



# October 2008 Newsletter

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Welcome to the NAHC Monthly Newsletter. The NAHC strives to include information of value to homeowners and the associations they belong to. We include a mix of current events, special reports, and Confederation information. This month's newsletter previews our October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, provides an extensive and detailed report on new developments and building projects, and, as usual, has news from the City of Naperville and other area organizations and entities.

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. We welcome and appreciate your feedback. Send it to our External Communications Director, Bob Fischer, at [rafischer1@aol.com](mailto:rafischer1@aol.com)

## **President's Letter**

Home can be much more than a place to hang your hat and relax at the end of the day. It is a place of comfort and a refuge from the world around you. In baseball, crossing home plate means your team has scored a run and has been successful. The old saying, home is where the heart is, very accurately describes the warm feelings and sense of belonging and caring associated with home.

Neighbors, including your homeowners' association, are also part of the ecosystem that turns a house into a home. In Naperville we are very fortunate to have neighbors who care enough about each other to reach out in times of need. During September's floods, an organized group of Naperville neighbors, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was formally called out for the first time to assist the City in responding to a widespread emergency. Over 40 of these volunteers left their homes to fill sandbags and assist the City help others weather the storm.

Other neighbors watching out for our homes are our city's Public Safety responders. Naperville's Police and Fire Departments and emergency management Agency are there to lend a hand, save lives, protect our property, and help make our community a great place to live.

In recognition of Public Safety Month in October, the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation monthly meeting on Saturday morning, October 18<sup>th</sup>, will be held at the Public Safety Campus, River Road and Aurora Avenue. Our Police and Fire Departments will be there to tell us how we can help make our homes and neighborhoods safer places to live. We also will hear about emergency preparedness and steps we all should take to keep our homes and neighborhoods safe not only in emergencies, but on a daily basis.

Details are still being finalized, so please check our website, [www.napervillehomeowners.com](http://www.napervillehomeowners.com), for more information. We look forward to seeing not only homeowner's association officers, but also residents who want to learn more about protecting that most important resource, home!

Finally, the NAHC needs your support. If you have not paid your 2008 dues, please do so. If you haven't been coming to our meetings, you have missed excellent information and interchanges between presenters and attendees. NAHC meetings are not just for Presidents or Delegates, bring your members along and spread the word. The NAHC is a part of your neighborhood and cares about you and your members. Hope to see you on October 18<sup>th</sup>!!!!

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## **Confederation October Meeting Celebrates Public Safety Month**

On October 18<sup>th</sup> the NAHC will move their meeting a little bit west along Aurora Avenue as we convene at 8:30 AM in **Safety Town** for our bi-monthly joint meeting with the Mayor and the Naperville City Council. These meetings provide an opportunity for Naperville Homeowners to meet with our elected officials in a less formal atmosphere with a focus on the needs of homeowners within the City.

We have planned interesting presentations from the folks who make Naperville a safe place to live, our Police and Fire Departments as well as the Community Emergency Response Team. Following the meeting, there will be tours of the Police Department and Fires Station #7.

Come early and join us at 8 AM for coffee and networking, Confederation business begins at 8:30, and we will end the meeting with an Open Forum. Whether you are an association officer or director, or simply a homeowner looking for information, the NAHC October meeting should not be missed!

## **Zoning and Land Use Update**

*The following development projects were discussed at the September monthly meeting with Staff and/or were determined by Plan Commission and Council:*

At Fort Hill and Aurora is the BMW dealership which has broke ground and the proposed Infiniti dealership is in final engineering. Most likely there will be an alley which will provide for deliveries and allow for access to the test track. Apparently, the test track might be expanded.



75<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Study: Plan Commission previously voted to approve (with some changes) the Study. City Council continued the matter to next month as additional information was requested.

East Naperville Commons (75<sup>th</sup> & Wehrli) is scheduled before Council on October 7. As an aside: In a conversation with the developer earlier this month: he has plans to request that the project be approved with a “retail” drive-thru (this differs from Plan Commission’s approval) and is willing to delete the 2<sup>nd</sup> “Walgreens” drive-thru. Whether he has formally made these changes is unknown at this time.

A Bank of America is planned for 75<sup>th</sup> and Book Road

A Devon Bank is planned for Freedom Commons

The proposed development for Washington and the DuPage River is scheduled for Council on October 21 (this is the 3 story building with a restaurant on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and 2 floors of offices).

Holiday Inn on Naperville Road has requested permits for expansion and updating. When completed it will change to a Marriott.

North Central College new Fine Arts building will be having a special performance soon as it is nearing completion. Additionally there are plans for a full traffic signal to be added to the intersection of Ellsworth and Chicago.

Water Street Development Project: Phase 1 (garage) is in final engineering and Phase 2 (north side of Water) will be in final engineering but due to the major change in the PUD, it will also have to go before the Plan Commission too.

Main Street Promenade Addition is in final review and is expected to be scheduled for Council sometime in October.

636 Ogden Ave (Naperville Music) is in final engineering.

Ogden Avenue Streetscape is in the bidding process for a landscape consultant.

Central Park Study: Hitchcock Design was selected and the Park District will be holding a public meeting on October 14 from 5:30 – 7:30pm in MCC Rooms A&C

CMM: Council requested that Staff further discuss items with the School District and the Park District.

Attainable Housing Study: Staff is compiling data and preparing analysis and report. Staff intends to provide the draft report for review and comments to NAHC rep (DB).

Edward Hospital West Addition: a consultant has been hired and currently discussions are occurring as to where the cranes will be placed.

**Everyday Parenting**

During his first month of kindergarten, my brother's son was threatened by a fifth grader. The older boy said he would bring a gun onto the school bus and shoot all the students, starting with my nephew. The school principal said my nephew must have "misunderstood."

**When Your Child Is Being Bullied**

Here are ways you can help empower your child (and yourself) when bullying is an issue. Try it...

- If you think your child has been bullied at school, immediately ask to meet with your child's teacher. Calmly discuss the situation. Elicit the teacher's understanding of the situation, what the school plans to do about it, and when you can meet to review progress on the matter. Take notes. Stay involved.
- Bullying can happen in any setting. When you sign up your child for activities outside school, ask about anti-bullying policies and procedures. Let program supervisors know it's important to you that they be proactive in preventing bullying.
- Kids say the bus stop and school bus are bullying sites where adult supervision is often less apparent. Meet the bus, if possible, and get to know your child's bus driver.

**KidsMatter**

From information provided by Search Institute's MVParent ([www.MVParents.com](http://www.MVParents.com)).

**www.KidsMatter2us.org**

On Plank Road "The Woods" project will be continued to October 15 for Plan Commission at the request of the Petitioner due to time to respond to questions regarding trip generation and gap analysis. As an aside: Staff was requested to bring case file to meeting as questions have arisen. Property lines and location were discussed and confirmed. A group of local homeowners have prepared an information site on this project at: <http://www.msedie.com/PlankRd>

5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Study was discussed. September 29 was the first public meeting (this report was written prior to that meeting). In approximately October there will be another public meeting – the intention is to discuss land use and density – public input to be taken. An additional meeting intended to discuss the "streetscape" on Washington – Staff intends to present something and feedback intended additionally Staff will provide overview of the traffic analysis methodology. In approximately January a public meeting intended to provide transportation analysis and land use. When discussing the plans for this Study with Staff, it became clear that Staff has not determined at this time exactly

how public meetings/input will be done. Thom Higgins urged Staff to offer opportunities for residents to share their views, for Staff to take resident input into consideration when formulating plans.

There is a project called "Ellsworth Condos" and it is proposed for the area of Ellsworth between 4<sup>th</sup> and North. A separate report has been prepared on this matter and is posted on the Confederation website under "News & Info – Zoning & Land Use Liaison Committee." <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc10470.doc>.

## **Is Your Check in the Mail???**



The NAHC is collecting annual dues from our members. If your association did not receive a mailing with a dues invoice and survey form, 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 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.

## **October is Public Safety Month**

Naperville will recognize Public Safety Month during October. The Confederation meeting on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, will be held on the Public Safety Campus at Aurora Avenue and River Road. In addition, the Naperville Police Department has planned a number of ongoing events including:

**Red Ribbon Week**  
**Poster Display**  
Fry Family and Kroehler YMCAs

**Prevention Display**  
Municipal Center  
Many educational handouts available

**Car Seat Inspections**  
Community Connections  
Contact Zarine Hussain at  
(630) 305-7061 for scheduling

**Free Home Security Survey**  
Contact Officer Cory Cullinan at  
(630) 420-8373 for scheduling



Check the Confederation Calendar at [www.napervillehomeowners.com](http://www.napervillehomeowners.com) or the Public Safety Month website at [www.naperville.il.us/publicsafetymonth.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/publicsafetymonth.aspx) for the most up-to-date information on the following special events.

**Public Safety Open House & Passport to Safety**  
October 4th, 11 AM – 3 PM  
Public Safety Campus & Safety Town

**Safety and Crime Prevention for Seniors**  
October 9, 2008 @10:00 a.m.  
Naperville Police Department

**Crime and Fire Prevention Strategies for the Home**  
October 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Safety Town

**Boy Scout Crime Prevention Merit Badge Workshop**  
October 20, 6:30-9:00 p.m.  
Naperville Police Department

**Women's Safety Workshop**  
October 21, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM  
Kroehler YMCA, 34 S. Washington

**Internet Safety for Families**  
October 22, 7-8 PM  
North Central College – Goldspohn Hall  
Second Floor, Lecture Hall # 20

**Babysitting Safety Class**  
October 21, 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Naperville Police Department

**"Too Good For Drugs" Kid's Night Out Fundraiser**  
October 27, 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
Brunswick Zone-Aurora Avenue

**Identity Theft Presentation**  
October 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Safety Town

**"Too Good for Drugs" Kids Night Out Fundraiser**  
October 27th, 6-9 PM  
Brunswick Zone



## **Rain Gardens Pour On Benefits**

By Brook McDonald  
President & CEO, The Conservation Foundation

If that lake that appears in your backyard after a big rain was not in the plans, consider installing a rain garden with deep-rooted native plants. Three major benefits will result:

- Rainwater runoff will infiltrate or soak into the ground, conserving precious water which could otherwise end up reducing the quality of downstream waterways.
- Beautiful, hardy, low-maintenance native perennial plants will save you time and money.
- Food and shelter will be provided for birds, butterflies and beneficial insects.

The key to a successful rain garden, like in real estate, is location. The best spot is a naturally low area where water tends to accumulate; or a spot near a downspout or sump pump where water can be directed accordingly. A depression of two to six inches will suffice with the sides sloped gently down toward a level bottom. During heavy rains, the garden may fill up and overflow so it is a good idea to consider a shallow swale or ditch to direct runoff to other downhill areas.



The deep roots of native plants create channels even in the most uninviting soil that rainwater can follow.

While full sunlight is ideal, most rain garden plants will thrive in as little as a six hours of sunlight a day. Plants should be watered every other day (unless rain replaces the need) for just the first few weeks until plants are well-established.

The Conservation Foundation featured a very popular rain garden kit during its annual spring Native Plant Sale. Included were varieties ideal for well-drained sandy soils such as New England Aster, Spotted Joe Pye Weed, Cardinal Flower, and Dogtooth Daisy; as well

as plants that thrive in clay soils such as Sweet Flag, Marsh Milkweed and Awn-fruited Sedge. Native plants' deep root structure and hardy nature make them easier and less expensive to maintain than non-natives.

As with most landscaping projects, the best seasons to plant rain gardens are spring and fall.

## **Freedom of Information Act Requests**

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests can now be submitted to the City Clerk's office via the City of Naperville's Web site at [www.naperville.il.us](http://www.naperville.il.us).

Individuals can file a FOIA request online via two separate mechanisms. One is to utilize the virtual Citizen Support Center, which can be accessed by clicking on the Citizen Support link located on the upper right of any page on the city's Web site. Next, click on "Make a Service Request." A person can then locate "Freedom of Information (FOIA) Request" in the table and click the select button next to it. Most service requests, including the FOIA request, require that a user create an account.

After beginning the request process, users will then be taken through a series of questions to determine whether their information is available elsewhere online, thus eliminating the need to file the FOIA request. Fields on the online form marked with a red asterisk are considered required fields. Once a user clicks the "submit" button, the request is forwarded to the City Clerk's office for processing. Requests received after 3:30 p.m. will not be processed until the following business day.

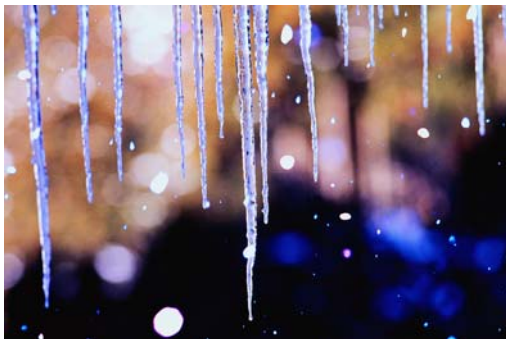
Individuals will also be able to receive their response via e-mail when appropriate. However, some inquiries could still require the need for paper copies to fulfill the request or an in-person viewing of the requested item at the Municipal Center.

For more information and to access the online service, go to the City's FOIA Web page at [www.naperville.il.us/foia.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/foia.aspx).

## **Weatherization Assistance Available to Residents**

With colder weather on the way, the City of Naperville is making funds available to income-qualifying residents to assist them in improving their home's energy value.

The city received these Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and will distribute them to eligible families in amounts of up to \$5,000 until all funds have been allocated.



Weatherization improvements include, but are not limited to, replacing inefficient water heaters, upgrading insulation, repairing or replacing unsafe electrical or plumbing systems, replacing furnaces and instituting fire safety measures. The NAHC general membership meeting on Thursday evening, December 11<sup>th</sup>, will focus on utility costs and how to manage them.

All residents can benefit from the money saving tips brochure now available on the city's Web site at [www.naperville.il.us/weatherization.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/weatherization.aspx). This brochure provides a list of free and inexpensive ways to save money in your home by reducing energy consumption. Examples of the tips include:

- In the winter, keep the thermostat at 68 degrees or lower and at 78 degrees or more in the summer
- Open drapes to let the sun heat your home naturally and close them at night to help insulate
- Close off vents and doors in unused rooms
- Use the air dry cycle on your dishwasher, or open the door to let dishes air dry
- Replace light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs

Weatherization assistance fund applicants are awarded funds on a first-come, first-served basis and may only receive Naperville weatherization funding one time. Eligibility requirements include owning your own home within the corporate limits of Naperville, having the home be your primary residence, meeting HUD's household size income requirements and having improvements fit into the scope of the weatherization program. Income requirements and application forms can be found at [www.naperville.il.us/weatherization.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/weatherization.aspx).

To apply, contact Community Grants Coordinator Katie Wernberg at (630) 548-1122 or [wernbergk@naperville.il.us](mailto:wernbergk@naperville.il.us) for an application and the checklist of qualification requirements. Once the city verifies that the applicant meets the general program requirements, DuPage County will conduct an inspection of the applicant's home to determine if the requested improvements are within the scope of the program.



# The Amazing Corn Maze Race

**Sunday, October 5**

**Keller's Farmstand Corn Maze**

2500 Johnson Road, Oswego, IL 60543

**10:30a – 5:00p** (last racers enter at 4:00p)

Prizes awarded to the three fastest racers!!!

**GRAND PRIZE WINNER RECEIVES A Wii!!!**

Bring the family and help support



Pack a picnic and enjoy a day full of activities!!

- Face Painting
- Pumpkin Decorating
- Wagon Rides
- Petting Zoo

Cost: \$12.00 per person/

Children 4 and under \$6.00

Tickets available at:

The School of Performing Arts and

Anderson's Bookstore

For more info visit [www.KidsMatter2us.org](http://www.KidsMatter2us.org)



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## **Learn & Lead: ACTHA's Certified Leader Program Begins Oct. 18.**

"Learn and Lead" is a six-week course providing the fundamentals of community association living for board members and owners. Those seeking certification have two years to complete the program. Each two-hour course requires a 70% pass rate on the exam given at the end of the module. *For details on the program and the benefits of pursuing certification, visit ACTHA's web site: [www.actha.org](http://www.actha.org) and click on "Benefits of Certification" at the top of the home page.*

The following fall dates will be held at Harris Bank, 8400 W. 159th St. in Orland Park from 10 a.m. - noon. Individuals seeking certification are asked to pre-register.

- Saturday, October 18: "Learn and Lead: Governance of an Association" Presenter: David Bendoff of Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit
- Saturday, October 25: "Learn and Lead: Administration of an Association" Presenter: Marcia Caruso of Caruso Management Group
- Saturday, November 1: "Learn and Lead: Governance of an Association" Presenter: David Bendoff of Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit
- Saturday, November 8: "Learn and Lead: Financial Aspects of an Association" Presenter: Mark Cantey of Mark Cantey and Associates
- Saturday, November 15: "Learn and Lead: Physical Aspects of an Association" Kami Farahmandpour of BTC

*\* "Learn and Lead" is ACTHA's certification program for community leaders. The cost is \$25 per course or \$100 if per-paying for all six courses. If individuals are not interested in pursuing "ACTHA's Certified Leader" status, the sessions are free to ACTHA members; \$20 per course for non-members. For non-members wishing to pursue certification the cost is \$25 per course.*

## **Transportation Notes**

The City of Naperville's Free Ride program will return on October 1, 2008, providing commuters with free rides from its three Park-n-Ride lots to the Route 59 train station until October 31. In addition, rides aboard the Pace Metra Feeder bus routes will be free every Tuesday from October 7-28.

Naperville's Free Ride program, which is fully funded by the City of Naperville, is a part of the city's overall effort to enhance and encourage the use of public transit citywide. Naperville introduced the Free Ride program in 2007, and as a result, increased ridership more than 16 percent through June, July, and August of that year.

The Free Ride program includes several components, including:

- Ride Free from the Park-n-Ride Lots - the Free Ride program includes complimentary rides Monday through Friday from the City of Naperville's Park-n-Ride lots to the Route 59 train station on Pace routes 672, 673 and 675. The lots are located at the 95th Street Park-n-Ride at the southwest corner of 91st Street and Wolf's Crossing Road (Route 672 - service beginning October 6), Wheatland Salem Church at 95th Street and Book Road (Route 675) and Community Christian Church at 1635 Emerson Lane (Route 673).
- Transit Tuesdays in Naperville - free rides will be available on Pace routes 676, 677, 678, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 781 and 783 every Tuesday for travel to and from the downtown Naperville Metra Station during the morning and evening rush hours.





Beginning Monday, October 6, 2008, the City of Naperville's new 95th Street Park-n-Ride lot will open to commuters. Located at 91st Street and Wolfs Crossing Road, the Park-n-Ride will provide commuters in Naperville, Aurora, Oswego and Plainfield with a more convenient transportation option to and from the Route 59 Metra Station.

Pace Route 672 will service the new 95th Street Park-n-Ride with six morning and eight evening trips. The 2.5-acre facility will accommodate commuters who wish to drive, bike or walk to the Park-n-Ride, as well as those who are dropped off. The new Park-n-Ride amenities include a bus shelter and loading area, more than 200 vehicle parking spaces, bicycle parking, multi-use path connection to Wolfs Crossing Road, sidewalk connection to 91st Street and lighting.

Due to an increase in demand, Pace will expand its service for Route 675 (wheatland-Salem Park & Ride) beginning October 6. The service will include three additional morning trips and four additional evening trips per day.

For additional information, visit [www.pacebus.com](http://www.pacebus.com) or [www.naperville.il.us/transit.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/transit.aspx).

## **Coming Soon to Your Neighborhood**

Within the month, AT&T will begin installation of the utility cabinets that will bring the company's U-verse service to the Naperville area.

AT&T U-verse is an IP-based video service that integrates digital TV, high-speed internet and digital voice services delivered over a fiber network to the neighborhood. Individual homes, for the most part, remain served by copper twisted pair cable. Over the course of the next three years, AT&T will be installing approximately 135 U-verse cabinets throughout the city in an effort to provide AT&T's customers with the enhanced internet and television services. It is anticipated that 15 cabinets will be installed by the end of 2008.



AT&T plans to work with the city to install the first phase of



their U-verse communication and entertainment network. To minimize the area disrupted by construction, each U-verse monolith will be located near existing AT&T utility facilities, the majority of which are on publicly owned property. However, cabinets may be located within public utility easements located on private property if a suitable location cannot be provided on publicly owned property. To ensure that the most appropriate location has been identified, cabinet installation can only commence after a City of Naperville construction permit has been reviewed and approved by city officials. Cabinet installation will occur within a set area within 90 days of a permit being approved.

The NAHC is working with City Staff to identify homeowners associations that will be impacted by this construction. Please make sure your association contact information is up-to-date in the Confederation Directory so we can keep you informed. Upon completion of installation, all areas affected by construction activity will be restored to their original condition and inspected by city officials. City officials will oversee each step of the installation and restoration process. Each cabinet site will be evaluated after the installation is complete to determine if additional landscaping is needed in the immediate area to restore it to its original condition. Additional information regarding the city's

landscaping restoration plan will be available at [www.naperville.il.us/uverse.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/uverse.aspx) in early 2009 prior to the spring planting season.

Additional information regarding the upcoming construction work can be obtained at [www.naperville.il.us/uverse.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/uverse.aspx). All interested parties are invited to visit the city's Web site, which will continuously track the progress of AT&T's installation efforts. For more information on AT&T's U-verse service, visit <http://uverse.att.com>

## **November NAHC Meeting to Focus on Schools**



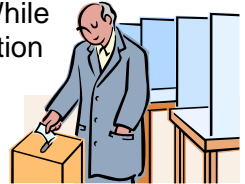
We're still finalizing the details, but mark your calendar for the Confederation November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting where we will focus on School Districts 203 and 204. With construction projects ongoing in both districts, a new superintendent on tap for District 203, and School Board elections in the Spring, there will be a lot to talk about. As the largest line item on our Property Tax Bills, schools are of interest to homeowners with and without children in the districts!

Right now we're planning on taking this meeting on the road to a site in one of the School Districts. Keep an eye on the Confederation website, [www.napervillehomeowners.com](http://www.napervillehomeowners.com), for more details!

## **NAHC Candidate Forums – Coming In February**

We were all set to hold Candidate Forums for the November State House and County Board races impacting Naperville, but it is kind of hard to hold a forum without the candidates. While we had some responses, we did not get the type of bipartisan area wide reaction needed to hold a fair and informative forum.

So, stay tuned – we are planning forums for the late Winter, early Spring, focused on the City Council, Park District, and School District April elections. Hopefully these candidates will be willing to spend the time to hear what is on the minds of the homeowners.



Our format will include a brief opportunity for the candidates to introduce themselves followed by our moderator posing questions prepared by the NAHC and submitted by our audience. Our focus will be on issues important to Homeowners. The forums will be held in the City Council Chambers of the Naperville Municipal Center and will be broadcast live on Naperville cable channels 6 (WOW) and 10 (Comcast). IF AT&T U-Verse is a reality by then, we'll try to figure out how they are handling public access broadcasting and provide you with information on where to find it on their system as well (from what we hear, it won't be quite as easy as clicking on a channel number).

Watch the website and future newsletters for more details.

## **Neither Snow nor Rain nor Gloom of Night?**

Are you having problems with mail delivery? Some subdivisions with curbside individual boxes are reporting not receiving their daily delivery when there are cars parked (legally) on the street blocking access to the box. We're trying to figure out if this is a widespread problem or indicative of a couple of letter carriers who don't want to get out of their trucks. Send an e-mail to [nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com](mailto:nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com) and let us know.



# DuPage Children's MUSEUM

...where learning comes in to play!



## October 2008

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

\* School's on holiday but we're not.  
Cub Scouts - sign up for activity sessions  
throughout the day! See website calendar  
for details.

DuPage Children's MUSEUM presents

### Bubble Bash 2008

**BACK TO BUBBLES**

**Bubble Bash 2008 - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**  
The 7th annual family-friendly New Year's Eve countdown to noon is back home at the Museum!

- Musically themed activities
- Treats
- Musical entertainment

Special performance by family favorite recording artist... **JIM GILLI**  
Day: Wednesday, December 31, 9am-Noon  
Place: DuPage Children's Museum  
Fee: Member \$15/Nonmember \$20 per person  
Open reservation begins October 1  
Call 630-637-8000 ext. 0




**REGISTER NOW! Thursday, Oct. 23 7-8:30pm**  
A DCM presentation for adults- Your Child's Growing Mind: How Families That Play Together Build Brains Together by award-winning author, Jane Healy, Ph.D.

Place: North Central College, Meiley-Swallow Hall  
31 S. Ellsworth St., Naperville, IL 60540  
FOR COMPLETE DETAILS, INCLUDING COST AND REGISTRATION INFO, visit our website or call 630-637-8000 ext. 0

### EXTRA SPECIAL THIRD THURSDAY Oct. 16, 5-7pm

October is Disability Awareness Month and in recognition join us for...

- Hands-on activities by Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA)

- Live entertainment by Steven Keefe and the Family Jug Band
- A visit with Casey the Therapy Dog
- A special in-studio art session

You won't want to miss this!  
Call 630-637-8000 ext. 4800 for more information.



### Creativity Programs

These are just a few of our October classes; see the website for full listing of classes, class descriptions, fees and registration information.

### A Books & Beyond Class - Festive Animal Lanterns

Includes dramatic reading of Tikki Tikki Tembo, activity and snack!

Sat., Oct. 11 1pm - Ages 6-10

### Arts of Mexico - Wish Boxes & Portrait Sculptures

Offered by Naperville Park District at DCM with artist Teri Cortes-Duncan

Sat.'s, Nov. 1, 8, & 15 10am or 1pm - Ages 7-10

Call Naperville Park District to register at 630-848-5000.

**Registration 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.



**Saturday, October 4 10:30am to Noon**

**Greek Folk Dancing! Greek Food!**

**ORPHEUS HELLENIC FOLKLORE SOCIETY**

OIA! The fifth season of Tiny Great Performances explodes with the color, enthusiasm and excitement of traditional Greek Folk Dancing. And experience the TASTE of Greece too! Following the performance, a FREE sampling of Greek delicacies, dishes and pastries will be provided by Michael's Fresh Market, Minos Imported Foods and Brookhaven Market.

### Also in October!

Oct. 18, 10:30 am to Noon: **Dayna Malow, country music**  
Winner of Chicago Music Award for Country Artist of the Year!

Save the Date! Nov. 1 - **Paul Abella Trio, jazz**  
FREE to Members or with Museum admission!

### Save the Date - Thursday, Nov. 6



From 5-7pm; see the website to find out more.

**PLUS - ALL-DAY EXPLORER STORE SALES EVENT! 9AM to 8PM**

Manufacturer's Trunk Show - In-Store Specials.  
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## **Naperville Park District Upcoming Events**



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

### **Community Open House Planned To Present Concepts For Sindt Property**

The Naperville Park District will host an open house for residents to learn more about the Sindt property, located at the far west end of Jackson Ave., and the proposed concepts for the more than seven acre parcel. The open house will be held on Wednesday, **October 1** from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Park District's administrative building at 320 W. Jackson Avenue. Concept boards will show attendees an overview of the current site and ideas for future improvements. For many years, the Park District has used a small portion of the property for maintenance and staging for its North Parks/Riverwalk Division, having used the house once occupied by Jane Sindt and the adjacent ice house. The Park District is now looking to rebuild an enclosed structure within the existing footprint of the former ice house. The Park District is soliciting feedback from community members on the improvement concepts.

### **Naperville Park District's Arrowhead Park Has Been Chosen To Participate In The Staples Dream Park Challenge With The Bears**

You can help Arrowhead Park win \$25,000 for park improvements and a chance to meet Bears' star Adewale Ogunleye in person by voting today at [www.StaplesDreamPark.com/Bears](http://www.StaplesDreamPark.com/Bears). Vote once per day from now through Nov. 17. Your vote can count 10 extra times when you pick up a free "power card" at your local Staples; no purchase is required! Naperville Staples stores are located at 1552 S. Route 59 and the new store at 1125 E. Ogden Ave. opens on Sept. 20! Arrowhead Park, 711 Iroquois Avenue, is one of 15 parks in the Chicago area competing for the big prize. The competition is fierce, so vote daily! Join us in voting at [www.StaplesDreamPark.com/Bears](http://www.StaplesDreamPark.com/Bears) today and let's make Naperville's Arrowhead Park the winner!

### **Introducing Naperville Indoor Soccer**

Registration is currently underway for the first session of the new Naperville Indoor Soccer program for the winter season. Kids in kindergarten through 8th grade will love playing a seven game schedule at the premier indoor facility, Players Indoor Sports Complex in Naperville. Session one runs from **Nov. 1-Dec. 19** and session two will be held from **Jan. 10-Mar. 7**. Register now for session one at [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) or call 630-848-5000.

### **Naperville Park District To Host Open House Regarding Ponds Of Hobson West**

The Naperville Park District will host an open house regarding the proposed acquisition and development of the Ponds of Hobson West on Tuesday, **October 7** from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Nichols Library in their large meeting room. Nichols Library is located at 200 W. Jefferson Avenue. The Park District is seeking community feedback regarding possible development plans of the property within the stated 60-day due diligence period. Crestview and its principals, Ron Wehrli and Michael Steck, agreed to sell the entire 6 acre parcel for the sum of \$2,500,000, and the Naperville Park District's Board of Commissioners accepted the offer at its meeting on September 11, 2008.

### **Park District To Host Public Open House On Bathhouse Improvements**

Although Centennial Beach has closed for the 2008 season, plans are still moving forward to solicit public input regarding plans to renovate the historic bathhouse.

The Park District began the public input gathering process in July, hosting a feedback session at the Beach itself. An additional open house is planned for **Wednesday, October 8** from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the City's Municipal Building, 400 S. Eagle Street in meeting rooms A & B. At this open house, Park District staff and architectural consultants will be on hand to provide information about the project and gather input on the kinds of improvements that they would like to see. Following the conclusion of the third public open house in early October, Williams Architects, the project consultants, will present drawings for a preliminary bathhouse improvement plan. Park District officials hope to finalize the plan



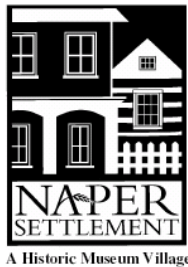
this fall. The development of construction drawings and permitting is scheduled for early 2009. Any renovations would not occur until the close of the 2009 Beach season and would be completed prior to the start of the 2010 swimming season. If interested individuals are unable to attend, they may make their comments and ask questions via e-mail to [info@napervilleparks.org](mailto:info@napervilleparks.org) or call the Park District at 630-848-5000.

### **Hayrides for Families or Groups**

Enjoy a special harvest-moon hayride through a beautiful Naperville park. Log on to [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) for complete information.

### **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](http://www.napervilleparks.org). Canoe launches are open to the public from sunrise until one hour past sunset every day.



## **October at Naper Settlement**

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

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

### **Weed Ladies Fall Show & Sale**

Those fabulous floral designers known as the Weed Ladies are hosting their popular fall show and sale Oct 9-12 featuring seasonal silk and dried arrangements in the Daniels House at Naper Settlement. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 through Saturday, Oct. 11 and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12. Admission to the sale is free.

### **Book signing**

Genevieve Towsley was a columnist for both the *Naperville Clarion* and the *Naperville Sun* and was a founding member of the Naperville Heritage Society. Her daughter, Caryl Towsley Moy, has written a book about her mother, *Naperville's Genevieve: A Daughter's Memoir*, which she will be signing between 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5 in the Museum Store at Naper Settlement. The author is donating the proceeds from the sale of the book to the Naperville Heritage Society.

### **History Speaks: Lincoln-Douglas Debates**

During this first presentation of the 2008-09 History Speaks Lecture Series, Terry Lynch as Stephen A. Douglas and Michael Krebs as Abraham Lincoln will recreate the fifth of seven historic debates held in 1858 between these political archrivals. On the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this historic event, two veteran actors will portray these colorful personages and the impact they had on history. The presentation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 in Century Memorial Chapel at Naper Settlement. Advance tickets are \$6 for adults; \$5 for students, youth and Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining Members. Tickets at the door are \$7 for adults and \$6 for students and youth. Call (630) 420-6010.

### **School's Out Webkinz® Day**

Boys and girls in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades can play with the hottest toys of yesterday and today during a School's Out Webkinz® Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13 (Columbus Day). From marbles to adopting a virtual pet, the day promises to be fun-filled. Your child will enjoy special crafts and activities and will even take home their very own new Webkinz® toy! Bring a sack lunch and a drink.

Please do not bring toys or your Webkinz® from home. The fee is \$45 per child. Call (630) 420-6010 to reserve your spot. Webkinz®animal to take home will be determined by Naper Settlement.

### **All Hallows Eve: A 19<sup>th</sup> Century Halloween**

Naper Settlement is transformed into a village of fear during All Hallows Eve: A 19<sup>th</sup> Century Halloween to be held from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24-25. See the most sinister characters of the 19<sup>th</sup> century come to life before your eyes. Not recommended for children under 8. Tickets are \$9 general admission. One dollar off advance tickets are available at Naper Settlement and these Naperville retailers: Anderson's Bookshop, Canterbury Shoppe, Country Curtains, Oswald's Pharmacy and Just Ducky. Call the Event Hotline at (630) 305-5555 for more information or visit [www.napersettlement.museum](http://www.napersettlement.museum).



## **Financial Planning Week**

### **Wednesday, Oct. 8 - Financial Education Fair**

Meet community financial leaders for informal talks about personal finance. A variety of financial literacy topics will be presented, including saving and investing strategies for all ages, credit cards, and employer-sponsored retirement plans. Speakers will include educators and government financial experts. A Morningstar Investment Research representative will conduct a database training session during the Fair. This program is made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart Investing@your library®, a partnership with the American Library Association. This program is part of Financial Planning Week, an annual financial planning awareness campaign in partnership with the Illinois Financial Planning Association. No registration is required. Meeting Room A/B & Computer Lab, 95th Street Library, 7 p.m.

### **Thursday, Oct. 9 Stress-Free Financial and Estate Planning**

Learn about the benefits of financial and estate planning in making smart financial decisions. Donald Duncan (CFA™, CFP®, CPA, MBA), a financial planner at D3 Financial Counselors in Downers Grove and Chairman of the Illinois Financial Planning Association, will co-lead this seminar with attorney William J. Strons. Mr. Strons (J.D. and LL.M in Taxation) is with the Huck Bouma law firm in Wheaton and is an expert in personal and estate planning, including the drafting of wills and trusts. This program is made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart Investing @ your library®, a partnership with the American Library Association. This program is part of Financial Planning Week, an annual financial planning awareness campaign in partnership with the Illinois Financial Planning Association. No registration is required. Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7 p.m.

Download the Naperville Public Library Fall Program Brochure at [http://www.naperville-lib.org/Programs/Fall\\_AT.pdf](http://www.naperville-lib.org/Programs/Fall_AT.pdf) or pick one up at any library branch to learn more about programs for the whole family including lectures, musical performances, author events, and more.

For information about adult programs, visit [www.naperville-lib.org](http://www.naperville-lib.org) or call Mary Bannon, Program Coordinator, 630-961-4100, ext. 2231.

## **Bi-Monthly City Homeowners Mailing Goes “Electronic”**

Watch for an email from the Confederation on (or about) Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, announcing how you can access the latest homeowner information from the City of Naperville. The City has “snail-mailed” a bi-monthly homeowners update to Association presidents and other key contacts for a number of years. This information packet includes information from various City departments as well as updates on zoning and development proposals being brought before City Council.

Beginning in October, “paper distribution” will come to an end in an effort to not only save a few trees, but also to save on the postage and administrative costs associated with preparing this very extensive mailing. In place of the monthly bi-monthly mailing, a [hyperlink](#) will be placed on both the City and the NAHC websites so that interested Associations can access the full document and download it, or further distribute it as they see fit.

Beyond saving money and being ecologically beneficial, going digital will enable further distribution of pertinent information throughout individual associations.

***We’re looking forward to seeing you at  
Our Joint Meeting with  
The Mayor and City Council  
On  
Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
at  
Safety Town!!!***

***Keep an eye on our website***

***[www.napervillehomeowners.com](http://www.napervillehomeowners.com)***

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

***Watch for the next NAHC newsletter in early November!!!!***

***Bob Fischer  
NAHC Newsletter Editor  
& Webmaster***