



May 2008 Newsletter

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This month's newsletter previews our May 17th Annual Meeting which includes Officer and Director Elections. The meeting will also feature a presentation on homeowner legal responsibility, particularly as it relates to actions of children, guests, and family members followed by a seminar and open forum on legal responsibilities and obligations of HOA Boards and Officers. There's also a report on new projects planned in the area and on our Homeowner's Legal seminar. The NAHC newsletter is designed to provide 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 membership. Please provide any feedback to our External Communications Director, Bob Fischer, at rafischer1@aol.com

President's Letter

As homeowners, parents, and citizens of the community we all have legal responsibilities. To help identify these, the May 17th meeting will focus on legal topics. Our goal is to help educate and inform Naperville area residents to enable them to make better decisions.

The first part of the meeting will focus on parental responsibility. We will take a hard look at how the actions of children can impact their parents. Parental Responsibility laws and the potential consequences of what some may consider "victimless" actions can destroy lives, homes and families. Internet safety and fighting community crime through neighborhood awareness will also be addressed. This session is designed not just for homeowners associations, but for all concerned parents and residents and is an event to share with your friends and neighbors. We hope to have a large turnout of concerned and interested citizens.

Following a break, we will move on to a discussion of the legal aspects of having and managing a Homeowners Association. Whether your association is voluntary or mandatory, there are laws and legal requirements of which you need to be aware. As a Board member you may have fiduciary responsibility and liability and, as they say, ignorance of the law is not an excuse. We have asked local attorneys Jeffrey Knuckles and Gerry Cassiopi to join us with a presentation on applicable law and to provide answers to homeowners' questions.

If you have specific questions you would like our distinguished guests to address, please email the Confederation at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com. We are also planning a similar Association Legal Education Seminar as an evening session at the 95th Street Library on May 21st. Further details will be on our website, www.napervillehomeowners.org.

We will also be electing members of our Board at the May meeting. The nominating committee is pleased to announce that Kathy Benson, Mike Reilly, and Marcia Straub have agreed to run again for Secretary and the two open Director Positions. Dan Bulley has been nominated for the open position of Treasurer.

The NAHC fosters information exchanges between neighbors, whether they are homeowners, business owners, governments, or local agencies. Through Liaison Committees and community outreach we strive to serve as an advocate for residents and to enhance our property values. Join us at 8 AM on Saturday, May 17th in Meeting Rooms A, B and C of the Naperville Municipal Center to learn more about the NAHC and how we can help make a difference in your neighborhood!

Thank you for your support.

Chuck Schlabach,
President, Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation,
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NAHC May Meeting Focuses on Legal Issues for Residents and Associations

Either as individual homeowners or as officers and directors of homeowners associations we have legal responsibilities, obligations, and, in some cases liabilities. As elected representatives of our neighborhood associations our responsibilities can include ensuring timely filing of government documents, maintenance of common areas, and enforcing covenants and bylaws. As homeowners we can be held responsible for the actions of not only ourselves, but also our family members and guests. Our May meeting will be divided into three parts to address these legal concerns.

The first portion of the meeting will be the annual meeting of the NAHC. Here we will hear reports on the year that was, elect officers and board members, and provide input into the management and operation of the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation.



The second part of the meeting will cover homeowner's legal responsibilities and obligations. We are inviting guest speakers to address parental responsibility, and how civil and criminal legal actions can impact our families.

We will also look at protecting our households from crime. Following a break, we will conclude the meeting with a presentation from local attorneys Jeffrey Knuckles and Gerry Cassiopi on legal issues related to association management and the rights and obligations of association members. For this last session, if you have specific questions you would like to have addressed, please email the NAHC at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com and we will pass them on to our guest speakers in advance.

The meeting will start at 8:30 AM, but please come early for coffee, donuts, and the opportunity to meet, greet, and settle in. We are fortunate for this month's meeting to have the Care of Trees sponsoring our "coffee and." They will be available to discuss matters related to landscaping and tree care before the meeting and during the break prior to the Association Legal Seminar. More details will be posted on the Confederation website at www.napervillehomeowners.org.

National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 5th, neighborhoods throughout Naperville are invited to take part in the city's 13th annual National Night Out. Join us and organize a block party, ice cream social or parade to promote spirit in your neighborhood.

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

- * City Council
- * Police Department
- * Community Radio Watch
- * Electric Department
- * Fire Department
- * Police Explorers
- * Public Works



How your neighborhood can host a National Night Out event in just 3 easy steps:

1. Plan an event with your homeowners association. Decide on the event type, location and theme.
2. Ask your homeowners association president to register your event with Officer Cory Cullinan, by July 15th, by calling (630)420-8373.
3. Lock your doors, turn your lights on, go outside and meet your neighbors.

For more information or to register your event, please call (630)420-8373 by July 15th.

Zoning and Land Use Update

During the monthly meeting with City Staff the following were discussed:

The Municipal Lot is available for public parking in order to mitigate the current parking shortage in the downtown area. City employees are parking offsite to ease the parking situation. Standard parking restrictions apply.



Naperville Towne Center (f/k/a NaperMain) parking deck is in engineering for the exterior of the building.

North Central College Residential/Recreational Building is in Final Engineering review. Anticipated completion of the review is Fall.

Bill Jacobs BMW/Mini dealership on Fort Hill and Aurora was approved by Plan Commission and is going to Council for final approval.

Ponds of Hobson (townhome development) is in 2nd round of final engineering review. Builder is moving forward in the process and if there is no sale agreement, builder should be ready to proceed.

Edward Hospital is moving forward with the 3000 ft expansion of the Health and Fitness Center.

10 West (next door to Jimmy's) is to be demolished. Plans are for a 2 story bldg for Charles Schwab. Currently in 1st round of review for a resubdivision.

Commuter Fee Study: TAB recommended incremental increases in the commuter parking fees: Currently the quarterly payment of \$60 is proposed to be increased on 8/08 to \$90 and \$120 on 11/08. Council will decide on May 6.

Circulator Study (bus route(s)): Should have the Technical Memo available online in May

5th Avenue Study – Council provided new scope. Washington from Benton to Ogden is now included. Will be posted online and website updated as needed. Transportation/Parking Consultant is to be retained. A public meeting is anticipated this summer. The timeline previously provided for the study has been affected and the process is being reviewed. Email signup is available.

Central Park Study – the scope and the park district scope ok. A consultant is being retained. Public info/input later this summer with study completion anticipated in December.

75th Avenue Study – the Transportation, Open Space and Corridor Enhancement actions were discussed at the recent public meeting. Land Use will be the topic at the May 14 and June 5 public meetings. The May 14 meeting will focus on the Residential Market Analysis and the June 5 meeting will focus on the Land Use Actions.

The Downtown Technical Update has been postponed until approx 2009 however; the City is proceeding with the Update Cover photo contest. High school students are the target participants and the intention is to have the contest occur from June to December.

Ogden Avenue – in regards to site improvements and facades, a grant program is being proposed.

Attainable Housing Study – a letter to the representative sample will be sent in the upcoming weeks.

NAHC requested and received additional information regarding the following:

Noise Ordinance recently approved by Council: applies to properties in the Downtown zoned B-4 that have liquor licenses and to B-5 zoned properties which received special amplification permits. “Businesses will be permitted to play music at such a volume that it is audible up to a maximum of 300ft from the property. The ordinance amendments do not apply to residential properties (however those are subject to compliance with City performance standards).”

Aurora Avenue potholes – high priority item. Staff will present proposal to Council on May 6 and hopes to schedule work shortly thereafter. To save costs, the City is going to incorporate the installations of landscaped medians (originally planned for 2009) into the resurfacing project. This project will occur this year.

Aurora Avenue Construction project – scheduled to conclude May 10. Updates/changes will be displayed on message board in place on Aurora.

Letter Carriers’ Food Drive Helps Feed Hungry Area Residents



For the past 16 years, the second weekend in May has signaled more than just Mother’s Day. Mail carriers delivering mail simultaneously participate in the Letter Carriers’ Food Drive, which collects nonperishable food items from all residents on their routes. Naperville’s collection benefits Loaves and Fishes Community Pantry.

This year’s drive, scheduled for Saturday, May 10th, is the Pantry’s largest drive of the calendar year. In 2007, it received approximately 30,000 pounds of food collected in Naperville. That number, while impressive, is enough to last only two weeks at Loaves and Fishes, which provides groceries and personal care essentials to about 1,100 families per month and distributed 1,000,000 pounds of food last year. Government commodities given to area food banks to distribute are down approximately 30% from last year, making this year’s drive even more critical in light of the uncertain economic climate.

All nonperishable food is appreciated, with special needs for cereal, powdered canisters of infant formula, jarred baby food, and personal care essentials such as Depends, size small diapers, baby wipes, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products. The Pantry asks that donors check expiration dates since food past its sell by date must be discarded.

Plastics bags containing donations should be placed by mailboxes by 9 a.m. Saturday to ensure they are picked up when the mail is delivered. For more information, please call (630) 355-3663.

Thank You for A Great Meeting in April!



The joint meeting with the City on April 19th was interesting and comprehensive. We heard an update on the challenges associated with getting a capital funding bill through the State legislature; the status of the proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railroad, including the very unsatisfying meeting between the Mayor and Railroad management, and learned about filing building permits and scheduling inspections on line. There was a heads-up on Curb Appeal inspections and we received a greater understanding of the building inspection process.

We also learned about the many social services available to residents in need of assistance due to loss or lack of employment, transportation and/or illness or injury. If you or a neighbor is in need of assistance, don't let false pride prevent you from contacting Community Social worker Mary Voiland at voilandm@naperville.il.us or at 630-305-5330.

Our thanks go to the Mayor, Council Members, and City staffers who took the time to join with us, address our concerns, and help us learn and become more effective members of the community..

Support the University of Illinois Extension

A wide variety of classes and resources geared toward the homeowner are available through the University of Illinois Extension DuPage County office. Visit the Extension website to view the complete listing at www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage. The University of Illinois Extension DuPage County has something to offer everyone. They provide classes on retirement planning, nutrition and wellness, home gardening, youth development and a variety of other topics.



Unfortunately, as part of the budget games in Springfield, University of Illinois Extension has been told it will not receive the \$12.8 million in matching funds from the state. These state funds are for 2008. This dollar-for-dollar match makes up about 50% of every county Extension budget. For DuPage Extension, the match money is \$99,000. The extension has excellent programs and services and provides a valuable service to our community.

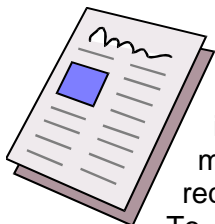
Without this money, the extension cannot continue current programs. What can you do to help? There are several fundraising opportunities:

1. **Flowers for Funds** is a great way to support DuPage County Extension by using the coupon that can be found on the extension website from one of the area's premier garden centers - The Planter's Palette in Winfield. Just print this coupon and shop between **May 5th and May 8th**. The Planter's Palette will donate 10% of your total sale to the DuPage office. (*You must present the coupon at time of purchase.*)
2. **SAVE THE 4-H FAIR!** To keep 4-H staff working until the county fair, \$10,000 is needed. Please support the 4H Foundation Garage Sale fundraiser at the DuPage County Fairgrounds on May 3,. DuPage County NEEDS 4-H! Please send donations to DuPage County 4-H Foundation, PO Box 5343, Wheaton 60189-5343.
3. Please call or write your state senator, representative and the governor:

For more information or details, visit the extension website at www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage or call 630-955-1123.

Newsletter Advertising?

Does your association newsletter accept paid advertising?



The Confederation periodically gets requests from companies wanting to reach our member associations. Since it is against Confederation policy to make member information publicly available, these requests generally are not passed through. To facilitate spreading the word to our

Do Kids Matter to you?

A neighborhood is more than a place where people live. A neighborhood should be an important community in which people of all ages feel welcome, cared for, and secure.

A CARING NEIGHBORHOOD is one of 40 proven Developmental Assets kids need to grow into healthy, responsible adults.

This month focus on the important role you can play -- as a neighbor -- in building Assets in Naperville's youth.

Learn the names of kids who live around you. Invite neighbors into your home. It takes a whole community to raise a healthy child.

Give all kids what they need to succeed. Place a high value on making your neighborhood kid-friendly.

The KidsMatter logo, featuring a stylized figure holding a stick or bat, with the text 'KidsMatter' next to it.

www.KidsMatter2us.org

members (and to help our member associations make a little money) we are putting together a list of newsletter contacts where advertising is accepted. In this way, when someone contacts us, we will pass the message along for your action (we still won't give out any contact information).

If you would like to be placed on this list, please send us an email at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com. Thanks!

Be a Friendly Neighbor by Keeping your Sidewalks Free of Obstructions

As the weather warms up, residents are taking to the neighborhood sidewalks. For both safety and appearance residents need to maintain the sidewalks in front of their property to keep them free of obstructions so your neighbors can walk safely.

The Naperville Municipal Code contains several regulations that are aimed to ensure that sidewalks, and other public rights-of-way, are maintained in a manner to provide safe and unobstructed passage for pedestrians. Following are a few tips for keeping your sidewalks safe:

PARKING – Do not park a vehicle over a sidewalk. In addition, no part of a parked vehicle may extend over the sidewalk. Doing so makes pedestrians walk into the street to negotiate around the vehicle.

This is especially difficult for persons with disabilities. Ref: Sections 11-2A-1 & 11-2A-11



LAWN SPRINKLERS – Lawn sprinkler systems and heads are not be placed within four feet (4') of the back of the curb or within four feet (4') of the edge of the sidewalk. Furthermore, residents shall not be allowed to spray water directly onto any sidewalk, curb, gutter or street. Pedestrians should not be forced to alter their route to avoid water being directly sprayed onto the sidewalk. Ref: Section 9-1A-11:1.6

OBSTRUCTIONS – It shall be unlawful for any person to cause, create or maintain any obstruction on any street, alley, sidewalk, parkway or any public way. Common obstructions include basketball hoops and deliveries of materials, such as dirt or mulch. Ref: Section 9-1A-11:2

LANDSCAPING – Trees, bushes and other vegetation that interfere with free passage of a sidewalk shall be trimmed so as not to create an obstruction. Pedestrians should not be forced to alter their route or duck to avoid an obstruction. Ref: Section 9-1H-2

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

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

Upcoming Confederation Meetings – Your Chance to Learn More About Our Community

Does the prospect of \$4 a gallon gasoline leave your budget in tatters. Our June 21st meeting will look at opportunities to vacation in the Naperville area. With information from the Forest Preserve and Park Districts as well as insights from other local attractions, we will present budget saving alternatives that save gas and help promote the local economy.

On June 14th we will be joining with City staff and hitting the road with a return of the popular homeowner's bus tour. This will be a reservations only event and further details will be forthcoming on

our website at www.napervillehomeowners.org. We're planning on stopping by the new Park District South Maintenance Facility and looking around at other projects planned for or underway city-wide.

The NAHC is committed to providing meeting topics that are valuable to our community and we are currently developing agendas for meetings in the Fall. Please contact us if you have speakers or ideas for future meetings and keep checking our website for information updates.

Is Your Check in the Mail?

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!

All member associations should have received a dues invoice and survey form. If your association did not, go to the NAHC website at www.napervillehomeowners.org to download the 2008 membership survey, complete it, and return it to us along with a 2008 Dues check for \$30! This is our only source of income and is critical to the ongoing operation of the Confederation. In addition, paying your dues is a prerequisite to voting at the Confederation annual meeting.



If your Association is not a Confederation member, 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.

Thanks for your help!!!

How Will Your Neighborhood's Curb Appeal Stack Up?

The City of Naperville's Curb Appeal Program is back and this year's focus will be the area south of Aurora Avenue to 75th Street, east of Route 59 to Washington Street, and south of 75th Street east of Plainfield-Naperville Road to both the eastern and southern boundaries of Naperville. The Code Enforcement Team plans to inspect 16,000 properties between April and October 2008.



The Curb Appeal Program establishes eight areas of basic life-safety and property maintenance components for the proactive inspection. Some of the inspection components include garbage being placed out on the curb early, illegal parking, inoperable vehicles, trash and debris, obstructions of the right of way, absence of address numbers, tall grass and weeds and the condition of the building exteriors.

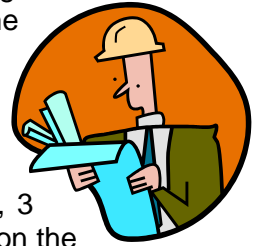
Throughout the program, the city's Code Enforcement Team will conduct a drive-by inspection of the properties located within the boundary area. Property owners with a violation will be sent a letter advising them of the infraction and be given 21 days to correct the issue. A follow-up inspection will then be conducted to ensure compliance.

Last year, the city's Code Enforcement Team inspected more than 13,000 properties. Of those properties inspected, 14 percent had violations, with the number one infraction being the absence of address numbers.

The Curb Appeal Program benefits residents by helping to maintain the visual appeal of neighborhoods and contributing to a higher quality of life. The requirement for visible addresses helps everyone, including emergency responders. For a complete list of inspection items and for more information on the city's Curb Appeal Program, visit www.naperville.il.us.

Naperville Riverfront Plaza

Attorney Fred Roth of Roth & Associates contacted and met with the NAHC Zoning Land Use Liaison Committee on April 21st to present and discuss his client's concept plans for the property on Washington between the DuPage River and Burger King [to be known as Naperville Riverfront Plaza, 400 South Washington]. The full report on this meeting can be found under News & Info, Zoning & Land Use Liaison Committee, on the Confederation website, www.napervillehomeowners.org.



“Naperville Riverfront Plaza” is a 24,000 sq ft building (approx 8000 sq ft per fl), 3 stories in height (40ft to roof deck, 47ft to top of parapet). The building will be set on the southern edge of the property with the focus on the river and on an angle to the park (Fredenhagen) across the river.

The 1st fl will consist of a delivery/trash area (delivery zone provided onsite, trash stored inside the building) and interior mechanicals room along the southwestern (Washington) side of property with a restaurant/bar taking advantage of river views and outdoor seating on a terrace. There will be some type of separation (fencing) between the terrace and a Riverwalk however Riverwalk plans are unknown at this time. The bar area will be octagon in shape attached to the northeastern corner of the building. A tenant for this site is committed and Attorney Roth mentioned that this tenant will attract the \$8-\$12 dinner, casual, southwestern flavor. This restaurant has locations in Chicago and Lombard but is not a large chain. The 2nd and 3rd floors will consist of offices. The developers' telecommunications company will take the space on one of the floors.

Parking for the development will have 9 spaces (including 2 handicapped) provided onsite. SSA buy-in provides for others. Additionally Attorney Roth mentioned an agreement with owners of a nearby office building Washington, to provide additional parking for the offices. The intention is to use the onsite lot as a valet zone during non-business hours. Delivery/trash zone is onsite towards the Washington frontage.

Committee Comments

Priority concerns of the NAHC regarding downtown development have been height, density, traffic impacts, and noise/light impacts. Based on initial review, none of these appear to be a concern.

The Committee appreciates the outreach by the developer and its attorney to the NAHC. This development proposal displays sensitivity to the concerns of the NAHC, displays a willingness to consider future improvements to the area including the possible widening of Washington and improvements to the Riverwalk, and displays sensitivity to the river.

Acknowledging that the drawings presented were in concept form and limited in nature, the Committee compliments the developer's initial plans and creativity in addressing the development limitations on that specific site.



Naperville Park District Upcoming Events

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

Millennium Carillon at Moser Tower and Visitor Center

The 14-story-tall Moser Tower, home to the Millennium Carillon a 72-bell instrument that began its annual summer recital series in July 2000, will be open for tours on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning Saturday, **May 3** and going through Sunday, October 26. Friday tours will be added to the schedule beginning May 23 through August 29. For additional information and summer concert dates, please visit www.naperville-carillon.org.

Naperville Park District and REACH Duck Race

Join the fun at the 19th Annual Duck Race on May 10, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on the Riverwalk. Co-sponsored by the Park District and REACH, this event features plastic ducks in a race down the DuPage River along the Riverwalk. The table carnival starts at 10:00 a.m. at Rotary Hill and includes live entertainment, games, balloons, prizes and more. The ducks will drop at 1:00 p.m. at Riverwalk Rotary Hill, with the race concluding at the Eagle Street Bridge. Cash and other prizes also up for grabs! Winners need not be present to win. To sponsor a duck in the race, register online or at the Park District Administration Building or from a REACH member. Tickets also will be sold onsite the day of the event. The rain date for the duck race only will be Saturday, May 17. \$5(R)(N)

Annual Riverwalk Flower Bulb Sale one day only!

The Naperville Park District will be selling tulip bulbs that were planted along the Riverwalk on Friday, May 16 at 8:00 a.m. at the Riverwalk Pavilion located south of Naperville Park District's Administrative Parking Lot, 320 W. Jackson Avenue. The cost is \$3 per dozen bulbs.

Naperbrook Golf Course Vendor Demo Day

Stop by Naperbrook Golf Course on Friday, May 16 between 4:00 p.m.-7:00 pm to hit the latest and greatest in golf equipment. Vendors such as Nike, Cleveland, TaylorMade, Ping and many more will be on hand to showcase their newest golf equipment. No appointment is necessary; simply stop by the driving range and start hitting the best equipment offered in the golf industry.

Naperville Park District's Paper Management at Home

You will learn the benefits of having your household papers organized and strategies for managing incoming paperwork. You also will learn how to maintain your paper organization over time. Designed for those ages 16 and up. May 19, 7:15-8:45 p.m. – Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center Classroom 206, 305 W. Jackson Ave. Registration required. \$17(R)/\$26(N)

Hershey Track Meet

May 24 - Naperville Central High School Track, 440 W. Aurora Ave., Naperville, 1:00-4:00 p.m. The Naperville Park District, Illinois Parks and Recreation Association and Hershey Foods Co. present the Hershey's National Track and Field Youth Program. Open to 9 to 14 year-old boys and girls (age is as of Dec. 31, 2008), events include 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m dashes; 800m and 1600m runs; 4 x 100 relay; standing long jump; and softball throw. Local winners may be eligible to advance to the State Meet or even the National Finals in Hershey, PA. Free

Naperville Park District's Teach Your Dog To Catch a Frisbee®

May 24 - Riverwalk – Grand Pavilion, located west of Centennial Beach, Naperville World finalist and Ashley Whippet Hall of Fame dog-disc thrower, Tom Wehrli, and members of the Windy City Canine Disc Club will demonstrate from 10:00 a.m.-Noon how to train your dog to catch a flying disc and how to prepare for upcoming dog-disc contests. No experience necessary. Free

Naperville Park District's Centennial Beach, designated as one of the 150 Great Places in Illinois by the American Institute of Architects, opens for the season on May 24.

Confederation Elections

At the Confederation's annual meeting on May 17th, in accordance with our Bylaws, we will elect a Secretary, Treasurer, and two at-large Directors. Incumbents Kathy Benson (Secretary) and Directors Mike Reilly and Marcia Straub are eligible for re-election and have asked to be considered. Treasurer Marilyn Briscoe has chosen not to be considered and Associate Director Dan Bulley has been nominated for this position. Individuals may also be nominated from the floor at the meeting. Any person who, at the time of the election, is a member of a homeowners association which is a Confederation member in good standing may seek and hold office on the Confederation Board of



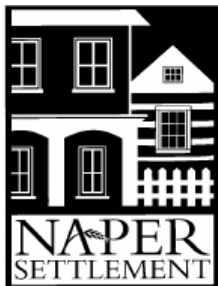
Directors; except that there shall be no more than one Confederation Officer or a total of two Confederation Board of Directors members from any one Confederation member association.

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; present a written report of the Confederation's previous year's activities at the Annual meeting; and be responsible for all correspondence relating to the business of the Confederation. The Secretary shall also keep current a list of Member associations and persons to contact, and maintain duplicate copies of the corporate records.

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; render a statement of accounts to the Confederation Board of Directors and to the Confederation membership at regular meetings; issue receipts for assessments upon request; challenge the right to vote of any Confederation member not in good standing by reason of being in arrears in its payments of assessments; present a financial report in writing at the Annual meeting; and keep a list of all Confederation members currently in good standing. The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing the annual budget. 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: 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.



A Historic Museum Village

Naper Settlement Celebrates Community Heritage Month

<http://www.napersettlement.org/>

523 South Webster Street

Naperville, Illinois 60540

(630) 420-6010

(630) 305-5255-fax

In honor of Community Heritage Month, Naper Settlement will offer two-for-the-price-of-one admission Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4. Admission is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors and \$5.50 youth 4-17. Throughout May, the History Hunt guide is available free-of-charge. Naper Settlement's hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Encounter the past

Join Naper Settlement's museum educators as they take you on a spirited tour during "Encounter the Past – A Visit to Naperville Cemetery" from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 4. Costumed actors and actresses will figuratively rise up from their graves to recall the lives of several Naperville notables whose final resting place is in the cemetery. You'll also learn about 19th century mourning customs. Appropriate for all ages, tickets are \$12 per person. Call ahead for reservations at (630) 420-6010.

Historic Structures Plaque Program

Homeowners interested in learning about the Naperville Heritage Society's Historic Structures Plaque Program are invited to a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8 at Naper Settlement. The topic of window maintenance and replacement also will be discussed. Call (630) 420-6010 to RSVP

History Speaks: Louisa May Alcott

Louisa May Alcott earned international fame as the author of *Little Women*, *Jo's Boys* and other books based on her life. In this History Speaks Lecture Series program, presented by historian and actress Leslie Goddard, meet the author behind these beloved works, who also volunteered as a nurse during the Civil War. The lecture will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 11 at Naper Settlement's Century Memorial Chapel. Admission is \$6 adults and \$5 students. Call (630) 420-6010 for more information.

Research tools and techniques

Join Naper Settlement's Research Associate Bryan Ogg for a tour of the museum's Research Library and Archives at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 15. Learn how these resources can be used to research your family tree or the history of your home. Call (630) 420-6010 to RSVP.

Civil War Days

Experience history as you never have before during Civil War Days to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18. The entire 13-acre site is turned into a Civil War encampment with more than 300 re-enactors portraying the past. Meet the legends of the era as you come face-to-face with President Abraham Lincoln, talk strategy with Generals Grant and Lee, and hear tales of the Underground Railroad from Harriet Tubman. Cannons roar and a battle takes place at 2:30 p.m. each day. Enlist with the troops, enjoy music and magic of the time, hear historic presentations and shop on "Sutlers Row." Tickets are \$9 adults, \$8 seniors and \$6.50 youth 4-17.

One-on-one with the curator

Enjoy a special discussion with the curator who designed "Curator's Curiosities" at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 22. Hear how and why these unique, unusual and interesting objects were chosen. The talk is included free with admission to Naper Settlement.

Naperville architectural walking tour

Join Naper Settlement's curatorial staff for a 45-minute walking tour at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 25 highlighting various architectural styles represented in Naperville's neighborhoods west of the downtown area. Learn about the people, homes and building styles that prevailed from the 1850s through the 1920s. Meet in the Centennial Beach parking lot on Jackson Avenue. RSVP required, call (630) 420-6010.

Revolutionary War patriot cemetery marker rededication

Israel Warner was a Revolutionary War patriot who moved to Illinois with his family in the early 1800s. He is one of only 15 Revolutionary War soldiers buried in the Northern Illinois area. The cemetery marker at his grave site has been restored and will be rededicated at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 31 at Big Woods Cemetery on Eola Road, just south of Butterfield Road. Joining in the ceremony will be the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Fox Valley Genealogical Society and representatives from Naper Settlement and the Naperville Heritage Society.

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 post Municipal and civic meetings and other things of interest around town. During April our calendar took over 7000 "hits" with many people using the "print" feature to download more information. To have your organization's event listed, send an email to the Confederation webmaster (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

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May 2008

Call 630-637-8000 TO REGISTER
Pre-registration and pre-payment required.
For a complete program schedule, please visit
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Summer Mini-Camps - AGES 7-10

LAST Chance to Save Before May 30th Deadline!



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



CARDBOARD CARPENTRY

Work with real tools and learn some carpentry basics while creating a useable piece of furniture from super-thick cardboard!
 Code: SMC-108 June 24, 25, 26 9:00 am - Noon



COOL CHEMICAL CONCOCTIONS

Amaze yourself by making concoctions that change colors, bubble, fizz and ooze and see what it's like to be a chemist!
 Code: SMC-208 July 15, 16, 17 9:00 am - Noon



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!
 Code: SMC-308 July 22, 23, 24 9:00 am - Noon
 Code: SMC-408 July 22, 23, 24 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Mix-It-Up in May! - AGES 4-5

Want to try your green thumb in math while creating art? Why not learn about symmetry while making a kaleidoscope? Can't decide which sounds best? Try them all! Classes include items to take home for further exploration.



Math in Bloom!

Member / Child Partner \$16; Nonmember / Child Partner \$20
 Code: SIM-808 May 8 6:30 - 7:15 pm

Kaleidoscoping!

Member / Child Partner \$12; Nonmember / Child Partner \$14
 Code: SIM-608 May 23 9:45 - 10:30 am

Donations of HAPPY SCRAPS needed: June 7, 2:00 - 5:00 pm, please bring your donations to lobby at DuPage Children's Museum. For details about what's needed, please visit our web site, call 630-637-8000 x6600 or send an eMail to: happyscraps@dupagechildrensmuseum.org

Younger Sibling Activities - AGES 2-3

Hop 'n' Bop® Series: Jumpin' and Jivin'

Children will learn simple dance moves and use visual choreography patterns to plan and perform their very own dance.
 Member / Child Partner \$12; Nonmember / Child Partner \$14
 Code: JNU-208 May 8 10:00 - 10:30 am

Start in Art® Series: Backyard Art

Using a variety of hands-on art techniques, children will dig into some backyard creativity.
 Member / Child Partner \$35; Nonmember / Child Partner \$40
 Code: SIA-908 May 21, 28, June 4 9:30 - 10:15 am
 Code: SIA-1008 May 21, 28, June 4 10:45 - 11:30 am

Start in Science® Series: Magnets

Explore big differences with little experiments!
 Member / Child Partner \$12; Nonmember / Child Partner \$14
 Code: SIS-708 May 20 9:45 - 10:15 am
 Code: SIS-808 May 20 10:45 - 11:15 am



FREE to Members or with Museum Admission!

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

- May 3** Sergeant Major Virgil Wilk, Bagpipes
The pipes will be playing for young lads and lassies!
- May 17** Chicago Opera Theater
Discover the role of storytelling in music!
- May 31** Jon Warfel and Chuck Wolter, Keyboards & Vocal
Come be entertained with humorous banter and original songs!

Cancellation Policies for all PACE 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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Association Legal Issues Seminar

- Were you recently elected to your association Board and have questions about legal responsibilities of Boards and Associations?
- Do you have questions on covenants and their enforcement?
- Is it true that even voluntary associations need a periodic legal check-up?

For the answers to these and other questions, come to the NAHC Association's Legal Seminar at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 21st at the 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr, Naperville, Illinois. Local attorney Gerry Cassiopi and a representative of the Knuckles law firm will be in attendance to provide answers to legal questions related to Homeowners Association governance and management,

If you have specific questions you would like addressed, email the NAHC at NAHC-Naperhomeowners@wowway.com. The session will be free to area homeowners association members.

A similar seminar will also be presented at 10 AM on Saturday, May 17th in Meeting rooms A, B, and C of the Naperville Municipal Center following the Confederation Annual meeting. By hosting this important session on both a Saturday morning and a weekday evening it is our hope to maximize the ability of interested association leaders to attend and have their questions addressed.

***We're looking forward to seeing you at the
Confederation Annual Meeting on May 17th***

Keep an eye on our website

www.napervillehomeowners.com

***For late-breaking news and information of importance to
homeowners.***

Watch for the next NAHC newsletter in early June!!!!

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