



# January 2009 Newsletter

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The NAHC newsletter provides information you can use when managing your association 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 hope that you share this newsletter, or portions of it, within your associations. If something is going on in your neighborhood the Confederation needs to hear about, please 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!

## **President's Letter**

Happy New Year to the members and friends of the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation! The NAHC has big plans for the upcoming months and we hope you all will be part of these.

A mission of the NAHC is delivering information on topics and issues of importance to our community. Whether through this newsletter, our website, or monthly meetings, we provide timely, useful and actionable news, advice, and updates so our members can make our community a better place to live.

One topic that has, quite unfortunately, become an overarching concern is the state of the economy and the specter of foreclosures. Within Naperville, there were 108 and 131 foreclosures respectively in the first and second halves of 2007. Within the first half of 2008 alone, before the difficulties within the economy became manifest, this number had increased to 191. The total count for 2008 is as of yet unknown, but the trend is evident.

Foreclosures can dramatically impact our neighborhoods. They are disastrous for the involved homeowners through loss of equity and a place to live. The overall impact can ripple down to the neighbors and to the homeowners association in the form of properties that may be no longer properly maintained. Association dues and assessments may go unpaid, stretching reserves and placing a further burden on the remaining members.

The Confederation January meeting focuses on foreclosures and their impact on the community. We will provide information on what associations can legally do regarding foreclosed properties within their boundaries. Guidelines on who to call to ensure properties do not become blights on the neighborhood will be shared. Finally, resources for homeowners facing the prospect of a foreclosure will be identified.

Join us Wednesday evening, January 28<sup>th</sup>, in the Municipal Center. We will begin with snacks and networking starting at 6:30 PM; the formal meeting convenes at 7. We hope to see all of our members, and interested homeowners, as we tackle a topic that seems not to be going away soon.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Associate Director Patricia Meyer on her appointment to the City Plan Commission. Based on her work as chair of the NAHC Zoning and Land Use subcommittee, I know she will be a thorough and thoughtful addition to this panel. Also, I am pleased to announce that the Board has unanimously selected Park Addition HOA President Thom Higgins as our newest Associate Director and as the new chair of the Zoning & Land Use subcommittee.

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*President, Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation,*  
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## **Confederation January Meeting Focuses on Foreclosures**

During January you won'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 January only, we will meet on **Wednesday evening, January 28<sup>th</sup>** in meeting rooms B&C of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street.



January's agenda focuses on foreclosures and the impact on homeowners associations and homeowners. We have invited several speakers, including an attorney, Stuart Fullett of the law firm of Fosco Fullett Rosenlund PC of Arlington Heights, and a mortgage broker; with time planned for questions following the presentations.

What are the options if you are facing foreclosure or what to do if there is a foreclosed home in your neighborhood are just some of the topics planned for discussion.

Come early and join us at 6:30 PM for snacks and networking, Confederation business begins at 7:00 PM and we will end the meeting by 9:00 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 January meeting should not be missed.

## **Zoning and Land Use Update**

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

The City of Naperville **Plan Commission meeting** scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2009, has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. The next Plan Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Naperville Municipal Center, located at 400 S. Eagle St.



### **New Proposals:**

**Dynacom** has submitted preliminary plans to build a 4-story office building on vacant property fronting on both 75<sup>th</sup> and Rickert, just west of the COD Building and east of Estes Park. There is a sign on the property with a rendering of the proposed building.

**Naperville Gateway** has submitted preliminary plans for 8 acres on the southwest corner of Warrenville Rd and Naper Blvd. The developer envisions either a full service hotel or an office building, coupled with retail space and restaurants. If the decision is made to go with a hotel, it will be the second recent attempt for a full service hotel in this area. Last year a proposal for a hotel coupled with condo's slightly west of this location failed to gain approval from the City Council. The property has significant access issues as both DuPage County and Naperville will have reservations about allowing entrances/exits on either Naper Blvd. or Warrenville Road given the substantial work under way to realign and modify the intersection with the toll road.

### **Ongoing Proposals:**

**The Woods Along Old Plank Rd** was rejected by the Plan Commission 7-2 due to concerns regarding the applicability of a PUD (Planned Unit Development) designation, the effect on surrounding neighbors, and concerns about the variances requested. In spite of the rejection by Plan, indications are the developer intends to seek City Council approval some time in early 2009. A group of neighboring residents has a web site regarding this issue. Link: <http://www.pc1740.com/>

**River Front Plaza:** 400 S. Washington, at the river, just north of Burger King, received final approval from City Council to construct a three story mixed use building with offices above a restaurant looking out on the river.

### **Ongoing Developments:**

The Van Buren Parking Deck addition opened on Nov 26<sup>th</sup> in time for holiday shoppers. The city is hoping that the **Naper Main Development** that will ultimately surround the parking deck addition will get underway this spring at roughly the same time as the addition to the **Main Street Promenade** development across the street starts. The City desires to coordinate the necessary utility upgrades and connections for both projects under Main St. to minimize disruptions. The City also proposes to move Main Street a few feet west between Van Buren and Benton, at the same time construction is occurring, to better align it.

### **Studies:**

**Fifth Ave Study:** Is ongoing. The Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting was held to discuss potential streetscape improvements to Washington, from Ogden to Benton. After the first of the year the 2009 meeting dates and subjects will be announced. Full details of the prior meetings and public input can be found at: <http://www.naperville.il.us/fifthavenue.aspx>

**Attainable Housing Study:** In 2007, the City of Naperville began conducting a Housing and Income Assessment. This study is intended to determine what types of housing the city currently has, if there is a specific housing type lacking in the city, buyer preferences, and whether specific income groups are currently underserved by the housing market. The City is currently sending out data and asking for feedback. Upon completion of this assessment, and if the assessment finds that unmet needs exist, the city will recommend options to address these “gaps”.

Source: <http://www.naperville.il.us/emplibrary/TED%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

**Ogden Avenue Corridor Study:** The city is sending out a RFP (request for proposals) for streetscape lighting. There is also discussion about implementing a façade improvement program for existing older business. This is intended to be a long-term initiative of 20 some years to make Ogden Ave more attractive, pedestrian friendly and have better traffic flow. Unfortunately the newest development, Staples, illustrates the difficulty of bringing desired concepts into reality. One of the goals going forward is to have interconnectivity of parking lots between properties in order to keep traffic off of Ogden and create a more cohesive shopping district. However, it is not a mandate and Staples and Iroquois Center failed to reach an agreement to interconnect their developments (interconnection would have cost five spaces in each parking lot). The website for the initiative is here: <http://www.naperville.il.us/ogdenstudy.aspx>

## **The NAHC Is Looking for Help**

The Board of Directors of the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation is currently completing an 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 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!

## **Red Light Cameras**

The City of Naperville was slated to begin the operation of automated red light photo enforcement cameras the week of December 28 at the intersection of North Aurora Road and Route 59. Signs will be posted at this intersection indicating to motorists the presence of the cameras.

The Naperville Police Department will issue warning citations for a 30-day time period following activation of the cameras. Once the 30-day warning period has expired, red light violation citations will be issued to drivers.

The intersection of North Aurora Road and Route 59 was selected for red light photo enforcement camera placement due to the high number of right-turn accidents at that location. Through the program, the city hopes to reduce the number of injury-causing crashes through the reduction of right angle and turning collisions, reduce the total number of crashes at an intersection overall and reduce the number of red light violations at an intersection.



According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, crashes caused by red light running result in more than 800 fatalities and 165,000 injuries annually. In accordance with the law and objectives of the program, citations will be issued to those violators

who jeopardize the safe and efficient flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Citations will be issued to drivers who run red lights without stopping, to drivers who make right turns against red lights without coming to a complete stop and to drivers who stop after crossing the limit line/stop bar while making a right turn against a red light, forcing a pedestrian or bicyclist into the roadway. However, if a driver enters an intersection on a green light that turns to red before they have a chance to make a left turn, no citation will be issued.

Registered vehicle owners will have the right to contest a citation through the city's new administrative hearing system for red light enforcement violations. An administrative hearing system is a local method to judge municipal violations rather than going through the county court process.

The administrative hearings will be presided over by an impartial and independently contracted hearing officer, who will be an attorney trained and certified to act as a hearing officer. That hearing officer will have access to the violator's citation and a video of the incident and will make the determination of whether the violator is liable or not liable. The determinations are able to be appealed to the DuPage County Circuit Court. Those violators found liable will pay a \$25 administrative fee, which is half of the \$50 court costs that are assessed by DuPage County Circuit Court.

Benefits of an administrative hearing process include:

- • More convenient time and location for hearings for the community,
- • Reduced costs (\$25 administrative fee versus \$50 court costs),
- • Reduced costs for the city (two officers required for administrative hearings once per month versus multiple officers needed to attend DuPage County Circuit Court over multiple dates per month),
- • Reduced burden of additional cases on the DuPage County Court docket,
- • Expedited enforcement; there will be no continuances unless necessary, and
- • No prosecutors required to attend the administrative hearing process.

For more detailed information on the automated red light photo enforcement program and the administrative hearing process, visit [www.naperville.il.us/redlight.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/redlight.aspx).

## February Meeting Preview

Mark your calendars for the NAHC February bi-monthly joint meeting with City Council on Saturday, morning, February 21<sup>st</sup>, where we will focus on legislation and strategic planning issues important to Naperville and its residents

In February we will return to our Saturday morning meeting time, starting at 8 AM with coffee, donuts, and networking in rooms B&C of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street..

If you have any suggestions on future meeting topics, or how our meetings can better serve Naperville homeowners, please email us at [nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com](mailto:nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com).

Thanks for your support of the NAHC!

**Everyday Parenting**

*Facts from  
Search Institute*

*Only 30% of middle and high school students surveyed report having positive family communication, including being willing to seek their parents' advice and counsel.*

*Positive family communication is much more common among younger kids than older teenagers. While 47% of sixth graders report positive family communication, only 22% of high school seniors do.*

### Family Communication

**Ideas you can use every day**

- **Talk about the every day stuff every day.**
- **Create times for talking** — Meal time is a great time for conversation!
- **Be approachable** — Try to listen without judging.
- **Take concerns seriously** — It is important to your children.
- **Don't wait** — Find times to talk with your children every day about little stuff and big stuff and when you do talk, really listen to what they have to say.

**Be Intentional**

- **Wait** — Give yourself and your children time and space, but don't make it an excuse to avoid conversation.
- **Listen for more than the words** — Watch body language carefully. Listen carefully and try to understand the feelings behind the words, not just the words themselves.
- **Think through the tough conversations** — Sometimes you need to have difficult conversations; think it through in advance.


**Be Creative**

- **Do something else** — Doing things together that both you and your children enjoy may be the best way to get a conversation going.
- **Communicate without talking** — If your children don't want to talk, leave a caring note, send a friendly email or just sit by their bed and give a backrub.

**Keep Perspective**

- **Give time and space** — Sometimes kids need both time and space to work through things.
- **Be patient** — Despite the fact that you may already have a hard time talking, remember that you can always start a new conversation, even a simple one, that can help get you back on track. Learn. Forgive. And try again.

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



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

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

The City of Naperville's new **Guaranteed Ride Home Program** will begin on January 1, 2009. The program offers commuters who use Pace bus service to access the city's Metra stations more flexibility in their transit schedule by guaranteeing a ride home should they need to return to their residence when the feeder route buses are not in service.

Through the Guaranteed Ride Home Program, commuters who use Pace bus service to access the downtown Naperville or Route 59 Metra stations will be reimbursed for travel costs if they need to return unexpectedly when the feeder buses are not in service. Registered Pace commuters will

receive up to 12 vouchers annually that will allow them to take a taxi from one of the Metra stations to their home or designated Park-n-Ride. Commuters registering after the month of January will receive a pro-rated number of vouchers. All Guaranteed Ride Home participants must register for the program in order to qualify for reimbursement.

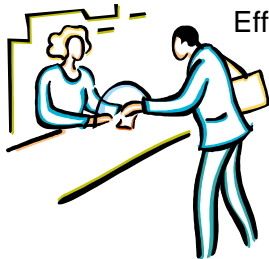
Interested commuters may enroll in the Guaranteed Ride Home Program in person at the City of Naperville's Finance Department, located in the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., or online at [www.naperville.il.us/guaranteedridehome.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/guaranteedridehome.aspx). Enrollment forms are also available for pick-up at the downtown Naperville and Route 59 Metra stations and can be submitted to the city via mail or in person to the city's Finance Department.

All registration applications for the Guaranteed Ride Home Program will be reviewed by city staff and a predetermined reimbursement rate will be calculated for each participant based on the distance between the individual's home and preferred Metra station. If the participant uses a Park-n-Ride, the distance between the station and the Park-n-Ride lot will be used to determine the reimbursement rate. Reimbursement rates will be set at the start of each calendar year and will be based on current taxi fare rates for companies operating in Naperville.

Once registered, the participants are eligible to travel by taxi at any time when Pace buses are not in service. Upon completion of the trip, the commuter will pay for the fare and request a receipt to document the taxi cab company, date and time of travel. To receive reimbursement, commuters are required to submit the receipt and voucher to the city within 10 business days of the taxi cab trip.

For more information on the Guaranteed Ride Program or to enroll online, visit [www.naperville.il.us/guaranteedridehome.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/guaranteedridehome.aspx).

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Effective January 2, 2009, the **Finance Department** at the Naperville Municipal Center **will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Monday through Friday. There will no longer be extended service hours on Thursday evenings.

Utility customers can utilize several alternative methods to pay their utility bill, including the e-Bill service that lets customers receive their bill by e-mail; view, pay and store their bills online; and either pay when they receive their bill or schedule automatic payments each month. For more information about this 24

hours a day, seven days a week service, visit [www.naperville.il.us/ebill.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/ebill.aspx).

Residents can also place their payments in the utility bill drop box located in the lower level parking garage at the Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., or make a payment at Community Connection, 535 Fairway Drive, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Smart cards can be refilled at both the downtown Naperville and Route 59 train stations through the use of the parking machines. In addition, the cards can be purchased and/or refilled at Community Connection, 535 Fairway Drive, and can be purchased at the downtown Naperville train station through the use of the parking machines.

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Effective January 1, 2009, **Pace Bus will implement a fare increase** and establish a single fare structure for all of its routes.



The regular adult fare for all Pace Bus routes will be \$1.75. This represents a \$0.25 fare increase on traditional routes, such as Routes 530 and 714, and a \$0.50 fare increase for all Metra Feeder routes, including the neighborhood feeder routes and the Park-n-Ride routes. In addition to the increase in bus fares, vanpool fares will also increase by 10 percent beginning January 1.

Fares for the Metra Plus Bus Pass, which allows Metra riders to purchase an unlimited monthly Pace pass, will not increase. It will remain at \$30 per month. Similarly, the fare for the Metra Link Up Pass, which is an unlimited monthly pass valid on both Pace and the CTA, will not be increased from the current price of \$36 per month.

For more information on public transit in Naperville, visit [www.naperville.il.us/transit.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/transit.aspx).

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The City of Naperville would like to remind **residents and business owners** that, according to the Naperville Municipal Code, it is their **responsibility to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice following inclement weather**. It is the city's policy that sidewalks should be clear within 24 hours of the conclusion of a weather event to help ensure pedestrian safety.

Residents are reminded to use caution when shoveling snow, as this action can pose a health risk for some individuals. Please be watchful of your neighbors and offer assistance with shoveling, if possible.

Citizens are also asked to clear snow around fire hydrants to aid firefighters and around meters to aid utility meter readers.



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Due to concerns over the need for supplemental warning devices at the two Prairie Path crossings near Diehl Road, the Federal Railway Administration (FRA) has denied approval of the **Quiet Zone initially established along the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern (EJ&E) Railroad from 111th Street in Naperville to Batavia Road in Warrenville**. The Cities of Naperville and Aurora, along with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, are working to establish a new Quiet Zone from North Aurora Road to 111th Street since no further improvements are necessary along this stretch of railway. The city expects to have the Quiet Zone status in effect by the end of January 2009.



The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) expressed concerns over the current Quiet Zone status along the EJ&E Railroad from 111th Street in Naperville to Batavia Road in Warrenville. Upon request from the ICC, the FRA determined that additional warning devices would be needed at the Prairie Path crossings prior to qualification for Quiet Zone designation. In the future, the proposed Quiet

Zone may be extended to the original northern limit in Warrenville if the Prairie Path improvements are completed.

In 2006, the Cities of Naperville, Aurora and Warrenville, along with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, began working together to establish the Quiet Zone along the EJ&E from 111th Street in Naperville to Batavia Road in Warrenville. A Quiet Zone designation requires locomotive engineers to refrain from using the train horns, unless deemed necessary for safety purposes. This project is not related to the recently approved acquisition of the EJ&E by Canadian National Railroad. The process to establish the Quiet Zone began prior to the acquisition.

## Does Litigation Make \$ense?



Covenants and association rights need to be enforced and protected, but when is it appropriate to file suit and go to court? Attorney Jeffrey J. Knuckles has prepared a memorandum on Non Profit Corporations (which encompass most homeowners associations) and the decision to proceed to litigation. This memorandum, can be found at the NAHC website,

<http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc10717.pdf>

This is must reading for Boards thinking about legal action and the NAHC thanks Mr. Knuckles for this thoughtful analysis!

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

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:

- Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>: District 204 Forum
- Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>: District 203 Forum
- Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>: Park District Forum
- Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>: 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 as well as submitted by our audience. Our focus will be on issues important to Homeowners.

The forums, beginning at 7:00PM, 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).

Watch the NAHC website and future newsletters for more details. We're also looking for volunteers to serve on the question committee and help out during the forums. If you'd like to volunteer, send us an email at [nahc-](mailto:nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com)

# 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.ipsd.org](http://www.ipsd.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)

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# Naperville Park District Updates



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

## **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 under 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.

## **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 may be picked-up from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Park District's Administration Building, 320 W. Jackson Avenue at the desk of Jacki Stern, Executive Administrative Assistant/Local Election Official. Petitions are due Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **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.

### **Homeowners Association Golf Outings!**

#### ***Special 2009 Golf Outing Package for NAHC members:***

1. All outing participants receive a discounted green fee rate (\$8.00 savings)
2. All participants receive a complementary lunch (hotdog/Sandwich, chips and a non alcoholic fountain drink...\$6.50 savings)
3. All NAHC outings will receive complimentary range balls (\$6.00 savings)

<b>Weekdays</b>		<b>Weekends</b>	
<u>Regular rate (with cart)</u>	<u>Disc. rate w/cart</u>	<u>Reg w/cart</u>	<u>Disc. w/cart</u>
\$56.00	\$50.00	\$66.00	\$60.00

All participants receive the Discounted rate of \$48.00 plus a \$2.00 surcharge equaling the \$50.00 rate charged during the week, and \$58.00 + \$2.00 surcharge totaling \$60.00 on weekends. The surcharge is \$2.00 for all players and **if all goes well**, a total of \$2.00 x the numbers of participants is rewarded back in a gift certificate to be redeemed in the pro shop. Example: \$2.00 x 32 players = \$64.00 to be used for prizes!!

*Please remember the ALL GOES WELL clause. We need outings to police themselves with proper pace of play and etiquette towards other patrons.*

Thank you and please, when reserving your outing date, mention that you're a member of the NAHC to ensure all of the above benefits.

Call today to reserve your event!

- Springbrook Golf Course: 630-848-5060
- Naperbrook Golf Course: 630-378-4215

### **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, 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. 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.

### **Naperville Park District's Open Gym - Sundays, beginning January 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:30 p.m.**

River Woods School – Gym, 2607 River Woods Dr., Naperville, IL \$4(R)(SDR)/\$6(N)

Open gyms are available for basketball enthusiasts ages 18 and up! All participants must show an I.D. when they sign in. The fee is collected at the door.

### **Naperville Park District and Magical Starlight Theatre present *Cinderella***

Naperville Central High School Auditorium, 440 West Aurora Ave., Naperville, IL - \$8

Tickets may be purchased at the Naperville Park District Administration Building, 320 W. Jackson Avenue, or on performance dates at the door. Tickets may be purchased at [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) and then picked up at the Administration Building or on performance dates at the door. All tickets are non-refundable. For more information, please visit [www.magicalstarlighttheatre.org](http://www.magicalstarlighttheatre.org) or call the Park District at (630)848-5000. A sign language interpreter will be present at the performances on Sat., Jan. 10 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Sun., Jan. 18 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Designed for ages 4 and up.

Cinderella performance dates are as follows:

- Fri., January 9 from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- Sat., January 10 from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- Sun., January 11 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Fri., January 16 from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- Sat., January 17 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Sat., January 17 from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- Sun., January 18 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Fri., January 23 from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- Sat., January 24 from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- Sun., January 25 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

### **Naperville Park District's *The Love for Three Oranges***

**January 24, 1:30-2:30 p.m. and 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Naperville North High School Auditorium, 899 N. Mill St., Naperville, IL - \$6**

The Naperville Park District presents its performance of *The Love for Three Oranges*, an adaptation of the opera by Sergei Prokofiev told through dance and narration. Opening with a prince who has never laughed, this fairy tale tells how he found his true love through several twists and turns

involving a sorceress, a witch, princesses, a giant cook and three oranges. Designed for those age 1 and up. Tickets may be purchased on our website at [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org), at the Naperville Park District Administration Office at 320 W. Jackson Avenue, or at the door. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.



# DuPage Children's MUSEUM

...where learning comes in to play!



January 2009

\* School's on holiday but we're not.  
Morning & Afternoon Art Studio Sessions  
FREE to Members or with Museum admission!

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).



## Join us for FAMILY FUN FRIDAY NIGHTS!

Extended hours  
open until 8pm on Fridays

NOTE: Museum will still be open until 8pm on Thursday nights too!

## Kickoff: January 9, 2009 Sock Hop Dance Party

Dinner\* • Themed Activities • Exhibit QUEST  
\*Bring your own OR purchase from Braconi's on-site.

A different theme every week.

Visit the website for more details!



## 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.



DCM presents

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

REGISTER NOW! Thursday, January 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.

## Cub Scout "School Day Off" Programs

Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 19

School is out – time for some Scouting! Come with a parent or bring the whole den.

Bear Scouts/Electricity – Experiment with electricity and make an electromagnet.

Code	Ages	Time
SHP-109	Bear Scouts	10:00-11:00
SHP-209	Bear Scouts	11:00-12:00
SHP-309	Bear Scouts	1:00-2:00
SHP-409	Bear Scouts	2:00-3:00

Fee: \$8 per Scout, \$4.25 per Adult

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Adults must stay with the Scouts. Price includes Museum play time after class ends!  
DCM cancellation policies apply.

## Make a New Year's Resolution!



Open the door to...  
Rewarding experiences  
Unique opportunities  
Fun and new friends!

## VOLUNTEER!

Impact children's lives as a Museum volunteer.  
Visit our website or call Diane at 630-637-8000 ext. 4680.



Jan. 10 and 24 from 10:30am - Noon

FREE to Members or with Museum admission!



### Jan. 10, Betsey Means, Storytelling

Betsey will weave heartwarming winter tales that will enchant and enthrall young listeners.

### Jan. 24, Jon Warfel & Chuck Woltar, Keyboards & vocals

This fun-loving singing duo will perform audience-favorite hits of yesterday and today.

**Refundation Policies for all DCM Classes:** No portion of the enrollment fee will be refunded on or after 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.*

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

With 2009 now here, a sad truth is that the NAHC is still collecting 2008 dues from our members. If your association did not receive 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.

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.

## **Ready, Set, Grow!**

*2009 Winter Teleconference Series*

### **Cool Season Vegetable Gardening**

January 27 at 1 P.M. or January 29 at 7 P.M.

Vegetable gardening is not just for summer! Many crops need the cooler temperatures of late winter into early spring. Learn how to extend your growing season and your supply of fresh veggies.



### **Spring Flowering Shrubs for the Home Landscape**

February 10 at 1 P.M. or February 12 at 7 P.M.

Would you like something besides forsythia and lilacs for your spring landscape? Expand your flowering shrub palette with many different types of spring-blooming shrubs.

### **Catch the Wave of Ornamental Grasses**

February 24 at 1 P.M. or February 26 at 7 P.M.

For all-season interest in the landscape, you can't beat ornamental grasses. Available in a wide range of shapes, colors, and sizes, there is a grass for almost every garden. Get re-introduced to old favorites and discover what's new at the garden center.

**Online registration is now available.**

[www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage](http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage)

**Ready, Set, Grow! Winter 2009**



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### **Registration Details**

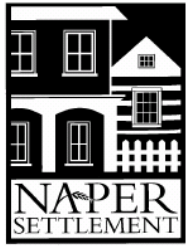
Each session is \$10.  
Advance registration is needed one week before the program you attend.

### **For More Information**

University of Illinois Extension—DuPage County  
1100 E Warrenville RD, Suite 170  
Naperville, Illinois 60563  
Phone: 630-955-1123  
Email: [dupage\\_co@extension.uiuc.edu](mailto:dupage_co@extension.uiuc.edu)

University of Illinois—U.S. Dept. of Agriculture—Local Extension Councils Cooperating  
University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.  
If you have special dietary or disability needs, please contact the Extension office one week before the program. 2009

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A Historic Museum Village

## January at Naper Settlement

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

523 South Webster Street

Naperville, Illinois 60540

(630) 420-6010

(630) 305-5255-fax

The Naperville Heritage Society is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009. Incorporated as a not-for-profit on Feb. 5, 1969, the Society's first objective was to save historic St. John's Episcopal Church, which was in danger of being demolished. The early volunteers' efforts were successful and they moved the church (now named Century Memorial Chapel) across town to a location that would someday be known as Naper Settlement, a historic museum village. Since 1969, the Naperville Heritage Society has relocated, reconstructed or adapted 28 historic structures at Naper Settlement. Original to the site are the Victorian-era Martin Mitchell Mansion and Carriage House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

To celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, visitors to Naper Settlement, who were born in 1969, will receive free admission (exclusive of special events) and a souvenir Conestoga Wagon pin.

### **Bridal Showcase**

If you're planning a wedding, you won't want to miss Naper Settlement's Bridal Showcase from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. Busy brides and grooms can meet with 36 quality vendors at this up-close and personal showcase — one of the best in the western suburbs! Admission is free.

### **History Speaks Lecture Series: George Washington**

Learn about the life of George Washington during this first-person presentation of the History Speaks Lecture Series to be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11 at Naper Settlement's Century Memorial Chapel. Discover what brought Washington from a surveyor of land to the leader of our nation. For all ages. Advance tickets are \$6/person, \$5/NHSS member; at the door, \$7/person, \$6/NHSS member.

### **School's Out: Super Cool!**

Girls and boys in grades 1-5 can have fun with super cool snow-related activities in this School's Out program to be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19 at Naper Settlement. Learn the chemistry of making snow, the history of big snow storms, make a snow globe, join in ice cube relay races and play snowflake bingo. The fee is \$45 per day per child; \$40 per day per child for Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining members. Call (630) 420-6010 for reservations.

### **Well, Excuse Me!**

"Well, Excuse Me!" is a confidence-building class to be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 at Naper Settlement. Children in grades 1-3 will have fun learning social etiquette techniques for everyday situations. The lively and interactive instruction with an updated twist includes practicing common courtesies, phone protocol, introductions, thank you notes, table manners and much more! The fee is \$25 per child. Call (630) 420-6010 for reservations.

### **Open house for costumed volunteers at Naper Settlement**

Adults who are interested in becoming costumed interpreters at Naper Settlement are invited to attend an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 or from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 at Naper Settlement. Costumed adult volunteers interpret the life and daily work of townspeople from the settlers who came to the area in 1831 to those who lived in the early 1900s. Volunteers wear period-appropriate clothing, receive training about the history of Naperville and are provided other information to help them interpret their building assignments. Call Naper Settlement's Volunteer Coordinator at (630) 305-5256 for more information.

## January 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>

### Jan. 5, – Feb. 15, 2009

#### **Winter Reading Program – “Go Bananas for Books”**

Sign up for Naperville Public Library’s Winter Reading Program beginning January 5, 2009. All participants have a chance to win family packs of tickets to a Chicago Wolves Hockey game and other fun prizes from our sponsors. The Winter Reading Program is for all children through 5th grade with a current Naperville Public Library card. Listeners and all reading levels are WELCOME!

### Tuesday, Jan. 6

#### **Get Your Game On!**

School is stressful. And the Library isn’t just for studying. Join the Library in giving our new Wii™ systems a workout! Enjoy the Library’s assortment of video games for Wii™ - Guitar Hero, Dance Dance Revolution, MarioKart, SuperSmash Bros., Wii™ Sports, and Mario & Sonic. Refreshments will be provided. Please note that a current Library card is required. Naperville Public Library cardholders will be given first preference, in accordance with the Library’s Priority Service Policy.

Naper Boulevard Library Program Room, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 3 p.m.

### Tuesday, Jan. 13

#### **Pageturners**

This adult book group meets the second Tuesday of each month. In January, they will read “**Mary Todd Lincoln: A Biography**” by Jean H. Baker.

Nichols Library Community Room, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 9:30 a.m.

### Wednesday, Jan. 14

#### **Dave Rudolf’s Beach Party**

Want to have a great time? Want to hear some Jimmy Buffet tunes, or maybe an old Harry Belafonte song? If you answered yes to these questions, it means you are tired of the winter weather and are ready for a beach vacation! Dave Rudolf, a Grammy-nominated musician, emcees our party with bubble machines, a conga line and some great beach music. Come on and have some fun in the sun! Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library’s website, or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings.

95th Street Library Meeting Room A/B, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7 p.m.

### Thursday, Jan. 15

#### **New Horizons Book Discussion Group**

This adult book group meets the third Thursday of each month. In January, they will read “**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night**” by Mark Haddon.

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

#### **From Cover To Cover**

This adult book group meets the third Thursday of each month. In January, they will read “**The Crucible**” by Arthur Miller. Nichols Library Community Room, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7 p.m.

### Friday, Jan. 16

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

**Saturday, Jan. 17**

**Theater Central Presents**

Theater Central (thespians from Naperville Central High School) returns to the Library to perform for you! There will be time after the performance for children to ask questions. For all ages. No registration required. - Nichols Library Community Room, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 20**

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95th Street Library Meeting Room A/B, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 3 p.m.

**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 January, they will read "**The Inferno**" by Dante. Sponsored in memory of Mary (Daphne) Dragula by her family and friends. - Naper Boulevard Library Program Room, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 21**

**Informed Investing (for all Ages) Part of the Smart Investing Life Cycle Series with Karen Chan**

Have you ever wondered what your financial advisor really means when she uses asset allocation, says an investment is low risk, your portfolio is diversified, or that your mutual fund is a load/no-load/rear-load fund and has 12(b)1 charges? Maybe you'd like, for once, to clearly understand stocks, bonds, mutual funds, munis, dividends, and capital gains. Join Karen Chan, CFP, an educator in Consumer & Family Economics with the University of Illinois Extension. She makes complicated financial subjects easy to understand. Her programs are based on fact and research, with no hidden agenda to sell products or services. The Investing Series is open to all and no registration is required. This program will help you gain a true understanding of key investment concepts and strategies. and is a partnership between the American Library Association and FINRA Investor Education Foundation. 95th Street Library Meeting Room A/B, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 22**

**Preventing Bridezilla -- Wedding Professional Linda Zec**

Wedding season is upon us, and Linda Zec, a wedding professional with more than 20 years of experience in the business, will present a humorous program on how to keep your cool during what may be a very stressful time. During her PowerPoint® presentation Linda will share planning tips to help avoid stress and secrets that brides should know and use to their financial advantage. Add a little motivational speaking for the brides and their moms, sprinkle in some planning tips, add a touch of humor and you've got a fun, interactive and informational program! Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings. - 95th Street Library Meeting Room A/B, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7 p.m.

**Saturday, January 24**

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## **What's Important for your Association?**

The mission of the NAHC is to:

- To provide a forum for homeowner concerns and interests;
- To foster awareness of residents' needs by developing and maintaining relationships with city, county, school and park districts, and other government agencies - serving as an advocate for and a voice of the people who call the Naperville area their home;
- To support member associations with their organizational and program needs by fostering an interchange of ideas and information between and among individual homeowners associations; and lastly,
- To build, through a cooperative effort, a community dedicated to the enhancement of our property.



Does this align with the needs of your neighborhood and your association? What else can we do to help you? Would you like an NAHC Board member to attend one of your meetings to discuss how the NAHC can help? Send us an email at [NAHC-Naperhomeowners@wowway.com](mailto:NAHC-Naperhomeowners@wowway.com) and share your thoughts – or – better yet – come to an NAHC meeting and get involved. We want to get to know you better!

***The NAHC is looking forward to seeing you at  
Our Special Meeting Focusing on Foreclosures***

***On***

***Wednesday Evening, January 28<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 February!!!!***

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