



August 2009 Newsletter

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As part of the Confederation's mission of neighbors helping neighbors, we strive to be your source for Naperville happenings of importance to homeowners. Through our meetings, this newsletter, and our website, we provide actionable information and insights for your associations and residents. Also, we would like to invite everyone to follow the Confederation on Twitter. Just sign up to follow "Naperhomeowners" to get our tweets on meetings, website announcements, and other items of interest to Naperville homeowners.

We encourage you to share this newsletter, or the information in it, with your members. We write this every month for you – the homeowners of Naperville!

We welcome and appreciate your feedback. Send it to our Vice President and Newsletter Editor, Bob Fischer, at rafischer1@aol.com.

President's Letter

The Homeowners Confederation Board of Directors has been taking a hard look at our meeting formats. Our members tend to be among the most committed and involved people in the Naperville area and we recognize that finding a couple of hours to dedicate to a meeting on a Saturday morning, no matter how worthy or interesting the topics under discussion might be, can be a challenge. When regular meetings start again in mid-September, there will be some changes in how and when we get together as we work toward becoming accessible to more of our members.

The first change planned is to move more meetings to weeknights. By moving off of the weekend we hope to eliminate some of the conflicts from soccer games, yard work, and the need to catch up on errands. Length of meetings will also be adjusted. Rather than two hours, we plan to get down to 90 minutes, tightening our focus on key issues and maintaining dialogues, while pushing more of the administrative matters to our website, www.napervillehomeowners.com, and newsletter.

During our last joint meeting with Council in June we delved into our interactions with the City. One change we will make is that rather than meeting bi-monthly, we will change these meetings to quarterly and have them serve as a focus on our representative government. Scheduling will be adjusted to match these sessions up with key City initiatives that impact our members' wallets. These include the budget cycle and capital improvement program. We have also invited State Representatives Mike Connelly and Darlene Senger to participate in these meetings, keeping us posted on Springfield issues that will impact Naperville.

We will still maintain our other regular interactions with the City, but some meetings, such as those dealing with Public Safety, may be held outside the formal structure of joint meetings with Council.

These are some of the changes we have in mind. We continue to fine tune and tweak, and welcome ideas from our members. Email your comments or suggestions to NAHC-Naperhomeowners@wowway.com.

The Confederation won't formally meet again until September, although your Board continues working on planning for future meetings and other NAHC business. Inside this newsletter is an update on some of the meeting ideas we have planned. In the meantime, stay current on the Confederation and what's happening in the Naperville community at www.napervillehomeowners.com.

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Next Meeting Preview – 2009-2010 Meeting Topics!

The Confederation will not hold a General Membership meeting during the month of August. Our next meeting is in September with the planned focus to be on property taxes, how they are determined and what to do if you feel you are paying more than your fair share.

Other meetings we have planned for the next 10 months include those that will focus on our school districts, including the College of DuPage, the Naperville Park District, and meetings addressing pocketbook issues around taxes.

Also on tap are meetings designed to educate not only our member associations, but also residents. We are planning to address municipal services, including those available in emergencies, association legal requirements, and the impacts on our members of some of the latest legislation to come out of Springfield and Washington.

We are moving our meetings away from Saturday mornings to a weeknight and reducing scheduled meeting lengths from two hours to 90 minutes. Right now we are looking at the third Thursday of the month, although this may change depending on other conflicts and room availabilities. The Municipal Center is not available and we are researching other venues. The Board is also reviewing planned agendas and topics and we will have more to report in the September newsletter.

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.



Zoning and Land Use Update



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

In attendance: Thom Higgins and Bob Fischer for the NAHC, Greg Jones and Suzanne Thorsen for the City of Naperville

New Proposals:

Eganhouse Condo Towers 445 Aurora Ave: A developer had submitted a proposal for twin 80' tall condo buildings for the parcel between the River Bend condo's and Rotary Hill. These are expected to be luxury condo's with one unit per floor, for a total of 14 units. One major concern is that due to fire department regulations, they need to provide two access points. As the parcel is narrow they are requesting that the second access point be made through the Rotary Hill parking lot. The issue of allowing a private party to have access through a public parking lot was raised with the Riverwalk Commission as well as the Park District. Neither was comfortable with this concept.

Ellsworth Condo's: A developer has submitted plans for a 4 story condo complex (ground level parking, three levels of units) of approximately 50' on Ellsworth from 4th to North. They are asking for the parcel be re-zoned from primarily R-2 (one small parcel is B3) to OC1, as well as a number of variances. This will go in front of the Plan Commission on Sept 2nd.

Black Fin Restaurant: A lease has been signed for a new restaurant at the former Tessa's location on Jefferson.

CVS Pharmacy: A proposal to remodel the Pizza Hut Restaurant at Naperville Rd. and Ogden Ave. into a CVS Pharmacy will be presented to the Plan Commission on August 18th.

659 S. Washington: There is a proposal to renovate the old Shell gas station for a new one.

Ongoing Proposals:

Omnia Performing Arts Center: Naperville City Council will consider the Omnia proposal at the August 18th meeting as part of the Fifth Ave. Study discussion.

Omnia is proposing constructing a performing arts center with three theaters. A 2700 seat, a 950 seat and a 200 seat theater on what is currently the Metra commuter parking lot at Fifth and Washington. As part of the project they are proposing an expanded parking garage to be shared with commuters. The \$190-200 million project would be financed by a \$130 million TIF funded by the sale of 600-650 condo and town homes, and \$70 million in proceeds from land sales of land currently owned by Metra and the City.

For more information go to: <http://www.omniaarts.org/>

Three neighboring Homeowners Associations have issued a statement regarding Omnia that can be seen here: <http://wow.lowtechnet.com/echo/positions>

You can see a birds-eye view animation of the project here: <http://www.lowtechnet.com/omnia>

Turning Pointe: There will be a third public hearing in front of the Plan Commission on August 5th.

Information on Turning Pointe Foundation can be found at:

<http://www.turningpointeautismfoundation.org>

Route 59 expansion project: The \$125 million widening project was part of the Capital Bill signed recently by Governor Quinn. There will be a public hearing hosted by the city on September 17th.

More information here at the cities website for this project:

http://www.naperville.il.us/dynamic_content.aspx?id=2717

Aldi Foods: South East corner of Naperville Rd. and Ogden. Permit for construction will be released within the next few weeks.

East Naperville Commons (75th & Wehrli: Permit for the Walgreen's will be released with the next four weeks.

BP gas station, 95th and Book: Will be torn down and rebuilt with a larger AM/PM convenience store format.

Studies and Initiatives:

Fifth Avenue Study: On Wednesday, July 15th 2009 the Plan Commission recommended approval of the Draft 5th Avenue Study Report, subject to the following amendments:

- The Kroehler Lot and Water Tower West side should be designated "Transportation/Utilities".
- The height of new buildings on the west side of Washington Street, south of Franklin Avenue should not exceed the approximate height of the existing 5th Avenue Station (50').
- "Consideration should be made for accessory residential units above commercial uses" shall be added as a supplemental recommendation.
- "Commuter parking shall be viewed as a system in evaluation of future land use of city-owned properties" shall be added as a supplemental recommendation.

City Council will discuss the Study at the August 18th meeting.

The Draft 5th Avenue Study Report is now available for public review and comment. To obtain a copy of the report, visit the city's website at www.naperville.il.us/fifthavenue.aspx.

Source: City of Naperville

Downtown Plan Update: The city hosted an open house on July 23rd to kick off the initiative. Land use, boundaries, design, traffic and parking issues will be addressed. For more information: <http://www.naperville.il.us/napervilledowntown2030.aspx#Background>

Plank Rd. Study: This Summer, Naperville will kick off the Plank Rd. Study to evaluate future land uses of specific parcels along Plank Rd. from Columbia to Naper Blvd. For more information go to: <http://www.naperville.il.us/plankroadstudy.aspx>

Central Park Master Plan: A RFP (Request for Proposal) for seating has been issued in advance of the formal acceptance of the study due the expiration of State of Illinois grants. The city is awaiting Park District comments before formal approval.

City Bi-Monthly Homeowners Report Coming Soon

Watch your email and the Confederation website for information on when the next City of Naperville bi-monthly homeowners report will be ready to download. This report, which generates over 900 "hits" to the Confederation website every other month, contains City information that homeowners need.

As part of the City's ongoing analysis of tasks and functions necessitated by the economic squeeze, some of the information previously found in this report is being discontinued. This content will instead be found within other venues, including the Confederation's monthly newsletter, the NAHC website, City Notes and the 18 special purpose City e-newsletters available for subscription at http://www.naperville.il.us/dynamic_content.aspx?id=1058. Rather than provide duplicated information, we are working to identify unique information best suited to this bi-monthly report while continuing to provide other time sensitive information in the best manner possible.

The NAHC remains committed to our monthly newsletter, incorporating information that Homeowners need to thrive and survive. Some City contributors have been requested to forward content directly to the NAHC for inclusion in our newsletter. We would also like to remind our members that we are the conduit the City counts on when they need to reach out to a neighborhood for matters of public safety, public works, or just to share updates on events and occurrences that could impact the neighborhood.

While, due to privacy concerns, we do not make our directory available to the City, we do respond to requests for contact information from authorized City departments who need to make contact within a neighborhood. Please keep your Association contact information up to date by e-mailing the NAHC at NAHC-Naperhomeowners@wowway.com with any changes.

A Hallmark of Heritage' debuts Aug. 8 on Naperville Community Television

In 1969, a group of 12 citizens concerned about historic preservation formed the Naperville Heritage Society. Today, that fledgling group has grown into a renowned organization that administers Naper



Settlement, a nationally accredited, award-winning museum located in the heart of downtown Naperville. To celebrate its 40th anniversary, the Heritage Society partnered with Naperville Community Television, Channel 17 to create a documentary chronicling the organization's exciting history. Titled "A Hallmark of Heritage," the documentary is set to debut at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8 on Channel 17 in Naperville or on-line at www.NCTV17.com.

The NCTV17 documentary team, Executive Director Elizabeth Braham Spencer, Operations Supervisor Carl Schultz and Production Associate Justin Dexter, delved into the Naperville Heritage Society archives, uncovering photographs and information about the organization. These rarely-seen images have been coupled with numerous interviews conducted by NCTV17 of founding members, past and present board members and presidents, in addition to Naper Settlement staff members and Executive Director Peggy Frank, celebrating her 30th anniversary this year.

In 2006, a partnership was initiated between NCTV17 and the Naperville Heritage Society/Naper Settlement, which is dedicated to capturing and preserving historic digital media. NCTV17 has boosted awareness of Naperville's history by producing documentaries such as "Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow: The Martin Mitchell Mansion Story," "Community Building on the Great Frontier: The Story of Joseph Naper & the Founding of Naperville," and "Two Brothers, One Brew and the American Dream," about Naperville's Stenger Brewery. Two were honored by the Illinois State Historical Society.

Everyday Parenting

The extent to which children experience their parents as partners or opponents in parenting is related to children's adjustment and well being.


Elizabeth Sharp and Sara Gabie, Parenting: Success Requires a Team Effort

Parenting as a Team

Parenting with a partner can make family life at once easier and more challenging, especially if your styles are very different. You both bring to parenting your unique experiences with your own parents, which inevitably shape your parenting behaviors. And the two of you have big dreams and aspirations for your child.

Striving to "be on the same page" with your coparent when it comes to the way you handle your child's school, friends, out-of-school activities, house rules, and chores is a wonderful investment you can both make in your child's future success. Here are some tips to try:

- Talk to each other about how you envision being a good parent (and the behaviors you hope to avoid).
- Use clear, respectful communication that focuses on issues (e.g., "I think we will get better results if we are consistent about enforcing the rules"), and not on personalities (e.g., "You're so unpredictable that the kids never know what to expect").
- Make an effort to view differences of opinion from your coparent's perspective, or at least genuinely try to understand what he or she is saying. Recognize that parenting approaches are sometimes just different, not better or worse than others.



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

www.KidsMatter2us.org

Contact Government Reps through the Confederation Website

To make it easier to contact elected officials, including City Council members, State Senators, and State Representatives We have upgraded the "Links" page on the Confederation website at <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/WebPage.asp?PN=Links>.



From our website you are now able to send email, find the phone number of their local office or link to their websites. Our elected representatives are available to serve and residents should not be bashful about reaching out to them. State Representative (and NAHC Past President) Darlene Senger recently contacted the Confederation and asked that we share some of the things her office can do for the area.

Many of the legislative proposals introduced by Representative Senger in Springfield originated through the requests of local constituents who brought their concerns and ideas to her office. Representative Senger's district office is located in the heart of downtown Naperville at 125 Water Street. Her new legislative aide, Mike Dropka, is ready and willing to serve as your liaison to state agencies ranging from low-income assistance programs, to driver's license services. Senger's office also offers internships, scholarship opportunities, and the Page for a Day program where area students can help out in Springfield!

In order to stay connected to you, Representative Senger sends out a regular e-newsletter with updates from Springfield. To sign up to receive her e-newsletter or if she can serve you in any way, please don't hesitate to contact her office. Specific contact information includes:

Phone: (630) 219-3090 / **Fax:** (630) 219-3091

Email: sengerstaterep@gmail.com

Visit Darlene online at: www.darlenesenger.com

Proposed Dumpster Ordinance

City Staff believes more control is needed over the placement of dumpsters in residential neighborhoods. City Council adopted the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) on December 19, 2006 (Ord. 06-301). The 2006 IMPC includes a section on the disposal of rubbish and garbage but does not specifically regulate the use of dumpsters.



Dumpsters are traditionally used by contractors and homeowners alike to adequately store and contain construction rubbish and garbage associated with an active building permit. In such instances the dumpsters may remain on site while the permit is active. However, homeowners will also rent dumpsters to assist them with the clean-up of smaller projects that do not require a building permit or for spring/fall cleaning activities.

Although most people will only have a dumpster on site for a limited period of time, staff has come across instances whereby some residents have located dumpsters on site for extended periods of time. In such instances staff will request that the dumpster be removed and in most cases the resident will oblige. However, in instances where they do not oblige the city's request, it becomes a challenge to get the dumpster removed from site since a specific timeframe for having it on site does not exist in the code.

In order to ensure that dumpsters do not remain on residential properties for extended periods of time, staff is recommending that Section 5-1H-3:307 of the Municipal Code be amended to include the following specific language to:

• Dumpsters on properties where the primary structure is identified as a single-family detached or two-family dwelling structure:

1. Dumpsters may be placed only upon a residential driveway or other hard surface approved by the city engineer.
2. Dumpsters may not be placed in any unimproved yards, publicly owned rights of way, sidewalks, or other locations not specifically identified as acceptable within the provisions of this section.
3. Only one dumpster may be located on a property at a time.
4. Dumpsters must contain all rubbish, garbage and materials so that it does not become windblown.

5. A dumpster shall not be placed on a property for more than fourteen (14) consecutive days. No person shall place a dumpster upon their property for more than two (2) such fourteen (14) day periods per calendar year.

6. Residents requesting a dumpster for greater than 28 days in a calendar year, but less than six months in duration, will need approval from the Chief Building Official. Residents requesting a dumpster on site for greater than six months in duration will need approval from the City Council.

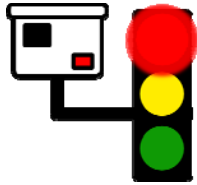
7. Dumpsters associated with a valid and active building permit are exempt from the above regulations unless work associated with the permit has ceased for a period of 30 days.

A permit for a dumpster will not be required by the city; however, staff will enforce the above regulations on a complaint basis. The proposed regulations, which are similar to the recently adopted on-site mobile storage container regulations, will provide code officers with the necessary language to ensure that dumpsters do not become a permanent fixture in residential neighborhoods.

The proposed ordinance will be discussed by the City Council at their August 18, 2009, meeting. If you have comments on this proposal, please forward them to the Confederation at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com and we will share them with staff.

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

At its July 21, 2009 meeting, the Naperville City Council approved the placement of **red light enforcement cameras** at two additional intersections in Naperville: Route 59 and Diehl Road and Ogden Avenue and Aurora Avenue. The city reports that since red light photo enforcement cameras have been operational at the intersection of North Aurora Road and Route 59, there have been significant improvements in various crash statistics.



The city's red light program has three primary goals: reducing the number of injury crashes through the reduction of right angle and turning crashes at selected intersections; reducing the number of total crashes at selected intersections; and reducing instances of red light running violations at selected intersections. When the data from the first six months of the red light enforcement program is compared to the same time period for the three previous years, the following statistics are found:

- A 33% reduction in injury crashes
- A 75% reduction in angle/turning crashes
- A 19% reduction in total crashes
- An 8% reduction in rear end crashes

For more information on the red light enforcement program, visit www.naperville.il.us/redlight.aspx.

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The City of Naperville would like to remind residents and community leaders about its **Y-FIRE Program**, which is a brief, one-time assessment/education session designed for children who have been involved in fire play, as well as their parents or caregivers.



“Fires and burns are a leading cause of injury and death to children,” Fire Chief Mark Puknaitis said. “Nationally, of every 100 people who die in child-set fires, 85 are children. Our goal is to reach out to children who may be showing signs of fire setting behavior and educate them as to the dangers. If you suspect that your child is lighting fires, playing with matches, lighters, fireworks, or has had even one fire experimentation incident, please take action and utilize our Y-FIRE program.”

The Y-FIRE program goes above and beyond the traditional fire prevention programs being taught to area schoolchildren. This program is specifically geared towards youth who have been identified as being active with fire play or fire curiosity. During the Y-FIRE session, a child will learn why fire is dangerous for children, how quickly fire spreads, what arson means and the consequences of burns. An educational video will be shown that is appropriate to his/her age to reinforce the session.

Children from two to 17 years of age are eligible to participate in the program. To make a referral, visit www.naperville.il.us/yfire.aspx for referral forms. Those forms can then be mailed to the Naperville Fire Department, Y-FIRE Program, 1380 Aurora Ave., Naperville, IL 60540. The forms can also be dropped off to the above address during normal business hours.

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Nearly 100 **new daily fee parking spaces** are available to commuters at the downtown Naperville train station. The new spaces are on the site of the city's former Department of Public Works building. In March 2009, the city added 17 new daily fee spaces in the parking lot south of the 5th Avenue Kroehler Lot and east of the City of Naperville's former Department of Public Works building. With the addition of the new spaces that are available on Monday, the city will have added 113 new daily fee parking spaces since the beginning of the year. The daily fee pay stations are located on the platforms of the downtown Naperville train station.

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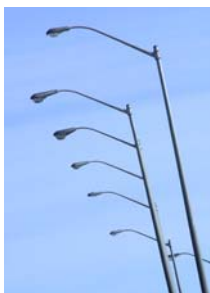
The City plans to conduct a feasibility study, slated for completion in late fall, evaluating the potential for a grade separated pedestrian crossing at the intersection of **75th St. and Olympus Drive**.

"A feasibility study determines whether or not a project should continue to the next phase which involves more detailed engineering to develop construction documents," Project Engineer Kim Grabow said. "The study was deemed necessary by the city, DuPage County and Naperville School District 203 in response to resident concerns about the safety of pedestrians and students."

The feasibility study will include identifying the scope of work, developing a detailed cost estimate, determining the feasibility of construction and ascertaining the potential for securing grant funding for a grade separated pedestrian crossing at the intersection. Upon completion, the results will be presented to the public. Following this public meeting, the city, county and school district will determine whether or not to proceed with preliminary engineering.

For more information visit www.naperville.il.us/75thandolympusfeasibility.aspx.

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The City of Naperville will be testing **light emitting diode (LED) streetlights** along the south side of Diehl Road between Country Club Boulevard and Fairway Drive from now until January 2010. During this time, residents are encouraged to submit their feedback to the city regarding the performance of these test streetlights.

The city's Department of Public Works began researching the use of alternative light fixtures to determine a more economical and energy efficient lighting alternative. The seven test LED light fixtures are on loan from PolyBrite International, Inc., an LED lighting technology company headquartered in Naperville.

“The city is constantly examining ways to reduce our environmental impact,” Public Works Director Dave Van Vooren said. “LED lighting is one way to do just that. The life span of an LED light is 50,000 hours, versus the high pressure sodium (HPS) lighting currently used on our city streets which has a life span of 10,000 hours. In addition, these LED lights have the potential to reduce costs, both from a maintenance standpoint as well as an energy standpoint. Moving forward, resident input is one way for the city to determine the effectiveness of this type of lighting.”

One meter in the street light controller monitors the power consumption of the LED lighting, with a second meter monitoring the power consumption of the HPS lighting. To date, PolyBrite’s LED streetlights have consumed 41 percent less energy than the traditional lights.

Residents can give their opinion on PolyBrite’s LED street lighting by contacting Public Works Specialist Kathy Rendek at (630)305-6201 or via e-mail at rendekk@naperville.il.us. Feedback is being accepted through January 2010. At the end of the six-month trial period, comments received from residents and meter readings will be used to generate a report on the efficiency of the LED lights.

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The City of Naperville would like to inform residents of a recently announced **voluntary recall for Kidde Model PI2000 smoke alarm units** manufactured between August 2008 and May 2009. These units may not respond to smoke or push to test.

The affected alarm can be identified by two buttons, “Hush” and “Push and Hold to Test Weekly,” which are located on the front and center of the alarm. The model number and date code are located on the back of the smoke alarm. Only the PI2000 model with dates between August 1, 2008, and May 4, 2009, is included in the recall.

Individuals can contact Kidde to receive a free replacement smoke alarm by calling (877) 524-2086 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern time Monday through Friday through the company’s Web site at www.kidde.com where more information about the recall and affected alarm is available.

Healing Field Flags

The Naperville Exchange Club, in collaboration with the Naperville Park District, local veterans’ organizations and other community groups, families and individuals, is hosting the Naperville Healing Field of Honor in November.



Help fill Rotary Hill with 2009 American flags during the week of November 8 - 14 as a way to say thank you to everyone who has ever served our country while also raising money and awareness for a growing array of unmet needs for veterans and their families. Orders for individual 3 by 5 American flags with eight-foot poles are being taken at \$30 each. In addition to individuals purchasing flags, homeowners associations may want to donate flags as well.

Proceeds from flag sales will benefit a Fisher House, a new facility being built to provide lodging for family members of patients who are hospitalized at Hines Hospital. If interested in purchasing a flag, contact Anna Zimmerman at annaz@wowway.com. For more information on the Healing Field project, visit www.healingfield.org.

Confederation Contacts Attorney General Regarding PEG

Earlier in July, the Confederation Board of Directors reached out to Attorney General Lisa Madigan, as well as Naperville Area elected state officials, to express our concern with the way AT&T, in their U-verse internet based television system, is addressing local government, public access, and educational cable TV Channels.



These PEG Channels, such as the City of Naperville's WCNC (6 WOW, 10 Comcast) and NCTV-Channel 17 are placed on a bulk menu under channel 99 in the AT&T system. Not only does this make it harder to find these channels and watch them, it also precludes the ability to set your recorder to enable programs to be watched on your schedule.

This letter continues the proactive stance the NAHC has taken regarding AT&T's statewide video franchise authority. The letter we sent can be read in its entirety on our website at <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc11212.pdf>

Have You Considered Your Emergency Supply Kit??

By: Chuck Schlabach, NAHC Past President and Co-Founder NCERT

This basic supply kit will help you to survive for at least three (3) days. However, it is key that individuals, family members, and the family itself consider what to prepare that is unique to their circumstances. Consider where you live, and what meets your own needs. Individuals and Families should consider two (2) emergency supply kits - **One Full Kit at Home**, and a **Smaller Portable Kit** in their workplace, vehicle, or other places they spend time.

Essential Items for these kits are:

- WATER, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three (3) days for drinking and sanitation
- FOOD, a non-perishable supply for at least three (3) days.
- BATTERY – POWERED or hand crank RADIO and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for each
- FLASHLIGHT and extra batteries.
- FIRST AID KIT
- WHISTLE to signal for Help.
- DUST MASK, to help filter contaminated air. Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter- in-place.
- MOIST TOWELLETES, GARBAGE BAGS, and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- WRENCH or PLIERS to turn off utilities.
- CAN OPENER for food (Plan some canned food)
- LOCAL and AREA MAPS (and even a Cell phone with GPS just in case service is up or when it returns) and a CAR with as close to a full tank of gas in case you must evacuate.

If you want to learn more on this subject please go to the Department of Homeland Security website, www.ready.gov



Naperville Park District Updates



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

Autumn Program Registration

Online resident registration for autumn programs begins on Wednesday, August 5th at noon. To register online, please visit www.napervilleparks.org and click on the "Click here for online registration" link.

Registration for nonresidents and those who prefer to submit their registration via phone-in or in person will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12.

2009 Naperville Park District community survey results now available

Data and analysis document available for review on Park District website

The Park District recently concluded its 2009 Community Interest & Opinion Survey initiative. Those survey results, the data analysis and respondent comments are now available for viewing on the Park District's website at www.napervilleparks.org.

Every 3-4 years, the Park District conducts a statistically valid survey that randomly solicits residents for their opinions regarding programs, facilities and overall satisfaction. The most recent endeavor surveyed 500 residents across the community via telephone to learn about their experiences and perceptions about the Naperville Park District.

Goals for the survey initiative included the gathering of statistical data from the community to assist the Park District in determining the following:

- Where to invest the District's limited resources with regard to recreation programs, facilities and passive recreation
- Best land use and land management practices
- Which programs and activities should be offered and which should be discontinued
- Resident satisfaction with programs and services

Information from the survey will be used to develop and prioritize organizational strategic initiatives and will be used in conjunction with the strategic plan that will be completed this fall.

Summer Sunshine Sale at Centennial Beach

Season passes, valid for the remainder of the summer, go on sale August 1

There's still time to soak up the summer season at Centennial Beach. And, beginning **August 1**, Beach season passes, valid for the remainder of the summer, go on sale!

Enjoy great savings on Beach passes during the remainder of the Centennial Beach 2009 season:

- \$15/residents
- \$25/nonresidents
- \$55/resident family pass
- \$85/nonresident family pass

With daily Beach admission at \$6/residents and \$10/nonresidents, these discounted passes pay for themselves within just 2-3 visits!

Centennial Beach is open daily through Sunday, August 16. It will then be open weekends-only through Labor Day (Monday, September 7).

Millennium Carillon at Moser Tower and Visitor Center

In addition to the 2009 Summer Recital Series taking place at the Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower on Tuesday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m., several additional special events are planned for the enjoyment of concert-goers.

The Special Events schedule includes:

- **August 22**, Carillon “Pops” Concert featuring the music of Leroy Anderson will be performed by Tim Sleep at 7:00 p.m.
- **November 11**, Veteran’s Day program at 11:00 a.m.

The 2009 Summer Concert Series schedule is as follows:

- August 4: Ana and Sara Elias – Portugal
- August 11: Carol Anne Taylor - Cathedral Guadalupe, Texas Carillonneur
- August 18: Jim Brown – Assistant City Carillonneur Naperville
- August 25: Julianne Vanden Wyngaard – Grand Valley State University Michigan

The Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower and Visitor Center is located along the Riverwalk near Rotary Hill. Friday tours are available from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. through August 21. Saturday and Sunday tours are available through November 22 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Admission is \$3 for ages 5 and older; children ages 4 and under are free. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Family and Group Hayrides at Knoch Knolls and Seager Parks

Online registration begins August 5 at noon

Round up your family or a group of your favorite people from your Homeowners Association and take a special harvest-moon hayride through a beautiful Naperville Park! You bring your food to cook over the bonfire; we provide hot chocolate and hot cider. Hayrides begin September 18 and are available most Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through November 1. Early afternoon hayrides are new this year – perfect for families with young children! Children two and under ride for free and do not need to be registered. Cancellations must be made 21 days in advance. Online registration begins August 5 or drop off your registration form today!

Autumn Events and Special Programs

Be sure to visit www.napervilleparks.org in the coming months for updated information on many special events and programs for kids and families. Best of all, several of them are FREE!

Confederation 2009 Dues

Has your association paid its 2009 NAHC membership dues? Invoices were sent earlier this year to our member associations requesting their annual contribution to the operation of the Confederation! While we are planning to re-send to associations who may have missed the first mailing, save us the postage by sending in your check for 2009 now!

If you have not paid, please return a 2009 Dues check for \$30 to:

Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation, Inc.
 PO Box 5245
 Naperville, Illinois 60567-5245

If your Association is not currently a Confederation member, or if there are significant changes in your association’s contacts, download and complete the Membership Application found on our website at:

<http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc7603.doc>

and send it to us along with your 2009 dues.



Dues are the primary form of income for the Confederation and support our many activities including meetings, issue and candidate forums, and the "legal requirements" that need to be funded to stay in operation and serve our members.

Remember – the primary way the City or Park District can contact homeowners associations is through the Confederation. Due to past FOIA issues, we will not provide our entire directory to these governmental bodies as otherwise the membership list could be used by third parties looking to

contact HOA's for commercial or political purposes. We take your privacy seriously and value our members!

Thanks for your support!

Skaters!

You're Invited!
Saturday,
September 5
11am—2pm
Downtown
Skate Park at
Centennial Beach



FREE picnic lunch for all skaters

FREE t-shirt for the first 200 skaters

FREE skaters' raffle

Performances by professional skaters

Music by Ben Wiersum Sound Technology

Doughnut eating contest between the
Naperville Police Department and the skaters



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Picnic is subject to cancellation in the event of rain

www.KidsMatter2us.org

Put Your Events on the Confederation Calendar

Every month the Confederation Calendar on www.napervillehomeowners.com takes thousands of “hits” from people trying to find out what is happening in and around Naperville. The Calendar regularly includes:

- Municipal Meetings
- Confederation Meetings
- Community Activities
- Park & Library Events
- And more



Whether it’s a subdivision-wide garage sale, a church or school fund raiser, or just a meeting you think more folks should know about, we’re here to help get the word out. If you would like to include your organization’s events on the calendar, send us an email at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com.

The Confederation reserves the right to edit or reject any items submitted for the calendar. The Confederation neither endorses nor approves items or events included in the calendar and provides this information solely as a community service. As dates and specifics do change, calendar users are encouraged to verify information with the event organizer to ensure schedules remain as listed.

August at the Arboretum

Join Joel Brown, a biologist at UIC and one of the founders of Project Squirrel, for a tour of some of our most familiar urban wildlife:

SQUIRRELS AT THE ARBORETUM

The fox squirrel and the gray squirrel are perhaps the most conspicuous, beloved and vilified mammals in Chicagoland’s urban game park. Learn about the ecology of squirrels in our urban areas and gain a better understanding of the wildlife in your own backyard. Children ages 6 and up are welcome with adult registrant.

N257. Saturday, Aug 22; 1:30 – 2:30 pm.
Cudahy Auditorium. \$12 (members \$5).

FORAGING ON THE PRAIRIE

What do meadow mice and bison have in common? Explore the lives of animals that survive by foraging for grains and seeds and discover how prairie restorations affect animals...and how animals affect prairie restorations. Children ages 6 and up are welcome with adult.

N258. Saturday, Aug 22; 3:30 – 4:30 pm.
Cudahy Auditorium. \$12 (members \$5).



Register today! Visit www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468



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>

Tuesday, Aug. 4

Get Your Game On!

Join the Library in giving our Wii™ games a workout! Enjoy the Library's assortment of video games for Wii™. Vote for the game you would like to play. Choices include Guitar Hero, Dance Dance Revolution, MarioKart, SuperSmash Bros., Wii™ Sports, Rock Band 2, and Mario & Sonic at the Olympics. Refreshments will be provided. A current Library card is required. Naperville Public Library cardholders will be given first preference, in accordance with our Priority Service Policy. Naper Boulevard Library, Program Room, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 2 to 4 p.m.

Evening on the Riverwalk

Join us for our popular Riverwalk program – fun for the whole family! Bring a meal or a snack. Enjoy stories, songs, and a puppet show, presented by Children's Services staff from our three Libraries. In the event of bad weather, the program will be held in the Community Room of Nichols Library. Seating capacity in the Community Room is 180, so there will be two shows, one right after the other, to accommodate as many as possible. (The Wednesday lunchtime program will be a repeat of the Tuesday evening program.) No registration required. Riverwalk Amphitheatre, 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

Picnic on the Riverwalk

The Wednesday lunchtime program will be a repeat of the Tuesday evening program. In the event of bad weather, the program will be held in the Community Room of Nichols Library. Seating capacity in the Community Room is 180, so there will be two shows, one right after the other, to accommodate as many as possible. (The Wednesday lunchtime program will be a repeat of the Tuesday evening program.) No registration required. Riverwalk Amphitheatre, 11:30 AM. to 12:15 PM.

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Thursday, Aug. 6

Get Ready, Get Set, Camp Out!

Let's get our camping gear and get ready to have fun! Our games and crafts will help you get in touch with nature. Join us as we sing songs and tell stories around the campfire. Our camp-out is for all ages with a caregiver. No registration required. Naper Boulevard Library, Program Room, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 7

Get Your Game On!

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Library card is required. Naperville Public Library cardholders will be given first preference, in accordance with our Priority Service Policy.

Nichols Library, Community Room, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12

Saving and Investing in Turbulent Times with Karen Chan, CFP®

When the stock market plummets or you hear the word “recession,” you may begin to question how your money is invested. Maybe you need cash for current expenses, or perhaps you’re tempted to sell investments before you lose any more money. Should you buy, sell, or bury your money in the yard? In this session, you’ll learn how to apply sound investment strategies, including diversification, dollar cost averaging, and rebalancing, to manage risk in times like these. This program is made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart Investing @ your library®, a partnership with the American Library Association.

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

Saturday, Aug. 29

Kaplan Practice Tests -- Are YOU ready for PSAT??

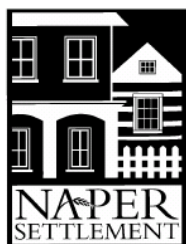
A practice test is crucial to ward off those Test Day jitters and can let you know how you’ll score on the “real thing.” Don’t be surprised!! Come and experience first hand what Test Day will be like. Instructors from Kaplan will provide FREE proctored PSAT practice tests and return scores with analyzed results. Current sophomores and entering juniors...what is the PSAT? It is a preliminary SAT, a National Merit Scholarship qualifying test that allows you to enter the competition for scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Committee. Don’t miss the chance to shine! Sign up today! Make sure to bring #2 sharpened pencils, an approved calculator, and a healthy snack.

Online Registration is required. Seating is limited. Please go to: http://www.naperville-lib.org/Programs/Reg_info.htm to register for this program.

95th Street Library, Meeting Room A/B, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FALL STORYTIME PROGRAMS

Fall Storytimes will be held September 8 – November 21



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The Naper Settlement Marketing Communications Department recently received the Golden Trumpet Award for the 2009 issue of *Treasures Magazine* that chronicled the 40th Anniversary of the Naperville Heritage Society. The magazine is published 3 times a year as a benefit for members of the Society.

The Publicity Club of Chicago's 2009 Golden Trumpet Awards are the most prestigious awards program in the Midwest honoring distinguished individual achievement of public relations and communications. These coveted awards are presented for excellence in planning, creativity and execution. Each category is judged by a panel of expert communications professionals.

The NAHC congratulates Naper Settlement on this recognition!

Free sundaes at the Settlement through Aug. 30

Enjoy a free ice cream sundae during Settlement Sundays Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. On Settlement Sundays, admission to the historic museum village includes free sundaes with do-it-yourself toppings and a variety of hands-on, family-friendly activities and presentations during the Settlement's open hours of 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors 62+ and \$5.50 youth 4-17. Children 3 and under are free. For more information, call (630) 420-6010 or visit www.napersettlement.museum.

Heritage Hall of Honor

Come celebrate with the honorees as they are inducted into the Heritage Hall of Honor from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at Naper Settlement. This yearly event recognizes people and organizations that have made a significant impact and contribution to Naper Settlement and the Naperville Heritage Society. The presentation is free and open to the public at no charge.

The Dog Dayz of Summer return to Naper Settlement

From hot dogs to Frisbee® dogs, beat the heat with the "Dog Dayz of Summer" celebration through Aug. 30 at Naper Settlement. Each week, on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy themed activities for all ages, including entertainment, games, activities, stories and guest presentations. These special promotions are included with Naper Settlement general admission, which is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors and \$5.50 youth 4-17. For a complete list of activities, call (630) 420-6010 or visit www.napersettlement.museum.

Tuesday, Aug. 4: Mr. Freeze will show the interesting and fun properties of cryogenics using liquid nitrogen. Two exciting science-based demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. will have lots of surprises and a few explosions.

Fridays, Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28: "Hot Diggity Dog" includes a guided tour of the new exhibit, "Digging Up the Past - Naperville Digs Archaeology," plus a special presentation and cookies and lemonade in the historic Pre-Emption House Tavern.

Sunday, Aug. 9: Enjoy "Monarch Magic," a presentation about butterflies by the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners. Join in an old-fashioned Cookie Walk and have a free ice cream sundae, too.

Sunday, Aug. 16: The Frisbee® dogs and handlers of the Windy City K-9 Disc Club will be entertaining visitors with their high-flying fun. Tom Wehrli, club founder, will be bringing part of his extensive collection of historic Frisbees®. Enjoy a free ice cream sundae, too.

Sunday, Aug. 23: Enjoy a presentation, "Trees are Terrific," by the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners and a free ice cream sundae, too.

Digging up the Past – Naperville Digs Archaeology

Discover exciting artifacts and stories about Naperville's early history uncovered by archaeologists in 2006 and 2007 at Joseph Naper's original homestead in this exciting exhibit, "Digging up the Past — Naperville Digs Archaeology," which opens Friday, Aug. 7, at Naper Settlement. For more information, visit www.napersettlement.museum or call (630) 420-6010

The NAHC Hopes You and Your Family are having a Great Summer!!!!

Keep an eye on our website

www.napervillehomeowners.com

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

The next newsletter will be on or about September 1st

***Bob Fischer
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& Webmaster***