



March 2009 Newsletter

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www.napervillehomeowners.com

The NAHC strives to be your source for what is happening in Naperville of importance to homeowners. Through our meetings, this newsletter, and our website, we attempt to provide actionable information and insights for your associations and residents. We are always looking for news to share with our members. If something is going on in your neighborhood the rest of the Confederation needs to hear about, please let us know. Likewise, the Confederation Calendar at 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!

We welcome and appreciate your feedback. Send it to our External Communications Director, Bob Fischer, at rafischer1@aol.com.

President's Letter

Included in the mission of the NAHC is providing a forum for homeowner concerns and interests. Another part is creating an awareness of residents' needs by developing and maintaining relationships with all levels of local government including city, counties, townships, and school and park districts. During March we will be busy addressing both of these areas.

With an eye on the April elections, we will hold candidate forums. These opportunities to hear the candidates and understand their views on issues important to homeowners will be held in the Naperville Municipal Center City Council Chambers and also televised live on the City TV channel, WCNC (Channel 6 on WOW, Channel 10 on Comcast, and buried somewhere within channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse). All of these forums, which will begin at 7 PM, include a candidate introduction followed by answers to questions developed by the NAHC directly related to homeowner concerns. These are followed by questions posed by members of the audience. Candidates will also deliver a closing statement that can be used to further clarify earlier answers or rebut assertions made by their competitors at the dais.

Dates for the Forums are:

- School District 204 – March 11th
- School District 203 – March 23rd
- Naperville Park District – March 25th
- Naperville City Council – March 30th

For more details keep an eye on our website, www.napervillehomeowners.com where we will be posting information on candidates for school, park, and city council in advance of the candidate forums as well as for the township elections. Election Central at www.positivelynaperville.com is another great source to become informed!

The Confederation General Membership meeting on Saturday morning, March 21st, continues our emphasis on local taxing bodies with a focus on the Naperville Park District. We anticipate updates on their program offerings, facility plans, and insights into the District's priorities for serving homeowners. Also at the meeting, we will form a nominating committee to establish a slate of officers and directors for the May Confederation elections.

All homeowners are welcome and urged to attend any or all of these important events. Your participation is vital as we strive to serve as your advocate and voice.

Chuck Schlabach,
President, Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation,
Chuckschla@aol.com

Confederation March Meeting Focuses on the Naperville Park District

On March 21st, beginning at 8 AM with coffee and networking in rooms B&C of the Naperville Municipal Center, we'll meet and focus on the Naperville Park District. .

The meeting will provide an opportunity to interact with Park District staff and learn more about what is in store for the open space around us. We'll hear about programs, initiatives, and how our tax dollars are being allocated as the district pursues its mission to provide leisure experiences that enhance the quality of life for our community.



Come early and join us coffee and networking, Confederation business begins at 8:30 AM and we will end the meeting by 10:30 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 February 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 February monthly meeting with City Staff and/or were determined by Plan Commission and Council.

Please note, the March 4th Plan Commission meeting has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.



New Proposals:

Main Place on Jefferson: Has secured a new tenant for the vacant Sharper Image space. They are expanding the building in the rear to accommodate the tenant's need for a larger space, removing 5-6 parking spaces in the process. Look for a store opening in the coming months.

Ongoing Proposals:

Dynacom: The city is reviewing plans for a 4-5 story medical office building between Rickert and 75th. This will be an administrative review only. It will not have to appear in front of Plan Commission. Due to a creek and wet lands on the property, only 70% of the property will be developed.

East Naperville Commons: The developer of a small retail center at the S/W Corner of 75th and Wehrli has submitted the final plat and engineering plans for review. It will go to the City Council for final approval in March.

Delta Dental: An 80,000 sq. ft. building that will be Delta's headquarters (60,000 sq. ft.) will be built on Alexis R Shuman Blvd. directly west of the "N" building. This proposal will be made before Council on March 17th. It is of note that Naperville lured Delta from their Lisle site. They received the transportation impact fee waiver earlier approved for new construction in 2009.

Turning Pointe Foundation: Will appear in front of the Plan Commission on March 18th regarding plans to construct a school and 22-26 transitional housing units for Autistic children on Naper-Plainfield Rd. at 104th St. Information on Turning Pointe Foundation can be found at: <http://www.turningpointeautismfoundation.org>

Route 59 Metra Station Commuter parking: Owners of an existing parking lot have submitted plans to create a private rental parking lot for Metra Commuters near the Route 59 train station. This is expected to be in front of the Plan Commission in March or April. This is not the condo parking lot proposal that surfaced a few months ago.

Studies and Initiatives:

Fifth Avenue Study: On Feb 19th the city hosted an open house presenting the preliminary alternatives for future land use, commuter parking and multi-modal circulation improvements (i.e., vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian and public transit circulation) and streetscape improvements for Washington Street only.

You can view these preliminary proposals on line at <http://www.naperville.il.us/fifthavenue.aspx>

On March 5th interested parties will have the opportunity to provide input on the preliminary alternatives during a joint forum involving the city's Plan Commission and Transportation Advisory Board. The forum will be held at 7 p.m. in Meeting Rooms A, B and C at the Naperville Municipal Center.

Note to Metra commuters: One of the issues under consideration is the number and location of Metra commuter parking spaces. If this is an area of interest, you should plan on attending the meeting on March 5th.

Historic Site Commission: A Public Open House is scheduled for March 19, 2009. Based on the feedback received from the community; the working group will prepare and present summary recommendations at 7 p.m. in Meeting Rooms B and C of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St.

The final recommendations, including next steps for implementation, are expected to go before the City Council for consideration on April 21, 2009.

For more information go to: <http://www.naperville.il.us/historicsites.aspx>

Central Park Master Plan: Downtown Advisory Committee (DAC) held a workshop on February 19, 2009 to consider the Preferred Alternative for the Central Park. It will next go to TAB (Transportation Advisory Board) on March 7th, and the Park District and City Council in April. To view the plans click here:

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

Attainable Housing Study: The city has released its draft 2009 Naperville Housing Needs and Market Analysis document. This is intended to provide Naperville's decision makers with factual information about the housing needs and market for current residents and for the people who work in Naperville. The study reports on the affordability of housing in the city for current residents and those who work in Naperville based on pricing and income levels. The document also details housing demands and needs from a random sample survey of Naperville residents and employees. It is anticipated the City Council will consider this study in either March or April 2009.

A copy of the draft is available on the city's Web site. For more information on the Fair Housing Advisory Commission, visit www.naperville.il.us/fhac.aspx .

Spring Is Almost Here – Time to Start Cleaning Up the Yard!

Now that the snow has finally melted, we all get to see the leaves, sticks, and other yard debris that has been hiding under that white blanket all winter.

To help bring your curb appeal back up to snuff, yard waste collection for 2009 begins on Monday, March 16. Residents should place landscape waste in 32-gallon paper yard waste bags and place out for collection on their regular garbage day. Branches less than three inches in diameter may be tied into bundles that measure up to four feet long and two feet wide. A yard waste sticker must be attached to each bag or bundle placed at the curb for collection.



Stickers may be purchased at Naperville hardware and grocery stores or at the Municipal Center in the Finance Department. The 2009 stickers are blue and cost \$2.10 each. 2008 Stickers will also be accepted. For complete information on the city's yard waste program, visit www.naperville.il.us/yardwaste.aspx.

April Meeting Preview

Mark your calendars for the NAHC April joint meeting with City Council meeting on Saturday, morning, April 18th, where we will focus on Development in Naperville. While we are still working on the agenda, plans are to take a look at some of the ongoing area studies, as well as have a discussion on the best means for area homeowners to become involved when development is proposed in their neighborhoods. Confederation Vice President Rick Strawbridge is the April meeting chair.

In keeping with our promise to move meetings around the City, this meeting, starting at 8 AM with coffee, donuts, and networking will be held at the 95th Street Library, Meeting Room A/B, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr.

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.

Thanks for your support of the NAHC!

Ranchview Drive Electric Utility Infrastructure Work Beginning

Construction related electrical infrastructure work is scheduled to take place on Ranchview Drive between Wehrli Road and 75th Street beginning in late March.



RANCHVIEW ELECTRIC DUCT BANK PROJECT
SPRING 2009 — Proposed Electric Duct Bank

This project is part of the City's long-term capital improvement plan to enhance the electric system's performance and reliability in the area. The work consists of replacing approximately 7,000 feet of electric duct bank to upgrade the existing utilities in the area. It involves the installation of underground PVC conduit and manholes that will have new electric cabling installed to feed existing above grade electric structures. No new above grade structures will be installed along Ranchview Drive. Most of the work will occur within the roadway but a portion of the duct bank will be installed underneath the sidewalk along the south side of the project (see attached map).

Construction is scheduled to begin in late March and be completed by the end of June. Ranchview Drive will remain open to traffic throughout the project but there will be periodic lane restrictions (i.e. one way traffic) and parking restrictions within the work zone. Driveway access may be impacted for short periods of time but

advance notification will be given during these situations. Driveways will be accessible at the end of each work day except for instances when concrete driveways or sidewalks need to be replaced.

Project completion incentives/penalties have been incorporated into the contract in an effort to reduce the overall timeline and minimize disruption to area residents. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Senior Civil Engineer Jim O'Neal at (630) 305-5937.

KidsMatter Student Job Fair

High School & College Students Need a Job?

Connect with local businesses looking
for part-time employees at the
KidsMatter Student Job Fair!

March 19, 2009

5pm - 8pm

Merner Field House at North Central College



www.KidsMatter2us.org

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First Annual Step Up for Autism Walk Slated for June 28

Little Friends Now Accepting Team, Individual Registrations Online

Lace up your walking shoes and join Little Friends, Inc. for the first annual Step Up for Autism walk on Sunday, June 28, in downtown Naperville. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the walk and fun run will step off at 9:30 a.m. Team and individual registrations for the inaugural event are now being accepted online at www.stepupforautism09.kintera.org

Designed to raise awareness about autism, a complex developmental disability that affects an estimated 1.5 million Americans, the Step Up for Autism walk is the first of its kind to be held in Naperville. Funds raised from the inaugural event will benefit children and adults with autism served by Little Friends, Inc. and the Little Friends Center for Autism.

There are a number of ways to get involved with the first annual Step Up for Autism walk. Teams of walkers and runners are needed to ensure that the inaugural event is a success. Interested walkers and runners can register online at www.stepupforautism09.kintera.org. Community volunteers are also needed to assist at the event. Local businesses looking to get involved with the walk can sign on as sponsors, with sponsorship levels ranging between \$250 and \$7,500. Premiere sponsors of the 2009 Step Up for Autism walk include 95.9 The River and Naperville Magazine.

To get involved with the first annual Step Up for Autism walk, please contact Little Friends, Inc. at (630) 355-6533 or visit the Official Step Up for Autism Web site at www.stepupforautism09.kintera.org. For more information about Little Friends, Inc., please visit www.littlefriendsinc.org.

Little Friends, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization serving children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities. Based in Naperville, Little Friends operates 13 programs that include three schools, family support and consultation services, vocational training programs, community-based residential services and the Little Friends Center for Autism. Founded in 1965, Little Friends serves more than 800 people each year throughout DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Will, McHenry and western Cook counties.

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

Naperville residents will once again have the opportunity to learn about the city's municipal services and governmental processes by participating in the Citizen's Academy. This 11-week program is designed to give residents hands-on experience and unique insight into the City of Naperville.

Classes will meet weekly from 6:30 to 9 p.m. beginning Thursday, April 2. Each week, participants will learn about the many aspects of local government through informative and interactive sessions with elected officials, department directors and representatives from Naper Settlement, the Naperville Public Library and the Naperville Park District. The program will culminate in a graduation ceremony officiated by Mayor A. George Pradel and the Naperville City Council members.

Space in the program is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. To inquire about registration, contact Community Relations Assistant Janice Bradley at (630) 420-6707. For more information about the program, visit www.naperville.il.us/citizensacademy.aspx.

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With spring approaching, the City of Naperville would like to remind all residents to be prepared for severe weather conditions such as flooding, thunderstorms and tornadoes. In conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 1 to 7, the city will conduct a tornado warning drill at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3 and is encouraging all residents to participate in this mock drill.

The tornado warning drill is being done in tandem with the outdoor warning siren testing that takes place the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. On Tuesday, March 3, tornado drills will take place throughout the entire state.



As a reminder to residents, if the steady tone of the outdoor warning sirens is heard at any other time, it is a signal that an emergency is occurring in the community. The weather siren is used to alert the public that a tornado has been sighted and is approaching the community. When the steady tone is heard during severe weather, it is imperative to find shelter immediately. Residents should tune in to local cable TV, WCNC (Channel 6 – Wide Open West, Channel 10 – Comcast and Channel 99 – AT&T) or 1610 AM radio for information on the emergency. Consistent with national weather service recommendations, the city does not issue any cancellation tones. This is intended to minimize confusion if another tornado is sighted within the same period. Members of the community should monitor radio and TV reports and use their best judgment to decide when to leave their shelter.

Severe weather in the form of tornadoes, deadly lightning, flash floods, damaging winds and destructive hail strike Illinois each spring, summer and fall, sometimes with incredible force. The city encourages all residents to develop a safety plan for use in your home, workplace, school and vehicle. The city has produced an Emergency Preparedness Guide to assist residents in creating a plan. A copy of this document is available on the city's Web site at:

www.naperville.il.us/emergencyprepguide.aspx.

Residents are encouraged to learn about the meanings behind severe weather watches and warnings. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency has created a severe weather preparedness document with this information and more available at www.state.il.us/iema. Residents should proactively monitor severe weather watches and warnings by utilizing a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather alert radio, listening for the outdoor siren alerts and monitoring weather reports via local television channels.

The following tips can help people stay safe during a weather-related emergency:

- Never attempt to drive over a flooded roadway. The speed and depth of the water is not always obvious and portions of the road under the water may have been washed out.
- Never let children play in or near floodwaters, flooded creeks or flood retention ponds.
- Before bad weather occurs, determine the best location in your home and office to seek shelter. A basement or cellar will usually provide the best protection. If not available, identify an interior room or hallway with no windows on the lowest level.
- When a tornado warning has been issued, go at once to your predetermined shelter. In a basement, go under the stairs, under a heavy piece of furniture or a workbench. Stay there until danger has passed.
- Avoid using the telephone or other electrical appliances - delay baths or showers until the storm passes.
- If outdoors, seek shelter immediately. If you can hear thunder, you are probably close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning.

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The City of Naperville would like to inform residents and interested parties that there are several new ways they can now receive the latest news from the city, including Twitter, Facebook and RSS feeds.

If you are a Twitter user and prefer to receive updates about the city in the form of a "Tweet," visit the city's profile page at <http://twitter.com/NapervilleIL> and click the "Follow" button. You'll receive updates about when the city issues the latest news and event notifications.

If you are Facebook user, become a fan of the "City of Naperville, Illinois." You'll find links to the latest news releases, photos of the Naperville area and more. You can access this page by visiting www.naperville.il.us/facebook.html.

Recently, the city also began offering Real Simple Syndication, or RSS, feeds for its city news, public safety news, City Council agendas and City Council minutes. Simply put, RSS allows visitors to dynamically retrieve content from a Web site they are interested in without even visiting that site. Users can employ a third-party service known as an RSS feed reader or RSS news aggregator to compile new and updated content from RSS-enabled Web sites and display it all in one place for easy viewing. For more information on RSS feeds, or to sign up for the city's RSS feed offerings, visit www.naperville.il.us/rssfeeds.aspx.

In addition, the city reminds residents that it offers a free, voluntary e-mail service to anyone interested in learning more about city services, activities and events. This service keeps residents informed of road closures, construction alerts and much more. You can decide what type of information you want to receive and can choose to unsubscribe at any time using a link within the e-mails. Sign up at www.naperville.il.us/enews.aspx.

City Reminds Homeowners of Seasonal Property Maintenance Requirements

Spring will soon be in the air! As flowers begin to bloom and grass and shrubs begin to grow, the City would like to remind homeowners and residents about seasonal maintenance tips and requirements.

Residential Lawn Maintenance

Residential lawn growth should not exceed eight (8) inches in height according to city ordinance. In addition, those homeowners with property abutting any public streets, roads or parkways are required to keep the grass height at less than five (5) inches.

Property owners found in violation will be notified by the city and must meet the code requirements within five (5) days. If the property owner fails to comply, the city will make take the necessary steps to bring the property to code. The expenses incurred by the city will be billed to the property owner.

Sidewalk Maintenance

Be a good neighbor by keeping sidewalks clean and in good condition for current and future residents. The City of Naperville partners with homeowners to share the cost to repair or replace the sidewalk in front of their home through the city's Sidewalk Replacement Program.

For residential sidewalks, the city pays 60 percent and the resident pays 40 percent of the cost for repair or replacement. The deadline to apply for the 2010 Sidewalk Replacement Program is October 31, 2009. For more information and to see if your sidewalk may be eligible for this cost share program, visit www.naperville.il.us/sidewalkreplacement.aspx.

Home Improvement Permits

Many residents take on home improvement and remodeling projects during the spring and summer months. The City of Naperville requires permits for many home improvement projects, including new driveways, decks and patios, fencing, swimming pools and gazebos.

Permits for home improvement projects benefit homeowners by making sure that the final product is safe and in compliance with building codes. Various permit applications are available on the city's Web site at www.naperville.il.us/buildingpermits.aspx. Please allow approximately two weeks to process all applications. For more information on building permit requirements, please call (630) 305-7029.

Everyday Parenting

*“Concentrate
on what you
can do, not
what you
cannot do”*

Unknown


Coping With Cabin Fever!

It isn't cold, snowy or rainy everywhere at this time of year, but as some point (and for lots of reasons), every family ends up spending just a bit too much time together inside.

Tips on ways to make your indoor time together pleasant and productive:

- Make sure children get as much physical activity during the day as possible. Look for a regular community activity your children can participate. Try the YMCA, local clubs, and after school activities. Even if you cannot take them outside, try dancing inside to music or singing along with a favorite cd or playing games.
- Arrange play dates with their favorite friends, this also allows young friendships to flourish.
- Stretch young minds by reading good books together, listening to books on tape, and playing creative problem-solving games involving simple puzzles.
- Together with your teens, learn warm-up stretches and muscle building activities that do not require a lot of space. You can try things like yoga positions and basic exercises right in your own home. These activities can help everyone relax and use pent-up energy.

From information provided by Search Institute's MVParent (www.MVParents.com).



www.KidsMatter2us.org

SPRING INTO BIRDING

By Brook McDonald
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Join the nearly 48 million Americans who enjoy bird-watching each year. Spring is a particularly great time to get outdoors because the weather turns warmer, the lack of leaves on the trees makes the birds easier to see, and many are returning to northeastern Illinois from their winter migration locations. Here are some tips to make birding a great experience for you.

Tip #1: Make sure to have an eastern United States field guide with plenty of drawings and photos to help you identify the birds you see. The Peterson Field Guides are great choices, but see what your local library has to borrow. Also check out magazines like [Birder's World](#), [Bird Watcher's Digest](#), [Birding](#) and [WildBird](#) for information.



Tip #2: Explore a good website for northeastern Illinois before you go birding so you'll know what to expect. Online resources will help you learn about the habitat for each species, making them easier to spot. For instance, is the bird you are interested in usually found in a tree, or on the ground, or near a lake? What sounds does it make? A good site for general birding information is www.birding.com. To find the best locations and the birds to watch in northeastern Illinois, visit <http://www.birdingonthe.net/maillinglists/IBET.html>. Also, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology has great information for activities like the Great Backyard Bird Count; visit <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/>.

Tip #3: Join a birding group, especially if you're a beginner. Start by contacting the DuPage Birding Club. With members from across northeastern Illinois, this group offers expertise and lots of opportunities for bird hikes. Visit www.dupagebirding.org. You can also check out the Illinois Audubon Society at <http://www.illinoisaudubon.org/> or by phone at 217-544-BIRD. A birding trip, led by birding club, forest preserve or a member of the Audubon Society is also a great experience.

Tip #4: Bring a good pair of binoculars. To learn more, visit www.eagleoptics.com for a wide variety, detailed information and helpful staff. Also bring a notebook and pencil to record your sightings. Include the date and exact location for future reference. To make it really easy, Birder's Diary is a software program that allows birders and naturalists to maintain detailed records of their sightings. Visit <http://www.birdersdiary.com/> for product information.

Tip #5: Dress for the weather. This seems obvious but there are many days where driveways are dry, but forest preserves can be damp. Birding involves both hiking which can be invigorating, as well as waiting for periods of time when the outdoor air can necessitate boots, jackets and gloves.

Tip #6: If you can't leave home to go birding, bring the birds to you. With just a little work in your yard, the right flowers and seeds will attract a wonderful variety. The Conservation Foundation's Conservation@Home program has a wealth of information to guide gardeners on incorporating native plants into landscaping that will attract both birds and butterflies. The "Attracting Birds" section of the Cornell website also has information to get you started.

Here are a few spring locations to begin your birding recommended by The Conservation Foundation's Land Conservation & Restoration Specialist, Jennifer Hammer:

Elsen Hill in the West DuPage Forest Preserve is one of the best places around to experience the spring migration. Many of the species of warblers that pass through the region can be found at Elsen Hill as well as many sparrow and the wading birds like the small wetland pond. Visit the DuPage Forest Preserve District website for directions.

<http://www.dupageforest.com/preserves/westdupagewoods.html>

Nelson Lake at the Dick Young Forest Preserve just west of Batavia is a great place for water fowl and wading birds. Sandhill Cranes and White Pelicans frequent the site in the spring. The prairie also hosts many sparrow and other grassland birds. Visit the Kane County Forest Preserve website for directions. http://www.kaneforest.com/fp/dick_young.asp

The newly opened **Whalon Lake Forest Preserve** in Bolingbrook is a great place to see water fowl in late March and early April. Unlike most birding trips this is a great place to visit in late afternoon when the sun is behind you as you look over the lake from the parking lot. Bring your spotting scope if you have one. Visit the Will County Forest Preserve website for directions. <http://www.fpdwc.org/whalon.cfm>

Silver Springs State Park near Plano has a scenic 4-mile trail along the river and through the woods. Many spring ephemeral flowers can be found as well as a great place to watch the migrating water fowl along the river in late March and early April. Visit the DNR website for more information and directions. <http://dnr.state.il.us/LANDS/landmgt/parks/r2/silversp.htm>

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. Established in 1972 by business and community leaders, it is the only environmental organization to receive the 2008 Annual Award for Business Excellence from The Business Ledger. It received consecutive Four-Star Ratings, the highest bestowed, in 2007 and 2008 from Charity Navigator. Working closely with citizens, elected officials, developers, land use planners, park districts and forest preserves, The Conservation Foundation has helped protect more than 30,000 acres of open space. The Conservation Foundation has more than 5,000 donors and members. Its main office is at the 60-acre McDonald Farm in Naperville, Ill., with a program office located at the Dickson-Murst Farm in Montgomery, Ill. For more information about activities, programs and membership, visit www.theconservationfoundation.org or call 630-428-4500.

NAHC Candidate Forums – Coming In March.

On the first Tuesday in April we will elect School Boards, Park District Commissioners, Township Officials, and City Council Members. To help keep residents informed on some of these important races the NAHC will conduct candidate forums so voters may understand how the people seeking your vote stand on issues important to homeowners.

The Forum Schedule will be:

- Wednesday, March 11th: District 204 Forum
- Monday, March 23rd: District 203 Forum
- Wednesday, March 25th: Park District 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 in advance and given to the candidates by the NAHC as well as submitted the night of the forum by our audience. 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). We are also discussing rebroadcasts with NCTV Channel 17.

In addition, this year we will be posting the candidate bios and prepared answers to the NAHC opening round questions on the NAHC website. We will also post information on Township candidates to help inform voters about this important level of grass roots government. On the NAHC homepage there will be a special section on the elections, containing links to the information submitted by the candidates. Since much of this information will be in response to forum questions, it may be a while before all races get posted – although our plan is to post, for a given race, all candidate information simultaneously,

Watch the NAHC website for more details. We're also looking for volunteers to help out during the forums. If you'd like to volunteer, send us an email at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com

Democracy in Action Award

The Naperville League of Women Voters is seeking nominations for its fourth annual Rosemary Martin Democracy in Action Award. The award honors the memory of Rosemary Martin, a long-time leader in the League of Women Voters, who was active in Naperville's civic community throughout her life.

In its Principles, the League of Women Voters recognizes that the democratic form of government requires more than simply voting. It requires citizens to be actively involved in informing themselves and expressing their views individually or in groups. It requires government officials to seek out broad public opinion and to encourage citizen participation.

This award recognizes a Naperville-area resident, group, organization, or governing body for carrying out an initiative or program that furthers the effective participation of citizens in government. Past winners were: Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP and School District 203 in 2006; The Conservation Foundation in 2007; and the Naperville Area Homeowners Association in 2008.

Individuals or groups nominated for the Democracy in Action Award need to have been instrumental in an activity included in one or more of the following:

- Creating a forum for information-gathering on a public issue of significance to the Naperville area community;
- Facilitating and encouraging civic participation through voter registration or some other initiative;
- Providing balanced education opportunities to further inform decision-making;
- Instituting processes that welcome citizen involvement and input;
- Creating an inclusive climate that encourages civil discourse on public matters.

The nomination deadline is April 10, 2009. For a nomination form, go to www.naperville.il.lwv.org and click on "Democracy in Action Award Nominations." For more information call Jane Barnes at 630-820-0255 or email Karin Snodgrass at k.snodgrass@att.net.

The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Naperville League of Women Voters on Wednesday, May 27, 2009.

Naperville Park District Updates



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

Not only is it just about time to register for spring programs through the Naperville Park District, but it's also time to register for summer camps as well.

On Wednesday, March 4 at noon, residents may begin registering for these programs through the Park District's online registration system, RecEnroll, at www.napervilleparks.org.

If you did not receive a copy of the Spring program Guide and 2009 Summer Camp Guide, please call 630.848.5000 to request a prompt redelivery. A .pdf version of these publications is available at www.napervilleparks.org.

Spring 2009 Program Guides and Summer Camps Guides may be picked up at:
Administration Building, 320 W. Jackson Ave.
Alfred Ruben Riverwalk Community Center, 305 W. Jackson Ave.
Barn Recreation Center, 421 W. Martin Ave.
South Maintenance Facility, 3415 Book Rd.

They also will be available at Naperville library branches:
Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd.
Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave.

Ninety-fifth Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr.

And at the following National City locations until Friday, Mar. 13:

1001 S. Washington St.

1308 S. Naper Blvd.

3135 Book Road

9 E. Ogden Ave.

3320 S. Route 59

Online registration for Spring programs and Summer Camps will begin on Wednesday, Mar. 4 at noon. Hard copy registration forms accompanied by payment will be accepted concurrently with online registration. These forms may be mailed or dropped off to the Park District's Administration Building at 320 W. Jackson Avenue or the South Maintenance Facility at 3415 Book Road. To register online, please visit www.napervilleparks.org and click on the "Click here for online registration" link on the home page. If you are a resident new to Naperville, you will need to visit the Park District in person to verify proof of residency by presenting a pre-printed check, a current utility bill, tax bill or driver's license. Nonresident guests may register beginning Wednesday, Mar. 11 at noon.

Please remember to use your child's 2009/2010 school grade when you register!

Naperville Park District's Baseball: Spring Break Basics Camp

March 30-April 1 - Naperville North High School Fieldhouse, 899 N. Mill St., Naperville, IL

Get an early start on the coming season! Using group work, station work and individualized instruction, learn the basic mechanics necessary to achieve success and enjoy the game of baseball. Designed for those in grades 2-5 and 6-9. Registration required. Times and fees vary.

Naperville Park District's Bowling – Holiday Break Bowling Camp

March 30-April 3, 9:00-10:30 a.m. - Brunswick Zone Bowling Alley, Naperville, IL

Experienced coaches will focus on teaching fundamentals and skills, bowling safety, techniques on throwing strikes/spares, bowling management, body balance, follow through, spin, ball placement, lane symbols, scoring, practice tips and sportsmanship. Includes T-shirt and shoe rental. Designed for those ages 6-14. Registration required. \$149(R)/\$179(N)

Naperville Park District's Rock Climbing: Spring Break Camp

March 30 and 31, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Vertical Endeavors Climbing Walls,

Kids will get to climb 42-foot walls and learn knot tying, basic climbing techniques, belaying and rappelling. They'll try a new, high adventure initiative each day. Pack a lunch. Designed for those ages 8-15. \$80(R)/\$110 Registration required.

Naperville Park District's Spring Break Fine Art Camp

March 30-April 1, 12:00-3:00 p.m. - Naperville Cultural Center Classroom, 55 S. Main St.

Each day will bring an hour of drawing, an hour of abstract painting and an hour of mosaic making. This camp also will include aspects of cartooning as well. Designed for those ages 4-12. Registration required. - \$135(R)/\$165(N)

Naperville Park District's School's Out – Enchanted Castle Trip, Lombard

March 31, 9:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m. - Departs from and returns to The Barn Recreation Center, 421 W.

Martin Ave. Each participant will receive twenty game tokens, two attraction passes, one round of mini golf and a pizza and pop lunch. Admission and transportation is included. Designed for those in grades 1-5. \$34(R)/\$51(N) **Deadline** to register is Mar. 24.

Come Celebrate with Us!

Naperville Park District offers Dance Parties (ages 4 and up), Gymnastics Parties (ages 3-6), Pottery Parties (ages 4 and up) and Wii Gaming Parties (ages 6 and up) and includes a cake provided by Cold Stone Creamery. Visit us at www.napervilleparks.org and get your party started!

Men's 12" and 16" Spring Tune-Up Softball Tourney

April 18 and 19, 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. - Frontier Sports Complex, 3380 Cedar Glade Dr.

Sign up your team for our annual preseason softball tournaments, featuring Men's 12" and 16" divisions. The tournament features pool play on Saturday with all teams returning for a single-elimination round on Sunday. Each team will be guaranteed four games. Designed for those ages 18 and up. For further information, call (630) 848-3536. Registration deadline is April 11. The per team fee is \$300.

Coming In May – NAHC Elections

In accordance with our bylaws, the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation will hold elections at the Confederation Annual Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 8:30 AM in the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, Illinois. The offices to be voted on are President of the Confederation (currently Chuck Schlabach); Vice President (currently Rick Strawbridge); and two at large Director Positions (currently held by Dr. Bob. Buckman and by Bob Fischer). All incumbents, with the exception of Chuck Schlabach, are eligible to run again for their current positions.

A nominating committee, chaired by Confederation Director Marcia Straub will be formed at the March 21st General Meeting and will prepare a slate of recommended candidates. Those interested in these positions should contact Marcia. Nominations are also accepted from the floor the day of the meeting. Any person who, at the time of the election, is a member of a homeowners association which is a Confederation member in good standing may seek and hold office on the Confederation Board of Directors; except that there shall be no more than one Confederation Officer or a total of two Confederation Board of Directors members from any one Confederation member association.

Duties of the positions to be elected are as follows:

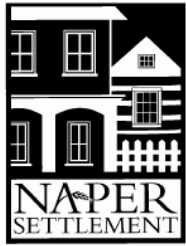
President: - shall be the chief executive officer of the Confederation; shall preside at all meetings; shall be the Chairperson of the Confederation Board of Directors (BOD); and, shall be the custodian of the corporate records and seal. All records of Confederation business shall be and remain the property of the Confederation, including but not limited to electronically stored records. The President shall also ensure (and may delegate to other Board Members the direct responsibility to see) that all newsletters, notices to Member associations, and other Confederation communications are promptly sent in a timely and appropriate manner and shall ensure that the Secretary is provided, in a timely and appropriate manner, copies or other adequate information on all such communications.

Vice-President – shall assume all duties of the President in the event the office of the President becomes vacant, and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President or the BOD.

At-Large Board Members – shall be chairpersons of Ad Hoc Committees of the Confederation as formed at the discretion of the BOD. They shall be eligible to assume the terms and duties of Confederation officers, if such officers resign, refuse, become ineligible, or are otherwise unavailable to fulfill their terms. At-Large Board Members shall be empowered to vote in all decisions of the BOD. If any elected Director is not able for any reason to complete a term of office, the BOD may appoint an Associate Director to serve as a Director until the next annual election and any individual so appointed shall be empowered to serve and perform their duties upon appointment.

All member associations in good standing are eligible to cast a vote in this election. To be considered in good standing, member associations are to be current in their annual dues. Other information on the conduct of the elections, or on membership status of associations, can be found in the Confederation Bylaws which are posted at

<http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc8119.pdf> .



A Historic Museum Village

March at Naper Settlement

www.napersettlement.museum

523 South Webster Street

Naperville, Illinois 60540

(630) 420-6010

(630) 305-5255-fax

March events at Naper Settlement include the Underground Railroad and Maple Sugaring Days. There's plenty to see, do and learn about at Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Visit our Web site at www.napersettlement.museum for more information.

History Speaks Lecture Series: The Underground Railroad

In this special presentation of the History Speaks Lecture Series, an original program on the Underground Railroad will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, March 8. The audience participates in the program by taking on the roles of 1856 scholars and will encounter supporters on both sides of the slavery issue. Dress for the outdoors; standing is required. For ages 12 to adult, admission is \$12 per person, \$10 per student and Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining members. Call for reservations at (630) 420-6010.

Well, Excuse Me!

Children in grades 3-5 will have fun learning social etiquette techniques for everyday situations in "Well, Excuse Me!" a confidence-building class to be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 14. The lively and interactive instruction includes practicing common courtesies, phone protocol, introductions, thank you notes, table manners and much more

Maple Sugaring Days

See the time-honored method of collecting sap the old-fashioned way during Maple Sugaring Days to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 14 and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 15. Sample the pleasing taste of maple syrup and take home maple sugar recipes. Admission is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors and \$5.50 youth ages 4-17.

Weed Ladies Spring Floral Sale

The Weed Ladies, along with the Naperville Heritage Society, are celebrating their 40th anniversary. Their spring sale features one-of-a-kind seasonal arrangements and will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 20-21 in the Daniels House. Admission to the sale is free.

School's Out!

When School's Out for spring break, Naper Settlement's in! Children in grades 1-5 will enjoy a variety of activities. During "Things That Fly," children will enjoy fun and engaging activities focused on the bees, birds and bats of Illinois from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 30-31. Children will have fun "Clowning Around" on April Fool's Day with face painting, tricks, juggling and midway games from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 1. The week concludes with "Jr. Ecologist" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday April 2-3. The focus will be on one of the first ecologists, Johnny Appleseed. Children will learn how to make apple sauce using an apple press, learn about recycling of the past and present and participate in a geocache tree hunt. The fee is \$45 per day per child, \$40 for Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining members. Call (630) 420-6010 for reservations.



DuPage Children's MUSEUM

...where learning comes in to play!



* Mon., Tues., & Wed./Mar. 30, 31 & Apr. 1
Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

March 2009

Note: Regular hours of operation have changed. Please call or check the Web site before planning your trip.

Call 630-637-8000 TO REGISTER!
Pre-registration and pre-payment required.
For a complete program schedule, please visit
www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org.

FAMILY FUN FRIDAY NIGHTS!
End your week right at DuPage Children's Museum!
Different themed activities every week!

- Mar. 6 – Beach Party Dance
- Mar. 13 – Theatre Central (NCHS) Performance - Once Upon an Imagination
- Mar. 20 – Weber Irish Dancers
- Mar. 27 - Calliope Concert by Tim Sleep

Exhibit **QUEST** – Challenge activities for school-aged kids
NOTE: Museum will still be open until 8pm on Thursday nights too!



Spring Break Mini-Camp! FOR AGES 7-10 Kids Design Engineering

Registration deadline: Wed., Mar. 25

Learn about pneumatic power and use some cool tools as you design and build your own project that will move across land, water or air under the power of a balloon.

Cost: \$90 members/ \$100 nonmembers

Code	Date	Time
SPMC-109	Mon. & Tues./Mar. 30 & 31	9:00-1:00
SPMC-209	Thurs. & Fri./Apr. 2 & 3	9:00-1:00

Children do not need an adult partner to participate. Pre-registration & pre-payment are required; enrollment is limited. Call 630-637-8000 ext. 0 for more info. or to reserve a spot.

20% OFF SPRING TOY SALE!

Mon., Mar. 30 - Sat., Apr. 11



Admission is never charged to shop at the Museum Store. All Purchases help support the Museum and its programs!



DCM presents
Dr. Jennifer Rosinia
Looking at Children with New Eyes –
How to use the Sensory Processing Approach

REGISTER NOW! Thurs., Apr. 23, 7-8:30 pm

For complete details, including cost and opportunity to obtain CPDU/CEU credits for attending, visit the Web site or call 630-637-8000 ext. 0.

Come see what's new at DCM...
AirWorks Neighborhood
In March - THREE NEW EXHIBITS!

TOY GREAT Performances

- Mar. 7, Las Guitarras de España (The Guitars of Spain) Experience traditional Spanish guitar and flamenco fused with an array of Afro-Cuban percussion, Latin American forms, Middle Eastern grooves, and Classical Indian music.
- Mar. 21, Head Over Heels Enjoy the four-part harmony of a female quartet performing barbershop music in a cappella style.

Mar. 7 and 21 from 10:30am - Noon
FREE to Members or with Museum admission!



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.

What's Important for your Association?

The mission of the NAHC is to:

- To serve as an advocate for and a voice of the people who call the Naperville area their home;

- To create an awareness of residents' needs by developing and maintaining relationships with all levels of local government including city, counties, townships, and school and park districts;
- To support member associations with their organizational and program needs - fostering an interchange of ideas and information between and among individual homeowners associations;
- To build, through a cooperative effort, a community dedicated to the enhancement of our property; and lastly,
- To provide a forum for homeowner concerns and interests.

Does this align with the needs of your neighborhood and your association? What else can we do to help you? Should we change? Would you like an NAHC Board member to attend one of your meetings to discuss how we can work together? Send us an email at 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!



March to 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>

Thursday, March 5

Banna – Irish & Pop Duo

Named for one of the most beautiful beaches in Ireland, Banna's music will transport you to places both majestic and magical. Comprised of an enchanting blend of rich voices, guitar and keyboard, Banna performs lovely ballads such as Wild Mountain Thyme, to a more rollicking sound with their rendition of Whiskey in the Jar. Incorporating some pop selections into their repertoire, they truly are a feast for the ears.

Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.org, 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.

March 8—14

Teen Tech Week —*Press Play @ your library®*

Teen Tech Week is about connecting teens with the fun aspects of technology. Visualize the Library as a tech playground and the possibilities are almost endless. The 2009 TTW theme is *Press Play @ your library®*, which could mean that Teens can literally press play on digital devices such as mp3 players and gaming controllers or it can mean that 'Play' can be about creating videos, music, and digital artwork. In a nutshell, *Press Play @ your library®* means fun, creativity, and battling boredom. Join us and celebrate!

Monday, March 9

Teen Film Festival

Teens! If you've created a film, music video, or other digital masterpiece, enter it for showing in our Teen Film Festival. See your work on the big screen and invite your friends! Informal judging will take place for a list of 'bests' (funny, scary, dramatic, etc.), so come see if your filmmaking skills measure up. Refreshments will be provided. For rules and instructions, see the Adult Services Desk at your local Naperville Public Library facility or check online at www.naperville-lib.org. Due to time constraints, the Library reserves the right to limit the number of films shown. Please stop by any Adult Services desk to submit your film. Registration is NOT required for the audience. This program is part of Teen Tech Week. - 95th Street Library Meeting Room A/B, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11**An Eclectic Celtic Evening with Jillian LaDage**

Journey from the desert sands of medieval Turkey and into the moors of the ancient Celts with vocalist/composer Jillian LaDage. The evocative instrumentation of Jillian's harp and piano leads the listener on a cross-cultural journey, escaping borders and centuries into a labyrinth of time. Her work creates a rich musical tapestry that threads its way into folklore, history and poetry. Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.org, 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.

Friday, March 13**The DuPage Symphony Orchestra -- Chamber Music at the Library**

Expanding their outreach program, the D.S.O. presents a springtime chamber music concert. This presentation will be informal, informative and entertaining, and offers an excellent chance to learn more about the D.S.O. and their exciting lineup for the 2009 season. The DuPage Symphony Orchestra was voted the 2007 Illinois Community Orchestra of the Year. This free, public program is held in partnership with the DuPage Symphony Orchestra. - 95th Street Library Meeting Room A/B, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19**The Tea House with Dan Robertson**

Dan Robertson began his career as a documentary film maker. While producing a documentary on tea, he traveled across China for two months, filming tea gardens, factories, tea houses and historical sites and interviewing tea experts. As an unexpected result of this trip, he began his own love affair with tea, and now travels and lectures extensively on the subject. Dan will speak about the history and folklore surrounding tea, including background on tea culture and the tea business. A tasting will follow the program. Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.org, 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.

Tuesday, March 24**The Road to Retire Well (for workers of all ages, including Gen X and Boomers) Part of the Smart Investing Life Cycle Series with Karen Chan**

Many small decisions can add up to a financially secure retirement. Are you getting the most from your employer's retirement plan? What should you do if you change jobs? Is a Roth IRA (or Roth 401k) right for you? Learn how to put yourself on The Road to Retire Well. 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 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.

Wednesday, March 25**The Battlefield Balladeers**

Singing the songs of the Civil War using guitar, banjo, harmonica, tambourine, and other period instruments, the Battlefield Balladeers' repertoire consists of the patriotic, sentimental and comic songs of Stephen Foster, Daniel Emmett and others. These story/songs are brought to life musically and introduced with humor and historic quotes from Abraham Lincoln, Mark Twain, Robert E. Lee, Frederick Douglas and Mary Chestnut. This event is held in recognition of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday.

Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.org, 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.

Shhh! It's a Surprise! (a program created for Teens and by Teens)

Over the winter, our Teen Advisory Group has been crazy busy creating an event that you're gonna love! Come find out what it will be! Anime? Music? Movies?... probably way better. Teens in 6th through 12th grades invited. No registration is required.

Monday, March 30 95th Street Library Meeting Room A/B, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 2 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31 Naper Boulevard Library Program Room, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 2 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31

The Roads That Lead to Lincoln: Honest Abe on the Historic Highways of Illinois

From New Salem to Springfield, David Clark follows Lincoln's journey as he starts out as a store clerk, then surveyor, then lawyer, all the way to the Illinois General Assembly, the U.S. House of Representatives, and ultimately to the White House. After his assassination in 1865, his funeral train takes the same somber journey back from Washington to Chicago and then on to Springfield. In the final segment of our program, Mr. Clark takes the audience on a virtual tour along Route 66, the 8th Judicial Circuit, the Great River Road and the Lincoln Highway in search of sites related to the life of Abraham Lincoln. The tour includes images of the places visited by Lincoln, as well as monuments and museums dedicated to remembering and interpreting his legacy.

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

The NAHC is looking forward to seeing you at

Our next meeting on

Saturday Morning, March 21st

At

8:00 AM in Meeting Rooms B, & C

Of the Municipal Center where we will

Focus on the Naperville Park District

Keep an eye on our website

www.napervillehomeowners.com

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

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