any person to cause, create or maintain any obstruction on any street, alley, sidewalk, parkway or any public way. Common obstructions include basketball hoops and deliveries of materials, such as dirt or mulch.

LANDSCAPING – Trees, bushes and other vegetation that interfere with free passage of a sidewalk shall be trimmed so as not to create an obstruction. Pedestrians should not be forced to alter their route or duck to avoid an obstruction.

SUMP PUMP DISCHARGES – Sump pumps shall not be directed as to flow over a sidewalk or into a street. Often times, slippery residue from sump discharges build up on the sidewalk creating a dangerous condition.

For more information on these or any other Code Enforcement issues, please contact the Code Team by phone at (630) 420-6693

For up-to-date information on upcoming meetings or

What is happening around town

Please check our website at:

www.napervillehomeowners.org

Watch for the next newsletter in August!!!!

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