



## March 2008 Newsletter

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In this month's newsletter we will preview our upcoming **March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting which will focus on County, State, and federal legislation.** We'll also look at the numerous land use and planning studies on tap and provide information on the proposed acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad by the Canadian National and the ensuing increase in freight traffic that will impact our community. 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**

When we think about quality of life issues in Naperville and what we can do about them, we usually focus on City Hall, or maybe on the Township or County governments. Sometimes we consider reaching out to the State, but almost never do we consider addressing the Federal government on a Naperville centric issue. There is an issue at hand, though, that requires Homeowners across Naperville to reach out to their federally elected representatives and let them know that the residents (and voters) in Naperville do not want to be placed on the "wrong side of the tracks" by a railroad company looking to improve its operations and profitability at our expense.

The issue at hand is the planned acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad that runs along the western border of our City. For the most part the EJ&E has been unknown to most residents, recognizable to some only as the potential route of the proposed STAR Line inter-suburban passenger rail system. This is all about to change as the Canadian National Railroad is attempting to buy the EJ&E and triple (or more) the amount of freight train traffic along this route in order to improve its ability to move freight to other portions of the country.

This increase in freight train traffic will clog our local roads since most of the EJ&E crossings are at grade. This means drivers will get to sit at the crossing gates watching the trains go by instead of reaching their destinations in a timely manner. Students traveling to schools by bus, commuters, and others who have the misfortune of being in the wrong place when one of these freight trains comes rolling through will be impacted. It will also create added noise and pollution, increase the potential transport of hazardous materials through our back yards, and, in all probability, spell the end of the proposed Star Line as it is doubtful the existing right-of-way can accommodate both freight and commuter rail traffic.

The NAHC is mobilizing its resources to oppose this proposed sale. Since this acquisition must be approved by the Federal Government, we are reaching out to our US Representatives and Senators to make our feelings known. We are also targeting our State Legislators as their support of the Star Line is critical. All area homeowners should visit our website, [www.napervillehomeowners.org](http://www.napervillehomeowners.org), and download the sample letters to legislators, get the correct addresses from our website, and contact Washington and Springfield to voice our concerns. Please take the time to make your voice heard. This is a lose-lose for Naperville with the full impacts to be felt for many years to come.

**On a different note, the NAHC would like to invite all area homeowners to put on their green and march with us in Naperville's Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Bring a sign identifying your neighborhood and meet us at Naperville North at 9 AM on Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup>!**

Thank you for your support.

*Chuck Schlabach,*

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

## **NAHC March Meeting Focuses on Legislation**



Decisions are made daily in Washington, Springfield, Joliet, and Wheaton that impact Naperville Homeowners. Our Federal, State, and County governments are involved in many initiatives that directly affect our lives, property, and well-being. To gain some insight into these broader legislative agendas the NAHC has reached out to Federal, State and County representatives to join us at our March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held in the City Council Chambers of the Naperville Municipal Center and also broadcast live over the City television station, WCNC (Channel 6 – WOW, Channel 10 – Comcast).

Even though this is an election year, the agenda for the meeting is NON political. Each speaker will discuss the 2008 Legislative Session they are involved with and summarize their top three or four priorities for the audience. In attendance will be U.S. Congresswoman Judy Biggert, State Senator Randall Hultgren, State Representative James Meyer, and DuPage County Board Member James Healy. Mayor George Pradel, City Manager Pro Tem Bob Marshall, and Assistant City Manager Dan DiSanto will be on hand to discuss Naperville's legislative priorities. We have several other invitations outstanding, but these individuals have confirmed their attendance. This will be an effort to learn what's on tap, how it will impact each and all of us, and what, if anything, we can do to encourage outcomes beneficial to Naperville Homeowners. Our expectation is that subjects discussed will include taxes, mass transit, the proposed acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad, and other hot button topics.

The formal meeting will start sharply at 8:30 AM, but please come early for coffee, donuts, and the opportunity to meet, greet, and settle in. More details will be posted on the Confederation website at [www.napervillehomeowners.org](http://www.napervillehomeowners.org).

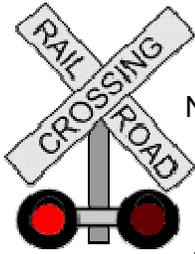
## **State Legislature Gets Involved in Condos for Lease**

There is a bill in the 95<sup>TH</sup> Illinois General Assembly, HB 5189, introduced by Rep. Sandra Phibos of Glen Ellyn that limits the ability of Condominium Associations to regulate leasing of units within their association.

Specifically the bill amends the Condominium Property Act and provides that nothing in the Act or the declarations, bylaws, and rules of a condominium unit owner's association shall prohibit unit owners from leasing up to 20% of the units, if they otherwise comply with the Act. It also provides that the powers and duties of the board of managers of a condominium association may not provide in the declaration, bylaws, rules, or other documents for a prohibition against unit owners leasing up to 20% of the total units, as long as there is compliance with the Act. It further amends the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986 and provides that a common interest community or homeowners' association, notwithstanding the declaration, covenants, bylaws, rules, regulations, or any other instrument, may not prohibit 20% of the total units from being used as rental property. It also defines homeowners' association and common interest community.

With the downturn in the Real Estate market it is understandable why there is both a need for and interest in leasing of units, but it may also be questioned as to why legislation is required to force associations to allow leasing, the desirability of a numerical minimum, and what further impacts this legislation may have on the other powers and abilities of associations to manage their environment. The bill has been assigned to the Judiciary I - Civil Law Committee of the Illinois House. Representative Joe Dunn of Naperville's 96<sup>th</sup> District is a member of this committee and a hearing is currently scheduled for the first week of March.

## **Help Keep Naperville on the Right Side of the Tracks**



The Board of Directors of the NAHC has sent letters to area elected representatives, including those at the Federal and State level, expressing its serious and substantial concerns regarding the proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railroad by the Canadian National Railroad (CN) and the ensuing threefold increase in freight train traffic.

“The enhanced use of the EJ&E line to haul more freight traffic will create many problems in our community while providing few, if any, direct economic benefits,” said Chuck Schlabach, President of the Confederation. “Area residents will pay the price for the enhanced profitability the CN hopes to gain from this transaction.”

The Confederation’s concerns center on three key topics:

- The traffic delays and safety concerns from a tripling of the train traffic across the multiple grade level crossings in our area
- The noise and potential impact on property values of increased rail traffic
- The potential loss of the ability to construct the proposed Star Line Commuter Rail system, removing the economic benefits and congestion relief available from this suburb-to-suburb transit system

“Through our research of this proposed acquisition we have found nothing that will directly benefit our residents,” Schlabach continued. “On the other hand, the negative impacts to our quality of life are substantial. We don’t want to see the CN placing Naperville on the wrong side of the tracks!”

By contacting elected officials the Confederation hopes that a brighter light will be shone on this proposed acquisition and that efforts will be made to address area residents’ needs and requirements. The Confederation is also organizing a letter writing campaign amongst its members so that they can directly contact their elected representatives. Further details on this campaign can be found on the Confederation website, [www.napervillehomeowners.org](http://www.napervillehomeowners.org).

## **City of Naperville Zoning & Land Use Studies**

In a recent meeting with City Staff regarding Zoning and Land Use, the NAHC expressed concerns about the number of studies proposed for the upcoming months and the potential impacts the recommendations from these efforts may have on neighboring homeowners. The NAHC concerns are outlined below, and City Staff noted our comments. Among the studies under consideration are:

- 75<sup>th</sup> Corridor Study (current)
- Attainable Housing Study (current)
- Commuter Parking Permit Fee Study (current)
- Caroline Martin-Mitchell Master Plan (current)
- North Downtown Study (current)
- Downtown Plan Update (soon – summer)
- Central Park Master Plan (soon – spring)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Study (soon – spring)



In addition, the following are Studies to be initiated in the near future:

- Mill-Bauer area
- Naper-Plank
- South Plank Road
- Chicago Avenue

- Tollway Corridor

Here is the scope/status of some of the studies:

- **5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Study:** City is in the procurement stage for marketing and traffic/parking consultants. NAHC inquired as to the need for a marketing consultant (residential/ retail) due to the stated focus of this Study. Additionally this data was collected and received from the original TOD study approximately 1 year ago. Given that a city-wide residential market analysis is currently underway (Attainable Housing Study), the NAHC inquired whether this is duplication of efforts. Explanation provided was that due to the status of the economy and the need for current data, by the time this Study is completed the TOD data will be outdated. However the TOD data will be used as a base. Staff anticipates a 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Study webpage on the City's website soon. NAHC also inquired whether the Commuter Parking Permit Fee Study (currently underway) is a part of this Study due to the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Study stated focus: "Focus on the train station and commuter population". Staff's response was it is entirely separate as the Commuter Fee Study specifically looks at fees, maintenance, security, and costs.
- **Caroline Martin-Mitchell Master Plan:** The School District 203 Referendum recently passed. The stated focus is: "improvements that can be coordinated and facilities that may be shared..." A public meeting was held on 2/26/08 at the Municipal Center. A recap of events to date will be presented, including the consultant's optional concept plans. Public feedback is requested.
- **Downtown Update Study:** The name of this Study is "Downtown Plan Technical Update". NAHC inquired as to the usage of "technical" as a descriptive word. This Study is anticipated to begin in June of 2008. Staff stated this amendment to the 2000 Downtown Plan will focus on specific items. Surveys, key stakeholder meetings, and public involvement are intended. DPIC (Downtown Plan Implementation Committee) will be in the forefront of this Update.
- **Central Park Master Plan:** This Plan is expected to begin in May/June '08. Public input process not yet determined although at least 1 public workshop anticipated. There will be an interactive webpage. NAHC inquired why this was a Plan and why it is not part of/covered by the Downtown Plan. Staff stated that the City owns the land (Park District leases); Downtown Update does not cover parks; and that this plan will be more specific and covers items such as programs, events, uses, etc. The DPIC (Downtown Plan Implementation Committee) will be leading this effort along with Staff.
- **75th Corridor Study:** This study is underway. Public meeting was held 2/21/08 at Meadow Glens School. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> public meeting (1<sup>st</sup> occurred 1/8/08). Meeting was to consist of an overview of the Study and review of the input received from stakeholder meetings, market analysis, and surveys. Preliminary Goals and Objectives were to be presented. There is a webpage with detailed info available on City's website. March 10, 2008 is the scheduled date of the next public meeting at the Municipal Center, 7pm. Staff may provide Revised Goals and Objectives at that time.
- **North Downtown Study:** This Study was not discussed during the meeting however Staff provided the FY08/09 Planning Team Work Program for North Downtown Study. Study area consists of parcels within north side of Benton, east side of Webster, south side of Douglas, both sides of Washington, along with all parcels abutting Washington from Benton north to the south side of Ogden (except 3 parcels – believed to be DuPage Children's Museum, Harris Bank, and the school). This Study is currently underway. DPIC (Downtown Plan Implementation Committee) is to serve in an advisory capacity. Public Input is as follows: public information meeting in June; open house meeting in October, public hearing before Plan Commission.

The NAHC is concerned that residents may be overwhelmed by the various inter-related studies and that combining certain related Studies may be of a benefit. These benefits include reducing the

possibility of duplication of services/costs for hired consultants for each of the studies. Examples of study groupings could include:

- Combining **5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Study** with the **Commuter Parking Fee Study** as both focus on the train station, parking and commuters. The Fee Study may directly relate to the discussions/outcome of the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Study. The Fee Study also provides input for the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Study in what commuters' desire and would be willing to consider financially assisting.
- Combining parts and/or sharing consultants/input of the **Downtown Plan, Central Park Plan, and the North Downtown Plan** – as all directly relate to the downtown environment.
- Currently a city-wide residential market analysis is underway for the Attainable Housing Study. The Confederation wonders if it would be beneficial to utilize that data and incorporate it into all of the current and proposed studies.

The NAHC plans to maintain continued diligence and serve as either a stakeholder or help to gather and inform neighboring residents of these studies and their potential impacts. Given the sheer volume of the studies under consideration, NAHC members interested in volunteering to assist the Zoning and Land Use Sub-Committee should contact Associate Director Patricia Meyer or any member of the NAHC Board.

## **Confederation Meetings – Your Chance to Learn More About Our Community**

Our April meeting, scheduled for Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>, in the Municipal Center meeting rooms A, B, and C will focus on the various social services available within our community to assist homeowners in need. There are a variety of services available municipally and through the townships and other organizations and we will have speakers address and explain some of these. There will also be information available to take home as a reference. Our educational seminar on Homeowner Association legal requirements and responsibilities will follow this meeting.

In May we will hold the Confederation Annual meeting on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> in the Municipal Center. In addition to electing Confederation Officers and Board members, an interesting program on parental legal responsibility is planned where we will look at some of the legal ramifications of things that can happen in your household.

For June we are working on a meeting featuring both DuPage and Will County Forest Preserves. We are also working with the City for a return of the popular homeowners Bus Tour on a “non-meeting” weekend.

The NAHC is committed to providing meeting topics that are valuable to our community. Please contact us if you have ideas for future meetings and keep checking our website for information updates on all future meetings.

## **Zoning & Land Use Update**

Patricia Meyer, Associate Director and chair of the Confederation Zoning and Land Use Liaison Sub-Committee met with Greg Jones of City Staff for our monthly update land use, and construction projects in Naperville. Here is development reports/status:

- Amcore Bank is in the planning process for an outlot location in Bradford Commons (75<sup>th</sup> & Rt 59 – COSCO side)



- Condo Regulations were approved by Council 2/19/08 as proposed in its totality. [There was discussion by Council as to the sprinkler systems] The regulations are effective immediately.
- Riverwalk Improvements: work is currently underway and is to be completed in May 2008. The lower walkway wall is being replaced and walkway widened to 5ft. "Overlook" and ADA ramp added to the east end. Veteran's Plaza being redesigned with current elements being moved/enhanced. Sidewalks and stairways will be improved (most commonly by widening).
- One Naperville Plaza (Naperville Road between I-88 and approximately Diehl Road): this project was before Plan Commission 2/20/08 and was continued to 4/2/08. This project includes the building of a parking garage and converting the south portion of the existing parking lot to commercial use ("strip center"). Residential neighbors have raised numerous concerns (traffic into neighborhood being among the priority concerns). Residential neighbors are unincorporated.
- PUD Text Amendment (Planned Unit Development): Staff is in process of "cleaning up"/updating this regulation. PUD originated in 1980 and amendments have been added since that time. Staff stated that the intent is to "clean up" and "streamline". The submittal requirements, aesthetics, etc will be addressed. The requirements for public notice are staying. NAHC commented as to the volume of developments coming in as PUD requests. Staff responded that PUD requests are common especially for "in-fill" parcels. Given these developments, the NAHC Zoning & Land Use Committee needs to continue to request "stakeholder" involvement in the PUD Text Amendment process in its earliest stages. As Naperville approaches buildout, both large parcels of land along with the increasing number of requests for in-fill parcels will be processed as a PUD: It is believed that PUD will become increasingly requested and directly relates to the zoning and land use issues.
- Naper Blvd road construction: NAHC inquired as to the construction schedule of Naper Blvd and its relation to the 75<sup>th</sup> & Washington roadway construction and the construction of the proposed Early Childhood Center by Sch. Dist. 203. The Naper Blvd improvements are to start in the Spring and are scheduled to be completed 2-3 months in advance of 75<sup>th</sup>/Washington beginning preliminary work. That preliminary work is not expected to highly impact traffic – the higher impact work will occur 3-4 months after completion of Naper Blvd.

## **Confederation 2008 Dues and Membership Survey**

With the New Year, the NAHC is collecting annual dues from our association members, In addition to your dues payment; the NAHC would also like feedback about how well we serve your association!

Member Associations can go to the NAHC website at [www.napervillehomeowners.org](http://www.napervillehomeowners.org) to download our 2008 membership survey, complete it, and return it to us! Your input will help us do a better job of planning our programs and understanding how we can best help our members.

Please return a 2008 Dues check for \$30 along with your completed survey.

If your Association is not currently a Confederation member, you can go to the website to download and complete the Membership Application (which also includes the survey) and send it to us along with your 2008 dues.

In the event your association overlooked their 2007 dues, we would appreciate receiving them as well. Dues are the primary form of income for the Confederation and support our activities including meetings, issue and candidate forums, and the "legal requirements" that need to be funded to stay in operation and serve our members.

***Thanks for your help!!!***

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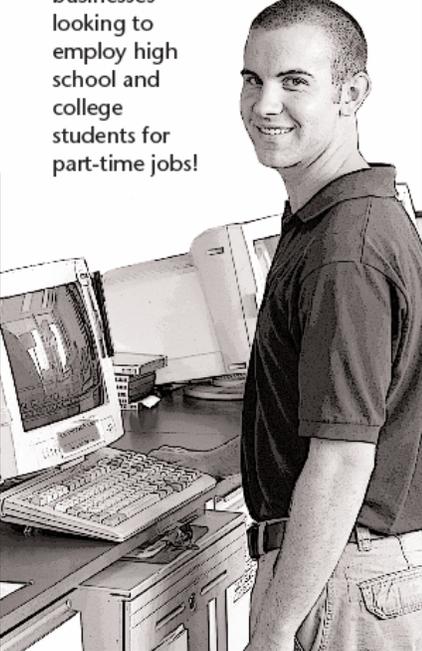
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## Use the Confederation Calendar



The Calendar on the Confederation website is your source for what is happening around Naperville. In addition to NAHC meetings and events, we also post municipal meetings and things of interest around town. During the month of December our calendar took over 3000 "hits" with many people using the "print" feature to download more information. To have your organization's event listed on the NAHC Website Calendar, send an email to the Confederation webmaster ([nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com](mailto:nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com)) and include the details of your event for inclusion on the calendar.

*Note: The NAHC reserves the right to edit or reject any notice submitted for the calendar*

## Campaign Signs

The Code Enforcement Team for the City of Naperville would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that Section 5-4-5:3 of the City of Naperville Municipal Code requires that all signs related to the February 5 election should have been removed within seven days of the election. As soon as possible, please remove all election-related signs from private property and properly dispose of them. Thank you for your assistance.



## **Realities of RADON and What Homeowners Should Do**

Radon is a radioactive gas which can cause cancer. One cannot see, smell, or taste radon, but it may be a problem in a home. It comes from the natural decay of uranium that is found in nearly all soils. It typically moves up through the ground to the air above and into the home through cracks and other holes in the foundation. Any home may have a Radon problem, including many in

Naperville. This includes new and old homes, well-sealed and drafty homes, and homes with or without basements.

Testing is inexpensive and easy – it should normally take only a few minutes. Millions of Americans have already tested their homes for radon. The amount of Radon in the air is measured in “picoCuries per liter of air” (pCi/L) or Working Levels (WL). There are many kinds of low-cost “do-it-yourself” Radon test kits one can get through the mail and in hardware stores or other retail outlets. Also, prior to closing on a home sale transaction the buyers or seller can hire a qualified contractor to do the testing. One may also contact our state Radon office about obtaining a list of qualified testers. For links and information, visit [www.epa.gov/radon/radontest.html](http://www.epa.gov/radon/radontest.html).

Many home buyers and renters should ask about Radon levels before they buy or rent a home since the Radon level could complicate the transaction. For more details, a resident can call the Illinois State Radon Office and request the pamphlet “Home Buyer’s and Seller’s Guide to Radon.” Information on how to contact the State Radon office is available at [www.epa.gov/iaq/wherelive.html](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/wherelive.html) (click on “Illinois”), the USEPA regional office, or by calling the EPA’s toll-free Indoor Air Quality Information Clearinghouse at (800) 438-4318.

Lowering high radon levels requires technical knowledge and special skills. A qualified contractor can study the Radon problem and help select the appropriate treatment method. There are several proven methods to reduce Radon in the home, the primary one being a vent pipe system and fan, which pulls Radon from beneath the house and vents it to the outside. This system, known as a soil suction Radon reduction, does not require major home changes. Sealing foundation cracks and other openings makes this kind of system more effective and cost-efficient. There are other systems available, but the right system depends on the home design and other factors. The State Radon office can also provide names of qualified or state-certified radon contractors for our area. As with any type of home repairs, it is a good idea to obtain references and more than one estimate.

## **Snow Removal from Residential Sidewalks**

With over 4 feet of snow so far this year, we are all getting tired of shoveling. Please keep your neighbors in mind, though and remember that Naperville Municipal Code contains regulations to ensure that sidewalks are maintained in a manner to provide safe and unobstructed passage for pedestrians. Snow and ice are considered to be obstructions. 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

## **Yard Waste Pick Up Resumes on March 17th**

If you’re like me, you have a bag in the corner of your garage filling up with twigs, leaves, and other garden debris from the long winter. If you’re within the City of Naperville, from March 17 through December 13, landscape waste in paper yard waste bags as well as bundled small branches will be picked up in the city’s weekly yard waste collection program. A yard waste sticker must be attached to each bag or bundle placed at the curb for collection. State law prohibits grass clippings, leaves, garden waste and branches from being placed in

landfills. Stickers may be purchased at Naperville hardware and grocery stores or at the Municipal Center in the Finance Department. Sticker color and price changes annually. **The 2008 stickers are bright pink and cost \$2.02 each. 2007 Stickers cannot be used in 2008.** Unused 2007 stickers can be brought to the City Finance Department for refund.



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**March 2008**

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[www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org).

### Just for Grown Ups®

#### Looking at Children with New Eyes

All behavior has meaning! Parents and teachers interpret the behavior of children in order to better plan activities for them, care for them and teach them. Understanding a child's ability to process sensory information can be very helpful when trying to interpret the meaning of childhood behavior. In this program, we will discuss the possible meaning of specific behaviors and how to help children who demonstrate them. Dr. Jennifer Rosinia is a Registered Occupational Therapist and Child Development Specialist with a growing national reputation. Call now to register! (1.5 CPDUs) More information about this and other Just for Grown Ups programs is available online, at [www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org/programs\\_JFG.html](http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org/programs_JFG.html). DCM Member \$15; Non-member \$20

**March 13 JFG-308 New Eyes 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

### try GREAT Performances™

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:

**March 8 - DuPage Symphony Orchestra, Music**  
**March 22 - Clarence Goodman, Strings**

#### Kaleidoscoping—Spring Into Math!

Have fun and explore the math of symmetry while making a simple, creative kaleidoscope! This class also includes additional information for you to extend the experience at home.

Member / Child Partner \$12; Non-member / Child Partner \$14

Date	Ages	Code	Title	Time
<b>Mar. 19</b>	4-5	SM-508	Kaleidoscoping	9:45-10:30 a.m.

#### School's out...what can you do for Spring Break?

Fun skill-building activities, all free with your Museum admission, 10:00 a.m. - Noon or 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Studio:

<b>March 3</b> - Wincincki Cut-Out Designs	<b>April 2</b> - Paper Mosaics
<b>March 29</b> - Wheel Painting	<b>April 3</b> - Wheel Painting
<b>March 30</b> - Dabbling Dough (1-3 only)	<b>April 4</b> - Make Your Own Puzzle
<b>March 31</b> - Bendable Wire Sculptures	<b>April 5</b> - Dabbling Dough
<b>April 1</b> - Crazy Spring Hats	<b>April 6</b> - Paper Mosaics (1-3 only)

#### Handfuls and Footlongs—Spring Into Math!

Join in the fun of taking some measurements of the world around us. It's all about measurement using standard units, and not-so-standard ones, too!

Member / Child Partner \$12; Non-member / Child Partner \$14

Date	Ages	Code	Title	Time
<b>Mar. 26</b>	3-5	SM-308	Handfuls & Footlongs	9:45-10:30 a.m.

#### Plan Ahead for Summer Mini-Camps!

**Save when you register your children early, by May 30!**

**Early Bird Cost:** \$80 Members / \$90 Non-members;  
**Cost after May 30:** \$90 Members / \$100 Non-members

**CARDBOARD CARPENTRY:** Measure twice, cut once! Work with real tools and learn some carpentry basics while creating a useable piece of furniture from super-thick cardboard!

**COOL CHEMICAL CONCOCTIONS:** Amaze yourself by making concoctions that change colors, bubble, fizz and ooze. Experience science as fun, learn new terms and see what it's like to be a chemist!

**ELECTRIC EXPLORERS:** Lights, buzzers and motors! Electrify summer in our amazing camp that explores circuits, electricity and magnetism. Learn what makes things work, then design and make your own project!

Dates	Ages	Code	Title	Times
<b>June 24, 25, 26</b>	7-10	SMC-108	Carpentry	9:00 a.m.-Noon
<b>July 15, 16, 17</b>	7-10	SMC-208	Chemical	9:00 a.m.-Noon
<b>July 22, 23, 24</b>	7-10	SMC-308	Electric	9:00 a.m.-Noon
<b>July 22, 23, 24</b>	7-10	SMC-408	Electric	1:30-4:30 p.m.

#### Makin' Munchies™:

Healthy eating can be fun! You and your child will whip up some spring-inspired treats and learn about healthy vegetarian cuisine. Includes ideas to help you support good nutrition, with recipes and recommended cookbooks for kids available.

Member / Child Partner \$14; Nonmember / Child Partner \$17

Date	Ages	Code	Title	Times
<b>Mar. 21</b>	2-4	MM-308	Makin' Munchies	9:45-10:15 a.m.
<b>Mar. 21</b>	2-4	MM-408	Makin' Munchies	10:45-11:15 a.m.

**NOTE: MARCH 10, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the NEW MATH CONNECTIONS EXHIBIT NEIGHBORHOOD opens on the upper level. Come discover the fun in math and be one of the first to try the new exhibits—it all adds up to fun!**

**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.

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

## Confederation Elections



At the Confederation's annual meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>, in accordance with our Bylaws we will elect a portion of the Confederation Board of Directors. Please consider this as notice of the upcoming election. Board members to be elected include Secretary, Treasurer, and two at-large directors. The incumbents, Kathy Benson, Marilyn Briscoe, Mike Reilly, and Marcia Straub, respectively, are all eligible for re-election, although not all are opting to run. In addition, any person who, at the time of the election, is a member of a homeowners association which is a Confederation member may seek and hold office on the Confederation Board of Directors; except that there shall be no more than one Confederation Officer or a total of two Confederation Board of Directors members from any one Confederation member.

A proposed slate of Nominees will be chosen by a nominating committee which will be established by the members of the Confederation at our March general membership meeting. Confederation Director Bob Fischer is currently the Chairman Pro Tem of this committee and would like to hear from members willing to serve on the nominating committee as well as those interested in running for any of the open positions. Note: individuals may also be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting.

The roles and responsibilities of the offices to be elected are as follows:

**Secretary:** shall keep the current minutes of all Confederation Board of Directors meetings; shall present a written report of the Confederation's previous year's activities at the Annual meeting; and shall be responsible for all correspondence relating to the business of the Confederation. The confederation Board of directors shall approve all material correspondence of the Confederation and the Confederation Board of Directors. The Secretary shall also keep current a list of Member associations and persons to contact, and shall maintain duplicate copies of the corporate records. The Secretary shall be responsible for all communications with Member associations or others as the President or the Board of Directors direct.

**Treasurer:** Shall collect and receive all monies and assessments and deposit them to the credit of the Confederation in a bank approved by the Confederation Board of Directors; shall render a statement of accounts to the Confederation Board of Directors and to the Confederation membership at regular meetings; shall issue receipts for assessments upon request; shall challenge the right to vote of any Confederation member not in good standing at the time of any vote by reason of being in arrears in its payments of assessments; shall present a financial report in writing at the Annual meeting; and shall keep a list of all Confederation members currently in good standing. The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing the annual budget to be approved by the members at the November meeting of each year. The Treasurer shall disburse funds that are included in the budget line items upon presentation of adequate documentation for such items.

**At-Large Board Members:** shall be the chairpersons of Ad Hoc Committees of the Confederation as formed at the Direction of the Confederation board of Directors. Four persons shall be elected At Large members of the Board of Directors. They shall be eligible to assume the terms and duties of Confederation officers, if such officers resign, refuse, become ineligible, or are otherwise not able to fulfill their terms. At-Large Board Members: shall be empowered to vote in all decisions of the confederation's Board of Directors. In the event any elected Director is not able to complete a term of office, the Board of directors may, by a majority vote of the Directors then serving, appoint an Associate Director to serve as a Director until the next annual election, and any individual so appointed shall be empowered to serve and perform their duties upon appointment.



## **Naperville Park District Upcoming Events**

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

If we missed you during our recent doorstep delivery, you may pick up a copy of our *Spring 2008 Program Guide* and our brand new *Summer Camps Guide* at any one of our facilities:

Administration Building, 320 W. Jackson Ave.  
Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, 305 W. Jackson Ave.  
Barn Recreation Center, 421 W. Martin Ave.  
South Maintenance Facility, 3415 Book Rd.

***Spring Program Guides and Summer Camps Guides*** are available at Naperville library branches:

Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd.

Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave.

Ninety-fifth Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr.

You also may pick up Guides at the following National City locations until Mar. 25:

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

If you prefer, you may access an electronic version (.pdf) of our *Spring 2008 Program Guide* and *Summer Camps Guide* by visiting [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org). Click on the *Spring 2008 Program Guide* or the *Summer Camps Guide* covers and you'll be able to scroll through the information.

### **Registration for Spring 2008 programs begins March 5**

RecEnroll online registration for Spring 2008 programs and summer camps will be available on Wednesday, **Mar. 5** at **noon**. Mailed in and dropped off registrations are processed simultaneously. Nonresident guests may register online beginning Wednesday, **Mar. 12** at 8:30 a.m.

### **Community Feedback Session: Open Space and Recreation Master Plan (OSRMP)**

Provide your feedback to us regarding the OSRMP on Thursday, **Mar. 13** from 6-7 p.m. at the City of Naperville's Municipal Center, Council Chambers Lobby, 400 S. Eagle Street. The purpose of this opportunity is to provide residents with a means to learn more about the document that outlines the District's short and long-term plans for utilizing open space and offering programs. Visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) to learn more about the OSRMP.

### **Wanted – Spring Soccer Referees**

The Naperville Park District Youth Soccer Program is recruiting new soccer referees for the Spring 2008 season. Come and share your enthusiasm for the game with youth players from grades K-12. The spring season will run for seven Saturdays from April 5-May 17. The Park District will provide all the training, equipment and support you need. Pay ranges are based on experience. We are hiring both youth (age 14 as of April 1, 2008) and adult referees. These positions offer excellent part-time employment opportunities for college students, at-home parents and retirees. If you are interested, please contact Bob Trivett, Referee Coordinator at 630-848-3550, ext. 2121.

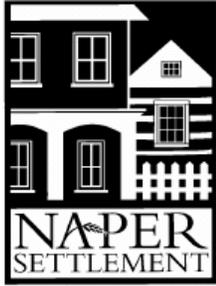
### **Wanted – Summer Girls Softball Umpires**

The Naperville Park District is recruiting new softball umpires for the Summer 2008 season. Share your enthusiasm for the game with youth players from 4<sup>th</sup> grade through high school and positively influence the youth of our community in an instructive manner. The summer season will run approximately from June 1-August 1. The Park District will provide all the training, equipment and support you need. Pay rates are based on experience. We are hiring both youth (age 14+ as of May 17, 2008) and adult umpires. These positions offer excellent part-time employment opportunities for

college students, adults and retirees. If you are interested, please contact Bob Trivett, Umpire Coordinator, at 630-848-3550, ext. 2121.

### **Wanted – Centennial Beach Lifeguards**

Spend your summer as part of Centennial Beach's elite lifeguarding staff earning \$8.00 an hour! Applicants must be strong, hard-working and motivated and at least 16 years old. No experience is necessary; in-house training will be provided beginning on April 28. Centennial Beach opens for the season Memorial Day weekend. Applications are currently being accepted. To learn more about this job opportunity, visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) and click on "careers".



A Historic Museum Village

## **Think Spring at Naper Settlement during March**

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

The snows of winter melt away and March breezes herald springtime. Celebrate the coming of the season at Naper Settlement with our annual event, Maple Sugaring Days March 8-9. During the evening of March 9, enjoy a first-person presentation of prolific inventor Thomas Edison. Don't forget to sign up the kids for the popular Webkinz® Day on March 31 and the fun-filled spring break activities in our School's Out day camp.

### **Maple Sugaring Days**

Warm days and cool nights signal the arrival of spring and maple sugaring season. Learn the time-honored method of collecting sap by hand and experience the aroma of boiling maple sap during Maple Sugaring Days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 8 and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 9. Sample the pleasing taste of maple syrup and take old-fashioned recipes home to enjoy. This is a memorable event the whole family will savor. Admission is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5.50 youth 4-17.

### **History Speaks Lecture Series: Thomas Edison**

Historian and actor R.J. Lindsey presents a fascinating look at inventor Thomas Edison during the History Speaks Lecture Series from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 9 in Naper Settlement's Century Memorial Chapel. This prolific inventor's discoveries paved the way for not only electric power, but also radio and electronics, motion pictures and sound recording. Admission is \$6 adults, \$5 students.

### **Webkinz® Day**

Boys and girls in grades 1 to 5 can join us for our popular Webkinz® Day from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, March 31. Come play at our place with the hottest toys of yesterday and today. The theme of this fun-filled day is "Horse Play" and will include a visit from Princess, a beautiful Arabian horse. Your child will learn about equestrian care and will discover how horses helped settle Illinois. They'll even take home their very own new Webkinz® toy! (Please do not bring toys or your Webkinz® from home.) The fee is \$45 per day per child and includes a snack. Bring a sack lunch and a drink. Call (630) 420-6010 to reserve your place.

### **School's Out Day Camp**

When school is out, Naper Settlement is in over spring break from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 1-4. Boys and girls in grades 1 to 5 are sure to enjoy participating in a variety of engaging enrichment activities at our fun day camp. Each day features new and challenging explorations. The fee is \$45 per child per day. Bring a sack lunch and a drink; a snack is provided. To reserve your spot, call (630) 420-6010.

Here's what's happening:

- Tuesday, April 1 explores Naper's Settlement through music, play and map challenges.
- Wednesday, April 2 is "Survivor Prairie: Part II" with an all new set of challenges that will transport you back in time to the 1800s.
- Thursday, April 3 is "Prairie Animals." Have fun learning about the birds, insects, reptiles and mammals that inhabit the prairie. A few of our critter friends will be making a personal appearance to visit with campers.
- Friday, April 4 is "Pioneer Apprentice" where kids can step back in time and imagine what it was like to work as a blacksmith, set type to print a newspaper, be a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse or welcome stagecoach travelers at the post office.

### **Sign up now for Camp Naper**

Wanted: fun-loving, adventure-seeking kids entering grades 1 to 6 for Naper Settlement's summer day camp – Camp Naper. The weekly day camps are held from June 16 through Aug. 8 at Naper Settlement. Featuring the all new "Treasure Hunters" and "Adventures in Time" camps, each day is jam-packed with activities, games and crafts. Sign up early for best availability.

***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 at our***

***Legislative Focus Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>***

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

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