



# December 2008 Newsletter

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The NAHC newsletter is designed to provide information you can use when managing your associations and communicating with your members. We welcome and appreciate your feedback. Send it to our External Communications Director, Bob Fischer, at [rafischer1@aol.com](mailto:rafischer1@aol.com).

We are always looking for information to share with our members, and we hope that you share this newsletter, or portions of it, within your associations. If there is something going on in your neighborhood that you think the Confederation needs to hear about, let us know. Likewise, the Confederation Calendar at [www.napervillehomeowners.com](http://www.napervillehomeowners.com) is a great way to get the word out on things happening around town. Our calendar takes thousands of hits every month – so let us help you publicize your events!

By the way – keep an eye on the website – the City of Naperville bi-monthly homeowners report will be posted by the 8<sup>th</sup> of the month for you to download. The October report was downloaded over 500 times! This successful transition from 175 copies via snail mail to over 500 reads electronically was good for the environment, the City budget, and got the word out to a lot of folks around town!

## **President's Letter**

Living in Naperville, we are fortunate to have reliable and reasonably priced public utilities serving our homes. However, in this tough economy, “reasonable pricing” is a matter of individual perception. One way to keep costs within family budgets is to implement resource conservation in our households.

To help our members get the most bang for their utility bucks, the focus for our December meeting will be on Utility Rates, Savings and Customer Service/Conservation. Representatives of Naperville's Department of Public Utilities and Northern Illinois Gas will provide insights on their operations and answer questions from the audience.

In recognition of the busy holiday season, we moved this meeting from our usual Saturday morning timeslot to Thursday evening, December 11<sup>th</sup>. We'll get together at 6:30 PM in the meeting rooms on the lower level of the Municipal Center for networking and snacks. The formal meeting starts at 7 PM. As this is our bi-monthly joint meeting with Council and Staff, we are looking forward to their insights on what is happening around Naperville. As usual, the meeting will conclude with an Open forum where, in an informal setting, you can have a dialogue with our civic leaders.

We are pleased to provide these opportunities for interaction with local governments and service providers to the homeowners of the Naperville area. The NAHC Board has done some soul searching of late and one strength we identified of our organization is that we are the one organization in town that keeps the needs of homeowners in the forefront. Colloquially, “we've got your backs” when it comes to dealing with the powers that be. As a confederation of homeowners from around the city, we bring strength in numbers, experience, and credibility to the table in every discussion we hold.

If your homeowners association is not currently a Confederation member, visit [www.napervillehomeowners.com](http://www.napervillehomeowners.com) and download an application. Also, bring your board and other interested residents to our meetings. We promise you'll hear something of interest or use!

Finally, congratulations to Doug Krieger on his appointment as City Manager and Mark Puknaitis as the new Fire Chief. The NAHC looks forward to working with each of you.

*Chuck Schlabach,*  
*President, Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation,*  
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## Confederation November Meeting Focuses on Utilities

For December you don't need to get out of bed early on a Saturday morning to attend the Confederation meeting! We've listened to our members and are trying alternative meeting times and dates and for December only we will meet on Thursday evening, December 11<sup>th</sup>.



December's agenda focuses on Utility Rates, Savings and Customer Service/Conservation and will feature speakers from Naperville's Public Utilities Department and Northern Illinois Gas. Our presenters include NicorGas Sr. Regional Community Relations Director Tom Kallay; City of Naperville Water/Wastewater Assistant Director of Public Utilities - Water Jim Holzapfel; City of Naperville Director of Public Utilities Allan Poole; and Assistant Director of Public Utilities-Electric Mark Curran.

This is our bi-monthly joint meeting with the Mayor, City Council, and City Staff in attendance, so, in addition to our focus on utilities, we'll get insights on other things of importance in the City.

Come early and join us at 6:30 PM for snacks and networking, Confederation business begins at 7:00 and we will end the meeting by 9:00PM with an Open Forum where you get a chance to ask the questions on your mind. Whether you are an association officer or director, or simply a homeowner looking for information, the NAHC December meeting will discuss topics that directly impact your pocketbook!



## Zoning and Land Use Update

*The following report from Zoning & Land Use Committee member Thom Higgins includes development projects that were discussed at the November monthly meeting with Staff and/or were determined by Plan Commission and Council:*

**Fire Station #10:** Staff working through various engineering issues. Expected to go to council for final approval in early 2009.

Staff is working on text amendments to replace the DPIC (Downtown Plan implementation Committee) with the DAC (Downtown Advisory Committee) The new committee will have a re-defined mission and scope. In a related matter Staff is planning a Technical Update to the 2000 Downtown Master Plan sometime in 2009.



Staff is also working on Sign Code revisions as it relates to electronic sign change intervals, "A" frame portable sign placement on sidewalks and human signs such as the "Going out of Business" and Little Caesars people standing with signs by the roadway..

**Fifth Avenue Study is ongoing:** The City of Naperville will next host a Washington Streetscape Visioning Workshop for the Fifth Avenue Study on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at 7 p.m. in Meeting Rooms A, B and C of the Naperville Municipal Center. Study web page here: <http://www.naperville.il.us/fifthavenue.aspx>

The Public Comments from the Transportation/Parking Public Open House Held on November 13, 2008 are here:

[http://www.naperville.il.us/emplibrary/Link%207Station%204%20Public%20Comments\\_results.pdf](http://www.naperville.il.us/emplibrary/Link%207Station%204%20Public%20Comments_results.pdf)

An analysis of the Public Comments from the October 28<sup>th</sup> Future Land Use survey indicates the public does not want to see high density residential within the study area. For a further analysis of the public input, go to the Confederation website at:

<http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc10671.pdf>

Staff expects to present preliminary concepts to the Plan Commission in March 2009 or later.

**Historic District:** For the last six months there has been a discussion regarding the future and operation of the Historic Sites Commission and Naperville's Historic District. After three Plan Commission meetings commissioners were unable to come to a majority conclusion, and failed to forward a recommendation to City Council. Staff has made the recommendation to disband the Historic District and its existing regulations, and instead look to land marking significant structures (with the property owners consent). ECHO (the affected Homeowners Assn) the Historic Sties Commission and North Central College have put together a joint plan to keep the district intact, but make the process for doing major renovations and additions more resident friendly. At the November 18<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting Council instructed staff to work with the three groups to see if consensus can be found between them and the staff and report back in 90 days.

Extensive information regarding the details and history of this issue can be found in the 11-18 City Council Agenda packet (Item L4) starting on page 195 through 235. Link below:

<http://www.naperville.il.us/ccpacket/ccp111808.pdf>

**Caroline Martin Mitchell Property:** Staff expects to make their final report to Council on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will include an analysis of the existing land uses, and outline suggested next steps, including creating an annual stakeholder meeting. It will not be making land use recommendations.

Link: <http://www.naperville.il.us/mitchell.aspx>

**Central Park:** An open house was held on Oct 14<sup>th</sup> with the next one scheduled for January. Hitchcock Design is working on concepts for the renovations.

<http://www.naperville.il.us/centralparkplan.asp>

**Mill Street School** broke ground for parking lot and building improvements. It is of note that The Illinois State Board of Education building regulations apply to all school construction, and they send out their own inspectors to inspect the construction of any structures. Naperville inspects any exterior work such as parking lots. District 203 routinely, as a courtesy, sends all plans to the city for review and any comments.

Link: <http://www.naperville203.org/departments/buildings/BuildingtheFuture.asp>

**Water Street Phase II:** This is an enlargement of the original Water Street Development proposal, consisting of 3 additional attached structures attached to the east side of the Loggia building on the north side of Water Street. Plan Commission has approved the proposal, including signage on the Riverwalk side of the buildings. It is expected to go to council for final approval in January. They are still expecting to break ground for the parking lot in early 2009, with the buildings on the north side of Water St. to follow. The buildings that are to surround the parking garage will come last.

**Naperville Riverfront Plaza**, 400 South Washington (just north of the Burger King) received preliminary approval from city council. This will be a three story structure with a restaurant on the first floor with offices on the top two. They will be paying a fee into the SSA account in lieu of providing the required amount of parking. There remains the open issue of the amount of money the developer will be required to donate for the required Riverwalk improvements.

**The Woods of Old Plank Road** is scheduled to go before Plan Commission on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. with a revised plan, including new, additional, variance requests for reduced ROW (right of way) and reduced roadway width. A group of neighboring residents have a web site regarding this issue. Link:

<http://www.pc1740.com/>

## The NAHC Is Looking for Help

The Board of Directors of the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation is currently involved in analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the Confederation and things we can do to improve upon the execution of our mission and expand our membership base. More details will be provided on this ongoing effort in a future newsletter.



One thing we have determined is that we need some more “involved” folks as part of our bench strength. Whether as an Associate Director, Liaison committee member, or just as involved members at our general meetings, we need some more “involved” members. Please take a look at your association and see if you or some of your members might be willing to get more engaged with the NAHC. Bring these folks along to a future meeting, or encourage them to contact the Confederation at [nahc-naperjomeowners@wowway.com](mailto:nahc-naperjomeowners@wowway.com) and let us know how they might be willing to help. We’re looking forward to meeting you!

### Everyday Parenting

**“Spend the afternoon; you can’t take it with you.”**

*Annie Dillard*


**Seize the Day**

Most kids—teens included—love it when their parents play with them once in a while, especially when it’s silly, spontaneous, or both.

Play can be a way to promote healthy risk-taking, something that young people need to experience in order to test their own capabilities, learn new skills and competencies, and discover that they can feel high, excited, have an adrenaline rush, sense of accomplishment, or (uncontrollable) laughter without drugs or alcohol.

Make time for play in your life – it’s a great investment in your health and the health of your kids!

Carpe Diem!



**KidsMatter**

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

[www.KidsMatter2us.org](http://www.KidsMatter2us.org)

## January Meeting Preview

Mark your calendars for the NAHC January meeting where we will focus on Homeowners Association legal issues with a special emphasis on dealing with the impacts of foreclosures within your association.

The January meeting will be another weeknight evening session. It will be held in the lower level meeting rooms of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street, on **Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 6:30 PM with snacks and networking. The gavel will fall to start the formal meeting at 7 PM and we are planning to adjourn at 9PM following the Open Forum.

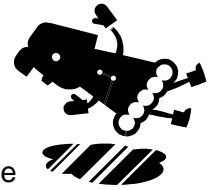
Once again we are looking to see if weeknights might be a better option for scheduling our meetings. We appreciate your feedback on our efforts to reach out to a larger audience as well as on the choice of topics for meetings. .

See you then!



## **GO EASY ON THE SALT THIS WINTER**

By Brook McDonald  
President & CEO, The Conservation Foundation



One of the main challenges to the water quality in the northeastern Illinois is the widespread use of road salt, or sodium chloride, in the winter. Going on a “low salt diet” when it comes to road, parking lot, driveway and sidewalk maintenance will help solve the problem, without sacrificing safety.

Salt dispersed on roads, driveways and sidewalks dissolves when the snow and ice turn to water – however, salt’s chemicals never fully disperse. Chloride, as well as ingredients arsenic and cyanide, travel with the snow melt to storm drains, and on to creeks and rivers. These chemicals remain in the water, damaging aquatic plant life. The reduction in healthy vegetation affects animals, fish, and other natural organisms that depend on these plants for food. Chloride can also damage landscaping, reversing any beautification efforts you, your neighbors, and community have made.

There are many environmentally-friendly alternatives for homeowners to consider when managing ice and snow:

- Shovel first (or use a snow thrower) before you use any product
- Adopt the ‘just enough principle’, putting down just enough product to keep high traffic areas clear of ice
- After snows, sweep up and discard un-dissolved product in the garbage
- Consider a less harmful deicing alternative to salt/sodium chloride, such as calcium chloride
- Avoid putting a de-icing product down on top of snow
- Support changes in chloride application in your municipality

Municipalities also play a major role in protecting local watersheds in the winter. While roads must remain clear to protect public safety, many towns are already employing alternative technologies to deice their roads, such as anti-icing, which applies salt water to the roads when a storm is forecasted and prevents the formation of ice.

***The Conservation Foundation**, a nonprofit land and watershed protection organization, is dedicated to preserving open space and natural lands, protecting rivers and watersheds, and promoting stewardship of the environment in northeastern Illinois. For more information about activities, programs and membership, visit [www.theconservationfoundation.org](http://www.theconservationfoundation.org) or call 630-428-4500.*

## **City Briefs – News You Can Use from the City of Naperville**

The Naperville City Council approved amendments to the **security alarm systems** portion of the Municipal Code that will **go into effect on January 1, 2009**. The intent of the security alarm systems Municipal Code is to reduce the growing number of false alarm responses by the Naperville Police Department, to hold alarm users accountable for the alarm systems installed at residential or nonresidential properties and to utilize police services more efficiently.

Some of the significant changes are as follows:

**Security Alarm Fees:** A response fee is imposed on all security alarm users to reimburse the city for the increased costs

- 1 – 2 No Fee
- 3 – 5 \$100 each
- 6 – 10 \$200 each
- 11 + \$350, plus restricted response

**Enhanced Call Verification:** All alarm system monitoring companies doing business in the City of Naperville shall incorporate Enhanced Call Verification which is a monitoring procedure requiring a minimum of two calls to two different numbers attempting to reach a responsible party prior to police service.

**Restricted Response:** An order by the chief of police restricting the response of police department personnel to security alarm signals from a residential or nonresidential alarmed premise with 11 or more false alarm activations within a 12-month period.

**Limited Response to Specific Security Alarm Signals:** The patrol watch commander or his designee may order the limited response of police department personnel to any alarmed premise for three or more false security alarm activations that have occurred within a 24-hour period and no key holder had been reached.

**Alarm Counting Period:** The counting period will be based on a rolling period, which is the number of false alarms in any 12-month period, beginning with the first false alarm activation.

For more information contact the Naperville Police Department's Alarm Coordinator Deb Hansen at (630) 548-2967 or email at [hansend@naperville.il.us](mailto:hansend@naperville.il.us). To view the entire changes to the security alarm systems Municipal Code, visit the city's Web site at [www.naperville.il.us](http://www.naperville.il.us). There, users can access the entire Naperville Municipal Code and enter "Municipal Code Title 10" into the search function.

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The City Council recently approved a landscaping and permitting contract with **AT&T** for work done in conjunction with installation of the company's **U-verse product utility cabinets**.

AT&T will install approximately 135 cabinets around the City of Naperville within the next three years to provide the city's residents with another video, television and phone service option. Following installation of a cabinet, all areas that were affected by the construction will be restored to their original condition and be inspected by city officials.

The contract approved earlier this month identifies landscaping requirements associated with cabinet construction and sets up a fee-in-lieu system between AT&T and the city. AT&T will pay the city \$202,500 over the next three years to cover the cost of the city installing and maintaining landscaping around the U-verse utility cabinets.



To minimize the area disrupted by construction, each U-verse cabinet will be located near existing AT&T utility facilities, the majority of which are on publicly owned property. However, a small number of 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.

The following individuals can be contacted with any questions, concerns and complaints throughout the process of AT&T U-verse cabinet installation and subsequent landscaping:

- **AT&T**, Director of External Affairs, AT&T-Illinois, (630) 462-6030
- **City of Naperville** – Sheila Bell, Project Assistant, City of Naperville, (630) 305-5305

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The City of Naperville would like to remind residents that anyone who wishes to inspect and/or obtain copies of public records from the city through the Illinois **Freedom of Information Act** can now submit

requests online. The city's Web site, [www.naperville.il.us](http://www.naperville.il.us), has a Citizen Support link located on the upper right hand corner of each Web page that will lead a user to the request location in the Citizen Support Center. Users should click on "Make a Service Request," followed by "Freedom of Information (FOIA) Request" and "select" in the table of options presented. First time users will be directed to create a user account which will ask for basic information, such as name, address and phone number.

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.

This online request program eliminates the need for paperwork when requesting public records. In addition, the system is easy to use and saves time, as well as contributing to Naperville's efforts to reduce paper consumption.

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 about the FOIA process, visit [www.naperville.il.us/foia.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/foia.aspx).

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The City of Naperville would like to remind residents to prepare ahead of time for **extreme winter weather**.

Preparing for cold weather conditions and responding to them effectively can reduce the dangers caused by winter storms and other extreme winter weather conditions. The following are tips residents can utilize before a winter storm to protect their property and loved ones:

- Be familiar with winter storm warning messages.
- Service snow removal equipment and have rock salt on hand to melt ice on walkways and kitty litter to generate temporary traction.
- Winterize your home by insulating walls and attics, caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic from the inside.
- Have safe emergency heating equipment available, such as a fireplace with an ample supply of wood or portable space heaters.
- Keep pipes from freezing. Wrap pipes in insulation or layers of old newspapers, and cover the newspapers with plastic to keep out moisture. Let faucets drip a little to avoid freezing, and know how to shut off water valves.
- Have disaster supplies on hand in case the power goes out. Such supplies include a flashlight and extra batteries; a first aid kit; a portable, battery-operated radio and extra batteries; a one-week supply of essential prescription medications and extra blankets and sleeping bags.
- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle as well. This kit should include a blanket, battery jumper cables, flashlight, candles, food, water and any other items you would need if stranded.
- Stay in touch with family and neighbors who are elderly, handicapped or have special needs and check on their well-being. Preparedness means not only taking care of our families but also helping our neighbors.

All residents are encouraged to pick up a copy of the city's **Emergency Preparedness Guide** at the Naperville Municipal Center. The 20-page Emergency Preparedness Guide includes helpful tips for families on what to do before an emergency, during an emergency and after an emergency. The guide lists examples of what to include in a family disaster supply kit, how Naperville residents can obtain notification during an emergency, what to do if disaster strikes, how to store food and water in an

emergency and more. In addition, the guide also includes tips residents can utilize during a winter storm. Copies of the guides are available in the Community Relations Division at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St. Residents can access an electronic copy of the guide on the city's Web site at [www.naperville.il.us/emergencyprepguide.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/emergencyprepguide.aspx).

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With winter weather almost here, the City of Naperville's Department of Public Works is ready and committed to **keeping motorists safe on the roadways** throughout this winter season. The city has a goal of clearing all streets within 14 hours after the end of a snowfall. However, heavier snows, those over four inches, will take longer to clear.

During heavy snowfalls, city crews concentrate on keeping main arterial roadways clear for traffic and emergency vehicles. The city has established a priority plowing system for its roadways so that main traffic routes and thoroughfares, such as Washington Street, Naper Boulevard, Diehl Road and 95th Street, are plowed first, followed by residential side streets and cul-de-sacs. The city is also responsible for clearing snow from all the municipal parking lots, the Route 59 Metra station parking lot north of the railroad tracks, the areas surrounding the downtown Naperville train station and the sidewalks in the Central Business District.

Department of Public Works crews will begin applying salt to the roadways when precipitation, either snow or ice, begins to accumulate and cause unsafe traveling conditions. Crews will begin plowing operations whenever two inches of snow have accumulated on paved services and snow is still falling.

**The city would like to remind residents of the following tips to make winter operations safer and more efficient for all:**

- Residents should not park on the street during a winter snow event. Parked cars are an obstacle to the snow plows. In addition, plowing around parked cars leaves large areas of snow and ice on the roadway.
- Property owners are responsible for plowing commercial parking lots, driveways and public sidewalks adjoining their homes and businesses.
- Shovel snow from driveways into the parkway and not into the street. This will help to avoid creating dangerously slippery conditions for both motorists and pedestrians. Shoveling snow into the street is a city code violation.
- Shovel out fire hydrants that are in or around your property and around meters to aid utility meter readers.
- Clear sidewalks of snow for the safety of pedestrians and children walking to school. Not keeping sidewalks clear is a city code violation.
- Uncover your mailbox for postal delivery.
- Help your neighbors. For many residents, age or medical conditions make it difficult to shovel snow without risking health.

For more information on any of Naperville's snow removal programs, call the Department of Public Works at (630) 420-6095 or visit the city's Web site at [www.naperville.il.us/snowremoval.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/snowremoval.aspx).

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

With 2009 just around the corner, a sad truth is that the NAHC is still collecting 2008 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 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.





If you received an invoice but have not paid your dues yet, please do so and at the same time update your Association contact information so that we can ensure that you continue to receive information of importance to your neighborhood.

Dues are our only source of income and are critical to the ongoing operation of the Confederation. If your Association is not a Confederation member, go to the Confederation homepage to download and complete the Membership Application (which also includes the survey) and send it to us along with your 2008 dues.

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

While the County, State and National elections are now over, the elections that have the most impact on your property tax bills are right around the corner. On the first Tuesday in April we will elect School Boards, Park District Commissioners, and City



Council Members. To help keep residents informed on these important races we are planning candidate forums for the late Winter, early Spring.

The Forum Schedule will be:

Monday, February 23: Council Primary Forum (if there is a primary election)

Wednesday, March 11th: Dist 204 Forum

Monday, March 23rd: Dist 203 Forum

Wednesday, March 25th: Park Dist Forum

Monday, March 30th: Council Forum

Our format will include a brief opportunity for the candidates to introduce themselves followed by our moderator posing questions prepared by the NAHC and also 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).

# **Parent University 2009**

## **Parents, are you having fun yet?**

Whether your child is in preschool or high school,  
join us for a day of workshops  
designed to share effective parenting strategies

**Saturday, January 24, 2009  
8:15 AM-3 PM**

Naperville Central High School  
440 West Aurora Avenue, Naperville  
\$25/person



Registration forms are available on the  
District 203 website: [www.naperville203.org](http://www.naperville203.org)  
and the District 204 website: [www.ipso.org](http://www.ipso.org)



Para información en Español, por favor llame al 630-420-6552 o [dottolino@naperville203.org](mailto:dottolino@naperville203.org)  
For information in Spanish, please contact 630-420-6552 or [dottolino@naperville203.org](mailto:dottolino@naperville203.org)

Watch the website and future newsletters for more details.

## **Naperville Park District Updates**



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

**Spring Soccer online registration begins on Wednesday, December 3 at noon.**

### **Winter 2009 Program Registration**

Online registration for the Naperville Park District's winter session will begin on **Wednesday, December 10 at noon**. Visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) and click on the "Online Registration" icon on the home page. Park District customers electing to use our Rec-Enroll online registration system need a bar code and PIN#. If you do not have this information, please call 630.848.5000.

Phone-in, walk-in and nonresident online registration begins **Wednesday, December 17 at 8:30 a.m.**

### **Petition packets available for Naperville Park District Park Board election**

*Five seats are up for election in April 2009* Petition packets for the 2009 Naperville Park District Park Board of Commissioners election are ready for pick-up from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Park District's Administration Building at 320 W. Jackson Avenue at the desk of Jacki Stern, Executive Administrative Assistant/Local Election Official.

### **Golf this winter at Springbrook Golf Course!**

Yes, you read that correctly. Springbrook will be open throughout the winter weather-permitting, so there's no need to put the clubs away this year. Just watch [www.springbrookgolfcourse.org](http://www.springbrookgolfcourse.org) for updates. We also recommend that you call ahead to verify that the course is in playing condition.

### **Celebrate the holidays with Springbrook and Naperbrook Golf Courses!**

Our spacious clubhouses at Springbrook and Naperbrook Golf Courses are the perfect place to host your business meeting or cozy holiday gathering for up to 70 people. We specialize in providing exceptional service and the coordination to make your gathering successful and very memorable. Catering packages offering delicious and satisfying breakfast, lunch, or dinner options are available.

Call today to reserve your special event!

- Springbrook Golf Course: 630-848-5060 (Ask for Ed or Mike)
- Naperbrook Golf Course: 630-378-4215 (Ask for Tim)

### **Scholarship Program:**

With economic conditions being what they are, the Naperville Park District expects to see an increase in residents applying to be considered for its scholarship program in the New Year.

This program, which is available to Naperville residents only, provides a reduction in fees of 50% or 100% for programs and individual Centennial Beach memberships; each individual member of an eligible family can participate. Income eligibility is based on guidelines issued by the United States Department of Agriculture for free and reduced fee lunch programs. Scholarships are given depending upon family income level and expensed based formula.

Each eligible person in the family, adults included, may apply the fee waiver toward registration for one program per program season with a maximum value of \$100 per session. Programs available for full or partial waiver include introductory or basic level programs with a maximum value of \$100.

Applicants must provide certain documentation regarding income status; the Naperville Park District's Community Relations Department is ready to assist individuals who apply to be considered. All information given by applicants as a part of the process is confidential and not a matter of public record. A waiver of program fees may be issued for six months or one year, and an applicant must reapply at the end of each calendar year in order to continue participation in the program. There are exclusions to the scholarship program, and trips, ticketed events, leagues and participation in Naperville Park District's preschool program are not eligible for scholarship consideration.

**PARK SNOW REMOVAL:** With a projected salt shortage and past fuel price increases, the District is implementing some changes in snow removal operations that will reduce plowing of areas. Additionally, the District expects to use more salt/sand combinations to aid in traction.

Beginning with this winter, sidewalks and trails will be cleared after the snow event has ended; the exception will be at the entry areas of any programmed facility or office building. Parking lots of programmed facilities and office buildings will be cleared of snow as in the past; however, salting/sanding will occur after the snow event has ended.

Additional changes will see a reduction of the areas plowed in parking lots at the following locations:

- Ashbury Park parking lot
- Commissioners Park
- Country Commons
- DuPage River Sports Complex
- Frontier Sports Complex's west lot
- Meadow Glens
- Nike Sports Complex
- Weigand Riverfront Park
- Winding Creek Park

#### **Riverwalk Sled Hill**

The Riverwalk Sled Hill provides fun for the entire family. Bring your own inner tube or plastic sled; wooden sleds and metal-runner sleds are not permitted. Parent/adults are responsible for supervising their children less than 8 years of age. The hill closes at 9:00 p.m. except on Fridays and Saturdays when it remains open until 10:00 p.m. The sled hill's official daily schedule will begin Dec. 1 and continue through Feb. 29, weather permitting.

#### **Centennial Park Ice Rinks**

Located off West Jackson Avenue in Naperville, there are the only Naperville Park District rinks where hockey is permitted. Centennial Park Features two lighted hockey rinks as well as a lighted free-skating area. Skating is permitted from 4:00 until 9:00 p.m. on weekdays; noon until 9:00 p.m. weekends and holidays.

#### **Naperville Park District's Santa House - on the Riverwalk at Jackson Avenue and Webster St.**

Take a magical trip to visit Santa right on the Naperville Riverwalk where his special little house will reside for the holidays. Have your picture taken with Santa. Don't miss this unique opportunity!

December 2, 2-4 p.m. - For Families with Special Needs only - 630-848-5000 (Reservation required)

December 3, 5-8 p.m. Santa House PET DAY

December 4, 2-4 p.m. - For Families with Special Needs only - 630-848-5000 (Reservation required)

December 5, 5-8 p.m.

December 7, Noon-6:00 p.m.

December 12, 5-8 p.m.

December 13, Noon-6:00 p.m.

December 14, Noon-6:00 p.m.

December 15, 5-8 p.m.

December 16, 5-8 p.m.

December 17, 5-8 p.m.

December 18, 5-8 p.m.

December 19, 5-8 p.m.

December 20, Noon-6:00 p.m.

December 21, Noon-6:00 p.m.



# DuPage Children's MUSEUM

## ...where learning comes in to play!

### December 2008



\* OPEN ALL DAY ON WINTER BREAK MONDAYS!  
9am-5pm Mon., Dec. 22  
9am-5pm Mon., Dec. 29

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



### LAST CHANCE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOTS!

The 7th annual family-friendly New Year's Eve countdown to noon is back home at the Museum!

Call 630-637-8000 ext. 0.



## Bubble Bash 2008



Day: Wednesday, December 31, 9am-Noon  
Place: DuPage Children's Museum  
Fee: Member \$15 each / Nonmember \$20 each  
Prepayment required. Sorry no refunds.



### Donate a star in your child's name!

A star with your honoree's name will be posted in the Museum as part of our campaign.

Today's children are tomorrow's STARS!  
Visit our website or call 630-637-8000 ext. 0.

## Winter Break MINI-CAMP!

### LAST CHANCE!

#### Kids Design Engineering

Design, build, test - that's the engineering way! Explore the world of engineering and meet our design challenge in this acclaimed school program that's been adapted into a camp timed to take advantage of the holiday break! Children do not need an adult partner to participate.

Dec. 29 & 30 9am - 1pm Ages 7-10 Code WMC-108

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required; enrollment is limited.

Call 630-637-8000 ext. 0 for more information or to reserve a spot for your child.



DCM presents  
**Dr. Lilian Katz**  
Nurture Learning by  
Developing Children's  
Innate Dispositions.

REGISTER NOW! Thursday, Jan. 22, 7-8:30 pm

An international leader in Early Childhood Education, Dr. Katz believes that all children have innate learning dispositions and that how we nurture those dispositions is crucial in encouraging children to become life-long learners.

For complete details including cost, location and registration info, visit our website or call 630-637-8000 ext. 0.

### Have Fun at the Museum this Winter Break!



Studio Drop-Ins:  
December, Alexander Calder

Explore line, space, balance, color, shape and pattern inspired by the sculpture of Alexander Calder using wire, fabric, paper colorful ceramic pieces and other materials.

Dec. 21 - 27 Wire Mobile, Art Discovery

Dec. 28 - Jan 3 Snow Sculptures, Art Discovery

Morning and Afternoon Sessions.

FREE to Members or with Museum Admission!



Dec. 13 and 27 from 10:30am - Noon

FREE to Members or with Museum admission!

#### Dec. 13, Clarence Goodman, string instruments

Clarence Goodman writes and performs his own music, as well as classic rock songs families will love. Goodman plays a variety of instruments including the harmonica, ukulele and guitar

#### Dec. 27, Steven Keefe, family jug band

During this Tiny Great Performance, Steven Keefe encourages children to become members of his folk band by playing washboards, cowbells and other musical jug band instruments.

**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.

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





## **December at Naper Settlement**

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

523 South Webster Street

Naperville, Illinois 60540

(630) 420-6010

(630) 305-5255-fax

Naper Settlement's Winter Season runs through March 31. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission is \$4.25 for adults, \$3.75 for seniors 62+ and \$3 for youth 4-17 and includes an audio tour. The Pre-Emption House Visitor Center exhibits and galleries are open, but the buildings are closed except for special events, such as Christmas Memories Dec. 12-14. The Museum Store is open, with or without admission, for shopping during regular museum hours.

### **Breakfast with Mrs. Claus**

Santa's youngest fans will love this visit with his cheery wife from 8 to 10 a.m. on either Saturday, Dec. 6 or Saturday, Dec. 13. Activities, songs and a continental breakfast are included. Bring your cameras to capture a memorable moment. For children ages 2 to 8 with an adult; up to three children per adult. Fee is \$15 per child; \$14 Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining Members; \$10 per adult. Limited to 40 people, call for reservations at (630) 420-6010.

### **Victorian Holiday Traditions**

Learn about Victorian Holiday Traditions during this special program to be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 6 at Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Enjoy a one-hour tour of the Victorian-era Martin Mitchell Mansion, decked out in traditional Victorian Christmas splendor. Then sip tea and enjoy sweet treats while discovering the history of holiday traditions, such as Christmas tree ships and ornaments, as presented by our Victorian costumed interpreter. Finish off the afternoon browsing our Museum Store for specialty gifts, then plan to visit downtown Naperville for lunch or more shopping opportunities on your own. For ages 18 and up, the fee is \$30 per person. Call (630) 420-6010 for reservations.

### **History Speaks Lecture Series: An Intimate Conversation with the Author**

Join author Rochelle Pennington from 7-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at Naper Settlement for "History Speaks: An Intimate Conversation with the Author," a new spin-off program of the History Speaks Lecture Series. The program will debut in the Pre-Emption House Tavern where guests will enjoy hot cocoa and cookies while listening to author Rochelle Pennington talk about her book, *The Historic Christmas Tree Ship*. Her multimedia presentation will feature Chicago's famous Christmas tree ship and details on one of the most well-known shipwrecks of the Great Lakes; including little-known facts about the ship's mysterious disappearance, clues washed ashore, ghost ship sightings of the phantom schooner and mysterious omens. Tickets are \$16, \$14 for Naperville Heritage Society members. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase. This event is limited to 40 participants. Call (630) 420-6010 for reservations.

### **Christmas Memories**

Step back in time to a picture-perfect 19<sup>th</sup> century holiday celebration with musical entertainment, beautifully decorated historic homes and businesses, a gingerbread village contest and more at Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Christmas Memories will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13 and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Admission is \$9 adults, \$8 seniors and \$6.50 youth 4-17. Call (630) 420-6010 or visit [www.napersettlement.museum](http://www.napersettlement.museum).

### **School's Out: Fads of the Fifties & Sixties**

When school's out, Naper Settlement's in! Long before video games and DVDs, people gathered around their black and white televisions to watch their favorite shows. Join in the nostalgic fun when

kids of today learn about fads of the 1950s and 1960s like hula hoops, games, toys and fashions. This School's Out program will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 22 and 23 and Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 29 and 30. There are different activities each day – attend one or all days. The fee is \$45 per day per child; \$40 per day for Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining Members. Call (630) 420-6010 for reservations.



## **December at the Library**

Mark your calendar for programs for all ages at the various branches of the Naperville Public Library. For more information go to <http://www.naperville-lib.org>

### **Tuesday, Dec. 2 - Petra: The Rose Red City with Art Excursions**

Petra flourished as the capital of the Nabateans from the 4th century B.C. until the Roman occupation in 106 A.D. Located at the crossroads of international commerce in the center of the caravan trade; this once thriving city is remarkable for its rose red colored architectural forms carved out of stratified rock. From this location, the Nabateans prospered from the sale of water that they harnessed and controlled. Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions presents our lecture He is a member of the Illinois Humanities Council's "Roads Scholars" speakers bureau, and an art historian who has taught at the university level for over 16 years.

Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, [www.naperville-lib.org](http://www.naperville-lib.org), or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings. Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7 p.m.

### **Wednesday, Dec. 3 - Brian Fox Ellis as William Herndon, Lincoln's Junior Law Partner**

Continuing our observance of Lincoln's 200th birthday, the Naperville Public Library is pleased to present Brian Fox Ellis as he portrays William Herndon, Lincoln's junior law partner. Herndon wrote one of the most important and controversial biographies of Abraham Lincoln. He conducted dozens of interviews with informants who knew Lincoln personally. As Herndon, Brian Fox Ellis will share stories from Lincoln's life as a lawyer, his early legal training and some of his most important cases won and lost. Since 1980, Brian Ellis has been touring the world as a performer and educator. He is also a museum consultant and has worked with the new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, the Looking for Lincoln Tourism Board and Chicago's Field Museum.

Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, [www.naperville-lib.org](http://www.naperville-lib.org), or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings. Meeting Room A/B, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr. 7 p.m.

### **Wednesday, Dec. 3 - Smart Investing @ your library®**

This session will provide an overview of Library investment research databases, with emphasis on the best strategies to select and monitor your investments. An introduction to investor protection resources through the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) will also be included. This program is open to the public, but seating is limited to 20 participants. Please call Bobbie Rudnick, 630-961-4100, ext. 6328 to reserve your seat. Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7 p.m.

### **Tuesday, Dec. 9 - Pageturners**

This adult book group primarily reads non-fiction and meets the second Tuesday of each month. In January, they will read **"The Ride of Our Lives"** by Mike Leonard.  
Children's Storyroom Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 9:30 a.m.

### **Wednesday, Dec. 10- The Soul of South Africa with Bill Helmuth**

Emerging from the scars of apartheid, South Africa is striving to balance its natural riches of gold, diamonds and platinum with the development of its long suppressed human potential. Our presentation shows the extraordinary beauty of the countryside as seen from one of the world's great train trips. The audience will visit the remarkable cities of Capetown and Johannesburg, renowned for their semi-precious gems

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Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7 p.m.

### **Winter Wonderland Drop-In Craft Program**

Drop-in at the Library to make some wintry crafts. Children of all ages and their caregivers can stop in anytime during the 2 hour program and create some of winter's beauty. This is a no story, craft only program. For all ages. No registration required.

**Thursday, Dec. 11** – Program Room, Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 12 noon

**Monday, Dec. 15** - Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 11 a.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 16** - Meeting Room A/B, 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 11 a.m

### **Tuesday, Dec. 16 - Great Books Reading and Discussion Group**

This adult book group follows the Great Books discussion format. It meets the third Tuesday of each month. In December, they will read **"Thus Spoke Zarathustra"** by Nietzsche. Sponsored in memory of Mary (Daphne) Dragula by her family and friends.

Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., Program Room, 7 p.m.

### **Thursday, December 18 - New Horizons Book Discussion Group**

This adult book group meets the third Thursday of each month. In December they will **"Member of the Wedding"** by Carson McCullers.

Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 10:30 a.m.

### **Monday, Dec, 29 - Money Smart Teens**

Teens (6th -12th grades), put some of that holiday money to work for you by investing in stocks or mutual funds! Learn how your money can multiply through the magic of compounding. This fun and informative workshop will introduce the best online resources for saving, investing, and managing your money. Refreshments will be served. This program is open to the public, but seating is limited to 20 participants. Please call Bobbie Rudnick, 630-961-4100, ext. 6328 to reserve your seat.

Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 3 p.m.

## **Bi-Monthly City Homeowners Mailing Coming Soon**

We had well over 500 hits on the first all electronic distribution of the City bi-monthly homeowners report in October. Since only around 175 reports were mailed out previously, we think this new means of distribution is a great success as it would appear we more than doubled our distribution while saving a few trees (and not to mention City Budget bucks!)

Watch our website for activation of the link to the December City packet at <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc10524.pdf>. The new December packet should be posted by December 6th!

***We're looking forward to seeing you at  
Our Joint Meeting with City Council***

***On***

***Thursday Evening, December 11<sup>th</sup>***

***at***

***6:30 PM in Meeting Rooms B, & C***

***At the Municipal Center***

***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 January!!!!***

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