



September 2007 Newsletter

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In this month's newsletter we will preview our upcoming **September 15th meeting at Naper Settlement** and take a look at what's happening around town. We'll also provide a preview of the meeting agendas for upcoming months.

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

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation was recognized at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, August 21st with a Commendation from Mayor Pradel. This acknowledgement of our efforts to help shape Illinois' new Video Franchising law was a strong reminder of the power that homeowners, when joined together, can have to help define public policy. I was proud to join members of our Board at the dais to accept this honor.

This Commendation also points to an evolution within the NAHC. We continue to expand our role as an advocate for homeowners. Through our Liaison Committees and Public Stands, the membership of the Confederation is making its voice known throughout the area at all levels of government.

While it is impossible to achieve a consensus of every individual homeowner, our Board, in conjunction with member Associations, works very hard to research topics and formulate opinions. This advocacy helps provide a coordinated voice to a constituency that otherwise may not have the resources to make its feelings and needs known.

We don't take positions on all issues. For issues without area wide ramifications, we feel it best not to become formally involved. In addition, Public Stands expressed by the Confederation Board, and those ratified by our membership, require a majority vote for approval. Some stands may be expressed in conjunction with another body. Examples include the collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce for last year's revisions to the Home Based Business ordinances and our work this year with the City on video franchising.

Moving forward we have several topics under consideration and study including the Water Street Redevelopment which will be discussed at our September 15th General Meeting. Further information on this is printed later in the newsletter. The Board welcomes input from our members as we task our Liaison Committees to become involved in matters that impact the quality of life for homeowners in the City and surrounding unincorporated areas. Upcoming meetings will address community wide concerns including schools, parks, and transportation. We recognize that not all areas have active homeowners associations and, through our advocacy, we hope to provide a voice to these residents and create the impetus for their neighborhoods to get organized and involved. To this end we are planning an NAHC Education Series to help homeowners form Associations and existing Officers and Directors develop even stronger ones.

Come to our meetings on the 3rd Saturday of the month to learn more. Please check our website at www.napervillehomeowners.org for more details and especially about our next meeting on Saturday, September 15th at Naper Settlement. We look forward to seeing a large turnout of involved homeowners!

Chuck Schlabach

President, Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation, Chuckschla@aol.com

NAHC Meetings: Your Forum!!!!

The NAHC is taking its meetings on the road. **Our September 15th meeting will be held in the lower level of Century Memorial Chapel at Naper Settlement.**

Come hear an overview of what Naperville's history museum may look like 25 years from now. Public feedback and input is needed on the museum's future direction and the stories it will tell about our town's heritage. Debbie Grinnell, Director of Preservation Services, and John Buckley, Director of Institutional Advancement, will present a slide show of Naper Settlement's potential future vision. Opportunities for presentation to individual homeowners' associations will also be available.

People are welcome to park in the lot off of Aurora Avenue between the Chapel and Pre-Emption House (just west of Webster and east of Eagle). Parking at the Municipal Center and walking across the street is also a good option.

Bill Novack from the City of Naperville will provide an update on the land use study of the Martin Mitchell Estate property (Knoch Park, Naperville Central, Naper Settlement, Naper Cemetery, Garden Plots, Gun Club, Scout Camp, etc.)

Our Zoning and Land Use Liaison Committee, chaired by Patricia Meyer, will present their report on the proposed Water Street redevelopment. Information from their report can be found elsewhere in this newsletter as well as on the Confederation website at www.napervillehomeowners.org.

As usual the meeting will start at 8 AM with coffee, donuts, and networking. The meeting will kick off at 8:30 sharp and conclude at 10:30 following our Open Forum.

Water Street Re-Development

NAHC's Zoning and Land Use Liaison Committee spent a great deal of time reviewing the proposed redevelopment of the Water Street area. Their full report (*available on the NAHC website under "News and Info – Water Street Re-Development"*) will be presented at the September 15th NAHC General meeting. While the NAHC Board has not taken a formal position on this proposed development, it may be appropriate for the membership to direct it to do so at this meeting.

Excerpted below are portions of the report outlining the Committee's concerns regarding the project:

We are concerned that the proposed project is too much for the area. Re-evaluation of the multitude of uses and the possible reduction of those uses may be a better compliment to the community, and to the proposed development itself for the long term. While the height of all the structures is a concern, we are especially concerned about the height and bulk of the 2 buildings abutting the DuPage River. By reducing the height, and/or increasing the setback from the river, a less overpowering impact may be experienced on the Riverwalk, and from Downtown. This could enhance the "pedestrian-friendly" aspect and offer better accessibility at the same time.

The proposal maximizes land usage, while minimizing vital "real life" needs of the commercial and residential communities. The project design, in a precedent setting move, reduces the Right Of Way from 66ft to 57ft. The traffic lanes, sidewalk and width of parking on one side (north) of Water Street all would be reduced. The reduction of the Right Of Way and average clear width of the projects' sidewalks along with pedestrian accessibility make the pedestrian friendliness/accessibility minimal.

The issue of precedent remains a deep concern. Notwithstanding the best intentions of Plan Commission and the City Council, it cannot be overlooked that future developers of Downtown properties will contend that the Water Street project (if approved as proposed) will set a standard, guideline, or other form of precedent for all future Downtown re-development projects.

We look forward to the Committee's presentation and subsequent discussion and encourage all member associations to participate and advise the NAHC regarding the project.

Riders on Pace Route 714 to Receive Free Rides Beginning September 4

Riders of Pace Route 714 will get a *Free Ride* September 4-14, 2007. The free rides are sponsored by the COD Connector Team and made possible by a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning to DuPage County.



Pace Route 714, the Naperville – COD – Wheaton Connector, travels between Edward Hospital, the downtown Naperville Metra station, the College of DuPage and the Wheaton Metra station. During this promotion, riders will ride free to and from any destination along the route.

This program follows Naperville's successful *Free Ride* program, which ended August 31. According to ridership data from Pace, the city saw a ridership increase during the first two months of the program. There was an approximate 49 percent increase in ridership from the Naperville Park-n-Ride lots, and the Metra Feeder Routes saw an estimated 12 percent increase when compared to 2006.

Overall, the City of Naperville saw an approximate 18 percent increase in ridership for the months of June and July 2007 versus June and July 2006. Final data to determine the overall results of the program is due out in September.

For information on how to get a *Free Ride* on Pace Route 714, visit: www.naperville.il.us/freeride.aspx.

Invisible Dog Fences



The Naperville City Council, Plan Commission, and City Staff have put many hours into discussing potential regulation surrounding invisible dog fences. The issue seems to be that neighbors, delivery people and pedestrians may not be aware a pet is constrained by an invisible fence. Suggested solutions include barring animals from front, side or rear yards adjacent to the public way, posting warning/notification signs that an electric invisible fence is in place, restrictions on how close the fence can be placed to lot lines and the right of way, and prohibition of dogs running free on

property where no physical traditional fence is in place. While there have been comments, both pro and con, in this ongoing discussion, there is a concern whether the perceived need to regulate the use of these fences is due to several isolated incidents or really reflects a community wide problem and concern. (Please bear in mind...Naperville does have a Leash Law for Cats.)

City Council has asked that the NAHC ask its members for their thoughts on this topic. You can email your comments and thoughts to us at NAHC-Naperhomeowners@wowway.com. Thanks for your input and for throwing us a bone as we work to provide one more voice in this ongoing saga.

Protect Your Family from Mosquitoes

With the recent rain, mosquitoes can be a big problem. Remember to take the following precautions:

- When outdoors between dusk and dawn, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long sleeved shirt. Loose fitting, light colored clothing is best.
- Use mosquito repellent containing 25 percent to 35 percent DEET when outdoors, applied sparingly to skin or clothing, as indicated on the repellent label. Consult a physician before using repellents on young children.
- Check for and repair any tears in screens, including porches and patios.
- Eliminate stagnant water in birdbaths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires and any other receptacles where mosquitoes might breed.
- Be sure to keep roof gutters clear of debris, grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed around your home to eliminate mosquito hiding places.



2007-2008 NAHC Meeting Schedule

Below is the working draft of the NAHC meeting agenda for the upcoming year. Please mark your calendars now for these meetings which will be held on the third Saturday of each month through June. Comments on specific meetings can be directed to the Board member(s) chairing the meeting or to any other Officer or Director of the NAHC.

| Month/Chair | Topics | Notes – Meetings are third Saturday of the month unless noted |
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| September Tom Harris | Discussion on Martin Mitchell Estate Naper Settlement Report on Water St. | Status of intergovernmental discussions on estate properties Settlement's 25 year plan Liaison Committee report, which could culminate in member vote Location: Naper Settlement |
| October Patricia Meyer | City Planning Priorities | Review of master plan(s), CIP and 2008 strategic priorities. Include concept or virtual tour of developments Location: Municipal Center |
| November Mike Reilly | Park District NAHC Business | Park District capital plans, executive search, rec center status etc. NAHC 2008 Budget Location: Park District site. |
| December Bob Fischer | Traffic Forum | Intergovernmental panelists on traffic issues including prepared questions and open Q&A (City, Counties, State, Townships) Location: Council Chambers tba |
| January 2008 Kathy Benson Gary Vician | Districts 203 and 204 | Discuss issues confronting both districts, including local and state/federal financial issues. Potential to invite someone from State superintendent's office. Location: 204 site |
| February Rick Strawbridge | Library Update City General Meeting | Library planning and services Other topics to be determined based on what's hot Location: 95 th Street Library or tba |
| March Dr. Bob Buckman | State and Federal Government NAHC Business | State and Federal legislators on issues of importance at their level Establish Nominating Committee for 2008 elections Location: Municipal Center or Council Chambers Date: TBA –May change to eliminate conflict with St Patrick's Day Parade |
| April Marcia Straub | Community Resources | Various local agencies (service groups, townships) present information on services, i.e. senior assistance, troubled teens, domestic abuse, employment assistance, etc. Location: TBD |
| May Rick Strawbridge Mike Reilly | Annual Meeting Parental Responsibility | Election of officers, Reports, Panel of police, guidance counselor, States Attorney or judge, individual doing community service testimony as part of sentence Location: Municipal Center or Council Chambers |
| June ¹ Dr. Bob Buckman | Forest Preserve Districts General Meeting | Will and DuPage on planning and recreation Other topic to be scheduled Location: TBD ¹ City co-sponsored bus tour will be held on an alternate Saturday in June. |

Legislative Update – Condominiums



Four of the five bills affecting condominiums have been signed by the Governor. They are:

House Bill 0759 (H. Osterman) Creates the Condominium Advisory council to identify issues facing condo owners and others who have a financial interest in condos, study the Illinois Condominium Property Act and other related Acts and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by January 31, 2008. *Signed into law: Public Act 95-0129*

House Bill 1797 (H. Osterman) Provides as to a conversion condo that a tenant who vacated a unit in a building within 18 months of the real estate becoming a conversion condo and who did not receive a notice of intent to submit the real estate to the Act must be awarded damages of \$10,000 plus reasonable attorneys fee and costs. *Signed into law: Public Act 95-0221*

House Bill 1071: Sets standards for property managers. An individual must meet these requirements: (1) shall have attained the age of 21 and be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States; (2) shall not have been convicted of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud or other similar offense or offenses; (3) shall have a working knowledge of the fundamentals of community association management, including the Condominium Property Act, the Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, and any other laws pertaining to community association management; and (4) shall not have engaged in the following activities: failure to cooperate with any law enforcement agency in the investigation of a complaint; or failure to produce any document, book, or record in the possession or control of the community association manager after a request for production of that document, book, or record in the course of an investigation of a complaint. *Signed into law: Public Act 095-0318*

SB 1592: Extending utility rate relief to consumers. While this bill does not impact customers of City of Naperville Electric, it does impact residents and condominium associations in unincorporated areas served by Com Ed. SB 1592 puts into state statute a requirement that ComEd provide electric service to Unit Owners' Associations "for condominium properties not restricted to nonresidential uses at rates that do not exceed on average the rates offered to residential customers." Thus, any future change would be dependent on:

- 1) any change in the average rates offered to residential customers, and/or
- 2) any change in the statute itself.

This newly enacted law also reinstates any residential all-electric discount applicable to any Unit Owners' Association that received such a discount on December 31, 2006. The Governor has signed SB 1592 (Public Act 95-0481)

One other bill is awaiting gubernatorial action:

Senate Bill 0528: Amends the ICPA. Provides that where the Act addresses the minimum voting requirements for taking action by a condominium owner's association in which 30% or less of the condominium units possess 50% or more of the association votes, a unit for the purpose of voting on matters before the Association by virtue of the Act or in the condo instruments, shall not include a garage or a storage unit.

School District 203 Community Engagement Meetings and Tours

School District 203 is proceeding with the Community Engagement portion of its District Facilities Plan. The plan addresses several needs with several different options for handling:

- significant renovations at Naperville Central and Mill Street School;
- a new early childhood education center;



- traffic and life safety improvements at Naperville North, Washington Junior High, and Ranch View and Prairie elementary schools;
- and pool and locker room upgrades and installation of synthetic turf at Naperville North.

Options include scaling repairs/upgrades to maintain costs in the \$26 to \$46 million range (which could be done without a referendum), or the full task force recommendation which would require a referendum for costs in the \$100 million range. A third option, as yet unpriced, would be driven by the larger City-wide discussion on the use of the Martin-Mitchell estate properties.

During September there will be presentations to parents at school orientation sessions and to the community at large in sessions at individual schools as well as tours at Central and Mill Street. The community meeting and tour schedule is below. The NAHC encourages our members to understand the options being put forth for consideration. The School Board will use community feedback coupled with a community survey in its November decision-making process.

Community engagement sessions are planned to solicit taxpayers' views on the recommendations prior to November when the Board will make a decision on whether to go to referendum in February 2008. There is no forgone conclusion on the outcome of the process, so your input is very important.

We encourage everyone to sign up for the District's e-mail newsletter, Talk 203, at www.naperville203.org. Click on the Talk 203 graphic on the home page to learn more about this process and other District 203 events. To make sure you have an opportunity to learn about the facilities options in person, put these dates on your calendar now:

| Community Engagement Meetings (in date order) | | |
|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| Date | Time | Location |
| Wednesday, September 05, 2007 | 6:15 PM | Naperville Central |
| Thursday, September 06, 2007 | 7:00 PM | Highlands Elementary |
| Thursday, September 6, 2007 | 6:30 PM | Elmwood Elementary |
| Tuesday, September 11, 2007 | 6:00 PM | Meadow Glens Elementary |
| Tuesday, September 11, 2007 | 7:00 PM | Naper School |
| Wednesday, September 12, 2007 | 7:00 PM | Lincoln Junior High |
| Thursday, September 13, 2007 | 7:00 PM | Steeple Run Elementary |
| Thursday, September 13, 2007 | 7:00 PM | Riverwoods Elementary |
| Tuesday, September 18, 2007 | 7:00 PM | Ranch View Elementary |
| Wednesday, September 19, 2007 | 7:00 PM | Kennedy Junior High |
| Thursday, September 20, 2007 | 7:00 PM | Ellsworth Elementary |
| Monday, September 24, 2007 | 7:00 PM | Prairie Elementary |
| Wednesday, September 26, 2007 | 6:30 PM | Mill Street Elementary |
| Tuesday, August 21, 2007 | 7:00 PM | Naperville Central |
| Monday, August 27, 2007 | 7:00 PM | Naperville Central |
| Wednesday, August 29, 2007 | 10:00 AM | Naperville Central |
| Tuesday, September 04, 2007 | 7:00 PM | Naperville Central |
| Wednesday, September 05, 2007 | 9:15 AM | Mill Street Elementary |
| Wednesday, September 5, 2007 | 7:30 PM | Naperville Central |
| Thursday, September 6, 2007 | 7:45 PM | Elmwood Elementary ECC |
| Monday, September 10, 2007 | 7:00 PM | Naperville Central |
| Monday, September 10, 2007 | 7:00 PM | Mill Street Elementary |
| Wednesday, September 19, 2007 | 7:00 PM | Naperville Central |
| Tuesday, September 25, 2007 | 7:00 PM | Naperville Central |
| Wednesday, September 26, 2007 | 7:45 PM | Mill Street Elementary |



Naperville Park District Notes

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

Springbrook and Naperbrook Golf Course Renovations

During the fall of 2007, the Park District is planning several renovations at Springbrook and Naperbrook golf courses. Both clubhouses will be remodeled beginning in October of this year and ending in April 2008. Additionally, both courses will receive two on-course restrooms.

Other planned improvements include:

- Resurfacing of the Springbrook Golf Course parking lot
- An east extension will be added to the Springbrook driving range.
- A 19th hole will be built on the small driving range.
- Other holes on the Springbrook course will be closed on a rotating basis during the irrigation installation for this new hole.
- Springbrook's 9th and 10th holes will be enhanced with the addition of a small retention pond on the small east range/10th hole, a new bridge on the 9th hole, and the relocation of the existing 9th hole bridge to the 10th hole.
- At Naperbrook, work will be done to further develop the driving range

For more information regarding these planned improvements, visit www.springbrookgolfcourse.org or www.naperbrookgolfcourse.org.

WANTED: Fall Youth Soccer Referees!

The Park District is looking for dedicated and energetic adults and teens (14+) to referee Naperville Youth Soccer games. Enjoy excellent pay! Games are held on Saturdays for seven weeks from Sept. 8-Oct. 20. Soccer knowledge is preferred, but not necessary. Training is provided. Contact Referee Coordinator, Bob Trivett at, 848-3550 x 2121.

Sign-up now for fall hayrides for groups and families!

Round up your family or group and join in the fun of a harvest moon hayride at Seager or Knoch Knolls Park. Enjoy good company and the crisp fall air as you board the hay wagon and travel around the beautiful park setting. Warm up with hot chocolate and hot cider around a cozy fire! Participants are welcome to bring food and marshmallows to roast over the bonfire as well.

Our first hayrides for the season are scheduled for September 7, 8, and 9 at Knoch Knolls Park. Available times are going fast, so be sure and register today!

Hayrides run throughout the months of September and October. Call 848-5000 or visit www.napervilleparks.org to register your group or family and celebrate the beginning of fall fun! Additional information on hayrides and other fall programs can be found in the Autumn 2007 program guide or online.

Annual Doggie Dip event canceled

The Park District's annual Doggie Dip, scheduled for Saturday, September 8 has been canceled due to a mandate from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). In a letter received from the IDPH, the primary reason for canceling the event is due to water quality concerns allegedly posed by an event of this nature. The annual event has been held at Centennial Beach following the conclusion of the public swimming season for the past several years. The Park District intends to investigate any opportunities to bring the event back in the future.

Tails & Trails Adventure Race – Sat., September 29 - Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
Two-legged and four-legged racers will test their endurance on this fun 5K run along the cross-country path at DuPage River Sports Complex. Human runners also are welcome to run solo. Pre-register for this USTAF-certified race and save! For ages 18+. Fee: \$20/per person (advance); \$30/per person (onsite). Drinks and snacks will be served following the race. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in the non-pet and pet pairs.

Annual Wonderful World of Wheels coming Oct. 3!
Preschoolers, ages 5 and under, will love to see, touch, and climb aboard some big and exciting community vehicles at this FREE event! See a school bus, dump truck, street sweeper, cement mixer, and many more – and meet the community helpers who drive them. Parents, don't forget your camera! Event is at the Garden Plots parking lot located on West Street from 10:00 a.m.-noon.

Ogden Avenue Corridor Enhancement initiative

The preferred framework and land use concept plans for Ogden Avenue were presented at the August 14, 2007 Public Meeting. City Staff and the consulting team are now working to prepare the implementation chapter of the final plan, covering Ogden Avenue from the Lisle border to the intersection with Washington Street.

Successful implementation of the Ogden Avenue Corridor Enhancement Initiative will require both public and private investment and commitment. It is anticipated that the implementation chapter will be completed in mid-September. Once a draft is available, it will be posted to the project web page for review and comment. The complete plan, including implementation strategies, will be presented to the Transportation Advisory Board and Plan Commission in October 2007. Each of these meetings will include an opportunity for additional public input. Check the City web site at <http://www.naperville.il.us/ogdenstudy.aspx> for specific meeting dates and times.



DuPage Children's MUSEUM

...where learning comes in to play~!

September 2007



Call 630-637-8000 TO REGISTER!
Pre-registration and pre-payment required.
For a complete program schedule, please visit
www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org.

Books and Beyond: Hey 4-7 year-olds! We're bringing the classic *Tikki, Tikki, Tembo* to life with dramatic reading, cool lantern-making and more! You can work together to act it out, create some art and then share over a story-themed snack.
Member / Child Partner \$16; Nonmember / Child Partner \$20

| Code | Ages | Title | Date | Time |
|--------|------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| BB-307 | 4-7 | Books and Beyond | Sept. 15 | 10:00-11:00 a.m. |

Junior Books and Beyond: This is like a book group for 3-4 year-olds! We bring the classic tale *Swimmy* to life with a dramatic reading, moving like a fish, artistic interpretation and more! You can work together to act it out, create some art and take a Polaroid picture to bring home.
Member / Child Partner \$16; Nonmember / Child Partner \$20

| Code | Title | Ages | Date | Time |
|--------|------------------|------|----------|-----------------|
| BB-507 | Books and Beyond | 3-4 | Sept. 22 | 9:45-10:30 a.m. |

Start in Art®: The Art Studio is full of reading, writing, arithmetic (& science, too!) as young artists develop new skills. Little hands get ready to write while drawing and finger painting; and work with the math of science of size and balance, also through sculpting. We'll look at professional art in our new science-based exhibit *Wheel Works of Art* and challenge your children to think and express themselves in new ways. All classes include 3 parts (see below).
Member / Child Partner \$35; Nonmember / Child Partner \$40

| Code | Title | Ages | Dates | Times |
|----------|------------------------------|------|------------------|------------------|
| SIA-1707 | Creativity for Heads & Hands | 2-3 | Sept. 12, 19, 26 | 9:30-10:15 a.m. |
| SIA-1807 | Creativity for Heads & Hands | 2-3 | Sept. 12, 19, 26 | 10:45-11:30 a.m. |
| SIA-1907 | Art Rolls In | 2-3 | Oct. 3, 10, 17 | 9:30-10:15 a.m. |
| SIA-2007 | Art Rolls In | 2-3 | Oct. 3, 10, 17 | 10:45-11:30 a.m. |



Register now to hear well-known author Laura E. Berk, Ph.D. speak about *Awakening Children's Minds: How Parents and Teachers Can Make a Difference*. She'll bring her 30 years of experience and research to this special presentation and focus on how adult-child communication in shared activities can enhance children's psychological development. (1.5 CPDUs)
DCM Member \$15; Nonmember \$20

| Code | Title | Date | Time |
|----------|----------------------------|--------|-----------|
| JFG-1007 | Awakening Children's Minds | Oct. 3 | 7:00 p.m. |

Note: This program will be held in the Edward Hospital Education Center.

Start in Science® Up and Down: Explore how what goes up also comes down--sometimes! You and your toddler scientist will use air flow, parachutes and other fun materials.

Member / Child Partner \$19; Nonmember / Child Partner \$14

| Code | Title | Ages | Date | Times |
|----------|-------------|------|----------|------------------|
| SIS-1307 | Up and Down | 2-3 | Sept. 29 | 9:45-10:15 a.m. |
| SIS-1407 | Up and Down | 2-3 | Sept. 29 | 10:45-11:15 a.m. |

3rd Thursday at DCM is September 20

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.



Free with Museum Admission!

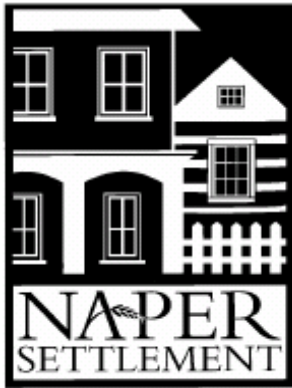
Come join us as we open our 20th Anniversary season! You'll discover the magic of live performance in these family performances from 10:30 - Noon, in Creativity Connections.

Saturday, October 6 - Hubbard Street 2, dance

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 who withdraw prior to the week before classes begin will be charged a 25% administrative fee.

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

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A Historic Museum Village

Have a Last Fling and then Go Back to School in September at Naper Settlement

523 S. Webster St.
Naperville, Illinois 60540-6517
P: 630.420.6010
F: 630.305.5255
W: napersettlement.museum

Last Fling Craft Show and Antique Auto Show

The Naperville Jaycees' Last Fling Craft Show will be held from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, and Sunday, Sept. 2. See the classic automobiles you've always dreamed of owning during the Last Fling Antique Auto Show that will be held from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2. **Free weekend admission.**

Back to School

Children can visit the one-room Copenhagen Schoolhouse to sign up for school using a steel-tipped pen and ink Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8 and 9. Afterward, they can participate in a first-person schoolhouse presentation that will be held Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. This special activity is included with admission. Admission is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors 62+ and \$5.50 youth ages 4-17.

Manners for Minors

Children ages 5-7 will learn modern manners with an old-fashioned twist during Manners for Minors to be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8. They'll learn proper table manners while eating a hot lunch, how to set the table, how to write thank you cards and greetings, as well as telephone manners and pet etiquette. Lunch is included and there will be some great take home reminders, too. The fee is \$45 per child. Call (630) 420-6010 for reservations.

Naperville Wine Festival

Wine tastings, food and wine seminars, displays from local vendors, cooking demonstrations and more are part of the Naperville Wine Festival that will be held from 4 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, and from 3 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15. For ticket information, visit www.napervillewinefestival.com.

Let's Make Cider

The apples are ripe and it's time to store them for the winter. On Saturday, Sept. 22, and Sunday, Sept. 23, see an old-fashioned cider press at work and collect recipes for apple cider and vinegar at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. These special activities are included with regular admission to Naper Settlement.

Harvest Pow Wow

Native American dancing and drumming, cultural demonstrations, children's crafts, special presentations and more will take place at the Harvest Pow Wow from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30. Admission is \$8 adults, \$5 seniors 62+ and children 6-12. For tickets, call (773) 585-1744 or visit www.midwestsoaring.org. Presented by the Midwest SOARRING Foundation.

Public Input Wanted on Downtown Parking Mitigation Plan

The City of Naperville is encouraging the public to provide input on the proposed mitigation plan for parking deck construction in the downtown. A public meeting will be held on Monday, September 10, 2007, 6-8 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, 8-10 a.m. On both days, the meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, located at 400 S. Eagle Street. For those who are unable to attend one of the two public meetings, the meeting materials along with an online survey will be available on the city's Web site, www.naperville.il.us, September 7-28.

The Parking Mitigation Plan is a proactive measure developed by the City of Naperville to help reduce the impacts of the new parking deck construction on residents, businesses and patrons visiting downtown Naperville. Since June 2007, city staff has been working closely with a stakeholder group comprised of representatives from the Downtown Naperville Alliance, the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation, the Westside Homeowners Association, the Nichols Library and the Naperville Park District to identify concerns, and develop and refine potential mitigation strategies.

This informational meeting is open to the public and all residents and business owners are encouraged to attend. Representatives from the City will be available at the public meeting to discuss the project and answer questions on an individual basis. For more information on the Downtown Parking Mitigation and Management Plan, visit www.naperville.il.us/parkingmitigation.aspx.

Family Preparedness

The City of Naperville and its community partners invite residents to join in the celebration of National Emergency Preparedness month. A kick-off event will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at the Shanower Memorial adjacent to the Naperville Municipal Center. The event will open to the public and refreshments will be served beginning at 5 p.m. A ceremony to officially kick-off Emergency Preparedness Month will begin at 5:30 p.m.



Disasters are very real and affect thousands of citizens each year. While Naperville has an excellent team of first responders, situations may arise that preclude their arrival for extended periods of time. "Being prepared for a disaster is more than just knowing what to do in case of a tornado or a fire," said Chief John Wu, interim emergency preparedness manager. "We encourage residents to be prepared with the necessary supplies, have a plan, and volunteer in case of any type of emergency."

At the Emergency Preparedness Month event, complimentary first aid kits will be available and information on how to create an emergency preparedness kit will be on display. In addition, residents will learn how to develop an emergency plan for their family, understand the City of Naperville's warning systems and evacuation routes, and learn who to contact for information in an emergency.

In addition, the Naperville Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) wants to train area residents in Family Preparedness. This training ensures that your family:

- Knows the risks that may affect our community
- Has a family disaster plan
- Practices your family disaster plan
- Has a 72 hour disaster supply kit

You are encouraged to allow the CERT team to make a formal presentation on Family Preparedness to members of your homeowners association. It all comes down to this ... you have a responsibility to protect yourself and your family by knowing what to do before, during and after a catastrophic event occurs.

Please contact Chuck Schlabach (chuckschla@aol.com) to arrange a time and date for a formal presentation. Don't wait until it's too late ... the clock is ticking.

2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Social Services Grant Programs

The City of Naperville is currently accepting applications for its 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Social Services Grant Programs. Interested agencies can complete an application online at www.naperville.il.us. Completed applications for Fiscal Year 2008 must be completed and submitted to Community Grants Coordinator Katie Wernberg by 5 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2007

About the Community Development Block Grant Program

Funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the CDBG Program provides eligible metropolitan cities and urban counties with annual grants to ensure decent and affordable housing for all, provides services to the most vulnerable in our communities, creates jobs and expands business opportunities. Approximately \$500,000 in CDBG funds will be available for allocation during the city's 2007 program year, which runs from April 1, 2007, to March 31, 2008.

Grant funds can be used to support activities that best serve the city's development priorities provided that the projects meet the national objective of benefiting low and moderate-income persons.

About the Social Services Grant Program

The City of Naperville's Social Services Grant Program provides eligible municipal and not-for-profit social service agencies with the opportunity to apply for grant funding to enhance social service activities throughout the city. Eligible organizations must provide services or benefits to the Naperville community, demonstrate a need for funding and demonstrate on-going fundraising efforts. A maximum of \$250,000 is available through this year's grant program.

For more information on the CDBG and Social Services Grant Programs, visit www.naperville.il.us.

***For up-to-date information on upcoming meetings or
What is happening around town***

Please check our website at: www.napervillehomeowners.org

We're looking forward to seeing you at Naper Settlement on Sept. 15th

Watch for the next newsletter in early October!!!!

***Bob Fischer
Newsletter Editor &
Director - NAHC***