



# April 2009 Newsletter

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The NAHC strives to be your source for what is happening in Naperville this is of importance to homeowners. Through our meetings, this newsletter, and our website, we provide actionable information and insights for your associations and residents. We are always looking for news to share with our members. 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. If something is going on in your neighborhood that the rest of the Confederation needs to hear about, please let us know. 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](mailto:rafischer1@aol.com).

## **President's Letter**

March was busy for the Confederation as we hosted four candidate forums as well as our meeting with the Park District. Thanks to NAHC Vice President Rick Strawbridge for managing the forums – never an easy task and this year made even more daunting by the number of candidates in the mix. Also, thanks to NAHC Director Mike Reilly for coordinating the general membership meeting with the management team from the Park District. If you missed their presentation, it is posted on our website.

One thing practically guaranteed to bring homeowners out of their shell and galvanize a neighborhood for action is real estate development. Nothing seems to intrude more upon the comfort zone established around our homes than the specter of new buildings going up across the street. Whether the development is commercial or residential, questions form in neighbors minds around height, landscaping, style, and fitting into the character of the neighborhood.

Naperville has processes and safeguards in place to inform and involve neighbors before the bulldozers arrive. There are building codes and zoning restrictions providing guidelines for what can be built.

For builders and developers looking to push the envelope, there are hurdles that can include the Plan Commission, Transportation Advisory Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and, as a final arbiter, City Council. These must be cleared before the first shovel of dirt is turned. Who, other than attorneys for the developers, really understands these processes, though?

Our April 16th joint meeting with City Council will focus on development. Representatives of the City Transportation, Engineering, and Development (TED) team will provide an overview, geared for homeowners, of the process. They will touch on the roles and responsibilities of the various groups and where neighbors should become involved. There will also be reports on the area studies both under way and planned.

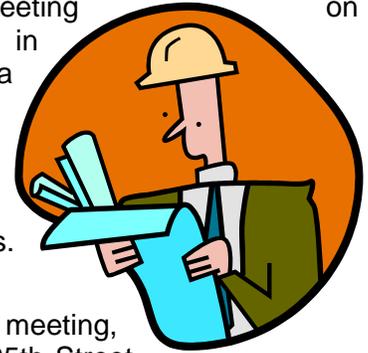
The meeting, beginning at 8 AM, will be at the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr. Our plan is to make this an interactive dialogue, not a symposium. More details are later in this newsletter and will also be on our website, [www.napervillehomeowners.com](http://www.napervillehomeowners.com).

As a final note – the Confederation newsletter includes a monthly listing of planned developments prepared by Associate Director Thom Higgins. Recently, our newsletter became the catalyst that initiated involvement by the Advisory Commission on Disabilities in a proposed project. Thanks Thom for keeping not only our members, but the entire City informed!

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## Confederation April Meeting Focuses on Development

Mark your calendars for the NAHC April joint meeting with City Council meeting Saturday, morning, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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. We are looking at including the perspective of a developer, petitioner to the Plan Commission, and the role neighbors can play in the process. 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. As this is a joint meeting with City Council, we are looking forward to meeting newly-elected Council members as well as our returning representatives. With City Staff in attendance, this will be a great opportunity to get a heads up on what is happening around town from some of the folks closest to the action

Whether you are an association officer or director, or simply a homeowner looking for information, the NAHC April 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 March monthly meeting with City Staff and/or were determined by Plan Commission and Council:*

The April 1<sup>st</sup> Plan Commission meeting has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

### Ongoing Proposals:

**Naperville School District 203 :** A groundbreaking ceremony for the new \$11 million Early Childhood Center was held on March 18, at a site in Huntington Estates Subdivision just off Naper Blvd.

**Aldi Foods:** Will be breaking ground for a new store at the SE corner of Ogden and Naperville Rd. Staff is currently reviewing plans. This does not require Plan Commission approval.

**Compass School:** Is expected to open a second Naperville facility in late summer at the SW corner of Route 59 and 103<sup>rd</sup> street. Compass offers programs for infants through private Kindergarten, as well as after school programs.

**Axana:** A four unit retail out-lot center has been approved at 111<sup>th</sup> street and Route 59. Construction is expected to start shortly.

**Delta Dental:** Has been approved by Council. Site preparation is expected to commence in April. A sign variance was granted to allow for a sign on Alexis Shuman Blvd.

**Railway Plaza Commuter Parking Condominium Lots:** Route 59 Metra train station area. Scheduled to appear in front of the Plan Commission on either April 15<sup>th</sup> or May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Turning Pointe Foundation:** Plans to construct a school and 22-26 transitional housing units for Autistic children on Naper-Plainfield Rd. at 104<sup>th</sup> Street were tabled at the March 18th Plan Commission meeting. They are now scheduled to appear in front of the Mayors Advisory Commission on Disabilities on April 1st, and then proceed to the Plan Commission for a public hearing on April 15<sup>th</sup>. For more Information on Turning Pointe Foundation, go to:

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

## **Studies and Initiatives:**

**Ogden Avenue Site Reimbursement Grant Program:** The city has allocated \$200,000 for a program offering private property owners and business owners along Ogden Avenue (between Naper Boulevard and Washington Street) an opportunity to apply for reimbursement matching grants to help pay for signage, landscaping, building facade and access improvements. Financing for the program is expected to be available during FY 09-10. The deadline for applications is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Further information is available here:

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

**Fifth Avenue Study:** The City of Naperville hosted a joint forum before the Plan Commission and Transportation Advisory Board on Thursday, March 5, 2009. The purpose of the public forum was to obtain public input on the preliminary alternatives for future land use. Based on the comments received, staff has elected to create two additional alternatives, that contain additional Metra parking for commuters. These will be unveiled at a second public meeting in May or June. You can view the first preliminary proposals on line at <http://www.naperville.il.us/fifthavenue.aspx>.

**Historic Site Commission:** Held a public open house on March 19, 2009. Based on a revised statement of purpose, the joint committee drafted preliminary recommendations regarding potential changes to the city's preservation program. Approximately 30 people attended the open house. Peggy Frank, Executive Director of the Naperville Heritage Society and Naper Settlement, gave an overview of the preliminary recommendations at the beginning of the open house, followed by a discussion among all participants. The presentation slides can be downloaded by clicking the link below:

- [March 19, 2009 Open House Presentation Slides \(PDF 2 MB\)](#)

Detailed recommendations that were presented can be downloaded by clicking the links below:

- [Proposed Statement of Purpose and Process for Designating New District and Landmarks \(PDF 78.5 KB\)](#)
- [Proposed Commission Composition and Responsibilities and Meeting Location \(PDF 80.2 KB\)](#)
- [Proposed Preliminary Procedural Recommendations \(PDF 84 KB\)](#)

Interested parties are encouraged to provide feedback regarding the preliminary recommendations through April 24, 2009

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

**Central Park Master Plan:** The Downtown Advisory Committee (DAC) held a workshop on February 19, 2009 to consider the Preferred Alternative for the Central Park. It then went to TAB (Transportation Advisory Board) on March 7<sup>th</sup>. It is scheduled for the April 21<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting and then to the Park District Board in May.. To view the plans click here:

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

**Attainable Housing Study:** The Fair Housing Advisory Commission approved the 2009 Naperville Housing Needs and Market Analysis. It is expected to be in front of Council on April 21<sup>st</sup> for approval. The document is intended to provide Naperville's decision makers with factual information about the housing needs and housing market of current residents and of 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. The document also details housing demands and needs from a random sample survey of Naperville residents and employees.

A copy of the draft is available on the city's Web site at [www.naperville.il.us/fhac.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/fhac.aspx).

## **Community CERT Training Opportunity**

The City of Naperville is hosting Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training throughout the month of May for individuals who live or work in Naperville.



Training in disaster preparedness, fire suppression techniques, mass casualty first aid, triage and emergency sheltering for individuals, families and neighborhood residents is provided throughout the month-long program. Once participants complete this 17-hour program, they will be qualified to assist their neighborhoods or workplaces in cases of emergency when professional first responders cannot immediately make it to the scene.

“The purpose of the CERT program is to better prepare residents within the community should emergency situations arise,” Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Lt. Dave Szablewski said. “An active, engaged community that proactively plans for emergencies is better able to handle a crisis. I encourage all residents to consider becoming part of the CERT program.”

Classes begin the evening of Thursday, May 7 and will continue on May 14, 21 and 28. The program culminates with a field exercise on Saturday, May 30. Class instructors are certified through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the training is free to those individuals who live or work in Naperville. Participants must be 18 years of age. To download required registration forms and learn more about the CERT program, visit [www.naperville.il.us/cert.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/cert.aspx). Individuals may also call the Citizen Corps Council phone number at (630) 305-7000, ext. 570. Limited space is available on a first-come, first-served basis, and people are asked during the sign-up process to include the source that connected them to CERT.

## **Ranchview Drive Electric Utility Infrastructure Work Beginning**

Construction related electrical infrastructure work is scheduled to take place on Ranchview Drive between Wehrli Road and 75<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **May Meeting Preview**

Mark your calendars for the NAHC Annual meeting on Saturday morning, May 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be the final meeting chaired by our President for the last five years, Chuck Schlabach, who cannot succeed himself in office due to term limits within our bylaws. Chuck will be moving up to the position of Past President on the NAHC Board, joining the newly President, Vice President, and two At Large Directors along with incumbents including Treasurer Dan Bulley, Secretary Kathy Benson, and Directors Marcia Straub and Mike Reilly.

At the May meeting we will be taking a look at some of the Strategic Planning the NAHC Board has been doing over the last several months. The Board has taken a hard look at our membership, roles within the community, and ways the NAHC can continue to be the homeowner's advocate.

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!

## **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](http://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](http://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](http://www.stepupforautism09.kintera.org). For more information about Little Friends, Inc., please visit [www.littlefriendsinc.org](http://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**

As of Tuesday, April 14, the City of Naperville's recycling drop-off center will be located within the Multi-Purpose Public Works Service Center, located at 180 Fort Hill Drive.

Currently, the recycling drop-off center is located at 1600 W. Jefferson Ave. Materials are accepted on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Recyclables will be accepted at the Jefferson Avenue location through Saturday, April 11. Beginning on April 14, materials will only be accepted during those hours at the new location.

Materials accepted at the drop-off center include:

- Newspapers
- Advertisements
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Phone books
- Office paper
- Post-It Notes™
- Gift wrap
- Glass bottles and jars
- Paper bags
- Plastic six-pack rings
- Milk cartons and drink boxes
- Cast iron
- Aluminum or steel scrap pieces
- Metal drain spouts
- Metal siding
- Metal fencing
- Metal pipes
- Metal fixtures
- Metal hangers
- Chipboard boxes such as gift boxes, tissue boxes and cereal boxes
- Corrugated cardboard boxes, including frozen food boxes
- Books (notebooks, novels, hard or soft textbooks)
- Aluminum cans, foil and trays
- Tin or steel cans, including empty aerosol cans and paint cans
- Plastic containers numbered No. 1 through No. 7, with the exception of those labeled No. 6

The recycling drop-off center is free, and an attendant is on site to help residents and answer any questions. Appliances are not accepted at the drop-off center. If you have any questions regarding recyclable materials, call (630) 420-6095 or visit [www.naperville.il.us/recyclecenter.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/recyclecenter.aspx).

Residents looking to dispose of items such as oil-based paint, pesticides and automotive fluids must utilize the Household Hazardous Waste drop-off, located behind Fire Station No. 4, 1971 Brookdale Road. That facility is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, excluding holidays. For more information on the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, visit [www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx).

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The 2009 annual Police Property Auction will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at the east end of the Naperville Police Department, 1350 Aurora Ave. Viewing of the property is available from 8 to 9 a.m. The auction starts promptly at 9 a.m. and will continue until all items have been sold.

This year's selection of property will include numerous household items, electronics and bicycles. In addition, a number of vehicles will also be sold to the highest bidders. Specific information regarding the vehicles will be made available shortly on the city's Web site at [www.naperville.il.us/policeauction.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/policeauction.aspx).

Cash, check and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard or Discover) will be accepted.

All items will be sold "as is" and all sales are final. Anyone needing additional information on this event can contact the Forensic Services Unit Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (630) 305-5298 or (630) 305-5378.

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The Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters, has named the City of Naperville as a Tree Line USA Utility for 2009. This honor is designed to recognize public and private utilities across the country that demonstrate practices that protect and enhance America's urban forests through a program of quality tree care, annual worker training in quality tree care practices and a tree planting and public education program.



This is the first time Naperville has received the Tree Line USA Utility designation. Naperville has also been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for 18 consecutive years.

Residents who have a tree or trees growing under electric power lines and who are interested in replacing these trees as part of the Department of Public Utilities – Electric tree replacement program should contact Kathy Kauzlarich at (630) 420-4133.

###

Mayor A. George Pradel and the Naperville City Council would like to extend an invitation to Naperville residents to volunteer to fill an open position on the city's Riverwalk Commission.

Interested applicants should visit [www.naperville.il.us/boards.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/boards.aspx) to download and review an application form. The form asks for basic information such as name and address and also asks why you are interested in serving on a board or commission. The application, along with a copy of an individual's resume, can be submitted by mail or in person to the Mayor's Office at the Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., or by e-mail to [johnsonc@naperville.il.us](mailto:johnsonc@naperville.il.us).

The Riverwalk Commission, which typically meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 a.m., exists to promote, encourage and guide the development and use of the Riverwalk. The thirteen members serve three-year terms and include the Park District Board president, Riverwalk Foundation representative, Millennium Carillon Foundation representative, city and Park District employees and interested residents.

This is a working commission in which all of its members have specific skill sets that are utilized to accomplish the necessary duties of the commission. The commission is seeking a citizen that has a background in civil engineering with the following skills:

- Background in engineering or construction management
- Familiarity with design and permitting processes
- Experience with budgetary processes
- Knowledge of construction documents
- An understanding of the importance of the Riverwalk to our community
- Willingness to commit to regular monthly meeting attendance

For more information, contact the Mayor's Office at (630) 420-6018. For more information on any of Naperville's boards or commissions, visit [www.naperville.il.us/boards.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/boards.aspx).

## **Get Fit Naperville**

Get Fit Naperville is about inspiring and supporting residents. They will help residents who want to enhance their lives through reasonable changes in their diet and exercise but may not know how to get started. The website\* will include stories of Naperville residents who have made significant alterations in their lives and how they began.

Get Fit Naperville is about developing a sense of community. They will work with community leaders to establish programs within their own neighborhoods that encourage a healthier lifestyle. Encouraging that sense of community through weekly walks, which will not only get people up and moving, but also help neighbors get to know each other. The website will include those neighborhoods who have established programs and a list of what they are doing.

Naperville has long been a community that cares about the people who live here. The time is now for us to be an example of the positive changes that can happen when as individuals, we join together to support a healthier way of living

Please join in the kick off event of GETFITNAPERVILLE on Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Naper Days Festival at Naper Settlement. Also, check out their website, being updated and enhanced regularly. [www.getfitnaperville.com](http://www.getfitnaperville.com)

## **Riverwalk Development Guidelines**

Naperville's Riverwalk Commission will discuss suggested updates to the Riverwalk development guidelines, including proposed projects taking place throughout the next five years, during two public open houses on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. Meetings will be held at 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. in Meeting Rooms A, B and C of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St. A formal presentation will be given at the beginning of each meeting, followed by a public comment period. Interested parties need only attend one of the meetings.

The Naperville Riverwalk Commission, in cooperation with the City of Naperville, Naperville Park District and the Riverwalk Foundation, is conducting a review of the development guidelines for the Naperville Riverwalk. Adopted in January 2004, the development guidelines contain the mission and vision statement as well as the goals and objectives for the "Crown Jewel of Naperville," the downtown Riverwalk. The development guidelines are reviewed approximately every five years to ensure that it stays a viable, useful document.



Among the projects to be discussed as part of the updated development guidelines are:

- Segment two of the phase one rehabilitation, which includes the redevelopment of the original Riverwalk from Eagle Street to the Webster Street Bridge. A new wider lower walkway and a redesigned Youth Plaza will be included in this part of the project.
- Coordination with the developer of the Naperville Riverfront Plaza project to construct a new section of Riverwalk on the southeast corner of Washington Street and the DuPage River.
- The renovation of the Sesquicentennial Overlook located at the southwest corner of Eagle Street and the DuPage River.
- The renovation of the Gregory Gazebo located on the west side of the large quarry.
- The construction of a new western Riverwalk gateway at Jefferson Avenue in coordination with the Jefferson Avenue Bridge reconstruction. A sitting area and attractive cross-river focal point for eastbound traffic on Jefferson Avenue will be included as part of this project.

# **MAGIC OF SPRING WILDFLOWERS**

By Brook McDonald

President & CEO - The Conservation Foundation

Spring is a magical time for woodland wildflowers: those enchanting plants that germinate after heavy rains, grow rapidly, and live their whole life cycle in just a few days. Officially called “ephemerals”, once their seed is ripe, the flowers and foliage of these perennials disappear, reappearing like magic the following spring.

Timing is key for woodland wildflowers. They appear early in the season, before the leaves of deciduous trees can block the sun from the forest floor where they grow. Soil nutrients are also at the highest levels at this time of year, originating from the decay of the previous year’s leaves.

But these wildflowers cast their spells in more practical ways, too. They are relatively pest- and disease-free, and since they flourish on the slow release of nutrients common in garden soils, they don't need fertilizer. The majority grow in full sun to light shade in rich, well-drained soil.



Visit these special places in Northeastern Illinois. If you're lucky, the woodland wildflowers will work their magic on your outdoor walk in the woods.

**Bluff Springs Nature Preserve** in late March to see the skunk cabbage bloom - skunk cabbage is one of the earliest blooming plants in our region. The energy from the bloom creates enough heat to melt the snow around it. Go back and visit in mid May to see the White Lady Slipper Orchids bloom. Bluff Springs Fen

Nature Preserve is located in Elgin on the south end of the Bluff City Cemetery. Visit their website for directions and tour schedule. [www.bluffspringfen.org](http://www.bluffspringfen.org)

**Messenger Woods Nature Preserve** in rural Lockport in late April to mid May to see the Virginia Bluebells bloom - a great trip for Mother's Day. Many other ephemeral woodland flowers will also be blooming including Blue-Eyed Mary, Nodding White Trillium, Dutchman's Britches and many more. Visit the Will County Forest Preserve website for more details. <http://www.fpdwc.org/messenger.cfm>

**Bliss Woods Forest Preserve** has a beautiful show of spring ephemeral woodland flowers from mid April thru late May including Hepatica, Cut-leaf Toothwort, Blood Root and many ferns. The wetlands and Blackberry Creek attract many birds en route north to their breeding grounds. Visit the Kane County Forest Preserve website for directions. [http://www.kaneforest.com/fp/bliss\\_woods.asp](http://www.kaneforest.com/fp/bliss_woods.asp)

**Lyons Forest Preserve** in Kendall County has beautiful seeps that host a great show of spring flowers, starting in March with the Skunk Cabbage. The seeps provide a unique habitat with beautiful stands of Marsh Marigolds. Visit the Kendall County Forest Preserve website for directions. <http://www.co.kendall.il.us/forestpreserves/preserves/lyon.pdf>

**Silver Springs State Park** near Plano has a scenic four-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 Department of Natural Resources 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](http://www.theconservationfoundation.org) or call 630-428-4500.*



Help Preserve Our Precious Resources!

# Rain Barrels

*A great addition to every home*



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Naperville, IL 60565  
630-428-4500

Program Office: Dickson-Murst Farm  
2550 Dickson Road  
Montgomery, IL 60538  
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## Rain Barrel Workshop

As much as 500 gallons of rainwater fall on the roof and through the downspouts of a 2,000 square foot average home for each quarter-inch rain fall. Learn how adding a rain barrel to the picture can reduce water bills and conserve one of our most precious resources at The Conservation Foundation's Rain Barrel Workshop, from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, April 4, at McDonald Farm, the organization's headquarters at 10S404 Knoch Knolls Road in Naperville.

Jim Kleinwachter, The Conservation Foundation's land preservation specialist, will explain procedures to install a rain barrel in your home. He will also discuss how to paint the food-grade plastic barrels, some of which are imported from Greece and were originally used to transport olives and pickles.

The workshop cost is \$10 per person. To register, email [cthompson@theconservationfoundation.org](mailto:cthompson@theconservationfoundation.org) or call 630-428-4500, Ext. 10. Each registrant will receive a \$10 coupon to be deducted that day only from the regular purchase price of an \$85 rain barrel.

If you can't make the class but would like to purchase a rain barrel, they are available at The Conservation Foundation's McDonald Farm for \$85 on Thursdays from 2 - 4 p.m. from April through September.

They are also available by special arrangement at other times by contacting Jim Kleinwachter at [jkleinwachter@theconservationfoundation.org](mailto:jkleinwachter@theconservationfoundation.org) or by phone at 630-553-0687, Ext. 302. Rain barrel stands are also for sale for \$20.

For information about other activities and events sponsored by The Conservation Foundation, including membership, call 630-428-4500 or visit [www.theconservationfoundation.org](http://www.theconservationfoundation.org).

## 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](http://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](mailto: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

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

We continue to have hundreds of "hits" on the Internet distribution of the City bi-monthly homeowners report! Electronic distribution is saving the City taxpayer dollars and getting the word out to more folks in the community. We hope that all of our members are taking the time to download this very informative and useful document. The NAHC partners with the City to make this report available in "even-numbered" months throughout the year.

Watch our website, for activation of the link to the April City packet, then click on <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc10524.pdf>. The new April packet should be posted by April 10th!

## **Letter Carriers Food Drive**



Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry will join with the Naperville branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers to encourage area residents to Stamp Out Hunger on Saturday, May 9th, 2009.

Last year, the Pantry received 41,365 pounds of food from the collection. This year's campaign is being promoted as the "Drive for 55," for the 2009 goal of collecting at least 55,000 pounds of food for Loaves & Fishes to distribute to its clients. Loaves & Fishes distributes approximately 20,000 pounds of food and essentials each week. Enrollment of first-time visitors to the Pantry increased by 60% during the past six months.

This marks the 17th year of the Stamp Out Hunger initiative. It is the largest food drive of the entire year for Loaves & Fishes, which has more than 2,600 families residing in Naperville and Naperville Township enrolled to receive food.

Residents are asked to leave a bag of nonperishable food by their mailboxes on the morning of the drive. Mail carriers or designated volunteers will pick up the items.

The most needed items include canned chicken and fish, cereal, any canned fruit, pudding cups, and juice boxes. Non-food items such as paper products, diapers, and toiletries are also in demand

because they are essential items not covered by food stamps. Items should be unopened, in their original packaging, and not have reached the product's expiration date. Glass jar containers are discouraged, as they tend to break in the various stages of handling.

For more information, please visit <http://www.loaves-fishes.org/> or contact Jody Bender at 630-355-3663 or [jbender@loaves-fishes.org](mailto:jbender@loaves-fishes.org).

## **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 was formed at the March 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting and will prepare a slate of recommended candidates to be announced at the April meeting. 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> .

## **March 21st Meeting Recap**

Thanks to the Naperville Park District for an excellent presentation at the Confederation General Membership Meeting on March 21st. Those in attendance gained new insights into the plans and operations of our parks, and, thanks to the District, a couple of us went home with prizes based on our knowledge about the Park District.

Go to <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc10974.pdf> to take a look at the presentation. It is both interesting and informative.

Meanwhile, mark your calendars for our next meeting on April 18th when we will meet at the 95th Street Library along with City Council and take a look at the development process. NAHC Meetings are an opportunity for Homeowners to learn more about our community. Make sure your neighborhood is represented!

## **Proper Mulching to Save Your Trees**

Many well meaning residents – and their landscapers are putting their parkway trees at risk due to improper mulching. With problems such as the Emerald Ash Borer infestation (<http://www.naperville.il.us/ashborer.aspx>) that we can't necessarily prevent, issues caused by improper mulching are something homeowners can and should avoid.

### **Why Mulch?**

Mulch helps keep roots cool in summer and warm in winter. It keeps weeds down and helps hold in moisture. A "moat" of mulch also protects urban trees from cuts and nicks caused by lawn-mowers and weed-whippers. Studies have shown that wood-chip mulch can nearly double the rate of tree growth during the few years after planting. Mulch even fertilizes as it breaks down.

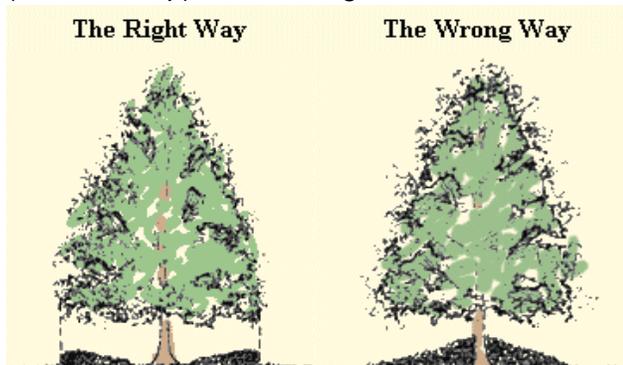
### **The Truth About Tree Roots:**

To understand the best way to mulch, it's useful to know a little bit about tree root systems. Contrary to popular belief, tree roots do not grow very deep. In fact, 90% of a typical tree's roots are found in the top 12 inches of soil! Roots extend laterally. Think about it: It's much easier to extract water and oxygen (yes, trees absorb oxygen through their roots) from a layer of soil than from the layers of densely-packed clay found further down.

### **Proper Mulch Technique:**

Mulch should be spread in a circle as far around the base of a young tree as possible, but at the very least two or three feet out. If there's grass growing around a tree, don't worry about it. A layer of mulch (2" to 3" deep) will kill the grass. It's much, much, much better to let mulch compost the grass naturally

rather than risk root damage by digging up the area first.



Mulch should be spread out in the shape of a saucer, not a mound, as is the common mistake. The saucer shape will hold and distribute rain water to a tree's roots more effectively. Mulch mounded up against a tree's trunk can cause bark rot, which makes the tree vulnerable to disease and insect problems, and can kill the tree.



# WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Week of the Young Child (WOYC) is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the nation's largest organization of early childhood professionals. This week-long event was created to help emphasize the needs of young families, while supporting those programs that support the development of children. WOYC seeks to build a better future for all children.

As WOYC is brought to Naperville, the Naperville Park District and DuPage Children's Museum invite local families to take advantage of the many free programs and events that are being held for the enjoyment and benefit of young children and their parents. For more information on WOYC or early childhood programs that are available in the community, visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) and [www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org).

## APRIL 20-24, 2009 BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

For a complete listing of FREE activities, visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) or [www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org) or pick up a brochure at Naperville Park District facilities or DuPage Children's Museum.

### CHILD SAFETY SEAT CHECK\*

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 9:00 A.M.-NOON

DUPAGE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM PARKING LOT, 301 N. WASHINGTON ST.

Did you know that 80% of car safety seats are installed incorrectly? Your child's safety in the car depends upon the proper installation of the safety seat and the fitting and use of restraints. Members of the Illinois State Police will be on hand to check safety seats and refit them as necessary.

### PAJAMA PARTY WITH BETSEY MEANS\*\*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 6:30-10 P.M.

BARN RECREATION CENTER, 428 W. MARTIN AVE.

Storyteller Betsey Means will delight and entertain children with her storytelling magic. Wear your jammies, bring a blanket and get ready for some pre-bedtime fun!

### COMMUNITY QUILT CHALK DRAWINGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 5:00-10:00 P.M.

DUPAGE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM PARKING LOT, 301 N. WASHINGTON ST.

Little artists will have the opportunity to draw what Naperville means to them. Each artist and/or family will be given a spot within our blacktop "quilt" to express their own creativity. The end result will be a beautiful tapestry of art from our participants!

### BRING A FRIEND FOR FREE TO DCM!

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 5:00-8:00 P.M.

DUPAGE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, 301 N. WASHINGTON ST.

On this special night only, bring a friend for free to play and enjoy the hands-on exhibits at DuPage Children's Museum. In celebration of WOYC, the Museum will welcome one FREE admission with each paid or member admission.

### JEANIE BI OUTDOOR CONCERT

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 6:30-10 P.M.

MILLENNIUM CARILLON, ALONG THE NAPERVILLE RIVER WALK

Jeanie Bi, a Parents' Choice Recommended Award-winner, delivers a live show that is a dance party for all ages. She's sure to get everyone on their feet and singing right along!

\*By appointment only. Please call DuPage Children's Museum at 630-637-8000 beginning April 1 to reserve your spot.

\*\*Registration required through the Naperville Park District. Call 630-848-5000, visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org), or visit the Admin building at 320 W. Jackson Ave., the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center at 305 W. Jackson Ave., or the South Maintenance Facility at 3415 Book Rd. to register.



### THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

#### Community Characters

Preschoolers will have the opportunity to decorate their own community characters; cut-outs will be distributed to the children during the last week of March. Characters will be displayed at the Park District, Children's Museum and participating downtown businesses.

#### Book Drive:

Community members are asked to donate new or gently used books for children ages 0-8 years of age at each of the WOYC events, at Park District facilities and DuPage Children's Museum. Books will be donated to a local family shelter.



## Naperville Park District Updates



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

In honor of Earth Day, the Park District has planned a week-long celebration called Earth Week. From Saturday, April 18-Sunday, April 26, volunteers are needed to help give their time and attention to some select Naperville parks to make them even better places to enjoy.

Residents are encouraged to gather their family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to

help litter pick, weed, mulch, remove fallen twigs and clean up our trails, just to name a few of the tasks that are needed. The Park District currently is taking volunteer registrations for that week.

The following parks need the help of volunteers:

- Brooks Crossing
- Brook Prairie
- Burlington Woods
- Carol Acres Park
- Clow Creek Greenway
- Country Lakes Park
- DuPage River Park/Royce Road
- Heritage Woods
- Hobson West Ponds
- Knoch Knolls Park
- Seager Park
- Springbrook Crossing
- Springbrook Parkway
- Tall Grass Park
- Wildflower Park

Additionally, there is a Riverwalk clean-up effort with volunteers needed on Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 a.m.-noon.

The District urges volunteers to make a difference in a park and our community. Those interested in participating in the Park District's Earth Week celebration are asked to contact Sue Omanson at [somanson@napervilleparks.org](mailto:somanson@napervilleparks.org) or 630-848-3572.

### **Help Wanted: Spring Lacrosse League Referees**

The Park District Spring Lacrosse League is recruiting referees for the spring 2009 season. The Park District will provide all the training, equipment and support necessary. No previous knowledge of the game or experience necessary. We are hiring both youth (age 14 as of March 1, 2009) and adult referees. If you are interested, contact Brock Atwell, Program Manager, at 630.848.3534.

### **Flashlight Egg Hunt**

Grab your flashlights and hunt for prize-filled eggs under the stars! Please bring a flashlight and container for eggs and prizes. The event is outside, so dress appropriately. Designed for ages 9-13, event will be held at Knoch Knolls Park Wigwam, 336 Knoch Knolls Road on Thursday, Apr. 9 from 7:45-8:30 p.m. The fee is \$9(R)/\$13(N). The Registration Code is 73008. Refreshments served

### **Naperville Park District and Naperville Jaycees Egg Hunt**

Children ages 1-8 can expect to see plenty of colorful eggs and the Easter Bunny at the 28th Annual Egg Hunt. Parents of children ages 2 and under may assist their children. Bring a container to hold collected eggs. In the spirit of the season, the Naperville Jaycees will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items. All the donated items will go to the Naperville Loaves and Fishes Community Pantry; please, no glass containers. The Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, Apr. 11 at 10:00 a.m. sharp at Frontier Sports Complex, 3380 Cedar Glade Drive. This event is free!

### **Route 66 Introductory Tour**

No one knows Route 66 better than John and Lenore Weiss, award-winning authors of the only Illinois Route 66 Guide and inductees into the Route 66 Hall of Fame. Our trip starts in Joliet at the Route 66 Welcome Center and we will make stops in Wilmington, Gardner, Dwight, Odell, Pontiac and Braidwood. Highlights include expert commentary about Route 66, unique shopping and coffee and rolls in an 1890s restored lumber yard, a brief stop at the Riviera Roadhouse, a visit to an original 1906 two-cell jail where you can have your photo taken, a Frank Lloyd Wright bank, a classic old gas station, lunch at the Old Route 66 Cafe, a restored 1932 filling station, Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum and a turtle sundae at the Polka Dot Drive-In. There will be plenty of photo opportunities, nostalgia and surprises along the way. Price includes motorcoach transportation, expert commentary from our guides, two snack stops and a family-style lunch. Trip, designed for those ages 21 and up, departs from the Riverwalk Warming House parking lot on Tuesday, May 19 at 8:15 a.m., returning at 6:00 p.m. The fee is \$71(R)/\$78(N). The Registration Code is 77112.



# DuPage Children's MUSEUM

...where learning comes in to play!



April 2009

\* A week of FREE activities in collaboration with Naperville Park District. For a complete listing of activities visit our Web site.

Call 630-637-8000 ext. 0 for more info.  
Pre-registration and pre-payment required.  
For a complete program schedule, please visit [www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org).

## FAMILY FUN FRIDAY NIGHTS

Open until 8 pm Friday nights!  
Different themes weekly!

- Apr. 3 – Mad Scientist Concoctions, 5:30-7:30 pm
- Apr. 10 – Karaoke Night, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- Apr. 17 – Young Naperville Singers, 6:00 -7:00 pm
- Apr. 24 – Museum closes at 5:00 pm for a private event\*

\*Family Fun Friday Nights resume on Friday, May 1.  
NOTE: Museum will still be open until 8 pm on Thursday nights too!

### SUMMER MINI-CAMPS - SIGN UP EARLY AND SAVE!

Four different 3-day sessions. For ages 7-10

	<b>COOL CHEMICAL CONCOCTIONS</b>	
	Day/Date	Time
	T, W & Th/June 23, 24 & 25	9:00 – Noon
	<b>CARDBOARD CARPENTRY</b>	
	Day/Date	Time
	T, W & Th/July 14, 15 & 16	9:00 – Noon
	<b>ELECTRIC EXPLORERS</b>	
	Day/Date	Time
	T, W & Th/July 21, 22 & 23	9:00 – Noon
	T, W & Th/July 21, 22 & 23	1:30 – 4:30

Cost on or before May 29: \$80 members/ \$90 nonmembers  
Cost after May 29: \$90 members/ \$100 nonmembers

Call 630-637-8000 ext. 0 for more info. or to reserve a spot. Visit our Web site for more info.

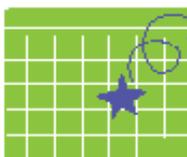
Pre-registration & pre-payment are required, enrollment is limited. Children do not need an adult partner to participate. (An adult must drop the child off and pick the child up at the room.) A snack will be provided. Museum floor time during program (included) will be supervised by Museum staff.

### 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!



### 3rd Thursday

**Partner Presentation Night**  
Thursday, April 16 5:00-7:00 pm

Please join us to meet two important organizations that also provide important services to children with autism spectrum disorders, visual and mobility impairments:  
**Lekotek & Center for Speech and Language Disorders**

### REGISTER NOW!



**Just for Grown Ups**

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

**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.



**Apr. 4 and 18 from 10:30 am - Noon**  
FREE to Members or with Museum admission!

**Apr. 4, Paul Abella Trio - Jazz**  
Making jazz fun again. Equal parts jazz band, jam band & world-blues fusion, The Paul Abella Trio is at once familiar & fresh.

**Apr. 18, DuPage Symphony Orchestra**  
Short recitals & instrument demonstrations presented by chamber groups from the DSO, specifically designed for children & their families!

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



A Historic Museum Village

## **Summer Season begins at Naper Settlement**

[www.napersettlement.museum](http://www.napersettlement.museum)

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

The costumed villagers return to their homes and businesses on April 1 when summer season begins at Naper Settlement. Hours through Oct. 31 are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors 62+ and \$5.50 youth ages 4-17.

### **Blacksmithing 101**

Learn the art of blacksmithing with an introduction to safety, tools and the forge in this three-session class, which will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays, April 4, 18 and 25. Participants will learn hammer techniques while making an iron hook. For ages 18 and up, the fee is \$150 per person. To register, call (630) 420-6010.

### **History Speaks Lecture Series: The Art of Norman Rockwell**

This program takes a look at Norman Rockwell, America's most popular painter during his lifetime, from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 19. For all ages. Advance tickets are \$6 per person and \$5 per student and Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining members. At the door, tickets are \$7 per person, \$6 per student. Call (630) 420-6010 for reservations.

### **Wine dinner to benefit Naperville Heritage Society**

Sullivan's Steakhouse in downtown Naperville will host a Wine Dinner at 6 p.m. Monday, April 27 that benefits the Naperville Heritage Society, administrator of Naper Settlement. Tickets are \$175 for the multi-course dinner created especially for the fundraiser. Sullivan's General Manager Troy Smith and Executive Chef Terrell Cole developed a sophisticated menu that is paired with exclusive wines. For tickets, call (630) 420-6104.

### **Camp Naper: Extreme Summer Fun**

Adventure-seeking kids can sign up for one or more of the exciting learning opportunities being offered weekly, June 15 through Aug. 7. Students in grades 1-6 can choose from three unique experiences: Treasure Hunters, T.H.E. Detectives – Treasure Hunters Extreme, and Adventures in Time. The fee is \$180 per camp, \$170 for Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining members. To register, call (630) 420-6010. For more information, visit [www.napersettlement.museum](http://www.napersettlement.museum).



## **Library News & Programs**

For many years, the Naperville Public Library has received many awards, particularly for providing an excellent return on investment for the library tax dollar. Those awards were achieved through prudent stewardship of funds in a lean organization. The Library recently conducted a Community Survey. The community's positive response to the Library was literally off the charts – so positive that the national matrix needed to be changed to accommodate Naperville's extraordinary high rankings of its public Library.

It is important for Naperville residents to know that our levels of service will be reduced in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. As you are aware, these are very difficult economic times and the City of Naperville has not been immune to its challenges. The Library is one of several agencies that Naperville's City Council has asked to help mitigate the City's projected budget deficit. Council's request to reduce our

2009-2010 tax levy by 10% means a \$1.5 million cut to our operating budget. By law, the Library Board proposes the Library's budget to City Council. Council then determines the Library's property tax rate and levy.

Because our Library is so heavily used, as we made budget reductions we considered it important to maintain open hours and our quality of service. Therefore, to meet this significant reduction request, we have taken very large dollar amounts out of staffing and out of materials purchased for the collection. Smaller amounts have been cut from areas such as paid public programming. These are painful cuts our Board and staff have made with great deliberation and an appreciation that the Library must be part of the City's financial solution.

We fully understand that your satisfaction with Library services may suffer during the coming fiscal year at minimum. We hope you will understand that the reductions are made in response to the current fiscal crisis.

To learn more about the reductions and their impact click on <http://www.naperville-lib.org/pdffiles/NPLbudget.pdf>. This presentation details the reductions and their impact as well as information from neighboring libraries so you can see how we compare.

It is certainly our hope that as the economy recovers, the Library will be able to reinstate many, if not all, of the service cuts we have had to make. We are hopeful we will have your support to help us restore programs and services and to ensure that our range of services meets the needs of our community.

If you have questions or comments, please contact us at [budgetfeedback@naperville-lib.org](mailto:budgetfeedback@naperville-lib.org) or 1-630-637-2217

**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>**

**Monday, April 13-18, Celebrate National Library Week! *Worlds Connect @ your library***

Don't miss the fun as we celebrate diversity at our Library in honor of National Library Week! There will be fun games and raffles for the children to enter, and adults will have the opportunity to enter a raffle to win gift cards to many of our ethnic restaurants in town. All they need to do is pick up their "Passport to Naperville" at any of our three full service Libraries to begin their journey! Check our website in March to learn more about the festivities during National Library Week 2009.

**Naperville Public Library Offers Programs during Money Smart Week®**

Unemployed? Worried about making your money last? Want your child to be money savvy? Join us for Money Smart Week® at the Naperville Public Library. During April 21 to 23 we're holding free, public programs that provide unbiased financial information with no hidden agenda to sell products or services. Program topics include dealing with finances during unemployment, making money last in retirement and raising money savvy kids.

On Tuesday, April 21 at noon, "Layoff Survival Guide: Financial Strategies for the Unemployed" will be held in the Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave. Amy Webber, executive director of the Naperville's Community Career Center, will present an informational session covering the basics of financial management before and during a layoff, general job search strategies and information about library resources that are helpful to job seekers. The program is free but registration is required because refreshments will be served. To register, call the Nichols Library Adult Services Desk, 630-961-4100, ext. 6311.

On Wednesday, April 22 at 9:30 a.m. boomers, near-retirees and retirees are invited to attend "Making Your Money Last in Retirement" in the Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave. Speaker Karen Chan, CFP, will teach you strategies for managing your investments, retirement plans,

and expenses in retirement to insure you don't outlive your money. How can you determine a sustainable amount to withdraw from your assets each year? Should you buy an annuity? Most financial workshops talk about ways to build your wealth while you're working; this workshop will talk about how to stretch what you've got. This is a free public program and no registration is required.

On Thursday, April 23, Susan Beacham, nationally syndicated columnist, author, inventor, and entrepreneur will speak on "10 Tips to Help Raise a Money Savvy Tot and Teen." She'll discuss her money management system, which is part of the School District 203 curriculum, at 7 p.m. on April 23 in Meeting Room A/B, 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr. This program is open to all and no registration is required to attend. If you would like to receive a free copy of Susan's book and a seat at the program, please pick up a ticket at the Adult Service desks at the Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave.; Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd.; and 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr.

For more information about these programs contact Bobbie Rudnick, Business Librarian at 630-961-4100, ext. 6328. If you need accessibility information, call Mary Bannon, Program Coordinator, 630-961-4100, ext. 2231.

These programs are a partnership between the American Library Association and FINRA Investor Education Foundation. These Money Smart Week® programs are held in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Coordinated by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and its Money Smart partners, Money Smart Week® is designed to educate consumers about money management and create awareness of financial education programs on a wide range of topics. More than 200 local organizations and businesses are offering more than 450 free classes, seminars and activities during Money Smart Week® Chicago, April 18 to 25.

### **Tuesday, April 21**

#### **A Blueprint for the City and Suburbs: Burnham & Bennett's 1909 Plan of Chicago with Kathleen Cummings: Adjunct Lecturer, Museum Education at the Art Institute of Chicago**

Throughout the city of Chicago, institutions are celebrating the centennial of the 1909 *Plan of Chicago*. Please join lecturer Kathleen Cummings to study the important document architects Burnham and Bennett provided as the blueprint for Chicago's future. This illustrated talk will survey the major components of the plan, including proposals for the parks, boulevards, the lakefront and the monumental civic center. This discussion will also highlight the regional aspects of the plan, particularly those that focused upon outlying areas, such as Naperville. This free, public program is held in partnership with the Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago.

95th Street Library Meeting Room A/B, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., Coffee is served at 7 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, April 29**

#### **Feng Shui in the Garden with B.J. Gorman**

Are you curious about Feng Shui? This interactive presentation will introduce you to the basic principles of Feng Shui and how you can achieve greater comfort and support in your space. Participants will come away with some practical Feng Shui tips that can bring harmony and balance to their gardens. Get ready to dig the dirt with Feng Shui and create a garden that energizes and empowers!

Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, [www.naperville-lib.org](http://www.naperville-lib.org), or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings.

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

**The NAHC is looking forward to seeing you at  
Our next meeting on  
Saturday Morning, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM  
At The  
95<sup>th</sup> Street Library  
where we will  
Focus on Development in Naperville  
Keep an eye on our website  
[www.napervillehomeowners.com](http://www.napervillehomeowners.com)  
For late-breaking news and information of importance to  
homeowners.**

**Bob Fischer  
NAHC Newsletter Editor  
& Webmaster**