



August 2008 Newsletter

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This month's newsletter provides information on various events happening around town. As usual, we have an extensive and detailed report on new developments and building projects as well as reports on items of interest to homeowners and their associations.

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

Last month, a national publication confirmed something we all know, Naperville is one of the best places to live in the United States. The article recognized area strengths including world class library system, schools, the Riverwalk, jobs, housing, shopping, dining and recreation. What was missing though, from my point of view, was our hidden strength - the commitment of over 140 area homeowners associations to maintain and improve upon the quality of life for our residents. I know of no place else in the country where neighborhoods, citywide, work so hard, individually and collectively, to make their voices heard.

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation is somewhat unique as well. We are a voluntary organization that fosters community interaction, information sharing, and citizen/governmental relations. While we work closely with the City and other agencies and units of government, we are an independent organization managed by an elected Board representing various neighborhoods across the area with voluntary or mandatory homeowners associations. Our members come from all areas of the city, representing established as well as new neighborhoods and ranging from townhomes to teardowns. Our goals are simple. We provide a forum for ideas and information; establish advocacy on issues of community wide importance; and work to improve upon and maintain our property values and the resultant quality of life.

Looking ahead to our program year beginning in September (see the summary on the page 3), we will cover a lot of ground. Meeting topics include landscaping and pond maintenance, public safety, schools, energy costs and conservation, association management, legislation, development, taxes, and parks and recreation. Also planned are candidate forums for State, City, School Board, and Park District elections. Under discussion is a return of the Tradeshow and Homeowners Expo and we plan on being active in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and at other community events.

Our intention, quite simply, is to continue in the efforts that gained us the Naperville League of Women Voters 2008 Rosemary Martin Democracy in Action Award for our ongoing commitment to involve Naperville residents in local government and create opportunities for education on public issues important to the quality of their lives.

To learn more about the Confederation, or to learn how your neighborhood can become a member, visit our website at www.napervillehomeowners.org. We're looking forward to getting to know you!

Chuck Schlabach,
President, Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation,
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Zoning and Land Use Update

Patricia Meyer and Thom Higgins represented the NAHC at the monthly meeting with City Staff. There were not many new items discussed (mostly an update and repeat of June's meeting) due to the holiday.



Items to mention:

East Naperville Commons (75th & Wehrl) will be before the Plan Commission on July 23, 2008. The plans have no substantial changes.

Marriott – Holiday Inn (Naperville & Diehl) has received approval for the additional meeting space. The hotel will remain open during construction.

North Central College's Residential/Recreational Hall just underwent the Preconstruction meeting. Expected completion is Fall 2009

One Naperville Plaza (Naperville and Diehl) was approved by Council. This will have 1 story retail on the south parcel and the parking deck will be north of the office building (close to the I-88 ramp).

Parcel on Washington next to the river and Burger King – the developer has formally submitted the development plans to Staff (this is the 3 story building with a restaurant on ground level and 2 floors of commercial)

Bike Shelters are to be added at the train stations. Currently under engineering and are expected soon but date unknown

75th Street Corridor Study – the Public Hearing before Plan Commission is July 23, 2008. Staff intends 1 change in the draft: remove FAR from the transition area – instead the recommendation will be 1 story in height.

5th Avenue Study – traffic consultant contract is being finalized.

Central Park Study – consultant contract is being finalized.

Attainable Housing Study – 300 surveys were just recently sent to local business with the employees as the targets. Staff received a 66% response rate from the residents. Council is expected to have on their agenda in late Sept or early Oct. However, Fairing Housing Commission will see it first.

Both Historic Sites and DPIC are currently being looked into and discussion occurring both internally and to those directly impacted to evaluate and comment and determine if the purpose, membership, etc. is appropriate. In regards to DPIC, an update will be provided to Council on Aug 19

432 Chicago (Hammerschmidt home aka Cobb Remax home) nominated for landmark status. The demo permit is on hold. Historic Sites has scheduled a special meeting on Aug 7 regarding this issue.

Omnia – while this concept plan has NOT been submitted to the City as of yet. The Omnia Group made a presentation to the Rotary Club on July 17 and then canceled a presentation to residents in the area on July 21 at the Municipal Center. Meeting organizers indicated the planned meeting had gotten too big and was becoming too contentious. They further indicated they would continue with meetings to smaller groups. See an Omnia report later in this newsletter.

“Woods” – (Plank Road west of Naper near to Seager Park) this will be an annexation consisting of a 12 lot subdivision with 22 duplexes proposed. Several parcels are being combined. Developer requesting R2 zoning. - *This proposal MAY have opposition by immediate residents*

NAHC Plans 2008-2009 Meeting Schedule

The Confederation Board has mapped out a tentative meeting schedule for the next twelve months. We expect to be very busy with regular meetings, Candidate Forums, and a potential return of the NAHC Homeowners Expo and Tradeshow.

Month/Chair	Topics	Notes/Potential Topics and Guests
September 20, 2008 Bob Fischer	Landscaping, Ponds and Storm Water Management	Conservation Foundation, City of Naperville TED, Others? Location: Municipal Center, Meeting rooms A, B, C
October 18 th Tom Harris	Focus on Public Safety	Joint Meeting With City. CERT, Fire and Police, Facility & Equipment Tours Location: Public Safety Campus
- Legislative Candidate Forum - County Board Candidate Forum Tom Harris, Rick Strawbridge		Candidate Forum Locations – Council Chambers –Date TBA
November 15 th Cathy Benson, Gary Vician	School Districts 203 & 204	Discuss issues confronting both districts, including local and state/federal financial issues. NAHC 2009 Budget Location: TBD (203 or 204 site?)
December Thurs Evening, December, 11 th Allen Panek	Utilities Costs & Savings & Energy Conservation	Joint Meeting with the City Energy Costs and Saving, Conservation. Money Saving Alternatives Location: Municipal Center
January 2009 Thursday Evening, January 15 th or 22 nd Marcia Straub, Mike Reilly	Educational Forum – NAHC University	Liability & Insurance? Association Communications? Parental Responsibility Location: TBD (second session to be held on a Sat AM at Municipal Center w/out Confederation meeting)
February 21 st Dr. Bob Buckman Council Primary Candidate Forum(?)	Legislative Priorities	City 2009 Legislative Priorities Location: Municipal Center
March 21 st Mike Reilly City Council, Park & School District Forums Strawbridge/Harris	Park District	Candidate Forum Location – Council Chambers –Date TBA Plans & Activities Location: Municipal Center
April 19 th Rick Strawbridge, Patricia Meyer	Naperville Development Forum	Candidate Forum Location – Council Chambers – Dates TBA Joint Meeting with City Infill, Studies, and Major Development Plans Location: 95 th Street Library
Tradeshow May 16 th Chuck Schlabach, Bob Fischer	NAHC Annual Meeting Focus on Taxation	TBD Election of Officers (Pres, VP, 2 Directors (Buckman & Fischer terms)) Assessors Roundtable State Funding – Sources & Uses Location: Municipal Center
June 20 th New President	What's New In Naperville – Looking Ahead	Joint Meeting with the City Open Planning for the Confederation's Coming Year (Round Tables on issues) Dialogue with Council on Role of the Confederation in the City Location: Municipal Center

Details will be posted on the Confederation website at www.napervillehomeowners.org as they evolve. If you have ideas or suggestions for these meetings or for other meeting topics, please contact us at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com.

45 Things To Do Around Town this Summer

Following our June meeting, Confederation Treasurer Dan Bulley sat down with the information he gathered and made a list of 50 things to do this summer. Since the summer is partly over, the list is down to 45 things, but there are still some great ways to spend the time remaining this summer:

1. Go to the top of the Millennium Carillon. \$3 per person. F, S, S, 10-4
2. Take a Wednesday Adventure with the Park District.
3. Visit Greene Valley Forest Preserve. Picnic, hike, bike, etc.
4. Try out the new slide (like the old one in the 70's) at Centennial Beach!
5. See some of the new exhibits at the DuPage Children's Museum.
6. See a band concert on Thursday night at Central Park.
7. Have an Ice Cream Sundae at the Naper Settlement on Sundays through Aug. 17.
8. Sign up for a Park District Gymnastics Camp.
9. Go to a Carillon concert Tuesday's at 7 p.m.
10. Catch an outdoor movie at the Settlement, August 23.
11. Go treasure hunting at the Settlement with geocaching. (\$1 rental)
12. Golf the 'Brooks. Springbrook or Naperbrook. Special family golf programs.
13. Sign up for Day Camp or Adventures in Time at the Settlement.
14. Ride the pedal boats at the quarry.
15. Try a Park District Camp.
16. Try a summer camp at the Heritage YMCA.
17. Take a walk on the Riverwalk.
18. Enter the Naperville Mobile Restroom design contest.
Deadline July 7. Forms on City and Park District website.
19. Attend the Aug. 16&17 Quilt Show at the Settlement.
20. Go to Drop-in summertime stories at the Nichols or 95th Street Libraries.
21. Cruise Nights at Cress Creek Shopping Center.
22. Farmers Market on 5th Avenue.
23. Go Rollin' on the River on Friday nights at the Riverwalk Eatery.
24. Attend a City Council meeting (really! It's nice to know what's going on sometime).
25. Go to the Last Fling!
26. See the Labor Day Parade.
27. Park District Friday Flings including the popular Mud Madness!
28. Children's Lunch Hour Entertainment at the warming house near the Riverwalk and West of the beach.
29. Go fishing (Big quarry, Blackwell, Herrick Lake). Don't forget the license.
30. Rent a canoe or kayak at Blackwell or Herrick Lake.
31. Go camping! Blackwell has 60 family sites.
32. Get an off leash dog permit for your pet from the DuPage County Forest Preserve District.
33. Visit the Fullersburg Woods Nature Center (Oak Brook).
34. Visit Kline Creek Farm in Winfield.
35. See the amazing Peabody Estate in Oak Brook.
36. See some cool animals at the Willowbrook Wildlife Center.
37. Shoot some arrows at Blackwell Forest Preserve.
38. Go to St. James Farm. The old summer retreat for the McCormack Family.
39. Attend a horsemanship program at Danada.



40. Walk the Century Walk.
41. Visit the cool display in the cool basement of the Settlement
42. Sit on a bench downtown and watch the world go by.
43. Visit a park, any park that you haven't visited before.
44. Ride a bike on the DuPage River Trail.
45. Sign up for the Citizen's Police Academy.

For more information see the following websites:

- www.napervillehomeowners.com (click on calendar)
- www.naperville.il.us
- www.napervilleparks.org
- www.napervillesettlement.museum
- www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org
- www.dupageforest.com

Historic Sites Commission

On June 17, 2008, City of Naperville staff requested that City Council initiate a review of the Naperville Historic Sites Commission's (HSC) mission, scope and membership in light of 2 existing commission vacancies, the commission's pending work program, recent neighborhood feedback, and new projects proposed by and for the HSC. The City Council concurred with staff's recommendation and directed this discussion to the Plan Commission for review as a potential amendment to Title 2 (Boards and Commission) and Title 6 (Zoning Regulations).



Since the City Council meeting, August 6th has been set as the public hearing date for this discussion to begin before the Plan Commission. It is anticipated that this discussion will occur over at least 2 meetings. The general outline of the discussion is in the table below:

<i>Topic Area</i>	<i>Discussion Points</i>
Goal for Preservation in Naperville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Does the City find value in historic preservation efforts in Naperville? ▪ What is the goal for preservation in Naperville? ▪ Are the city's objectives accurately reflected in the Historic Sites Commission's duties and responsibilities, as enumerated in Title 2?
Board Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is the current composition of the HSC appropriate? ▪ Should the commission membership include more residents who do not reside in the historic district? ▪ Might greater in-house expertise be gained by expanding membership eligibility across the community? Should the technical positions be more strictly adhered to?
Final Authority & Consistency in Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Should the HSC have final authority over all COA applications? ▪ Are the HSC's decisions unbiased and consistently applied? ▪ Are the additional consultant fees to administer the HSC appropriate?
HSC Work to Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Should the HSC's focus be larger than the existing local historic district? ▪ Should the HSC be undertaking citywide preservation efforts?
Additional Preservation Work Requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How does/should the role of the HSC differ from the Naper Settlement or Naperville Heritage Society Board? ▪ What tasks should each group be undertaking?

In addition, a preference survey was sent to all existing local historic district and a citywide preference survey was sent to a sampling of residents and organizations including DNA, DPIC, Naper Settlement, Naperville Heritage Society, NAHC, ECHO, WHOA, North Central College, and NDP.

Emerald Ash Borers

At our June meeting we heard from City Forester Jack Mitz about the presence of the Emerald Ash Borer in Naperville and the plans for combating this scourge. The City has established a web page at www.naperville.il.us/ashborer.aspx with the most recent and up-to-date information on the status of the infestation (to date it has been detected in one small area near 248th and 103rd Streets).



The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a small (1/2 inch long, 1/8 inch wide) metallic green beetle that has killed millions of ash trees across the Midwest. Native to Asia, the beetle was first discovered in the summer of 2002 in southeastern Michigan. Since the infestation in Michigan, the Emerald Ash Borer has been found in a number of other states,

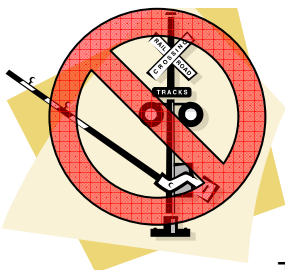
Infestation of Emerald Ash Borer can be very difficult to detect until the branches of an infected tree begin to die. The most visible sign that the EAB is present is crown dieback, which appears after the first year of infestation. Usually the leaves on the upper third of the tree will begin to thin and the branches will begin to die. A number of suckers and branches will also sprout from the base of the tree and on the trunk. The bark may also split vertically and woodpeckers may begin to feed on the beetle larvae leaving visible damage on the bark. Adult beetles emerging from trees will leave a very small 1/8 inch diameter distinctly D-shaped exit hole that may appear anywhere on the trunk or upper branches. Distinct S-shaped larval feeding tunnels may also be apparent under the bark. Typically, the tree will die in about three years.



There are several chemical treatments that appear to be effective against the Ash Borer, and, to date, the indication is that the City will not remove (or cause to be removed) healthy trees. One of the keys to treatment is that it should start before the tree is infected and should be continued on an annual basis. Depending on the size of the tree, treatment can become expensive and it is recommended that homeowners consider the “value” of the tree in their landscape against the cost of treatment. Currently the City is inventorying Ash Trees (and in the case of the tree on my property my arborist has placed a tag on the tree indicating that it is being treated). Beyond insecticides, the Morton Arboretum website reports that several states, including Michigan and Indiana are deploying wasps to kill the ash borers. One thing homeowners need to do is to not move firewood in or out of the area as it is felt that this is one way the pestilence is being spread.

We plan to have additional discussion on the Ash Borer at the Confederation September General Membership Meeting.

EJ&E Update



The Surface Transportation Board’s Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) has prepared the Draft Environmental Impact Statement required as part of the process for the CN to acquire the EJ&E Railroad that runs along Naperville’s western border. The executive summary can be found on the Confederation website, www.napervillehomeowners.com, by clicking on **News & Info** in the left hand navigation menu and scrolling down to and clicking on “**EJ&E Acquisition.**”

This is a long (the summary alone is over 50 pages) and complex document and,

as this newsletter is going to press, is still under review. A quick read through of the summary indicates that while the STB recognizes the impacts of traffic congestion, noise pollution, and other issues identified by groups opposed to this transaction, including the Confederation, the suggested remediations leave taxpayers, and not the railroad, holding the bag for the majority of the funding for things like grade crossing separations.

Please keep an eye on our website for up-to-date information on what we can do to protect the lifestyles and property values of area residents as this transaction moves forward. In addition, there will be an open house and public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, September 9 at West Aurora High School at 1201 W. New York St., Aurora, IL (this is the closest location for Naperville residents). The open house will take place between 4 pm and 6 pm and is an opportunity for people to ask questions regarding the Draft EIS. The public hearing will occur from 6 pm to 9 pm, and will be a public forum for the STB to receive public comments regarding the draft EIS. It will not be a question and answer session. Public comments on the draft EIS are due on September 30. Additional information can be found at <http://www.naperville.il.us/eje.aspx>.

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! We're also looking for updates on new officers and board members so we can keep our directory and mailing list up-to-date.

All member associations should have received a mailing with a dues invoice and survey form. If your association did not, go to the NAHC website at www.napervillehomeowners.org to download our 2008 membership survey, complete it, and return it to us along with a 2008 Dues check for \$30! Your input will help us do a better job of planning our programs and understanding how we can best help our members. This is our only source of income and is critical to the ongoing operation of the confederation.

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.

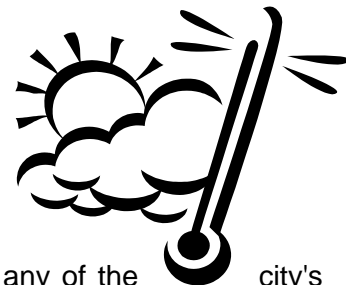
Thanks for your help!!!

Cooling Centers Available to Help Naperville Residents Deal with Heat!

The City of Naperville wants to remind residents to take precautions to ensure their health, safety and well-being during days of high heat and humidity.

The Naperville Municipal Center, located at 400 S. Eagle St., can be used as a cooling center Monday through Friday during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents can also seek shelter at the following locations:

- County administrative buildings
- Libraries
- Park District facilities
- Senior Centers
- Township offices
- Shopping malls and Other public places



After hours and on weekends, residents can immediately go to any of the city's nine fire

stations to seek relief from the heat. During hot weather, it is important to become familiar with the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke and what to do if you or someone you know is suffering from either of these conditions. Symptoms include dizziness, nausea, light-headedness, headache, cool and clammy skin, heavy perspiration, shallow breathing, muscle tremors and cramping.

Additional symptoms for heat stroke, which can be fatal, include severe headache, a red and dry face, skin that is hot to the touch, rapid and shallow breathing, significantly elevated body temperature, weak pulse, changes in consciousness and seizures or cardiac arrhythmias. Any person suffering from these symptoms is in a life-threatening situation and 911 should be called immediately.

The following are hot weather tips to protect yourself from heat-related illnesses: Stay in air-conditioned space at home, the library, the mall, movie theater or at a cooling center.

- Drink lots of water and natural juices. Avoid alcoholic beverages, coffee and soft drinks.
- Keep shades drawn and blinds closed, but keep windows slightly open.
- Stay out of the sun and avoid going out in the heat.
- Keep electric lights off or turned down.
- Take cool baths or showers.
- Wear loose, light cotton clothing.
- Do not eat heavy meals. Avoid cooking with your oven.
- Avoid or minimize physical exertion.
- Do not sit in a hot car, even for a short time. Never leave a child in a hot car.
- Check on family members, friends and neighbors to make sure they stay cool and safe.
- If you or anyone you know needs emergency medical attention, call 911.
- It is against the law to open a fire hydrant. An open hydrant hinders the fire department's ability to fight fires, reduces water pressure in your home and may cause basement flooding.

Special Keeping Cool Tips for Seniors

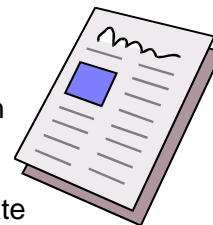
- During heat emergencies, seniors are urged to contact their local area agencies on Aging or the Senior HelpLine at (800) 252-8966 for assistance with locating senior centers, adult day service sites and other buildings that serve as cooling centers.
- Humidity combined with temperature makes up the heat index. If the temperature is in the 90s with high humidity, it can feel like it is well over 100 degrees.

Keeping Cool Tips for Your Pets

- Provide water and shelter from the sun at all times.
- Restrict activity during extreme heat.
- Never leave pets in parked vehicles. Even moderate heat can kill the pet quickly


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 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).



To be on this list, please send an email to: nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com.

Thanks!

Everyday Parenting	
<p>“Dad, I can’t find my homework!”</p> <p>“Did you look on the table?”</p> <p>“Yes; it’s not there!”</p> <p>“Hmm . . . did you look under your backpack, jacket, and lunchbox? Because that’s where I found it.”</p>	<h2 style="margin-top: 0;">Get Organized!</h2> <p>Organization means different things to different people, even within families.</p> <p>Getting organized can mean a household in which everyone pitches in to complete chores, it can mean finding time for complex science fair projects, or it can refer to juggling complex family schedules.</p> <p>Teaching kids the skills to plan future events, manage homework and activities, and be part of the family team that keeps the household running smoothly is a great parenting gift that serves children well into high school and beyond.</p> <p>Organization skills can be taught. Consider this...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring your children into the family planning and decision-making process for vacations and celebrations, schedules for family computer use, neighborhood block parties, and so on. It does take more time, but it’s a positive investment in children’s growth. • Resist the urge to buy expensive products that will help you organize. Instead, start by taking a quick inventory of your home to see if there are three things you can do to improve your family’s organization. Then do it! <p style="font-size: small;">From information provided by Search Institute’s MVParent (www.MVParents.com).</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
www.KidsMatter2us.org	

OMNIA

Let it first be said that the editor of this newsletter has not been privy to any of the meetings associated with the Omnia proposal. The NAHC has been aware of the proposed project for some time (we asked in our November, 2007 newsletter to be kept in the loop), but no formal presentations have been specifically made to the NAHC Board. Members of the NAHC have been informally approached on the topic but we have neither taken a stand, nor have we expressed an opinion on the merits of the project. Any public comments made by individuals associated with the NAHC have been made as individual citizens.

So what is OMNIA? Here’s what we have been able to piece together:

The Omnia Performing Arts Center, a registered non profit group, headed by local Naperville residents Bev Patterson Frier, and Rosemary Wisnosky - have for the last two years worked to build support for a large, state of the art, performing arts center in Naperville. The group made their first presentations late last year to local business groups and city council members individually.

With Naperville’s most recent plans to conduct a land use study of the train station area this fall, Omnia has indicated it wants to present its proposal to the public for consideration.

At a Rotary presentation in July:

- Ms. Frier showed elevations of three buildings proposed for the Metra parking lot and the Boecker property at the SE corner of 5th and Washington.
- The proposed theater building, sited in the s/w corner, and a proposed condo tower running the depth of the property on the east side are both 130’ tall. A proposed smaller two story retail/commercial building was fronted 5th Ave. near Washington Street.

- Three floors of underground parking for the complex and the train commuters would be shared.
- Ms. Frier indicated there would not be any traffic issues based on information available to her.
- There was minimal discussion regarding the financial aspects, but it was claimed that no tax dollars would be involved.

The NAHC has been told that plans shown at earlier meetings included condo structures on the 5th Ave Station (Kroehler Bldg.) parking lot and another condo tower on the Public Works site. Single family homes were depicted in the parking lots owned by 5th Ave station on the north side of 5th, and in the Kroehler commuter parking lot at 5th & Loomis.

From conversations with others who have seen prior presentations these thoughts have emerged:

- A “Public Trust” would have ownership of the Arts Center. The endowment for and future funding for this “trust” has not been explained in an open forum.
- Omnia envisions the cost of the theater alone at \$200 million. There has been some discussion about using municipal bonds to finance it.
- Included in the proposal is a \$120 million TIF to help offset development costs.

We expect that more information will be forthcoming. This is a major undertaking with the potential to both offer benefits and create concerns for the Naperville Area. Over the past few weeks this proposal has at least been heard of by much of the populace. Unfortunately, there is still a great deal of rumor and innuendo, as well as potential misconceptions surrounding the proposal. Stay Tuned.



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, is open for tours on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through Sunday, October 26. Friday tours will be held through August 29. For information and summer concert dates, visit www.naperville-carillon.org.

Canoeing and Boating

Looking for a place to launch your canoe? The Naperville Park District offers three location options: Pioneer Park, 1212 S. Washington Street; Weigand Riverfront Park, 2436 S. Washington Street; and Knoch Knolls Park, 336 Knoch Knolls Road, Naperville, IL. To view park maps or find driving directions, please visit www.napervilleparks.org. Canoe launches are open to the public from sunrise until one hour past sunset every day.

Wanted – Fall Soccer Referees

The Naperville Park District Youth Soccer Program is recruiting new soccer referees for the Fall 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 September 6-October 18. 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 September 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 630-864-3921.

Naperville Park District Disc Golf Course

Challenge yourself by participating in one of the fastest growing sports in the world – Disc Golf! The 9-hole Disc Golf course is located in Knoch Knolls Park, 336 Knoch Knolls Road, near the gravel parking lot. There is no charge to play. Rules are posted.

New Team Registration begins August 1

We will accept new team registration beginning on August 1 for the following:

- Baseball: Men's 25 and Over League
- Flag Football: Men's League
- Softball League: Fall Men's 12-inch
- Volleyball: Co-ed Leagues

For more information and residency requirements, call 630-848-3536.

Pottery Parties

August 1, 8, 15 - 6:30-8:30 p.m., Riverwalk Studio One, 604 Sindt Ct., \$185(R)/\$215(N)

Have your next group outing or birthday party at our pottery studio! Guests will work with clay to create a project especially designed for your group. One of our studio teachers will be your instructor and host. All clay, tools and glazes are included. Groups will be responsible for their own project pick up and distribution. Parties must be booked at least two weeks in advance. Designed for those ages 4 and up. Registration required.

Cubs Games

August 6 (Houston) - Trip departs from and returns to the Riverwalk Warming House parking lot, 736 Sindt Court, Naperville. 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. \$48(R)/\$55(N)

August 24 (Pittsburgh) - Trip departs from and returns to the Riverwalk Warming House parking lot, 736 Sindt Court, Naperville. 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. \$63(R)/\$70(N)

Fee includes minicoach transportation, parking and terrace-reserved seats. Designed for ages 6 and up; children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years-old. Registration required.

Fishin' Kids

August 6-August 7; May Watts Park, Whispering Hills Drive, Naperville, 5:00-6:30 p.m.; \$8(R)/\$12(N) per person. Kids ages 5-11, learn the basics of fishing. Parents are asked to remain with their child. All bait and tackle are provided. Registration required.

White Sox Game

August 18 vs. Seattle; Trip departs from and returns to the Riverwalk Warming House parking lot, 736 Sindt Court, Naperville; 5:00-11:15 p.m. \$46(R)/\$53(N)

Join us as we travel to see the Chicago White Sox play! Price includes transportation, parking and ticket to the game. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years-old. Registration required.

Oil Painting in a Day

August 24 - Naperville Art League, 508 N. Center Street, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; \$77(R)/\$107(N)

Complete a beautiful oil painting in one day using a step-by-step process. Designed for those ages 16 and up. Registration required.



Free Summer Programs for the Entire Family

It's the Dr. Seuss Show with Comedy-Magician Don Miller

Join actor Don Miller as he brings his humor, his magic and his dramatic performance background to everyone's favorite, Dr. Seuss. It is a funny, historical and magical tribute to Dr. Seuss on Friday, Aug. 8 at 9:30 or 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave.

This program is only available to Naperville Public Library card holders and online registration is required. Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.org, or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings.

For information about adult programs, visit our website, www.naperville-lib.org or call Mary Bannon, Program Coordinator, 630-961-4100, ext. 2231.



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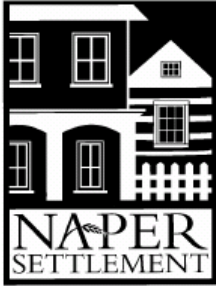
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August at Naper Settlement

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A Historic Museum Village August events feature Settlement Sundays; a weekend devoted to textile treasures; an architectural walking tour; the debut of a brand new gala and a family movie night under the stars.

Settlement Sundays

Enjoy a free ice cream sundae during Settlement Sundays from 2 to 3 p.m. Aug. 3, 10 and 17 . On Settlement Sundays, admission to the historic museum village not only includes free sundaes with do-it-yourself toppings, but also a variety of hands-on, family-friendly activities. Downtown Naperville's Cold Stone Creamery will serve their ice cream on Aug. 3, when they host the event. Play old-fashioned games, participate in sack races, tour the Victorian mansion, explore the homes and businesses, and try the new Geocache hunts. Admission is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors 62+ and \$5.50 youth 4-17. Children 3 and under are free.

The fur will be flying

Visit Naper Settlement for high-flying fun Sunday, Aug. 3, when the Windy City K-9 Disc Club brings their Frisbee dogs for two demonstrations at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. The theme of the day is "Things that Fly," and both dogs and Frisbees will be flying through the air.

Textile Treasures: Threads Through Time

Experience a variety of textile arts during "Textile Treasures: Threads Through Time" from 10 AM to 4 PM Saturday, Aug. 16 and from 1 to 4 PM Sunday, Aug. 17, throughout Naper Settlement's village. Included are a selection of seldom-seen textiles from the Settlement's Museum Collections, display of quilts from members of local guilds, historic fabric presentations, rug hookers, spinners, textile arts presentations and storytelling. The Weed Ladies will host a floral sale in the historic Daniels House.

Architectural Walking Tour: Downtown

Since the mid-1830s, downtown Naperville has had a thriving downtown area. During an hour-long Architectural Walking Tour on Sunday, Aug. 17, join Naper Settlement's Research Associate Bryan Ogg, a noted author, lecturer and instructor on historical topics, for a detailed look at architecture in and around the downtown area. Walkers should meet at 3 p.m. at the northeast corner of Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave. Tickets are \$10, \$9 for Naperville Heritage Society members. Limited to 20 participants, call (630) 420-6010 for reservations. Rain date is the following week.

Dinner on the Town

Dinner on the Town debuts Thursday, Aug. 21. Hundreds of Naper Settlement supporters will gather at the museum for this inaugural gala. The evening begins with a cocktail reception and the opening of the silent auction, followed by a dynamic dining experience off site. What makes this event unique and appealing is the dining. Event attendees will not know where they are eating until that evening. As part of the cocktail reception, the emcee will spin a wheel of fortune of Naperville's finest restaurants and caterers. Diners will be whisked away by limo or trolley to their dining location to enjoy their meal. Guests will then be picked up and returned to Naper Settlement for the culmination of the event with a silent auction, a live auction, dessert and dancing. For more information, call (630) 420-6104.

Naperville Summer Nights Movie Night

Grab a blanket, pack a picnic dinner and then head out to Naper Settlement for Naperville Summer Nights Movie Night from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23. A favorite family film, *The Goonies*, will be shown on a big screen under the stars. Admission is \$5 per person.

COMMUNITY ALERT – MOTOR VEHICLE BURGLARY ACTIVITY

During the Summer months of May, June and July 2008, there have been approximately 200 motor vehicles burglarized in Naperville. Of these 200 reported crimes, no force was used to gain access to 78% of these vehicles. Over 80% of these motor vehicle burglaries have occurred between 6:00pm and 6:00am in residential parking lots or driveways.

On July 11, 2008 the Naperville Police Department arrested a 20-year old male Naperville resident, who is believed to be responsible for at least 15 of these burglaries. On July 22, 2008 Naperville Police arrested a 19-year old male Naperville resident who is also believed to be involved in these burglaries, and charges are pending against a third individual allegedly involved, an 18-year old male of Lisle.

The Naperville Police Department has identified several “hot spots” where a higher volume of these crimes are occurring, have increased patrols, and are using a variety of patrol tactics and crime prevention initiatives to address and reduce the number of burglaries.

The Naperville Police Department also needs the help of the public in reducing the chance that you will be a victim and are recommending a few simple guidelines to prevent further occurrences:

- Lock all you car doors and make sure family members do the same. Check the door twice before you walk away.
- Remove all valuables out of your car. Put packages and other items in the trunk. Don't leave change (coins), CDs, cell phones, GPS systems and other items in plain view to tempt would-be thieves.
- Be alert for suspicious activity in parking lots and in your neighborhood and call the police department if you observe anything out of the ordinary.
- Call 911 immediately to report ANY suspicious or unusual activity. Be prepared to provide vehicle (make, model, color, plate) and suspect (gender, race and clothing) information.
- If you vehicle is burglarized, call the police department immediately and try not to touch the vehicle until the police have a chance to search for evidence.

For more information on crime prevention programs such as Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out (Tuesday, August 5, 2008) and Community Radio Watch, please contact the Community Education/ Crime Prevention Unit at 630-305-5477.

***We're looking forward to seeing you
Out in your neighborhood on August 5th,
National Night Out!!!***

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***For late-breaking news and information of importance to
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***Watch for the next NAHC newsletter in early September!!!!
The next Confederation Meeting will be September 20th***

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