



# November 2007 Newsletter

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In this month's newsletter we will preview our upcoming **November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting** and take a look at what's happening around town. This newsletter is an information conduit to our Member Associations, providing information you can use when managing your associations and communicating with your members. Feel free to share all or parts of this newsletter with your association membership. Please provide any feedback to our External Communications Director, Bob Fischer, at [rafischer1@aol.com](mailto:rafischer1@aol.com)

## **President's Letter from Chuck Schlabach**

Reading the headlines, whether in Naperville or other communities, might lead some to the belief that there are ongoing battles between local governments and homeowners. It seems like one group or another is concerned about how their neighborhood is being singled out through higher taxes, new developments, issues with schools, or bad neighbors.

Depending on the side of the street you live on (or whether the issue is truly in your backyard), feelings can range from empathy to anger. These "us against them" disputes divide communities, pit neighborhoods against each other, and create rifts between otherwise symbiotic groups like businesses and consumers, schools and parents, or taxpayers and governments.

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation, through our liaison committees, public stands, and regular meetings with area governmental bodies gets involved in many of these issues. Our goal, as stated in our mission, is to build, through a cooperative effort, a community dedicated to the enhancement of our property. To this end we approach issues respectfully and with fact based information from the perspective of the people who call Naperville home.

A year ago, together with the Chamber of Commerce, the Homeowners Confederation partnered with the City of Naperville to revise the ordinances governing home-based businesses. Working from the premise that business owners are also homeowners, we developed compromises and language that addressed the needs of businesses and neighbors alike. These have been successfully used to address some of the more egregious offenders of neighborhood sensibility while creating an environment where home businesses and the over 5,000 Naperville residents estimated to be working from home can thrive during an era of increasing fuel costs and public transportation uncertainty.

These partnerships are invaluable as they bring multiple viewpoints to the table, each focused on what is perceived as best for the community. Rather than being a case of right versus wrong, it is more often than not a case of recognizing and meeting the needs of multiple, often divergent constituencies through compromise and vision. Since the Confederation represents the Naperville **area**, we try to balance the needs of stakeholders including specific neighborhoods and the community at large. Objectivity is critical because it is not simply today's winners and losers, but often a question of the legacy we leave for future homeowners.

To learn more about the Confederation, join us on Saturday morning, November 17<sup>th</sup> as we meet with and focus on the Naperville Park District. The meeting will begin at 8 AM with coffee and donuts in rooms A, B, and C of Naperville's Municipal Center at 400 S. Eagle Street.

Also, please see our update on the next page regarding the proposed Water Street Re-Development. All residents are encouraged to let City Council know how they feel about this large project that has major implications for re-shaping Naperville's downtown!

*Chuck Schlabach*

*President, Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation, [Chuckschla@aol.com](mailto:Chuckschla@aol.com)*

## **NAHC Meetings: Your Forum!!!!**

The next general membership meeting for the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation will be held on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, in meeting rooms A, B, and C on the lower level of Naperville's Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, Illinois.

November's meeting will focus on the Naperville Park District. Topics we would like to address include the long range vision for the NPD, status of the Executive Director Search, and updates on the Recreation center planning, potential acquisition of Hobson Ponds, and the future of the Martin Mitchell property. We are also looking for insights into how the Park District fits into our property tax bills, both today and into the future. Once again we will conclude the meeting with our Open Forum where questions can be asked of our guests from the Park District as well as the Confederation Board.

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

## **Water Street Re-Development**

At its General membership meeting on October 20th, the membership of the NAHC unanimously approved the report and recommendations (as amended at the meeting) of the NAHC Zoning & Land Use Liaison Committee relating to the proposed Water Street development project as the Public Stand of the Confederation.

Specifically the resolution requested that:

- The height of all the buildings be reduced, with a special emphasis on those buildings adjacent to the River;
- The pedestrian and vehicular aspects of this project be further developed, with a focus on creating a "pedestrian friendly" environment and effective traffic management, retaining the full 66-foot right of way on Water Street; and
- In the absence of a demonstrated general consensus of Community opinion in favor of this project, as proposed, the NAHC should exercise its leadership role through a Public Stand and ask the City Council (and the developers) to reduce the height of the buildings, to retain the current width of Water Street, and to create sidewalk streetscapes of the kind developed or being developed on the north side of Downtown.



This is the existing Naper Township Building

Unfortunately, City Council, at their workshop on October 23rd, did not feel the same way as the NAHC membership and appears willing to let the tall buildings rise up along the river. With the final vote not scheduled until November, there is still an opportunity to convince Council that this intense development is not good for Naperville. Email the members of City Council at [council@naperville.il.us](mailto:council@naperville.il.us) and let them know how you feel!

The issues at hand are further illustrated in a [presentation](#) prepared by the Committee. While the Developer is currently modifying its plans, providing wider sidewalks, the buildings remain overly large and the amount of congestion and traffic with a 550 car parking garage will be significant.

The Committee report found merit in many features of the project, but because the Committee, as supported by the Confederation membership, believes these are out-weighed by the problems mentioned, the Confederation recommends the project be rejected as currently proposed.

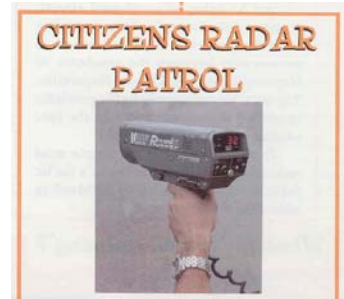
Beyond the five building (+ garage) development proposals submitted by Marquette Properties, a separate development submittal has been made for the land containing the existing animal hospital

property at the NW corner of Water and Main. This proposed three story structure is included in the "Artists Renderings" on the NAHC website along with the balance of the Water Street documents.

To learn more about the Water Street re-development project, the NAHC has posted a substantial amount of information on our website, [www.napervillehomeowners.org](http://www.napervillehomeowners.org). Besides the committee report, other information including detailed site plans, artists' renderings, shadow studies, and the developer's traffic study have been posted under "News and Info" on the left hand navigation menu. The Board appreciates the support of our members on the Committee Report and for approving our Stand on the proposed redevelopment.

## **Speed Guns**

The Confederation received a significant amount of local, regional, and national media attention recently when USA TODAY printed a story about how neighborhoods are using radar guns to track speeders and, working with the Police Department, notify the vehicle owner that the car was tracked speeding through the neighborhood. Here's a link to the original article: [www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2007-10-22-radar\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2007-10-22-radar_N.htm).



This article was followed up with several press, radio and TV interview requests that NAHC President Chuck Schlabach and Director Bob Fischer responded to on behalf of the Confederation, including an article in the SUN featuring Fontenaix Vice President Tom Kalish.

If your neighborhood is having problems with speeders, and would like to get involved with Naperville's Friendly Streets program, please contact Traffic Sergeant Lee Martin @630-305-5285 or visit the City website at [http://www.naperville.il.us/dynamic\\_content.aspx?id=297](http://www.naperville.il.us/dynamic_content.aspx?id=297).

## **Our Bus Routes are in Jeopardy!!!!**



Pace Bus is slated to cut the majority of its service in Naperville on Sunday, November 4, 2007, unless the transit agency receives additional funding from the RTA. This loss of service will severely impact all Naperville commuters including over 700 Pace riders who will be forced to compete for daily parking spaces at or near both Metra stations, placing even more burden on already crowded lots and neighborhood streets.

Proposed cuts include elimination of all Metra feeder routes in Naperville, as well as Pace Route 787/788 providing limited midday service to the Ogden Mall area and schools in the southeastern portion of Naperville. In addition, fares will increase for Pace local routes (Pace Route 530 intra-Naperville trips) and vanpools. Routes 714, 530 and 535 will be all that remain in the Naperville area.

The entire community is urged to contact the Governor and our local legislators and ask them to address transit funding. For additional information and updates on the proposed Pace cuts, visit [www.naperville.il.us/pacecuts.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/pacecuts.aspx) or <http://movingbeyondcongestion.org>.

In the event of a shutdown, the City of Naperville will implement contingency plans to help people get to the train stations. Naperville will reconfigure the area around Burlington Park at the downtown Naperville train station by re-striping and re-signing Ellsworth Street, Center Street, and 4th Avenue. This will provide 46 additional daily fee parking spaces and maximize space that had previously been used to stage feeder buses.

In addition, the city will add Kiss-and-Ride Facilities at the downtown Naperville station and encourage the use of the current location at the Route 59 train station. The Kiss-and-Ride locations include:

- Burlington Kiss-and-Ride: The current bus lane on the north side of the train tracks in the Burlington Lot will be re-signed as a kiss-and-ride area.
- Parkview Kiss-and-Ride: The existing lane that connects the Downtown Metra Station to the Parkview Lot will be designated as a one-way westbound road with a kiss-and-ride.
- DuPage Children's Museum Kiss-and-Ride: The kiss-and-ride area will be located in the back of the parking lot on the north side of the train tracks.
- Route 59 Metra Station: The Route 59 Metra Station currently has a kiss-and-ride area located on the north side of the station. No modifications have been identified as necessary.

The City also encourages commuters to use the three bus routes (530, 535, and 714) that will continue to serve Naperville, as well as carpooling and vanpooling. Routes 530 or 535 from the Fox Valley Mall park-and-ride access the Metra Train Stations. Route 530 takes commuters to the Downtown Station. Route 535 will take commuters to the Route 59 station. Both routes will pick up from the same park-and-ride lot, but Route 530 will have more capacity and will operate more frequently than Route 535. Commuters can find opportunities to carpool by visiting [www.sharetheride.org](http://www.sharetheride.org) and to use Pace vanpools by visiting [www.pacebus.com](http://www.pacebus.com). Please check the Confederation website, [www.napervillehomeowners.org](http://www.napervillehomeowners.org) for more information.

## **Keep Your Sidewalks Clear!**

With fall in full swing and winter approaching, residents are reminded to maintain the sidewalks in front of their property and keep them free of obstructions so your neighbors can walk safely. If you've got a fire hydrant adjacent to your property, do everyone a favor and keep it visible by clearing the snow from around it.

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:



**SNOW and/or ICE** – Snow and ice are considered to be obstructions. As such, property owners and/or residents are required to clear sidewalks adjacent to their property within forty-eight (48) hours after a snow/ice weather event. Sidewalks that are used by children to walk to and from school, or where children wait for their school bus, should be cleared immediately. Ref: Section 9-1H-2.

Please aim your snow blower discharge at the parkway or lawn, not into the street! Also, State law protects property owners from any added liability if they shovel their sidewalks, so don't use fear of potential liability as an excuse to not be a good neighbor.

**SUMP PUMP DISCHARGES** – Sump pumps shall not be directed as to flow over a sidewalk or into a street. Often times, slippery residue and ice from sump discharges build up on the sidewalk creating a dangerous condition. Ref: Section 9-1H-2

**PARKING** - It is unlawful to park a vehicle over a sidewalk. Furthermore, 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. Ref: Sections 11-2A-1 & 11-2A-11

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

## Naperville Development Update

On October 17, 2007 the monthly meeting between Naperville TED Staff and the NAHC Liaison Committee for Zoning and Land Use occurred. Confederation Associate Director Patricia Meyer represented the NAHC and Greg Jones, Anastasia Urban, and Nick Trujillo represented the City.

City Staff provided the following updates:

- **Chase Bank** planning for Springbrook Prairie Market (i.e. Chase is looking at sites approximately every 2 miles as their corporate goal)
- **Springwood (83<sup>rd</sup>/59)** looking to flip/flop 2 lots and increasing building and parking on lot 6. This is a commercial property near Aero Estates airfield. FAR governs. May be issues with FAA (Nick is lead Staff)
- **Cotswold Manor** – final plat approved possibility of November breaking ground. This was controversial previously but has been quiet (Nick is lead Staff)
- **Condo Regulations** – presentation was done at NAHC meeting on 10/20/07. November 21 will be on Council Agenda for approval. (Nick is lead Staff)
- **Toyota on Ogden** – planning a dealership (not mixed use townhomes as rumored). Property owner (Wolf) met with residents and residents seem to be happy.
- **Carillon Phase 3** is commencing – no problems anticipated
- **Frontenac Road** (industrial area) – warehouse is going up and parking is being expanded at 1175.
- **NCC** – just did 1<sup>st</sup> submittal of plans for residential dorms/recreational center (mixed use building) to be located next to existing parking garage. This is expected to be controversial – already receiving phone calls in opposition by neighbors. Still being reviewed by Staff and will most likely be asking for NCC to update their Master Plan (Anastasia is lead staff)
- **NaperMain** received approval at 10/16/07 Council meeting on plat. This was regarding the parking garage and to complete the file packet. Still fine tuning the parking garage. Garage will be the 1<sup>st</sup> to be built.



In addition to the updates provided by the city, the NAHC requested information on the following:

- **75<sup>th</sup> and Wehrli Study** Status – Staff will be conducting internally and has not formally begun
- **Treehouse at Ravines status** (hotel and residences) – in hands of council. Staff does not anticipate a resubmittal.
- **Springbrook Prairie status** – new retailers coming online and construction continues. Agenda item at 10/16/07 Council meeting was to correct technicality only.
- **Property on Naper/Plank** – since County property, details are unknown. Believed it will be mixed use. No annexation requested.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Study** – when asked of what next steps are based on Council's decision/direction last night – Staff not certain at this time and they are reviewing council's direction. (Anastasia is lead staff) Regarding the Omnia concept, NAHC asked to be kept on top of this. Staff has not been approached but is well aware it is out there. Direction by Council should bring more info.
- **Development in Southern Naperville** – other than typical residential subdivision construction and retailers coming online for the commercial strips (i.e. Naperville Crossings) relatively quiet

Additionally, the City has asked the NAHC to assist with the study for the new 75th Street Corridor Study now getting started. Interested HOA members should contact the confederation at [nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com](mailto:nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com) if they are interested in being part of this process.

## **CPR saves lives**

Each year 350,000 people die from heart disease. Most are sudden deaths caused by cardiac arrest experienced early in the morning in the victim's own home. If one of your family members or neighbors went into cardiac arrest would you recognize the signs and would you know what to do?

Signs and symptoms of a heart attack include:

- Chest pain – this may be a slight pain often confused with indigestion or a heavy crushing pain confused with an elephant sitting on your chest. This pain may radiate to the neck or arms, particularly to the left side. Women often have pain in their upper back in the area between the shoulder blades.
- Shortness of breath – not associated with activity
- Nausea
- Profuse sweating
- Dizziness



***Call 911 immediately. Response time will take approximately 8 to 12 minutes and death can occur in just six minutes. If CPR is begun within five minutes, the chance of survival doubles.***

To further increase a victim's chance of survival, CPR should be immediately followed by a shock to the heart with an automated external defibrillator (AED). Edward Hospital, with the City of Naperville, has worked to increase awareness of AEDs throughout the community. Many homeowners' associations have them in their pool area or clubhouse. Please make sure you know if your association has an accessible AED, where it is and how to use it. Visit the City web site and search for AEDs for more information on AEDs located within the city. <http://www.naperville.il.us>

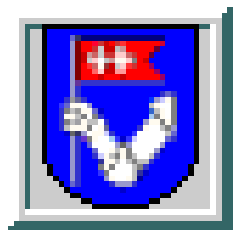
Be prepared so you will know what to do in case of an emergency in your home.

Edward Hospital offers many CPR classes and you can learn the basic skills to save a life in just three hours. For more information or to register for a class, call (630) 527-6363. Or visit their website at [www.edward.org/classes](http://www.edward.org/classes). For more information on classes that can be offered for groups of eight or more or to schedule someone to come and speak to your Association contact the Edward Hospital Training Center at (630) 527-3596.

## **Nitra Night**

On November 3, the City of Naperville Sister Cities Commission is hosting Nitra Night, a cultural evening celebrating Naperville's Sister City, Nitra, Slovakia. The event will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street. All Naperville Residents are invited to attend.

The celebration of Nitra, Slovakia will be an open house featuring musical performances, a photographic slide show and appetizers. The musical performances will include Slovak folklore ensemble, Veselica, the Young Naperville Singers, and Riku Proner, a fujara (shepherd's flute) player.



The date of the event is close to one of Slovakia's most important holidays, Struggle for Freedom and Democracy Day which is observed on November 17 in Slovakia. This date commemorates the 1939 student demonstration against Nazi occupation and the 1989 demonstration in Prague considered the beginning of the Velvet Revolution.

Admission is free so please plan to attend and celebrate the culture of Naperville's Sister City.

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## November 2007



**Call 630-637-8000 TO REGISTER!**  
Pre-registration and pre-payment required.  
For a **complete** program schedule, please visit  
[www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org).

**Visiting Artist Series--Drawing and Painting:** Teaching artist Joanna Bourque guides creation of artwork that curves and swirls as you blend new discoveries, building and sculpting with a wide variety of art materials. Add texture and discover new methods for mixing and applying paints. Adults may stay in the class, if desired, and must remain in the Museum during the class.



**NCC Chemistry Day at DCM is November 13**  
10:00 a.m. to Noon, young scientists can participate in demonstrations to discover and explore basic chemical science. No reservations required. Free for DCM Members or free with Museum admission!

Fee: Member / Child Partner \$35; Nonmember / Child Partner \$40

Code	Ages	Title	Dates	Times
HCA-707	5-7	Drawing & Painting	Nov. 3 & 10	10:00-11:30 a.m.
HCA-807	5-7	Drawing & Painting	Nov. 3 & 10	Noon-1:30 p.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, fish-like movements, artistic interpretation and more! You can work together to act it out, create some art and take a Polaroid picture to bring home.

**Free to Members or with Museum Admission:**

Come discover the magic of live performance in these family performances from 10:30 - Noon, in Creativity Connections:

Member / Child Partner \$16; Nonmember / Child Partner \$20

Code	Ages	Title	Date	Time
BB-607	3-4	Jr. Books and Beyond	Nov. 14	9:45-10:30 a.m.

- November 3** - Elsenpeter Marionettes, puppet shows
- November 17** - Kalapryia Indian Dancers, dance
- December 1** - Dayna Malow, country music

**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. We'll look at professional art in our new science-based interactive art exhibit *Wheel Works of Art* and challenge your children to think and express themselves in new ways. All classes include 3 parts (see below).

Fee: Member / Child Partner \$35; Nonmember / Child Partner \$40

Code	Ages	Title	Dates	Times
SIA-2307	9-3	The "Write" Stuff	Nov. 28, Dec. 5 & 12	9:30-10:15 a.m.
SIA-2407	9-3	The "Write" Stuff	Nov. 28, Dec. 5 & 12	10:45-11:30 a.m.

**3rd Thursday at DCM is November 15**

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

**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	Ages	Title	Date	Time
HNB-707	15-24 mos.	Hop 'n' Bop	Nov. 27	10:00-10:30 a.m.

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.

**Birthday Parties at DCM are Fun and Educational!**  
Create the ultimate birthday party experience...*where learning comes in to play!*™ at DuPage Children's Museum! Visit the DCM web site or call our party experts at 630-637-8000, ext. 0 to learn about new party options available starting this autumn.

**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 95% administrative fee.



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

## City Staff invites Neighbors to Discuss Edward Hospital Campus

City staff will host two public meetings to present and discuss the recently revised Health Services Zoning District regulations for the Edward Hospital campus. These regulations were last presented to the City Council at their October 16, 2007 meeting, where public testimony was taken and a number of inquiries regarding the regulations were raised. To provide a better understanding of the proposed Health Services zoning regulations and to accommodate busy schedules, city staff has scheduled informational meetings on the following days/times:



**Wednesday, November 14, 2007, 3 - 5 p.m.** - Meeting Rooms A, B & C, Naperville Municipal Center,

**Monday, November 19, 2007, 7 – 9 p.m.** - City Council Chambers, Naperville Municipal Center, 400 South Eagle Street, Naperville, Illinois 60540

Each meeting will be hosted and facilitated by City staff. All members of the public, as well as Edward Hospital, are invited and encouraged to attend one or both meetings to share their comments. Each meeting will begin with a staff presentation of the pending Health Services regulations and recent revisions, followed by a general discussion and question/answer period. The same format and presentation will be utilized at each meeting; although discussion may vary based upon those in attendance and the questions raised. Staff will prepare summary minutes of both meetings, which will be presented to the City Council in advance of their December 4, 2007 meeting.

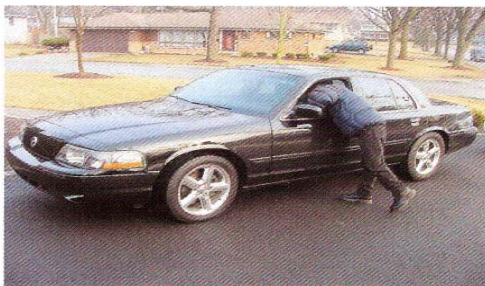
City Council will next consider the proposed regulations on December 4, 2007, at which time public testimony will again be taken. While Council will not take final action on the Health Services District regulations on December 4, they may provide direction to prepare final ordinances pertaining to the Health Services District regulations for consideration at a future meeting (likely in January 2007).

If you have any questions, please contact Allison Laff, Planning Services Team Leader at (630) 420-6107 or Greg Jones, Project Manager at (630) 305.4028

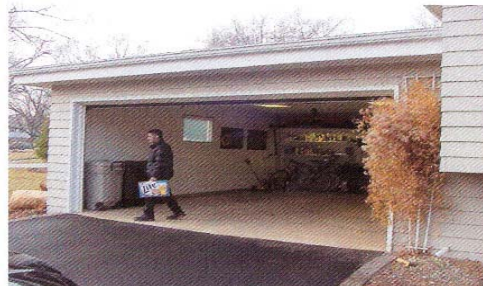
## Help Stop Crime in Naperville



The Confederation recently met with the Naperville Police Department regarding the disturbing trend of burglaries and thefts involving garages, vehicles, and residences. While many of these events have been traced to juveniles, these are felonies and can impact our safety and way of life. Bluntly and frankly, Naperville subdivisions are being targeted by criminals looking to make a quick score of alcohol, cash, or items such as cell phones, cameras, GPS' and IPod's that can be sold or easily fenced over eBay.



**"CAR HOPPING"  
IS BURGLARY TO A MOTOR VEHICLE**



**"GARAGE HOPPING"  
IS BURGLARY**



The Naperville Police Department's Community Education/Crime Prevention Unit reminds residents that criminals often take advantage of open garage doors, unsecured sliding glass doors, and open or unlocked doors and windows. CE/CPU reminds residents to consider the following:

- Close your overhead garage door unless it is within your immediate sight. It only takes a moment for a criminal to help themselves to your golf clubs, bicycles, alcohol and tools, OR to burglarize or steal your car or enter your unlocked home. *This is especially important if there are children in the house while you are outside.* The Community Radio Watch and the Patrol Beat officer report hundreds of open garage doors each month during the evening hours.
- Do not leave vehicles unattended with the doors unlocked, windows down, or the keys in them, *even in your garage or driveway.* Do not leave valuables, such as cell phones, I-Pods, GPS units, computers, purses, or money in plain view. Remember, if a criminal has access to the inside of your vehicle, he likely has access to your garage door opener and/or house keys.
- Make sure you have deadbolts on your front and back doors and on your service door between the garage and your home, and most importantly *use them!* If you have sliding glass doors, install a bar or other auxiliary lock to enhance security.
- Call 911 immediately to report ANY suspicious or unusual activity. Be prepared to provide vehicle (color, make, model, plate) and suspect (gender, race, and clothing) information.
- Remember that it only costs "a nickel a night" to leave your *front and back* outside lights on, all night, every night. Well-lit areas deter criminals from taking advantage of the cover of darkness.
- Establish a Neighborhood Watch program in your subdivision. There cannot be a law enforcement officer on every corner in Naperville, so citizen involvement is essential to combat crime.

Majority of thefts in Naperville result from unlocked or unsecured doors and windows, and these thefts occur during all hours, not just at night. For more information on crime prevention programs such as Neighborhood Watch or National Night Out, Community Radio Watch or for a *free* home security survey, contact the Community Education/Crime Prevention Unit at 630-305-5477.



## **Naperville Park District Notes**

For additional details, visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) or call 630-848-5000

### **Important Dates to Remember:**

Winter Program Guide delivery - Begins November 16

Spring 2008 Naperville Youth Soccer online registration – Wed., Nov. 28 at noon

Winter 2008 online program registration – Wed., Dec. 5 at noon

### **Santa House**

Take a magical trip to visit Santa right on the Naperville Riverwalk at Jackson Avenue and Webster Street where his little house will reside for the holidays. Music and holiday activities will enhance your visit. Admission is free. Photos can be purchased for \$10 each (cash or checks only, please).

**Nov. 30-Dec. 16**, Fridays: 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Saturdays & Sundays: Noon-6:00 p.m.  
**December 17-21**, Monday-Friday: 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
**Special Needs Day** at Santa House: Thursday, December 6  
**Pet Day** at Santa House: Thursday, December 13  
Reservations required for Dec. 6 & 13 only. Call 630-848-3571.

**Breakfast with Santa (registration in progress)**

Spend time with your family enjoying a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, and more while awaiting a visit from Santa Claus. Each registered child will receive a small gift. Don't forget a camera. Registration deadline is Dec. 5.

Times: 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. (Code: 62791) or 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Code: 62792)  
Fee: \$14/resident adult; \$21/nonresident adult; \$12/resident child; \$18/nonresident child

**Candy Cane Hunt (registration in progress)**

Join in the fun of a holiday hunt and special seasonal activities in this popular, annual parent/child event! We'll start by making a craft and enjoying refreshments inside the Barn. Later, we'll venture outside to Knoch Park where candy canes big and small will be hidden for the little ones. Prizes will be awarded to the children who find the largest ones. Participants must pre-register for this event no later than Dec. 12.

Times: 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (Code: 62793); 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Code: 62794)  
Fee: \$12/residents; \$18/nonresidents

**Winter Break Camps**

It's not too early to think about what your child will be doing over their winter break. The Park District has several camps to keep them entertained. Choose from: Holiday Baseball Camp, Holiday Bowling Camp, Holiday Basketball Camp, Holiday Football Camp, and Rock Climbing Winter Break Camp. Visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) for more details on these and other programs.

**Santa's Hotline (forms due Dec. 7)**

Would your child like to receive a special telephone call from Santa Claus? If so, please download the Santa's Hotline form at [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org). Completed forms must be received by the Park District by December 7. Santa will call on Wed., December 12 between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

**Ogden Avenue Corridor Update**

The Ogden Avenue Corridor Enhancement Initiative continues to move forward. Here are the next steps in the process:

**Wednesday, November 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.** - City Staff will present text amendments to Title 5 (Building Regulations) and Title 6 (Zoning Regulations) of the Naperville Municipal Code to the **Plan Commission**. The proposed text amendments seek to modify the location of off-street parking facilities and the interior parking lot landscaping requirement for shallow commercial parcels fronting Ogden Avenue. In accordance with the Draft *Ogden Avenue Corridor Enhancement Initiative*, the proposed text amendments address the specific redevelopment challenges associated with commercial parcels along Ogden Avenue, between Washington Street and Naper Boulevard.



The application is filed as PC Case #1700 and may be viewed in the Planning Services Team Department or the City Clerk's Office at the Municipal Center.

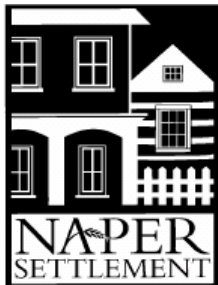
**Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.** - City Staff and the Consultant Team will seek a recommendation on the Draft Report from the **Plan Commission**. This is a follow-up to an initial

presentation of the Draft Report to the Plan Commission on October 17, 2007. During the October presentation, the Plan Commission was asked to specifically consider the land use and aesthetic recommendations included within the Draft Report. The application is filed as PC Case #1705 and may be viewed in the Planning Services Team Department or the City Clerk's Office.

**Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.** - City Staff and the Consulting Team will seek a recommendation on the Draft Report from the **Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)**. This is a follow-up to an initial presentation of the Draft Report to TAB on October 13, 2007. During the October presentation, TAB was asked to specifically consider the transportation and circulation recommendations included within the Draft Report.

City Staff anticipates the Draft Report will be presented to City Council in January, 2008. Details on the schedule for City Council will follow.

All meetings will be held in Council Chambers at the Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street. The public is welcome to attend and provide testimony. TAB, Plan Commission and City Council meetings are also broadcast on public access television. For further information on the project and to review the Draft Ogden Avenue Corridor Enhancement Initiative, please visit the project website at <http://www.naperville.il.us/ogdenstudy.aspx>



A Historic Museum Village

## **November Happenings at Naper Settlement**

523 South Webster Street  
Naperville, Illinois 60540  
(630) 420-6010  
(630) 305-5255-fax

<http://www.napersettlement.org>

### **Winter season begins November 1<sup>st</sup>**

Naper Settlement begins its winter season Nov. 1. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Admission is \$4.25 adults, \$3.75 seniors 62+ and \$3 youth 4-17. Admission includes Visitor Center exhibits, the Heritage Gallery and a self-guided village audio tour.

### **Floral design sale**

A Winter Floral Design Sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2 and 3 at Naper Settlement. Just in time for holiday shopping, the historic Daniels House will be bursting with an array of seasonal silk and dried floral arrangements created by the Weed Ladies of Naper Settlement, a volunteer group of floral designers and gardeners. Admission to the show is free.

### **Manners for Minors**

Children ages 8 to 12 will learn modern manners with an old-fashioned twist in this program from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. Among the skills that will be taught are appropriate greetings, table manners, phone manners and the proper way to write thank you cards. Lunch is included and there will be take-home reminders, too. The fee is \$50 per child. Call (630) 420-6010 for reservations.

### **Jane Addams**

During the History Speaks Lecture Series, learn about the lives, loves and times of historic figures of the past. From 7 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11, actress Annette Baldwin portrays the life of Jane Addams, a founder of the world-famous social settlement Hull-House on Chicago's Near West Side and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. The presentation will be held at Naper Settlement's Century Memorial Chapel, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Tickets are \$6 or \$5 for students and Sustaining Members of the Naperville Heritage Society. Call (630) 420-6010.

### **Webkinz® Day**

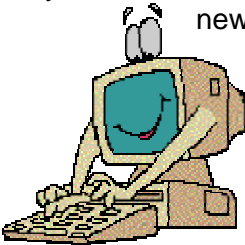
When school's out, Naper Settlement is in! Join us for Webkinz® Day from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21. From marbles to adopting a virtual pet, boys and girls in grades 1-5 will play with the hottest toys of yesterday and today. Your child will even take home their very own new Webkinz® toy. Bring a sack lunch and a drink. (Children are asked to please leave their toys and other Webkinz® at home.) Fee is \$45 per child and includes a Webkinz® animal to take home. Call (630) 420-6010 to reserve your spot.

### **Curator's Curiosities**

See some of the more unusual and interesting artifacts and documents found in Naper Settlement's museum collection in this exhibit, "Curator's Curiosities," that opens Nov. 30 and runs through June 29, 2008 in the Heritage Gallery at Naper Settlement's Pre-Emption House Visitor Center. *Included with admission.*

## **What's New on the NAHC Website?**

If you haven't been on the Confederation website lately, there are some new features! We've added a news feed from the [Naperville Sun](#); created a hotlink to the current week's Naperville City Notes; upgraded our Calendar to include more area events; and started an opinion poll where the Confederation asks for your feelings on hot topics around town. We continue to have our "NOTICE" page, highlighting topics of importance and concern and are expanding our "Links" to include more organizations and websites. Stop by [www.napervillehomeowners.org](http://www.napervillehomeowners.org) and let us know what you think!



## **Homeowner's Garden Tips for November**

*Contributed by The Growing Place nursery & flower farm, inc.*

After Fall color has faded, garden work is about readying for the quiet season.

Rake fallen leaves, shred with lawn mower and place around plants. Discard anything diseased. Plant spring bulbs until the ground freezes. Start bulbs in containers for inside forcing. Water landscape plants deeply, especially evergreens, before the ground freezes. After the ground is frozen, apply winter mulch to perennials and evergreens.

Cut perennials to the ground after a few hard freezes. Leave unusual seed heads and ornamental grasses for winter interest. Allow roses to harden off, then apply protection of loose soil or compost mix. Float a heater in the pond to prevent garden pools from freezing solid. Drain hoses; clean and store garden equipment. Come indoors and review seed and nursery catalogues for next year's plans.



## **Help Shape Naperville's 2008 Legislative Priorities**

Once again this year the NAHC will work together with the City of Naperville to ensure our voice is heard in Springfield on matters of importance to Naperville residents. If you are interested in helping with this grass roots lobbying effort, including identifying areas of focus, please contact the Confederation at [nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com](mailto:nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com).



Priorities carried over from 2007 include:

- Route 59 expansion funding
- Interoperable radio communication funding
- Police and Fire pension intervention
- Firefighter short-term disability benefit

Comments received before November 5th will be used to draft the proposed 2008 Legislative Priorities, which will be presented to the City Council at the November 20, 2007, City Council Meeting for consideration.

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

***Please check our website and calendar at  
[www.napervillehomeowners.org](http://www.napervillehomeowners.org)***

***We're looking forward to seeing you on November 17<sup>th</sup>***

***In rooms A, B, and C of the Municipal Center***

***Watch for the next newsletter in early December!!!!***

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