



September 2009 Newsletter

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The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation is committed to sharing actionable information and being your source for Naperville happenings of importance to homeowners. Through our meetings, this newsletter, and our website, www.napervillehomeowners.com, we want to stay in touch and help our neighbors get the most out of living in Naperville. 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 welcome and appreciate your feedback. Send it to our Vice President and Newsletter Editor, Bob Fischer, at rafischer1@aol.com.

President's Letter

Looking back, National Night Out was a great example of what makes Naperville great! Neighbors, with an assist from the City, volunteered to make their fellow neighbors time with each other a fun event.

In my HOA, Cress Creek Commons, it was easy to forget we were in Illinois' fifth largest city as kids climbed all over fire trucks while adults enjoyed an ice cream cone served by neighborhood volunteers. A sense of community was demonstrated throughout as folks came out of the house, away from the computer and TV, to meet, greet, and interact.

One wonderful aspect, from the adult side, was the ability to personally say "thank you" to City fire, police and public works employees who serve us daily. Many HOA's also had a chance to meet City Council members to say "thanks!"

All in all a very worthwhile experience for all who participated. Maybe a bit of small town USA, but huge when taking the opportunity to stand beside a massive hook and ladder truck and realize we are so blessed to live in Naperville.

This year, the NAHC supplied key contacts that enabled the City to arrange for equipment and employees to appear to the delight of kids (and adults) in interested associations. This leveraging of the NAHC membership base made it possible to reach out to neighborhoods across town, letting them know that National Night Out was on schedule, and City participation, in spite of budget shortfalls, would occur. If we don't have up-to-date contact information for your Association, we find it hard to help out when the City calls and needs a neighborhood point of contact for something of importance. Please send us an email to nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com and let us know who's who in your association. Also, if you haven't paid your 2009 NAHC dues yet – now would be a really great time to do so.

Mark your calendar for 7:30 PM, Thursday, September 17th, when the NAHC kicks off our fall meeting schedule with a special presentation on property taxes, how they are determined, and what homeowners can do about them. Besides changing our meetings to Thursday evenings, we've crossed the river and will be meeting in the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center at the corner of Eagle and Jackson Streets.

Until then, stay current on the Confederation and what's happening in the Naperville community at www.napervillehomeowners.com.

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September Meeting Preview – Property Taxes – How They Are Set, What You Can Do About Them

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation (NAHC) September meeting will focus on property taxes, how they are determined and what homeowners can do about them. With guest speakers ranging from a County Treasurer to a Township Assessor, we will look at the process for setting tax rates and apportioning the pie between property owners.

This kick-off meeting of our fall schedule will be held on Thursday evening, September 17th beginning at 7:30 PM. In addition to changing meetings to Thursday evenings from our traditional Saturday morning slot, the Confederation is also moving to a new location. Effective with the September 17th meeting, sessions will be held in the Community Room of the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, 305 W. Jackson Avenue. The meeting program is scheduled to run from 7:30 until 9:00 PM with attendees and participants welcome to come at 7:15 PM for coffee and networking.



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

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.

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 August 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:

Water Street Development: The developers will appear in front of City Council requesting that the PUD approval, granted two years ago be renewed for another two years. Construction has been postponed due to market conditions.

Eganhouse Condo Towers 445 Aurora Ave: The proposal will be presented to the Plan Commission on October 7th. The developer is asking for the property to be re-zoned OCI (with a conditional use for residential), as well as variances for height, FAR (floor area ratio) and density. The twin 86' tall condo buildings would sit on the parcel between the River Bend condo's and Rotary Hill. These are luxury condos with one unit per floor, for a total of 14 units, with parking on the first floor. In addition, 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 were comfortable with this concept.

Ellsworth Condo's: The developer is requesting consideration be tabled until the Fifth Avenue Study is concluded. Current plans are for a 30 unit, floor story condo complex, on Ellsworth, facing Burlington Square Park, from 4th to North. They are asking for the parcel to be re-zoned from primarily R-2 (one small parcel is B3) to OCI (with a conditional use for residential) as well as a front yard set back variance (from 20' to 6') a corner yard variance (20' to 15") and a density variance.

Cell Tower: Plan Commission voted against approving the variances needed for construction of a telecommunications cell tower at 2191 Plainfield-Naperville Road (adjacent to Fire Station 5) in Naperville, near Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve. Commissioners Bill Jepson, Reynold Sterlin and John Herzog supported the plan.

CVS Pharmacy: A proposal to replace the Ogden Mall Pizza Hut Restaurant at Naperville Rd. and Ogden Ave. with a CVS Pharmacy was approved by the Plan Commission on August 18th. and will be in front of City Council in October. CVS is planning on starting construction soon thereafter and hopes to work through the winter.

659 S. Washington: Shell will be renovating and re-opening this property in the coming months.

Ongoing Proposals:

Omnia Performing Arts Center: At their August 18th meeting, after 2 hours consideration, City Council accepted Staff's recommendation and unanimously rejected the Omnia proposal (Jim Boyajian absent). Council members mentioned the potential financial risk to the city due to the TIF bonding, as well as concerns about height, density, and traffic as their reasons for denying Omnia. In the days leading up to the meeting Omnia representatives asked for consideration be tabled, citing that they felt there was a lack of information and understanding of the project. That request was denied, but Councilman Miller did talk at length offering his view that Council didn't really need to vote on Omnia's proposal. In the end, Councilman Furstenau made the motion to reject the concept, Wehrli seconded it, and it was rejected 8-0.

A number of Council members talked about Omnia having the right to respond to the traditional RFP (request for proposal) process, if and when the city executes one for the various city owned properties along Fifth Ave.

Omnia had proposed 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 proposed an expanded parking garage to be shared with commuters. The \$190-200 million project would be financed by a \$130 million TIF and also funded by the sale of 600-650 condo and town homes and \$70 million in proceeds from land sales of properties currently owned by Metra and the City.

Turning Pointe: At their third appearance in front of the Plan Commission on August 5th. Turning Pointe was approved 5 to 2 with Ann Edmonds and Patty Gustin voting against. Ms. Edmonds was unhappy with Turning Pointe's land use and the length of the structure sitting 25' off the rear property line. Ms. Gustin wanted to see the parking lot in the rear of the property rather than the front. City Council will consider the preliminary plans, plat and PUD at their September 15th meeting.

BP gas station: 95th and Book will begin construction this fall, replacing the existing building with a larger AM/PM convenience store.

Studies and Initiatives:

Fifth Avenue Study: At the August 18th meeting City Council tabled consideration of the study after hearing public testimony from the public. It was decided to hold a Council Workshop on October 12th. The workshop will begin at 5 p.m. in Meeting Rooms A, B and C of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street. Council workshops are an opportunity for City Council members to analyze

issues and exchange ideas on a given topic that requires in-depth discussion. The public is invited to attend the workshop; however, public testimony will not be accepted. Following the workshop, the 5th Avenue Study will be scheduled for a City Council 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 will be hosting a public meeting on September 30th. Please see website for time and location. You can also fill out a vision survey at the website through Oct 1. <http://www.naperville.il.us/napervilledowntown2030.aspx#Background>

Plank Rd. Study: Naperville will kick off the Plank Rd. Study to evaluate future land uses of specific parcels along Plank Rd. from Columbia to Naper Blvd at a September 22nd meeting . For more information go to: <http://www.naperville.il.us/plankroadstudy.aspx>

Central Park Master Plan: The Park District Board elected not to vote on the plan at their August meeting due to their concerns regarding where financial and maintenance responsibilities would lie between the District and the city. The feeling was that approval of the plan will be contingent upon a successful execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the City and the Park District. That agreement would outline which entity is responsible for various areas of the park. An RFP for new seating has been issued, and the expectation is the seating area will be under construction beginning next spring and continuing into the 2010 summer as the terraced the seating area is built.

Legislative Update - Community Association Manager Act

On August 25th, Governor Quinn signed into law Public Act 96-0726, The Community Association Manager Act. It was the intent of the General Assembly that this Act provide for the regulation of managers of community associations, ensuring that those who hold themselves out as possessing professional qualifications to engage in the provision of community association management services are, in fact, qualified to render management services of a professional nature, and provide for the maintenance of high standards of professional conduct by those licensed as community association managers.



Effective January 1, 2011, no person may provide services as a Community Association Manager unless he or she holds a current and valid manager license. Like other licensing statutes, the Community Association Manager Act will create minimum qualifications for licensure, provide financial security to associations, impose discipline for manager misconduct and require continuing education to renew the license.

Recognizing existing service and experience, the Act also provides that persons who have been working in the Community Association management field for five (5) years will be exempt from the initial license requirement to pass an examination. The Act also recognizes continuing education credits for those persons who take courses to maintain their professional real estate license.

Further details will be forthcoming from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Currently there are no details on the department website.

Additionally, Public Act 96-0228 was signed into law on August 11, 2009, The Act provides that a condominium association cannot exercise a right of first refusal or an option to purchase a unit because the purchaser's financing is guaranteed by the Federal Housing Authority.

In the same vein, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development issued its Mortgage Letter 2009-19. This Letter also revised government policy on the right of first refusal. The new HUD Policy is that a right of first refusal is permitted unless it violates discriminatory conduct under the Fair Housing Act. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of certain protected classifications such as race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin or handicap.

Route 59 Expansion



For the past six years the City of Naperville, in partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation, has conducted extensive analysis to address traffic congestion and safety along Route 59 between Ferry Road and Aurora Avenue. High traffic volumes and resulting travel delays and accidents have a negative impact on the quality of life of area residents who use this three mile segment of Rte 59 every day for trips to work, school, public transportation, shopping and dining.

Naperville and IDOT have identified key improvements for this segment of roadway including widening for a third through lane in each direction and adding turn lanes at intersections. The proposed improvement plan is the culmination of six years of working with the businesses, residents, and property owners. The City and IDOT are looking forward to presenting the proposed improvement plan to the Public at an open house on Thursday, September 17th, from 4:30 PM until 7:00 PM at Thayer J. Hill Middle School, 1836 Brookdale Road. All interested homeowners and residents are welcome to attend

NAHC Briefs – News You Can Use!

The Conservation Foundation will host the first stakeholders meeting for the **Lower DuPage River watershed group** on **Thursday, September 10th** from **10 a.m. to noon** at the Plainfield Public Works Facility, 14400 Coil Plus Drive in Plainfield. The meeting is open to the public, all interested parties are welcome to attend.

The ultimate goal of the Lower DuPage Watershed Group is to create and implement a watershed-based plan that would incorporate the recommended practices identified in the forthcoming TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads) and eliminate impairments in the Lower DuPage River Watershed. This plan could influence policy in the currently undeveloped areas of the watershed and create opportunities to protect and enhance water quality.

A team will be formed to assist in the watershed planning and implementation of the TMDLs as well as be invested in ongoing collaborative efforts in the watershed. Communities within the Lower DuPage Watershed include Bolingbrook, Channahon, Joliet, Minooka, Naperville, Plainfield, Romeoville, and Shorewood. Contact Andrea Cline, Water Resource Specialist at The Conservation Foundation, at 630-428-4500, Ext. 23 or acline@theconservationfoundation.org with questions about the project.

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2008 Brush Collection Schedule

Brush must be placed curbside by 7 AM on the Monday morning of the pick up week! For further collection details go to:

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

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2009 FALL SCHEDULE

Trash collection day...	Brush collection week of...
Monday	September 8*
Tuesday	September 14*
Wed./Fri.	September 21*
Thursday	September 28*

Naperville has earned "Safe Community" status from the **National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Safe Community Program**. To earn this designation, a community must be using one of NFPA's educational programs, host a community-wide event each year that focuses on the NFPA educational program being utilized and complete and submit an application.



The City of Naperville utilizes two of NFPA's programs: Learn Not to Burn® and Remembering When™. Learn Not to Burn® is a six-month program taught in every third grade classroom in Naperville School District 203. Through this program, children learn about fire safety and first aid. Originally started as a pilot program in 2002 with Beebe Elementary School and River Woods Elementary School, this program has expanded to all elementary schools in the district.

Remembering When™ is a fire and fall prevention program for older adults that was developed by the NFPA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help older adults live safely at home for as long as possible. The city's program, which is derived from Remembering When™, is calling SHIP (Senior Home Inspection Program). As part of the program, representatives from Naperville's Fire and Police Departments will perform a comprehensive safety inspection of older adults' homes. These checks look for fire and fall hazards as well as possible security issues.

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The City of Naperville is updating its **Downtown Plan** through the year 2030. The public is invited to participate in the Downtown Plan update by completing the city's Downtown Naperville 2030 Vision Worksheet by Thursday, October 1. Interested parties may download the worksheet from the city's Web site at www.naperville.il.us/napervilledowntown2030.aspx.

The Downtown Vision Worksheet was a component of the Downtown Naperville 2030 public workshops held on Thursday, July 23 and Friday, July 24. Those in attendance at either workshop do not need to resubmit the visioning worksheet. However, people who were unable to attend one of the workshops have an opportunity to participate by completing the visioning worksheet.



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The **DuPage River Trail** was closed between Pioneer Park and Hobson Road beginning Friday, August 28, 2009. This portion of the trail is slated to re-open in early November. The trail closure is required to complete construction activities related to the 75th and Washington Intersection Improvement Project.

Trail users are advised to follow the posted detour route through the neighborhoods east of the DuPage River. A map of the detour route is available on the city's Web site at www.naperville.il.us/75andwashimprovements.aspx.

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The City is seeking public input on different **environmental policies** it may incorporate into its environmental sustainability plan. Residents and interested parties can visit www.naperville.il.us/envirosustain.aspx to participate in a survey to evaluate and rank different environmental policies.

As part of the city's fiscal year 2009-2010 Strategic Plan Initiatives, City Council included a goal to develop an overall plan for environmental sustainability in the City of Naperville. Information collected from the survey will be used to identify priorities as specific actions and programs are developed for the Council's consideration. Residents and interested parties may participate in the survey through Tuesday, September 15.

The survey consists of five categories: leadership and education, resources and energy, transportation and mobility, waste management and recycling, and sustainable development and infrastructure. Within each category, there are nine policies listed which would strengthen environmental sustainability in the city. Survey participants will be asked to rank each policy by category in order of importance to them. There is also space for survey participants to add a policy within each category.

For more information on City environmental initiatives, visit www.naperville.il.us/environment.aspx.

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The new covered **bicycle shelter** at the downtown Naperville train station opened to commuters on Monday, August 24, 2009. The new shelter, located on the east side of the north platform, added approximately 52 new bicycle parking spaces to the existing 155 spaces.



In addition to the new covered bicycle shelter, the City of Naperville, in partnership with the DuPage Children's Museum, recently installed new bicycle racks at the northeast corner of the DuPage Children's Museum property, south of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad tracks. These new racks will accommodate 22 bicycles.

A covered bicycle shelter is also being built at the Route 59 train station. This shelter is slated to open in late September following completion of the Route 59 station improvements that are currently underway. When completed, this shelter will add roughly 46 new bicycle parking spaces to the existing 67 spaces.

The City of Naperville built the 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. The 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.

Coming in October - Public Safety Month



Once again the Naperville Police and Fire Departments will be "Partnering for Prevention" with many community organizations and city services during Public Safety Month in October. The purpose of this initiative is to disseminate important crime and fire prevention information to the residents of Naperville and to encourage citizen action regarding crime and fire prevention strategies. Both

departments firmly believe that citizens are the number one defense against fire and crime and want to spread the word that residents need to "Prepare, Practice and Prevent" in order to keep their families safe.

Public Safety Month will have its official kick-off on Saturday, October 3rd from 11:00-3:00 during the "Public Safety Open House" held on Naperville's Public Safety Campus located on Aurora Avenue. This must-see event will include a variety of activities including auto extrication, a flashover fire demonstration, and fire extinguisher training for the whole family. A large display of vehicles and equipment will also be available, including the Lifestar-Chicago Helicopter exercise at 1:30 pm. One of the activities specifically for children includes a hands-on Firefighter Combat Challenge in which participants have the opportunity to squirt a real fire hose.

For more information, visit www.naperville.il.us or call Soraya McLaughlin at 630.305.7055.

Four Seasons Gardening

2009 Fall Teleconference Series



Tree Maintenance

September 17 at 7 P.M.

Proper maintenance and care are key to ensuring that your trees will be around for years to come. Correct pruning, mulching, and general cultural practices are important for overall tree health. This program gives you the basics to properly care for your trees.

Poisonous Plants

September 29 at 1 P.M.

Have you ever developed a rash from a plant or nibbled on a berry—and wondered whether it was poisonous? Learn about common Illinois poisonous plants in our landscape so you can avoid them.

Bonsai

October 13 at 1 P.M.

Bonsai is the art of aesthetic miniaturization of trees by growing them in containers. Cultivation includes techniques for shaping, watering, and re-potting in various styles of containers.

To Register

Visit us on the web to complete the online registration.

www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage

Look for **Program Registrations** on the right and click on **Four Seasons Gardening**. There is a \$10 fee for each class. Classes are held at our Naperville office. Advance registration is needed one week before the program you attend.



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University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.
If you have special dietary or disability needs, please contact the Extension office one week before the program. 2009

Healing Field Flags

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!

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. Patriotic carillon concerts; views from atop the Moser Tower, a Tag a Flag ceremony on Sun., Nov. 8; evening illumination at Rotary Hill; a special observance of Veterans

Day at 11 a.m., on Wed., Nov. 11; and other activities are planned to unite the community during this all-American event.



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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 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.



Recycling Options

Beyond curbside recycling, the City of Naperville also provides a “drop-off” recycling center. The city’s recycling drop-off center is housed within the Multi-Purpose Public Works Center, located at 180 Fort Hill Dr. Materials are accepted on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Materials accepted at the drop-off center



include:

- Newspapers
- Advertisements
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Phone books
- Books (notebooks, novels, hard or soft textbooks)
- Office paper

- Post-It Notes™
- Gift wrap
- Paper bags
- Chipboard boxes such as gift boxes, tissue boxes and cereal boxes
- Corrugated cardboard boxes, including frozen food boxes
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum cans, foil and trays
- Tin or steel cans, including empty aerosol cans and paint cans
- Plastic containers numbered No. 1 through No. 7, with the exception of those labeled No. 6
- Plastic six-pack rings
- Milk cartons and drink boxes
- Cast iron
- Aluminum or steel scrap pieces
- Metal drain spouts
- Metal siding
- Metal fencing
- Metal pipes
- Metal fixtures
- Metal hangers

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

Household hazardous waste is not accepted at the recycling drop-off facility. Residents looking to dispose of items such as oil-based paint, pesticides and automotive fluids must utilize the Household Hazardous Waste drop-off, located behind Fire Station No. 4, 1971 Brookdale Road. That facility is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, excluding holidays. For more information on the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, visit www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx.

Conservation Foundation's Headquarters a Safe Haven for Monarch Butterflies

The Conservation Foundation is proud to announce that their headquarters at McDonald Farm in Naperville has recently been recognized as a certified Monarch Waystation through the monarch butterfly conservation group, Monarch Watch.

To gain Monarch Waystation certification from Monarch Watch their land had to meet certain criteria. These criteria included having an appropriate amount of milkweed, which provides a breeding ground for the butterflies, and enough flowers to provide the nectar that fuels the Monarch's migration patterns. The path of a Monarch's migration can take it as far north as Canada during spring and summer months and then back down to Southern California and Mexico during the winter. The Conservation Foundation's gardens are filled with native plant species that provide the perfect setting for Monarchs to breed and rest up for their journeys to the north and south.



The Conservation Foundation's Conservation@Home program provides tips on how to attract Monarch's to your garden and can help those interested navigate the process of getting their own garden certified as a Monarch Waystation. To learn more about Conservation@Home visit www.theconservationfoundation.org or call 630-428-4500. To find out more

information on Monarch butterflies and the environmental issues that impact them, visit Monarch Watch at www.monarchwatch.org

Naperville Family Week Let's Eat Dinner Together!

Join KidsMatter in Celebrating National Family Day All Week Long
September 27—October 3

Research by CASA, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, strongly indicates that the simple act of eating dinner together as a family can have a major impact on the happiness and well-being of both parents and children.

National Family Day is celebrated because:

Eating dinner together increases communication.

Children who eat dinner with their families have better academic performance.

The more often children eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs.

KidsMatter Presents Three Opportunities to Eat Dinner Together!

**KidsMatter 's Family Festival, Sponsored by Belgio 's Catering
Sunday, Sept. 27, 12—3 PM, Kendall Hall (The VFW)**

Picnic and fun games for all ages...sack races, punt/pass/kick relays for teens and parents, cake walks and bouncers for young children, and much more!

**Tuesday, Sept. 29, Enjoy Dinner at one of our Participating Restaurants!
Francesca 's Passaggio, Jersey Mike 's, Jimmy 's Grill, La Sorella Di Francesca, &
Meson Sabika**

Family Conversation Starters will be on hand at these restaurants who will generously donate a portion of their proceeds to support KidsMatter 's goal of helping families raise healthy happy youth.

Enjoy Dinner Together at Home!

What your kids really want at the dinner table is you!

Check out the great family meal deals at Whole Foods and Lou Malnati 's throughout the week—and try one of the fun family activities listed on our website at www.KidsMatter2us.org. You 'll find fun conversation starters and lots of ideas for family interaction at home around your table.

Naperville Family Week Information
www.KidsMatter2us.org 630.527.6562



Naperville Independent Film Festival



The Naperville Independent Film Festival (NIFF) kicks off the activities with the Family Day Festival on September 20, 2008 from 11am – 7pm at the Grand Ballroom at the Holiday Inn Select at 180 N. Naper Boulevard in Naperville . Everyone will enter at the Grand Ballroom! Adults and youths of all ages will experience various workshops, entertainment, interactive booths, retail spaces, and special “Movie Characters” throughout the festival. Space is limited – so please sign up early!

Family Day begins at 11am with a “**High School Musical**” **PEP RALLY!** This is a high energy, interactive musical 20 minute extravaganza including “ Troy ” “Gabriella” Cheerleaders – and even the Wildcat Mascot! Everyone will learn some cheers and songs – don’t be late! It is the start of something new – the Family Day Matinee with actors featured from Naperville Central High School!

The Festival runs from September 19th through 26th. For more information, <http://naperfilmfest.org/> .

Naperville Park District Updates



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

Nike Sports Complex Expansion

The Park District is notifying residents that groundwork will soon begin on the planned 20-acre expansion of Nike Sports Complex, located on the north side of town bounded by Mill Street, and Diehl and Bauer Roads. Signage has been posted onsite and a public meeting on the expansion’s progress is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, at the Barn Recreation Center, 421 W. Martin Ave.

The expansion is based on resident feedback, as well as recommendations contained in the Park District’s Open Space and Recreation Master Plan. Groundwork involves clearing the site to make way for recreational amenities that will include the District’s first premier lighted artificial and multi-use turf fields for soccer, football, lacrosse, cricket and more. The expanded Nike Sports Complex will be used for Park District programs, by residents, community youth and local athletic organizations.

One of the first steps is to remove trees and underbrush from the site. This is being completed through responsible planning and in consultation with certified arborists, engineering consultants and landscape architects, all experts about the native trees of Illinois. These resources are helping the Park District make informed decisions about trees on the property. Trees located along the perimeter and the existing ball field will be preserved while others, some in either fair or poor condition, will be removed. Additionally, new trees will be installed throughout the site as part of the project.

With little open public land available, the community is desperate for recreational field space on the north side of town. Land adjacent to the existing Nike Sports Complex was purchased for expansion because of its size, location and proximity. It is easily accessible and is contiguous with the existing sports complex. In addition to expanded turf fields, the complex will include courts for tennis, basketball and volleyball, as well as a playground and walking and bicycle trails. To support the maintenance of the site and its users, the expansion will also include a small support building. Groundbreaking for the expanded complex is expected in 2010-2011.

For more information about Nike Park Sports Complex, call 630-848-5000 or visit <http://www.napervilleparks.org>. The Park District invites you to view the project plans online and submit comments to info@napervilleparks.org. Plans will be posted for review on www.napervilleparks.org beginning Sept. 17.

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!

5K race training program for families

Naperville Park District is offering a ten-week program to teach families (ages 10 and up) how to train together for 5Ks using fitness and exercise instruction, nutrition seminars and lots of encouragement.

Generations: A Running Program for Families is being hosted through a partnership between Naperville Park District, Road Runner Sports and Whole Foods Market. The goal of the program is to have participants complete the Naperville Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day.

The program includes:

- Training advice for use in individual training programs provided to beginning and experienced runners/walkers courtesy of Road Runner Sports
- A training manual outlining a ten-week training program
- Optional weekly group runs
- Gait analysis to help in choosing the right equipment
- In October, Whole Foods Market will provide nutrition workshops that will help runners fuel their bodies by eating the right foods during training, before the race and following the race to aid in recovery
- Automatic registration in the 2009 Naperville Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26 (a \$25 value)
- A T-shirt and many more benefits

The fee is \$45 per resident person; \$75 per nonresident person. The program is designed for those 10 and up; participants under the age 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

The program will kick off on Sunday, September 13 from 5-8 p.m. For more details or to register, visit www.napervilleparks.org or call 630-848-5000 and refer to Registration Code 80991.

For more information on the 2009 Turkey Trot 5K, visit www.napervillenoonlions.org.

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 have been 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 is able to 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!

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.

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.

Looking ahead, the Confederation November, February, and June meetings will provide a special opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogues with our elected representatives. Watch our website and future newsletters for more details!

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A Community Conversation with Sean Covey



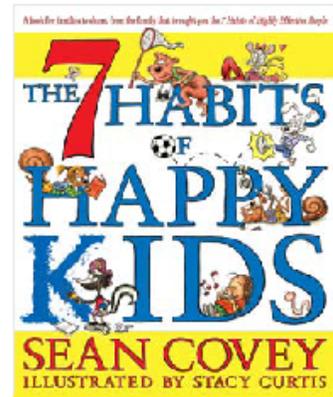
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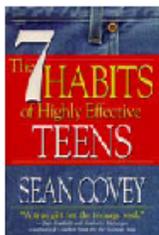
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Meson Sabika, 1025 Aurora Ave.

Sean Covey Presentation and Q&A
Sponsored by Harris and Anderson's Bookshop,
proceeds to benefit KidsMatter. Seating is limited.
Reservations required: \$25 per ticket.
For reservations, contact Maureen Dvorak
at (630) 420-6475 or mdvorak@naperville203.org



presentation & book signing

Monday, September 14, 7 PM
Naperville Central High School Auditorium, 440 Aurora Ave.



An unforgettable presentation on inspiring youth to greatness!
Books will be available for purchase and signing.
Tickets: \$5, proceeds to benefit KidsMatter. Seating is limited.
Purchase tickets at Anderson's Bookshop, 123 W. Jefferson,
(630) 355-2665 and all Harris Naperville locations,
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All proceeds from the events benefit KidsMatter, a proactive not-for-profit organization whose mission is to empower youth and families with tools to effectively manage the stressors of everyday life through programming, education, and collaboration.

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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>

The Naperville Public Library will be closed Sunday, Sept. 6 and Monday, Sept. 7. Normal operating hours of 9 am to 9 pm will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 8. The Nichols Library will close early on at 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4. The Naper Boulevard and 95th Street libraries will remain open until 9 p.m.

Drive-up returns for Library materials are available 24 hours a day at the Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave.; the Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd.; and the 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr. Materials may also be renewed by calling 961-0460. The Library Catalog, www.naperville-lib.org, is also available 24/7.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Travel to Iran with Bill Helmuth

Our favorite intrepid traveler returns with his newest program. Bill has travelled to more than 100 countries, and he never takes the tourist route! He gets behind the scenes to show his audiences the real people and the real places he visits. This time, he travels through Iran, an ancient country steeped in tradition. In this program, patrons will visit with an Iranian family, go inside a Shiite mosque in Shiraz, and shop in an outdoor market. Bill's programs are always riveting, and this program promises to bring us face to face with the real people of this Middle Eastern nation. Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.org, or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings.

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

Thursday, Sept. 10

Between the Covers

The Naperville Public Library's evening book group, *Between the Covers*, primarily reads fiction titles with an occasional classic thrown in. In September, they will read Ann Patchett's latest book, "**Run**". Coordinating the discussion is Kathy Carrus. Program Room, Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 12

Readin', Readin' . . . Readin' by the River!

Recommend your book faves, and find new titles from the latest arrivals at the Library. Return home with a list of fabulous reads! Sip cider and munch on cookies in the open air, down on the Riverwalk.

For Teens in grades 6-12. Online registration and a Naperville Public Library card are required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.org, or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings. Riverwalk Amphitheatre, 2 p.m.

***Rivulets*, The Naperville Writers Group**

The Library welcomes back the members of the Naperville Writers Group when they unveil the newest edition of *Rivulets*, their yearly collection of members' poetry and prose. Please join the group for beverages and light refreshment before listening to readings by the authors. **No registration required.** This program is held in partnership with the Naperville Writers Group.

Meeting Room A, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 2 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 14

Monarch Reading Club

The Monarch Award is a children's choice book award for children in grades K – 3. Join us as we read some great stories and have fun with crafts and activities. For children in grades K – 3. Online registration and a Naperville Public Library card are required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.org, or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings. Children's Storyroom, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Turn the Page

The Naperville Public Library's morning group, Turn the Page, primarily reads nonfiction. In October they read "**The Year of Living Biblically**" by A.J. Jacobs. Coordinating the discussion group is Kathy Carrus. Nomura Room C, 95th Street Library, Nomura Room C, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 9:30 a.m.

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Get Your Game On!

School is stressful. And the Library isn't just for studying. Join Naperville Public Library in giving our new Wii™ systems a workout! Each month, your local Naperville Public 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*, *Mario&Sonic*, and our newest addition *Rock Band 2!* **No registration required. Naperville Public Library card holders will be given first preference, in accordance with our Priority Service Policy.** Meeting Room A, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 3 p.m.

When Clutter Controls with Mary Jo Zellner

We each buy, create, make, accumulate, acquire, bank, collect, store, gather, get, inherit, keep, maintain, stash, stock-up, and save as if our lives depended on it. Where does it end? It ends when we make a conscious decision to do so. Being in control of our stuff and the clutter that surrounds it leads to a more simplified and peaceful life. In tonight's presentation, learn how to control your clutter and not have your clutter control you. Our speaker, Mary Jo Zellner, received her Masters Degree in Gerontology from the University of Illinois. As co-founder of Gero Solutions™, a senior move management company, she has helped countless families and older adults with the process of downsizing and relocation. Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.org, or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings. This program is held in partnership with Vibrant Living Services.

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

Great Books Reading and Discussion Group

The Naperville Public Library's book group, Great Books Reading and Discussion Group reads classic works using the Great Books format. In September, they will read the classic, "**The Epic of Gilgamesh**," by anonymous. Coordinating the discussion group is Jack Hatfield for Great Books.

Program Room, Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Wii™ Gaming

Will Wii™ see you there? Come one, come all! Play Wii™ games at the Library. **These sessions will be geared for grades 3 - 5, but all are welcome!** Wii™ are looking forward to the fun and games! No registration required. Meeting Room A/B, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 4 p.m.

Book Club Resources 101

If you dread preparing to lead your local book discussion group, the Library can help take away some of the stress! This workshop will cover selecting a title, finding discussion guides, acquiring literary reviews, and uncovering author biographical information. Participants will gain hands-on experience in using library databases and other useful online resources. The information, strategies, and tools presented will be of interest to all bibliophiles, whether or not they ever lead a book club. Online registration and a Naperville Public Library card are required to attend this program. Register through

the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.org, or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings. Computer Lab, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18

Meet and Greet One of Naperville's Finest!!

You're in for a treat at the Library!! Join us for a Meet & Greet at a very special storytime presented by one of the many friendly police officers of the Naperville Police. Come for storytime, learn about safety, receive some "goodies" and get a tour of a police squad car. The police officer will also be on hand to answer any questions from the children and adults in attendance. The Naperville Police Department not only protects and serves our community, but provides a fun and exciting learning experience for all. **For children of all ages with a caregiver. No registration required.** Program Room, Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19

ACT[®] Practice Tests Are YOU Ready?? Back by Popular Demand!

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. Throughout the fall, instructors from KaplanTM will provide proctored ACT[®] and SAT[®] practice tests and return scores with analyzed results. And consider this... you may actually be a better SAT[®] tester than ACT[®], or vice versa, but you'll never know unless you try both tests!! Give yourself every opportunity for scoring success and for attending the college/university of your choice by enrolling in these programs today. What are you waiting for?? Make sure to bring #2 sharpened pencils, an approved calculator, and a healthy snack. **For students in Grades 9 to 12.** Online registration and a Naperville Public Library card are required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.org, or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings. Meeting Room A/B, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 10 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 21

Anime Day

Whether you're an Otaku or you've never seen anime in your life, we'll have something you'll enjoy. Come watch a few episodes of some groundbreaking anime series, enjoy some Japanese snacks, show off your manga skills, and chat with other anime geeks. **No registration required.** Nomura Room C, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 24

Financial Considerations for Job Seekers with Brad Lazarus

In this current economic climate, laid off professionals are seeking ways to cope while at the same time they are aggressively seeking new employment. Tonight's workshop focuses on how to use this "in-between" time to the best advantage. It covers major financial matters during career transition: health insurance/COBRA, 401K decisions, savings plans, and general lifestyle advice.

Mr. Lazarus teaches Personal Finance at DePaul University and volunteers as a personal finance coach for Out of Work Chicago, a community-sponsored organization for Chicago's unemployed professionals. Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.org, or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings. Meeting Room A/B, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 25

Sign and Play with Baby, Theme: Mealtime

Learn to communicate with your baby using sign language. This 3-week program provides a fun environment for babies (8-24 months) and their caregivers to learn the basics of sign language. Each week, a new theme will be introduced using stimulating activities, books, songs and play. Online registration and a Naperville Public Library card are required to attend this program. Register through

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Meeting Room A/B, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 10:15 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 25

An Exchange of Great Teen Reads

Are you into reading? Do you love to share your favorite books with others? Join us as we discuss the hottest teen books and tell us all about what you like to read! Those who attend will receive a list of recommended book titles. Refreshments will be provided. Online registration and a Naperville Public Library card are required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.org, or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings.

Program Room, Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Your Life as a Gift with Christine Fenn

In this presentation, listeners will be able to learn more about who they really are and what kind of legacy they'd like to leave behind for their family and friends. Facilitator Christine Fenn will lead the audience in exercises wherein they can learn how to describe experiences and stories that make them unique, and which only they can share with others. Christine will describe "The Seven Messages" in our own stories that make them powerful. Christine Fenn has worked in the senior service industry for over 25 years and is involved in advocacy and education for older adults. This program is held in partnership with Vibrant Living Services. Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.org, or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings. Meeting Room A/B, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7 p.m.

City Representation – At-Large or By District?



The Naperville League of Women Voters is in the process of studying how City Council members are elected to represent Naperville citizens. This study considers the current form of at-large representation and alternate forms in other communities such as district/ward representation or a mix of district and at-large representatives.

When the League does a study, it attempts to gather factual information and relevant opinion to present to its members in a process of reaching consensus (or not) on the study's issue. As part of their information gathering, they are seeking input from Naperville residents. A copy of the questions and updates on the study are available at: www.naperville.il.lwv.org



DuPage Children's MUSEUM

...where learning comes in to play!



September 2009

* Museum will be closed Monday, Aug. 31 through Sunday, Sept. 13 for new exhibit installation and overall refurbishing.
NEW HOURS - See Web site for details.

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



Interact With Art Gallery
The Play's the Thing!
Opening Monday, Sept. 14



From playing "make believe" to making plays - children take center stage in DCM's new exhibit, **The Play's the Thing!** A stage, backdrops, puppets, costumes and props stimulate creative dramatics and performances. **It's dramatically fun for children of all ages.**



MEMBERS ONLY NOTICE -
Member Appreciation Night,
Friday, Sept. 18 from 5 - 8 p.m.
Join us for special activities
"staged" just for members.
Call 630-637-8000 ext. 2160
for reservations.

NEW Creativity Program
Stage Make-Up For ages 6-9
Friday, Oct. 2 from 6 - 7 p.m.

Scars, wounds, and fake noses are all made with a variety of make-up materials. Practice techniques to create those illusions and more. Pre-registration required. Members \$14/Nonmembers \$20

DuPage Children's Museum and McAninch Arts Center
In Partnership Present

Mathemagic!

Starring Bradley Fields
FOR AGES 4 - 8!

Internationally celebrated magician Bradley Fields offers a combination of comedy, magic and storytelling to entertain and engage children in math skills and problem-solving.

When: Friday, Oct. 30, 6 - 7 p.m.

Where: Washington Jr. High
201 N. Washington St.
(across the street from DCM)

**On
Sale
Now!**

ADVANCE SALE FEES: Members \$4 (3 for \$10)
Nonmembers \$6 (3 for \$15)

DAY OF EVENT FEES: Members \$5/Nonmembers \$7

Call 630-637-8000 to register today!

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DUPAGE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

FAMILY FUN FRIDAY NIGHTS RETURN!
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Visit the Web site for details.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25, Back to School Sock Hop, 6 - 7 p.m.

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SEASON OPENER!

Saturday, October 3 10:30am to Noon
Cajun & Zydeco Music by
Dennis Stroughmatt & Creole Stomp

Encompassing a variety of musical styles that include Creole Zydeco, Cajun, Blues and New Orleans Swamp Pop, Dennis Stroughmatt and Creole Stomp perform a unique blend of modern and old Louisiana music.

FREE to Members or with Museum admission!

Registration Policies for all DCM Classes: No portion of the enrollment fee will be refunded as of the day class begins. Registrants withdrawing one week prior to the beginning of class will be charged a 50% administrative fee. Registrants who withdraw prior to the week before classes begin will be charged a 25% administrative fee.

Bubble Bash 2009 - All About Bubbles

The 8th annual family-friendly New Year's Eve countdown to noon. Performances by Jeanie Bl and The Jelly Beans and Bubble Man, Geoff Akins. Refreshments, art activities, photo ops and more!

When: Thursday, Dec. 31, 9 a.m. - Noon

Where: DuPage Children's Museum

Fee: Member \$15/Nonmember \$20

Reservations Required

MEMBERS-ONLY EARLY REGISTRATION PERIOD*:

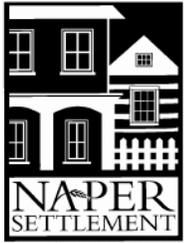
Sept. 1 - Sept. 30, Call 630-637-8000 ext. 0

*Nonmember reservation period begins Oct. 1

FOR MORE PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE INFORMATION VISIT OUR
WEB SITE, www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org, AND CHECK OUT
OUR CALENDAR UNDER THE PROGRAMS TAB.

(Please flip this to see other side)

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A Historic Museum Village

Timeless Toys

The months of September and October are devoted to Timeless Toys of all types from stilts and checkers to the hula hoop to popular toys such as Etch-A-Sketch®, Silly Putty®, Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots™ and nostalgic board games such as Operation®. On Saturdays and Sundays, game stations featuring popular games and toys will be set up throughout the village. Other activities include hands-on demonstrations such as using an apple press and making homemade butter. These activities are included with admission, which is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors and \$5.50 youth 4-17. Naper Settlement hours through Oct. 31 are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and from 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

History Speaks: An Intimate Conversation with the Author, Tim Walsh

Tim Walsh, author of "Timeless Toys: Classic Toys and the Playmakers Who Created Them," will give a fascinating presentation about the history of toys and toy industry icons. Walsh, a toy inventor himself, has an insider's view of the toy industry that he will share with the audience during this special History Speaks lecture that will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, in Century Memorial Chapel at Naper Settlement. From 2 to 3 p.m., visit hands-on toy stations in the lower level of the Chapel. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$6 youth and are available by calling (630) 420-6010. For more information, visit www.napersettlement.museum.

Learn to draw

Artist Rob Sula will give drawing lessons from 10 a.m. to noon on three consecutive Saturday mornings, Sept. 5, 12 and 19. The focus of the lessons will be sketching Naper Settlement's historic buildings and grounds. Registration is required; an additional fee is required for this program. For reservations, call (630) 420-6010.

Family Fun Land

During the Last Fling, make your way to the Naperville Jaycees Family Fun Land at Naper Settlement from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, September 5-6 for crafts, science, magic shows, characters, inflatables and more. Visit www.lastfling.org/kids for more information. Admission is free thanks to the Naperville Jaycees.

Dinner on the Town

Spin your way to a dining extravaganza at this Naperville Heritage Society gala evening that will be held from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. Find out moments before you are whisked off by limousine, trolley or pedicab, which prominent restaurant, private home or historic building you will travel to for a gourmet-style meal. Socialize over dinner with friends and community members, and then return to Naper Settlement for dessert and dancing under the stars. This not-to-be-missed event also features a premier specialty auction. There is limited seating; reservations are required. For ticket information, call (630) 420-6104.

Weed Ladies Fall Floral Sale

The Weed Ladies are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. Their fall sale features creative seasonal floral arrangements and dried bouquets. The sale will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 18-19 and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 in the historic Daniels House at Naper Settlement. For more information, visit www.napersettlement.museum or call (630) 420-6010. Admission to the sale is free.

Naperville Wine Festival

At the Naperville Wine Festival, enjoy wine tastings, food and wine seminars, and cooking demonstrations along with live musical entertainment from 4 to 10 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18, and from 2 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Naper Settlement. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the gate. Presented by InPlay Events. Visit www.napervillewinefestival.com for more information.

History Speaks: An Intimate Conversation with the Author, Bill Kurtis

In this special presentation of the History Speaks Lecture Series, Bill Kurtis will talk about his life, passions and historically-focused book, "Prairie Table Cookbook," from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Hotel Arista, 2139 City Gate Lane in Naperville. Kurtis is an acclaimed documentary host and producer, network and major market news anchor, multimedia production company president, and recently became a grass-fed cattle rancher. In 2005, he founded Tall Grass Beef Company to champion the environmental and health benefits of grass-fed cattle ranching and to coordinate the efforts of small grass-fed ranchers across the country. The presentation will be paired with a Tall Grass Beef tasting, beverages and book signing. For all ages. Tickets are \$60 and include the book; \$40 is for a companion ticket. To register, call (630) 420-6010.

Harvest Pow Wow

At the Harvest Pow Wow, enjoy Native American dancing, cultural demonstrations, children's games and crafts, special presentations and more to be held from 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday Sept. 26, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. Admission charged. Call (773) 585-1744 or visit www.midwestsoaring.org. Presented by Midwest SOARRING Foundation.

***The NAHC is looking forward to seeing our members on
Thursday evening, September 17th, at 7:30PM in the Community Room at
the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center when we kick off our 2009-
2010 meeting schedule!!!!***

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 October 1st

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