



# May 2009 Newsletter

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The NAHC strives to be your source for what is happening in Naperville that is of importance to homeowners. Through our meetings, this newsletter, and our website, we provide actionable information and insights for your associations and residents. The Confederation Calendar at [www.napervillehomeowners.com](http://www.napervillehomeowners.com) is a great way to get the word out on things happening around town. Our calendar takes thousands of hits every month – so let us help you publicize your events!

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**

It is with sorrow that my 5 years of leadership as President of the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation is drawing to a close on May 16, 2009 with our Annual Meeting at the City Municipal Center Rooms B and C with Elections of two Officers and two Directors. We invite all the Presidents, Officers, Directors and Delegates of our 140 HOA's to plan to attend so I can personally THANK YOU during our Networking for your past support and then review the progress we have made together over the years. I also want your HOA to be represented so you can express your choice for our new slat and suggest new topics and subjects for presentations during the year 2009-2010 that you feel will benefit your organization. We will FOCUS on the role of the Confederation in the community. What do you want us to do for YOU?

We have collectively developed a GOAL each year, along with our MISSION STATEMENT, and MAIN OBJECTIVES, that gave us the direction to be successful, and allow us to operate as a TEAM. Come on 5-16 to develop new ones for the upcoming year. We have developed major accomplishments for the Homeowners and Community over the years with respect, and leadership as a dynamic Confederation. Be part of it!

During my terms as President we had such Goals as:

- 2004-2005 - "RENEW and RETOOL"
- 2005-2006 - "GO FULL SPEED AHEAD"
- 2006-2007 - "EXPAND and LISTEN"
- 2007-2008 - "EDUCATE and GROW"
- 2008-2009 - "INVOLVE ALL MORE" – Take a Leadership Role!

We have taken our three part Mission Statement to improve all HOA's as

- o To foster awareness of, develop and maintain all government relationships,
- o To build with a cooperative effort, a community dedicated to enhancement of our property, and
- o To support member homeowner associations and foster communication among them for exchange of ideas and information

We have developed and achieved many MAIN OBJECTIVES for each term over the years and we will touch on them at our Annual Meeting. SEE ALL ON SATURDAY, MAY 16th at 8AM .

Thanks!

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## **May is the NAHC's Annual Meeting and Election**

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 plus years, Chuck Schlabach. Chuck will be moving to the position of Past President on the NAHC Board, joining the newly elected 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.

Nominated for the open positions on the Board are Dr. Bob Buckman for President, Bob Fischer for Vice President, and Allen Panek and Rick Strawbridge for Directors. Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the meeting. All paid up member associations are entitled to vote.

At the Annual 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.

Join us in meeting rooms B&C of the Municipal Center at 8 AM for coffee and networking! During the meeting there will be reports on our progress over the last year, elections for new leaders, and an opportunity for all of our member associations to have a say in the direction we will take moving forward.

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).

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

*In attendance: Thom Higgins and Toby Hayer for the NAHC, Greg Jones and Allison Laff for the City of Naperville*

### **New Proposals:**

**Route 59 widening plan:** Although this has been discussed for the last five years, the city is ramping up to make a major push for state approval to widen Route 59 for three miles south of the Route 88 interchange.

**Jewell Express on Route 59:** Has revived its proposal from a few years back to put a Gas Station on one of its out lots.

### **Ongoing Proposals:**

**Naperville School District 203** Groundbreaking for Naperville North High School improvements is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The public is invited.

The District has submitted site plans for review, along with some requested variances, to staff for Naperville Central High School. It is expected to go before Plan Commission on 5-20. This is for improvements to the site itself (parking-landscaping etc.). The building renovations themselves are governed by Illinois State Board of Education regulations, and the state agency is responsible for reviewing and approving those plans.

**Hollywood Palms Movie Theater:** is under construction and is expected to open by Labor day.

**Aldi Foods** : South East corner of Ogden and Naperville Rd. is in final plan review

**Compass School & Goddard School:** Are both under construction.

**Delta Dental:** Has started site preparation

**East Naperville Commons:** Corner of 75<sup>th</sup> and Wherli, is starting site preparation.

### **Studies and Initiatives:**

**Fifth Avenue Study:** The City of Naperville will host a public open house for the Fifth Avenue Study to obtain input on additional alternatives for future land use and transportation/commuter parking improvements in the vicinity of the Naperville train station. The open house will take place on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Rooms A, B and C at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St.

The additional alternatives to be presented at the open house were developed based on public input, as well as feedback from the Plan Commission and Transportation Advisory Board. The three previously presented alternatives will also be on display for public review and comment during the open house. - Source: City of Naperville

**Central Park Master Plan:** Staff made a presentation to City Council on April 21<sup>st</sup>. From there it will go to the Park District board at their May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for more input. For more information please go to : <http://www.naperville.il.us/centralparkplan.aspx>

**Attainable Housing Study:** Council is expected to officially receive the study and discuss staff's recommendations for policy options, a number of which are geared towards Senior Citizens. 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).

**Downtown Plan Update:** The city will be hosting a Public Open House on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. to kick off the study and get public input. Land use and the possible expansion to the borders of the area will be part of the study.

### **Walk the Garden Path to find a Cure for Parkinson's Disease**

From 1:00PM - 5:00PM On Sunday, June 28, 2009 view 6 spectacular gardens. All of the gardens are located within walking distance of each other in beautiful Naperville, Illinois, near the intersection of Royce Rd. and Apple River Drive. Each garden is unique and spectacular in its own way, you will find a variety of gardens ranging from very natural to perfectly groomed. Highlights include natural habitats for birds and a fabulous outdoor living room complete with stove and a fireplace!

Then, from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM, there will be a Reception, Silent Auction & Raffle at: DuPage River Park 808 Royce Road, Naperville, IL 60540.



There is a suggested (tax deductible) donation for Garden Walk & Reception of \$50.00 per person.

Join us for a country western reception, featuring "Louise Kelly and her band, bringing music into your life". Food & Beverages donated by Naperville Restaurants and merchants. Attire: Country Western or Casual; wear your cowboy hat & boots if you wish!

Special Guests: Mayor George Pradel, Dr. Kathleen Shannon, neurologist, Rush Medical Center, a representative from The Michael J. Fox Foundation.

For more information go to [www.teamfox.org/teamfox/ostrenga](http://www.teamfox.org/teamfox/ostrenga)

## **Community Heritage Month**

The City of Naperville and several community partners are once again joining together to celebrate Community Heritage Month throughout May. The month-long celebration includes several special tours, events and promotions meant to educate the community about Naperville's history.

"Community Heritage Month was created as a way to honor and observe the city's unique history while educating future generations about our collective past," Community Relations Manager Nadja Lalvani said. "This month is a chance to showcase the importance of preserving Naperville's heritage while simultaneously celebrating our history. The city encourages all residents to take advantage of the family friendly events being offered. We are delighted the Special Events and Cultural Amenities Fund has provided resources to help promote the city's history."

Several community partners, including Naper Settlement, DuPage Children's Museum, Naperville Park District and the Naperville Public Library, will host the events. The offerings will touch on many different aspects of Naperville's history, such as historic architecture, heritage education and community revitalization.

Some of this year's events include:

- Self-guided walking tours
- The chance to learn more about the Naperville Heritage Digital Collection, a storehouse of Naperville's history which contains books, 35 mm slides, microfilm and videos
- Guided architectural walking tours
- Child and teen trivia contests at all three Naperville Public Library branches
- Two-for-one regular admission at Naper Settlement during the weekend of May 2-3
- Free admission to the Millennium Carillon on Sunday, May 3
- Free admission to Centennial Beach on Monday, May 25

Residents and visitors should keep their eyes open at several area businesses for special posters detailing that location's story and how the business is helping to celebrate Community Heritage Month.

For a full listing of events, or for more information about Community Heritage Month, visit the city's Web site at [www.naperville.il.us/heritagemonth.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/heritagemonth.aspx). A calendar of events is also available at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St.

## **June Meeting Preview**

Join us on Saturday morning, June 20<sup>th</sup>, when the NAHC's new President chairs the first joint meeting of the new term with the Naperville City Council.

Over the years the NAHC has been a training ground for local, municipal, and even statewide leaders and we plan to honor those folks who got their public start as part of the NAHC. We will also engage Council in an open planning roundtable on the future role of the Confederation and how it can best continue as an information resource and advocate for the homeowners of Naperville. Whether through our candidate forums, liaison committees, public stands, or dissemination of information through our website and newsletter, the NAHC is an important piece of the local political puzzle.



At our June meeting, we will engage in a dialogue on our representation of the homeowners in the area. We encourage all homeowner association officers and members to attend this important meeting as we continue to plot the future role of the Confederation in the daily life of the residents of Naperville. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at 8 AM for coffee and networking in meeting rooms B&C on the lower level of the Municipal Center.

## **First Annual Step Up for Autism Walk Slated for June 28**



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.stepupforautism09kintera.org](http://www.stepupforautism09kintera.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.*

## **Confederation Speaks Out (again) on Furstenau Lawsuit**

The Homeowners Confederation Board of Directors has been keeping close watch on the lawsuit between Councilman Dick Furstenau and various City employees. Confederation Director Dr. Bob Buckman, representing the NAHC Board, made the following comments at the April 21<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting.

I am here tonight on behalf of the Homeowner's Confederation Board of Directors. My appearance here is a follow-up to the Board's letter to the Mayor and members of the Council dated January 10, 2009.

Briefly, that letter was sent to strongly urge the parties to the Furstenau lawsuit to enter into alternative dispute resolution proceedings in order to bring the litigation to a halt. This would, by extension, halt the further payment of legal fees by the taxpayers and residents of Naperville.

At the time of the writing of the letter we said, quote, "continuing the litigation without both sides making a concerted effort to settle the litigation is counter productive and irresponsible", unquote.

The Board was pleased and thankful that several weeks ago both parties announced a potential settlement. To date, though, the Council and Mr Furstenau have not signed the agreement to end the litigation.

We as a Board are concerned with the apparent slowness of the parties to sign off on the settlement. We once again urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to reach a fair resolution to this litigation that both sides can live with at this time.

As a Board, we would like to propose that the Council through the City Manager and the Human Resources Department develop alternative dispute resolution mechanisms policies that will enable paid City staff to have access to a level, fair and open playing field when they believe an elected official has generated a situation where the City employee feels the need to file a grievance. We believe this mechanism should be included in each Employees Handbook addressing their rights of fair employment.

Similarly, perhaps the City and any City employee or elected official who wishes to assert a grievance against the City first submit the matter to a facilitated mediation prior to filing a lawsuit.

Finally, as this unproductive situation draws to an end, we hope that alternative dispute resolution, rather than litigation, becomes the norm for future matters to protect the homeowners from pocket book hits, such as this, that have impacted all in the City.

The Confederation Board would be pleased to interact with the City Manager on this proposal.

THANK YOU

## **Flooding Procedures During Heavy Rainfall Events**

With the very wet Spring to date, the City of Naperville is reminding residents and businesses to report sanitary sewer backups and/or flooding problems to the city. If you are experiencing either of these situations, the city requests that you contact the appropriate department at the numbers listed below:

- Sanitary Sewer backups (water bubbling up from the lowest level floor drains) (DPU-Water and Wastewater) – (630) 420-6137
- Surcharging storm drains (water bubbling up from the street or yard drains) (Department of Public Works) – (630) 420-6095
- Storm sewer and street flooding (Department of Public Works) – (630) 420-6095
- Dispatch (after normal work hours) – (630) 420-6187

During significant weather events, heavy call volumes may prevent the city from responding to a concern within the same day or evening. Be advised, all calls will be returned based on the urgency of the concern.

In an effort to reduce the amount of flooding in the streets, residents may assist with cleaning off their storm grates before a rain event. Residents should never remove the storm grate covers. If an individual sees a storm sewer grate cover that has been removed, please contact the Department of Public Works at (630) 420-6095 so the situation can be rectified.

Calls and information are important to the city to help determine the full impact of the weather event. Additionally, calls and concerns help the city plan future budgets and maintenance and repair work in the appropriate areas.

For more information on the City of Naperville, visit [www.naperville.il.us](http://www.naperville.il.us)

## **Contact the U of I Extension for Gardening Questions**

We would like to remind you that the Master Gardener Garden Help Line is in service for the 2009 growing season.

In May through August, Master Gardeners will be in the office to answer your gardening and insect questions Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. You may reach them by calling 630-955-1123. You may also submit a question via the Extension's website: [www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage](http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage) Just fill out the form to "Ask the Master Gardener".



Dear Library Patron,

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](http://www.naperville-lib.org/pdf/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 1-630-637-2217 or [budgetfeedback@naperville-lib.org](mailto:budgetfeedback@naperville-lib.org).

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Donna Dziedzic', is written in a cursive style.

Donna Dziedzic, Executive Director

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

Construction of a new covered bicycle shelter at the downtown Naperville Metra Station is slated to begin the week of April 27, 2009. The new shelter, which is set for completion in late June 2009, will add approximately 52 new bicycle parking spaces to the existing 155 spaces. It will be located on the east side of the north platform.

The Route 59 Metra Station will also receive a new bicycle shelter this summer, which will add roughly 46 new bicycle parking spaces to the existing 67 spaces. Construction is slated to begin in late May and be complete by late July. It will be located to the east side of the existing bicycle shelter parking.

The City of Naperville is building the two bicycle shelters in response to commuter requests for additional bicycle parking at both of the city's Metra Stations. Based on a 2008 commuter survey, covered bicycle parking spaces are most preferred by commuters.

As a way to minimize the impact of the project on commuters, construction will take place during the day and will not coincide with commuter rush hours. However, some commuter parking spaces may be unavailable at both Metra Stations during construction to allow for storage and staging. These spaces will be open to commuters immediately following the completion of the bicycle shelters.

The bicycle shelters are being partially funded through a West Suburban Mass Transit District grant. For more information on the new bicycle shelters, visit [www.naperville.il.us/bikeshelters.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/bikeshelters.aspx). For more information on public transit in Naperville, visit [www.naperville.il.us/transit.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/transit.aspx). Sign up for the Commuter Connection e-Newsletter at [www.naperville.il.us/enews.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/enews.aspx).

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The City of Naperville is now broadcasting DuPage County and Will County Board meetings on its government access TV station, WCNC (Channel 6 - WOW, Channel 10 - Comcast and Channel 99 - AT&T).

These meetings can be viewed at the following times:

- DuPage County Board - 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month
- Will County Board - 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the fourth and first Friday of the month

The DuPage County Board meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in County Board room of the Jack T. Knuepfer Administration Building, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton. Four meetings throughout the year are scheduled at 7:30 at night. A full meeting schedule is available at [www.dupageco.org/cobrd/generic.cfm?doc\\_id=294](http://www.dupageco.org/cobrd/generic.cfm?doc_id=294).

The Will County Board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Will County Office Building, 302 N. Chicago St., Joliet. A full meeting schedule is available at [www.willcountyillinois.com](http://www.willcountyillinois.com).

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The City of Naperville is working closely with the DuPage County Health Department, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention to monitor the recent **swine flu outbreak** in an effort to keep Naperville residents informed of the developing situation.

As of Thursday morning, April 30, the Illinois Department of Public Health was reporting on its Web site that there were 17 probable cases of swine flu in Illinois, including eight in Cook County, one in DuPage County, six in Kane County, one in Lake County and one in McHenry County. Specimen samples from these cases have been shipped to the CDC for final testing to confirm if the cases are positive for swine flu.



The city would like to remind residents of the following precautions the CDC recommends for protecting oneself against illness:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleansers are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Stay home if you get sick. The CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

DuPage County has posted downloadable informational fact sheets and prevention guides in both English and Spanish to the Web site [www.protectdupage.org](http://www.protectdupage.org). The Will County Health Department has created a Web page devoted to resources regarding the swine flu at [www.willcountyhealth.org/en/do.jsp?id=158](http://www.willcountyhealth.org/en/do.jsp?id=158).

Other swine flu information resources include:

- The Illinois Department of Public Health: [www.idph.state.il.us](http://www.idph.state.il.us)
- Edward Hospital: <http://edward.org/default.cfm>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [www.cdc.gov/swineflu/](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/) or 1 (800) CDC-INFO. This information is also available in Spanish at [www.cdc.gov/swineflu/espanol/swine\\_espanol.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/espanol/swine_espanol.htm).

You may also visit the City of Naperville Web site at [www.naperville.il.us/swineflu.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/swineflu.aspx).

Swine flu is not transmitted by food. You cannot get swine influenza from eating pork products, however it is always recommended to thoroughly cook pork to avoid food borne illness.

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Please join the Naperville Police Department, DuPage County Chiefs of Police and the Naperville Police Association of Chaplains at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, for the annual Peace Officers' Memorial Observance service, which will be held at the Public Safety Officers Plaza, located at 1350 Aurora Ave. between the Police and Fire Department buildings.

The Peace Officers' Memorial Observance is an annual service to recognize and memorialize those peace officers across the nation, and here in DuPage County, who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their duty and to remember their loved ones.

In addition to the memorial service, a special police Honor Guard featuring members of area law enforcement agencies will conduct the official flag ceremony and the Naperville Police Association of Chaplains will lead attendees in a moment of silence. The service will also include special musical selections by Naperville North High School students, a wreath presentation and the Pipers and Drums of the Naperville Police Department.

## **Relay For Life of North Naperville/ Lisle**

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of North Naperville/ Lisle is an annual overnight event to celebrate the lives of those who have cancer, remember those lost to the disease, and fight back against a disease that takes too much. It will be held from 3:00 p.m. June 13th to 5:00 a.m. June 14th at Naper Settlement in Naperville.



Relay For Life brings the entire community together in the fight against cancer. Teams of local businesses, schools, churches, community groups and families raise funds - prior to and at the event -

to help fund support services for area patients and their families, cancer research, community educational programs and advocacy initiatives.

Do you want to do more in the fight against cancer? This year you will have that opportunity. Be apart of Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3) at the Relay For Life of North Naperville/ Lisle. You will have the opportunity to get involved in this landmark study that will help researchers better understand genetic, environmental, and lifestyle factors that cause or prevent cancer.

Anyone wishing to form a team, participate in survivor activities, enroll in CPS-3 or honor a loved one with a luminaria should contact the American Cancer Society at 630-932-1141 or visit [www.relayforlifennaperville.com](http://www.relayforlifennaperville.com).

## **DuPage River Sweep**

What do a sofa, a wheel chair, golf clubs and seven 300-pound pipes have in common? Each was part of the four tons of garbage removed from the DuPage River at the 2008 River Sweep. See what you can collect by joining more than 400 volunteers for the 2009 effort scheduled for Saturday, May 16



from 9 a.m. to Noon at various locations along the DuPage River and its tributaries.

The River Sweep is an easy and fun way to "Go Green" this spring. Volunteers may work on land, in the water or help with removal of invasive species in natural areas. "Tools of the trade" provided for everyone to make the work easier include garbage bags, work gloves and trash pokers. Water and snacks are provided as well.

If volunteers would like to get on the water they're welcome to bring a canoe or kayak. REI is also offering a \$5 price reduction on kayak rentals. Those interested in this unique experience should visit [www.theconservationfoundation.org](http://www.theconservationfoundation.org) (search for DuPage River Sweep) and choose among a number of dates for watercraft training and additional rental information.

Is picking up trash not your bag? For the first time in River Sweep history, volunteers can also make a difference by helping to restore natural areas by removing invasive plant species. The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and other communities are partnering with The Conservation Foundation to offer this new experience to volunteers.

River Sweep participants can choose among 15 locations along the river. Communities hosting River Sweep sites are Addison, Bartlett, Bloomingdale, Bolingbrook, Downers Grove, Elmhurst, Glen Ellyn, Itasca, Lisle, Lombard, Naperville, Plainfield and Warrenville. Carol Stream, Villa Park and Wheaton will hold their River Sweep events on May 16th as well as on alternate dates.

The DuPage River Sweep is sponsored by The Conservation Foundation, the DuPage County Stormwater Management Division, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, and Waste Management, Inc

As a token of the sponsors' appreciation, the first 400 volunteers will receive a certificate good for one free guacamole and chips at your local Chipotle, as well as a 15 percent off coupon for an REI in-store or online purchase.

The River Sweep is the ultimate win-win. Since the event kick-off 18 years ago, more than 8,000 volunteers have retrieved 185 tons of debris. Volunteers include individuals, families and groups like scout troops, church groups, businesses and homeowners associations, who join a positive community service activity that likewise provides beneficial outdoor exercise. The quality of waterways

improves, reducing flooding potential. And at the same time, fish and other wildlife in DuPage River waterways benefit from the removal of hazards.

The DuPage River Sweep is also supported by American Rivers, and an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency grant. To secure a registration form along with volunteer details, please visit [www.theconservationfoundation.org](http://www.theconservationfoundation.org). After registration, volunteers will be linked with the Community Liaison in charge of the River Sweep in their area.

For additional River Sweep 2009 information, contact Sue George via email at [sgeorge@theconservationfoundation.org](mailto:sgeorge@theconservationfoundation.org) or by phone at 630-428-4500, Ext. 22.

Mark your calendar for this free event

# Shred Day

**Saturday, May 9, 2009**  
**8 to 11 a.m.**

Safety Town parking lot  
1320 Aurora Ave., Naperville

- All Naperville residents are invited to participate – especially seniors!
- Drive up and drop off up to two boxes of documents for secure destruction on site.
- Identity theft prevention information will be distributed by the Naperville Police Department and the City of Naperville's Elderly Services Team.
- Participants will be eligible for a raffle grand prize of a free personal shredder donated by the Naperville Target store.



For more information, contact Naperville Police Department  
Senior Services Coordinator Marita Manning by calling (630) 420-6725  
or by e-mailing [manningm@naperville.il.us](mailto:manningm@naperville.il.us).


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# WATER CONSERVATION IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

By Brook McDonald - President & CEO - The Conservation Foundation


In a recent survey, only 21 percent of homeowners felt their lawn contributed to water quality problems. 'Not in my yard' was probably what they were thinking. Of course, in the same survey, more

Help Preserve Our Precious Resources!



## Rain Barrels

*A great addition to every home*



The Conservation Foundation  
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10S404 Knoch Knolls Road  
Naperville, IL 60565  
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than twice as many homeowners felt that their neighbors' lawns did contribute to water problems.

The truth is, every property drains to a waterway whether or not the property is located near a river or lake.

For instance, did you know that turf grass typically holds only 40 percent of the water that falls on it? That means most rain or sprinkler water leaves your property through swales, ditches and storm sewers. And it does not depart alone - it carries with it fertilizers and pesticides that can pollute our waterways.

Pesticides and fertilizers are typically applied at a cost to homeowners' lawns. They contain phosphorus and nitrogen which find their way into our streams when water runs across the lawns into sewers. The same things that may be good for our lawns are bad for our waterways. Polluted water hurts our fish, makes it unsafe for swimming and fishing, can contaminate our drinking water, and causes algae blooms in detention ponds and lakes.

Here's how you can calculate rainwater runoff from your own lawn:

1. Calculate the area of your lawn in square feet; exclude your house, driveway, and other non-turf grass areas.
2. Convert average annual rainfall data from inches to feet; northern Illinois' average is 34-inches per year or 2.83 feet.
3. Multiply the average annual rainfall (result from Step 2) by the square footage of your lawn (result from Step 1).
4. Multiply that by 60 percent, since that is the percentage of an average rainfall running off your lawn.

Source: *University of Wisconsin-Madison publication "Follow the Drop"* [www.danewaters.com/pdf/followTheDrop.pdf](http://www.danewaters.com/pdf/followTheDrop.pdf)

Let's use my own home as an example. My property is a 45,000 square foot lot. To calculate the impact, just subtract the footprint of my house (2,700), driveway (1,265) and the area of my rain & butterfly gardens, native plant beds and natural areas (24,621). The remainder is turf grass: 16,414 square feet. Therefore, my yard contributes approximately 46,452 cubic feet of runoff to our waterways. That's 347,461 gallons per year of runoff, from rain water alone. It adds up! If my property was all turfgrass, the rainwater runoff contribution would be nearly a million gallons a year.

So take steps to preserve that precious rainwater! Plant a rain garden. Install a rain barrel. Consider native plants which need little or no water to maintain once they are established. Just a little effort can make a big difference!

**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.

## 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, Vice President and two at large Director Positions



A nominating committee, chaired by Confederation Director Marcia Straub was formed at the March 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting prepared a slate of recommended candidates that was announced at the April meeting. Nominees included: President – Dr. Bob Buckman; Vice President-Bob Fischer; Directors – Allen Panek and Rick Strawbridge. 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> .

## **April 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting Recap**

Thanks go to the City Transportation, Engineering, and Development (TED) team for a highly informative presentation on the development process in Naperville. Special thanks also to Derke Price and John Zediker, respectively, for adding their perspectives on the seven deadly sins when appearing before Plan Commission and on the economics of the development process and why tall buildings are a part of today's reality.

Go to <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/WebPage.asp?PN=News&CID=0> and click on the link for the **4-18-2009 Focus on Development Meeting** to take a look at the City presentations and handouts from this meeting. This is a great primer for people looking to learn more about the development process and the steps involved in planning for new construction.

Meanwhile, mark your calendars for our next meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> when we will hold our 2009 Annual Meeting and elections at the Municipal Center.

NAHC Meetings are an opportunity for Homeowners to learn more about our community. Make sure your neighborhood is represented!

## **Notes from the Post Office**



Naperville Postmaster Dennis Lyons would like to remind all homeowners that the Postal Service does not want you to wait in line at the Naperville Post Office. They do appreciate your business, but know that your time is valuable and want to do everything they can to save you the time that you may be spending waiting there. Please read on, or take this as reference to a number of alternatives that are available to you.

APC's (Automated Postal Centers): There are 2 of these available at the Naperville Main Post Office in the outer lobby and 1 available at the Book Road Station. These are available for use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Click N' Ship: This online service is available at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) for purchasing postage, printing labels and scheduling a carrier pickup for Express Mail and Priority Mail items.

CPU's (Contract Postal Units): There are 2 of these available in Naperville. The Mailworks is located at 1807 S. Washington St. and Oswald's Pharmacy is located at 88 Gartner Rd. These businesses have the same authority/responsibility of a window clerk at a post office in providing most USPS products and services without any surcharges.

Stamp locations: In addition to the Jewel and Dominicks grocery stores, the Naperville Post Office is currently compiling a list of locations where stamps are available for purchasing at cost for publication.

Stamps by Fax: Fax your order to the Main Office and your carrier will deliver these to you and collect on the next business day. Minimum order for this service is \$40.00

Stamps by Mail: These are mailed out quarterly.

Naperville Postmaster Dennis Lyons will be in the lobby at the Naperville Main Post Office, 1750 W. Ogden Ave. in Naperville on Friday, May 15 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. He and some of his staff will be giving demonstrations on Click N' Ship and other online services and demonstrations on the APC's.

They hope to see you there!!!!

## **Naperville Park District Updates**



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

The Naperville Park District invites area residents to attend a **community open house** to discuss **future improvements to the southern portion of Knoch Park**. This event will be held Tuesday, May 12, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Barn Recreation Center, Rooms A and B, 421 West Martin Avenue.

Area residents are invited to view and comment on the Naperville Park District's proposal to renovate the identified portion of Knoch Park, including the baseball, softball and football fields, field lighting, playground and restroom building. Proposed improvements also include a walking trail loop.

The District intends to apply for an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant by July 1 to help fund the improvements. Pending grant approval, the improvements are planned for 2010-2011.

Knoch Park is located just east of West Street, near Naperville Central High School

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## **Naperville City Council approves changes to land agreements for garden plots developments - Park District and School District 203 to prepare Intergovernmental Use Agreement**

At its meeting on Tuesday, April 21, Naperville City Council approved amendments to the Naperville Park District's lease agreements for DuPage River Park and the West Street properties. These amendments allow for a change in land use at both locations to accommodate the development of new garden plots at DuPage River Park and the re-development of a portion of the West Street Garden Plots.

City Council unanimously approved the adoption of the Option 1A Garden Plots concept as presented by the Park District and School District 203. Several concepts were explored by the Park District and School District during a series of community engagement meetings held last fall to solicit input on the

proposed change to the West Street Garden Plots. Option 1A was the result of community feedback received during the public process.

Next steps include the acceptance of the lease agreement amendments by the Park Board of Commissioners as well as the development and approval of a mutually acceptable Intergovernmental Use Agreement between the Park District and School District 203.

The Park District also will begin the development of design drawings and engineering plans for DuPage River Park and the current Garden Plots at West Street. Gardeners will be asked to provide their input on the new plots. Information on this process will be forthcoming.

During the 2009 gardening season, there will be individuals completing surveying and site engineering studies at both DuPage River Park and the existing Garden Plots. These studies are needed to assist with the development and re-development projects. However, they will not impact the 2009 growing season. New garden plots will be developed prior to the relocation of any existing plots.

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### **Registration for summer programs**

Online resident registration for summer programs will begin on Wednesday, May 6 at noon. To register online, please visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) and click on the "Click here for online registration" link on the home page. Park District customers electing to use our RecEnroll online registration system need a barcode and PIN number. If you do not have this information, please call 630.848.5000.

Hard copy registration forms accompanied by payment are accepted as soon as your Program Guide arrives. These forms may be mailed to or dropped off at our Administration Building, 320 W. Jackson Avenue, or our South Maintenance Facility at 3415 Book Road.

Phone-in, walk-in and nonresident online registration begins Wednesday, May 13 at 8:30 a.m.

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Naperville residents are reminded that **Centennial Beach memberships** with early bird pricing are now available through noon on Saturday, May 9.

Early bird Beach membership pricing is as follows:

- Youth Membership (ages 3-17) \$32 (reg. \$38)
- Adult Membership (ages 18-59) \$42 (reg. \$48)
- Senior Membership (60+) \$32 (reg. \$38)
- Family Membership \$142 (reg. \$164)

Last year's members can renew their 2009 memberships online by visiting [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org). In person registration and mailed in registration is also accepted. Renewing members are asked to please not send in their membership card as it will be automatically activated once registration and payment has been received and processed.

New members are required to purchase their membership in person by visiting the Administration Building at 320 W. Jackson Avenue or the South Maintenance Facility at 3415 Book Road. Proof of Naperville residency in the form of a current utility bill, tax bill, driver's license or preprinted personal check is required in addition to payment. Members will have a photo taken that will be included on the Beach membership ID; all first-time members must be present to obtain their card.

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The Naperville Park District invites dancers and parents to attend a **Concert Dance Ensemble (CDE)** informational meeting on Saturday, May 2 at the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, located at 305 W. Jackson Avenue in Room 123.



Prospective dancers, ages 9-12, should attend the meeting for the Junior Concert Dance Ensemble from 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Those who are ages 12 and up should attend the meeting for the Concert Dance Ensemble, which will be held from 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Stacey Cohen, rehearsal director for Junior CDE and artistic director of CDE will answer questions in a roundtable setting. All interested participants and their parents are invited to attend.

CDE is a pre-professional, regional dance company under the artistic direction of Melissa Sallée, which provides an entry point into the world of dance performance. The program helps its members gain a comprehensive knowledge of what it means to be part of a dance company. Participating in CDE can serve as a foundation to apply for dance scholarships to assist with college attendance or create opportunities that may lead to a professional dance career.

The Ensemble performs various genres of dance throughout the Naperville area as well as at some larger scale events during the upcoming performance season. Students ages 9-12 may audition for Junior CDE and will participate in many of the same performances as CDE. Students ages 12 and up may audition for CDE.

On May 12, auditions will be held for prospective CDE and Junior CDE dancers who are nine years of age and older (as of September 1, 2009).

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The Naperville Park District has again joined the City of Naperville, DuPage Children's Museum, Naper Settlement and Naperville Public Library to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Community Heritage Month. This celebration, held during the month of May, includes activities, events and promotions intended to educate the community about Naperville's rich history.

As part of the month-long event, the Park District is offering a free visit to two of its historic venues: the Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower and Centennial Beach. The Carillon will host its free day on Sunday, May 3 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and the Beach will be free to all patrons on Monday, May 25 from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

For a full listing of events or for more information about Community Heritage Month, visit the City's Web site at [www.naperville.il.us/heritagemonth](http://www.naperville.il.us/heritagemonth). A calendar of events also is available for pick-up at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St.

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**Park District, Naper Settlement and Children's Museum join together to offer *On-the-Go Pass* and *NEW On-the-Go PLUS Pass* available beginning May 1**

Following last summer's successful introduction of the On-the-Go Pass by the Naperville Park District – an economical and convenient way for people to experience three, key Riverwalk attractions – the Park District is introducing a new PLUS version of the pass as a result of a partnership with DuPage Children's Museum (DCM) and Naper Settlement.

The On-the-Go PLUS Pass offers one-time admission to Centennial Beach and the Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower and a 20-minute paddleboat ride for up to four people in addition to admission to DuPage Children's Museum and Naper Settlement. The PLUS version sells for \$27 and has a value of \$37.50.

Both versions of the passes come with a handy neck strap for portability and a brochure explaining the various attractions.

The original On-the-Go Pass, which debuted last July, also will be available for purchase. For \$15 (a \$21 value), pass holders can enjoy one-time admission to three, key Riverwalk attractions including: Centennial Beach and the Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower in addition to a 20-minute paddleboat ride for up to four people.

Pass holders are asked to present their pass for validation at each of the attractions, where the pass will be punched to void each location as it is used.

The On-the-Go Pass and On-the-Go PLUS Pass can be purchased at the following locations:

- o Naperville Park District's Administrative Building, 320 W. Jackson Avenue
- o Naperville Park District's South Maintenance Facility, 3415 Book Road
- o Centennial Beach, 500 W. Jackson Avenue
- o Millennium Carillon, on the Riverwalk near Rotary Hill
- o Paddleboat Quarry near the Riverwalk Eatery
- o DuPage Children's Museum, 301 N. Washington Street
- o Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster Street\*

*\*On-the-Go PLUS Pass available only.*

Passes will be available for sale at these locations beginning Friday, May 1. Passes sold this year are valid for use through October 31, 2009.

For more information on the On-the-Go Pass, the On-the-Go PLUS Pass and the various attractions offered, visit any of the following websites: [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org), [www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org), and [www.napersettlement.org](http://www.napersettlement.org).

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The Naperville Park District has been working diligently on increasing the user-friendliness of one of its main communication tools – its website. Within the past few weeks, the Park District introduced its new blog named Park Talk and rolled out two, new websites for its golf courses.

Park Talk was introduced via a soft rollout in late March with a video welcome and a first blog entry.

Blogs, or weblogs, which are tools being employed by many other public and private organizations, are designed to create a conversation between an organization and its users. The purpose of Park Talk is to do just that. The Park District plans to provide information on initiatives and projects, while educating its constituents on things like budgets and taxes. In turn, the intention is for residents to provide constructive feedback.

The District intends to update Park Talk with new content on a regular basis, likely twice each month. Interested readers also may subscribe to an RSS-feed that will let them know automatically when a new post has been made. Park Talk can be accessed via the District's website at [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org). A clickable box on the right-hand side of the page takes visitors to the blog.

On April 1, the Park District introduced new websites for each of its golf courses, Springbrook and Naperbrook.

The sites were redesigned to give the courses their own distinct identity as both courses offer different user experiences.

The user interface of both websites is very image-driven and interactive, and includes the following new elements:

- Online shopping to purchase gift cards, tournament registrations, and handicaps
- An "Aces" page recognizing those golfers who have hit holes-in-one
- An enhanced online tee time reservation system
- A new customer feedback tool

An additional feature to be added to both websites shortly is video tips from the course pros.

These sites can be accessed directly at [www.springbrookgolfcourse.org](http://www.springbrookgolfcourse.org) and [www.naperbrookgolfcourse.org](http://www.naperbrookgolfcourse.org). Web users also may access the individual golf sites through links in the golf tab on the main Park District website.



# DuPage Children's MUSEUM

...where learning comes in to play!



May 2009

Plan ahead for summer fun at DCM!  
 Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm\*  
 Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Sunday Noon - 5:00 pm  
 \* Third Thursdays only - 6/18, 7/16 & 8/20  
 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

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

## FAMILY FUN FRIDAY NIGHTS!

May 1 – GOOD SHOW Art Activity, Trains & Transportation, 5:30-7:30 pm

Kick off Heritage Month in Naperville at DCM! Create a train- or transportation-inspired work of art during the train-themed kick-off event for our month-long daily celebration of family heritage activities in the Museum's Art Studio.

May 8 – Anima Singers, 6:30-7:00 pm

May 15 – Retro Game Night, 6:30-8:00 pm

(co-host with Hobson Co-op Nursery School)

May 22 – Teddy Bear Scavenger Hunt, 5:30-7:30 pm

May 29 – Award-winning Short Films for Children, 6:00-7:00 pm

NOTE: May 29 will be the last Family Fun Friday Night until fall! Friday hours will resume in the fall.

## DCM IS THE CAMPGROUND THIS SUMMER!

### SUMMER MINI-CAMPS -

**EARLY SIGN UP DEADLINE: May 29**

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



#### COOL CHEMICAL CONCOCTIONS

Day/Date Time  
 T, W & Th/June 23, 24 & 25 9:00 – Noon



#### CARDBOARD CARPENTRY

Day/Date Time  
 T, W & Th/July 14, 15 & 16 9:00 – Noon



#### ELECTRIC EXPLORERS

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: \$90 members/ \$100 nonmembers  
 Cost after May 29: \$100 members/ \$110 nonmembers

### DuPage Children's Museum introduces

### PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

For ages 3-5\*

- Eight different week-long sessions!
- Mon. - Fri. 9:00 -11:30 am
- Beginning June 15  
 (No session week of June 29)
- 5:1 student/educator ratio -  
 ONE Museum Educator for  
 every FIVE students!



**REGISTER NOW!**  
 Space is limited! Maximum 20  
 campers per weekly session.

\* Must be 3 by  
 Jan. 1, 2009,  
 all campers must be  
 toilet trained.

Members: \$159/wk. Nonmembers: \$189/wk.

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.



May 2, 16 and 30 from 10:30 am - Noon  
 FREE to Members or with Museum admission!

#### May 2, Mama Edie – Storytelling

Weaving a rich folkloric tapestry of moving multi-cultural tales, Mama Edie will engage and inspire listeners.

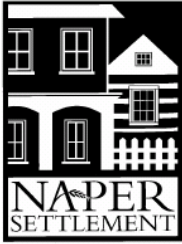
#### May 16, Route 66 – A Cappella Quartet

In fabulous four-part a cappella harmony, ROUTE 66 will take you on an exciting musical journey through the decades.

#### May 30, Allie Deaver – Solo Flute

Listen to the lilting, lyrical beauty of the flute during this family-friendly, interactive musical performance.

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



A Historic Museum Village

## **Celebrate Community Heritage Month during May at Naper Settlement**

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

523 South Webster Street

Naperville, Illinois 60540

(630) 420-6010

(630) 305-5255-fax

Celebrate Naperville's heritage during May by taking part in the second annual Community Heritage Month. Naper Settlement, the City of Naperville and several local partners have joined together to create a program of events to educate the community about the city's rich history. The programs, activities and events will touch on many different aspects of Naperville's heritage, including architecture, heritage education and town history.

### **Celebrating Naperville's Heritage**

Enjoy two-for-one regular admission during the weekend of May 2-3 at Naper Settlement. Learn about our town's rich history from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2 and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Regular admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5.50 for youth 4-17.

### **Guided Architectural Walking Tours**

Naper Settlement staff members will be leading guided architectural walking tours of three historic Naperville neighborhoods: Piety Corners: Churches & Central East Side will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2; Town & Gown: North Central College will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9; and From Mill to Moser: West Side will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 30. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$9 for Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining members. Call (630) 420-6010 for reservations and for more information about the tours' starting locations.

### **History Speaks Lecture Series: Coco Chanel**

Be entertained by the lively, frank and unforgettable "Coco Chanel" in this presentation of the History Speaks Lecture Series to be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 3 in Naper Settlement's Century Memorial Chapel. Learn about her fashion theories, business secrets, the men in her life and their influences on her work. For all ages. Advance tickets are \$6 per person, \$5 per student and Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining members. At the door, tickets are \$7 per person, \$6 per student. For reservations and tickets, call (630) 420-6010.

### **Civil War Days**

The historic museum village is transformed into a Civil War encampment during Civil War Days to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17. Visitors can meet famous figures of the past and experience firsthand a turbulent time period in our nation's history. Hundreds of re-enactors participate, staging a battle each day at 2:30 p.m. complete with raging cannons and artillery. Walk the grounds and talk to President Abraham Lincoln, famous generals and characters that bring the past to life. Tickets are \$9 adults, \$8 seniors and \$6.50 youth (4-17). One dollar off advance tickets are available at several retail locations in Naperville and at Naper Settlement. Call the Event Hotline at (630) 305-5555 or visit [www.napersettlement.museum](http://www.napersettlement.museum) for more information.

### **Register for Camp Naper summer day camps**

Adventure-seeking kids in grades 1-6 can sign up for one or more of the exciting learning opportunities being offered weekly June 15-Aug. 7 during Camp Naper. Choose from three unique experiences: Treasure Hunters, T.H.E. Detectives – Treasure Hunters Extreme and Adventures in Time. In Treasure Hunters, look for hidden treasures using maps, compasses, GPS devices and more. Search for clues and become a real sleuth in T.H.E. Detectives, an "extreme" adventure camp. In Adventures in Time, every day is a special journey through the past. Five-day and three-day camps are available and run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. To register, call (630) 420-6010. For more information, visit [www.napersettlement.museum](http://www.napersettlement.museum).



## **Library News & Programs**

**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>**

### **Friday, May 1**

#### **The DuPage Symphony Orchestra -- Chamber Music at the Library**

Meet members of the DuPage Symphony Orchestra tonight when they present a short program of chamber music. This is a great opportunity to meet members of this award-winning orchestra, enjoy an evening of beautiful music, and learn more about their involvement in our community. 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.

### **May 1 to 31**

#### **Naperville Heritage Month**

May is Naperville Heritage Month. Come celebrate at the Library and learn about the history of Naperville and enter a raffle to win a prize.

#### **Teens, Celebrate Naperville Heritage Month with a Trivia Game**

Teens, grades 6 through 12, grab your fedora and join the hunt to discover facts about Naperville's history! Point your compass toward the Teen Fiction area at any Naperville Public Library location and pick up a trivia quiz during the month of May. If you need help to find an answer, look for hints from Matie Egermann (Nichols Librarian from 1909-1950) hidden in the book stacks. Earn your chance to win some treasure by dropping your completed entry in the raffle box. Prize winners will be contacted on June 1. A current Naperville Public Library card is required to be part of this trek through time.

### **Tuesday, May 5**

#### **Mother Goose on the Loose**

Come and "let loose" with your baby during this interactive program featuring books, rhymes and music chosen specifically to enrich early literacy skills. For babies (up to 23 months) and their caregivers. Each child and caregiver must register using online registration. 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 Children's Program Room, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 10 a.m.

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

School is stressful. And the Library isn't just for studying. Join the Library in giving our new Wii™ systems a workout! Each month, your local Naperville Library will be offering an open play session for you to come in and play the time away. Enjoy the Library's assortment of video games for Wii™ - Guitar Hero, Dance Dance Revolution, MarioKart, SuperSmash Bros., Wii™ Sports, and Mario & Sonic. Refreshments will be provided. Please note that a current Library card is required. Naperville Public Library cardholders will be given first preference, in accordance with the Priority Service Policy. Naper Boulevard Library Program Room, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 3 p.m.

#### **Perennial Gardening in the Midwest- What's New & What's Hot with Garden Writer Betty Earl**

Meet Naperville resident and gardener Betty Earl as she tells us what to plant this year. She'll be discussing the more unusual perennials, not the type that you will see in the big box stores. Plantings for sun and shade gardens will also be discussed. So, if you want to inspire "floral envy" in your neighbors, you won't want to miss tonight's program. Create the garden of your dreams with perennials that will thrive here in the Midwest! 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. - Nichols Library Community Room, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7 p.m.

### **Wednesday, May 6**

**Get Your Game On!** - 95th Street Library Meeting Room A/B, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 5 p. m.

### **Thursday, May 7**

#### **Alicia – My Story -- Adapted and Performed by Betsey Means**

It is important to know the history of the Holocaust. The story has to be remembered and in order to be remembered it has to be seen and told. Of all the accounts of survival, one stands out. Alicia Appleman-Jurman managed to survive in this hostile environment. While fleeing the Nazis through war-ravaged Poland, she began saving the lives of people she did not even know. Her family cruelly wrenched from her, Alicia rescued other Jews from the Gestapo, led them to safe hide-outs and lent them her courage and her hope. This is the thrilling and uplifting story of true life heroism. This program is presented in recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Month. (April)

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

### **Friday, May 8**

**Get Your Game On!** - Nichols Library Community Room, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 3 p.m.

### **Tuesday, May 12**

#### **Pageturners**

This adult book group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. In May they will read "**Grinding It Out: the Making of McDonalds**" by Ray Kroc. Nichols Library Storyroom, 200 W. Jefferson, 9:30 a.m.

### **Wednesday, May 13**

#### **Mother Goose on the Loose**

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Nichols Library Children's Storyroom, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 9:30 a.m.

#### **An Evening of Bossa Nova and Other Latin Favorites with Eugene Kwok, Pianist**

Bossa Nova, Portuguese for "new trend", is brought to us by renowned pianist Eugene Kwok. Kwok, born in Singapore, began taking piano lessons at five years of age, and was giving public performances when he was eight. After moving to the States, he enrolled in the music program at DePaul University in Chicago, and obtained his master's degree from Northwestern. The audience will be treated to the works of Antonio Carlos Jobim, including *Garota de Ipanema*, *Samb de Una Nota*, *Meditação*, and other well known hits.

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

### **Tuesday, May 19**

#### **Mother Goose on the Loose**

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Naper Boulevard Library Program Room, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 10 a.m.

#### **When Trolleys Rode the Prairie Path with Steve Hyett**

Come and "take a ride on the Great Third Rail" as noted historian Steve Hyett presents his multi-projector slide show about the electric inter-urban railroad affectionately known as the "Roarin' Elgin". The electric rail line began running in 1902 on streetcar tracks, and then on its own private right-of-way on what is now known as the Prairie Path. The line's stops in Naperville were at Ferry Road and

Diehl Road. It was a great ride, and Mr. Hyett will rekindle memories as he brings history alive in his entertaining program. This program is held as part of Community Heritage Month. Nichols Library Community Room, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7p.m.

**Great Books Reading and Discussion Group**

This adult group follows the Great Books discussion format and meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. In May, they will read “**The Republic**” by Plato. Sponsored in memory of Mary (Daphne) Dragula by her family and friends. Naper Boulevard Library Program Room, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 7 p.m.

**Thursday, May 21**

**New Horizons Book Discussion Group**

This adult book group meets the third Thursday of each month. In May they will read “**The Space Between Us**” by Thrity Umrigar. Nichols Library Community Room, 200 W. Jefferson, 10:30 a.m.

**From Cover To Cover**

This adult book group meets the third Thursday of each month. In May they will read “**The Syringa Tree**” by Pamela Gien. Nichols Library Community Room, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7 p.m.

**Thursday, May 28**

**Naperville History Meets the 21st Century**

Celebrate Naperville Heritage Month by learning all about the Naperville Heritage Digital Collection. Developed in partnership with Naper Settlement, the Naperville Heritage Society, and the Naperville Public Library, this collection of Naperville history contains books, microfilm, videos, and more, all accessible in a free, online database. This program is held as part of Community Heritage Month.

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

***The NAHC is looking forward to seeing you at  
Our Annual Meeting on  
Saturday Morning, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM  
In Meeting Rooms B&C  
Of the  
Naperville Municipal Center***

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