



# October 2009 Newsletter

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*The NAHC newsletter is published monthly to provide the news and information Naperville homeowners need. We welcome and appreciate your feedback. Send it to our Vice President and Newsletter Editor, Bob Fischer, at [rafischer1@aol.com](mailto:rafischer1@aol.com).*

## **President's Letter**

I was thrilled with how well our 2009-2010 meeting kickoff went on September 17<sup>th</sup> at our new home in the Community Room of the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center. With a very informative discussion featuring Will County Treasurer Pat McGuire and Naperville Township Assessor Warren Dixon, we were able to give our attendees the straight scoop on how their real estate tax bills are computed and where to go for help. We appreciated the fairness and understanding that our speakers brought with them, even though the message was that we shouldn't expect bills to go down as property values shrink. If you missed the meeting, Associate Director Thom Higgins' notes on the presentation are on our website at [www.napervillehomeowners.com](http://www.napervillehomeowners.com).

We were able to fill every seat in this beautiful newly remodeled facility and look to add more chairs for our October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting when we focus on our School Districts 203 and 204. If everyone who attended in September, where the audience included Councilmen Hinterlong and Fiesler along with State Representative Senger, brings one new person with them in October, we will have well over 100 people at our meeting!

Our mission to facilitate an interchange of ideas, resources, and information between and among individual homeowners associations was met as many stayed well past our 9 PM adjournment to continue discussions with their neighbors. These dialogues are critical to improving our community as we continue to focus on neighbors helping neighbors.

Schools make up the largest portion of our property tax bills. Homeowners, including those with and without children as students, need to be in attendance at 7:30 PM on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Community Room of the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, 305 W. Jackson Avenue. Come a few minutes early and enjoy a cup of coffee and the opportunity to meet fellow homeowners!

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## **October Meeting Preview – School Districts 203 & 204**

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation (NAHC) October meeting will focus on our area public school districts. Both districts 203 and 204 are unit districts, encompassing children in grades K-12. Further similarities are that both districts have new superintendents this year and major ongoing construction projects. Finally, as public school funding makes up the lion's share of our property tax bills, it is important that all homeowners have a strong understanding of where these tax dollars are going.

The meeting will be held on Thursday evening, October 15th beginning at 7:30 PM 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.

Early in 2010 we will continue our focus on education with a meeting featuring the College of DuPage.

Also on tap for future meetings are opportunities to educate not only our member associations, but also residents in general. 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 also plan to take a look at the Park District's new Strategic Plan when it is unveiled.



If you have any suggestions on future meeting topics, or how our meetings can better serve Naperville homeowners, please email us at [nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com](mailto:nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com).

## **Zoning and Land Use Update**



*The following report from Zoning & Land Use Committee chair Thom Higgins includes development projects that were discussed at the September 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 Allison Laff for the City of Naperville*

### **New Proposals:**

**Eganhouse Condo Towers, 445 Aurora Ave:** The proposal will be presented to the Plan Commission on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The developer is asking to be granted a Conditional Use for a residential use under the existing OCl zoning, as well as variances to increase the height from 43' to 86', increasing the maximum FAR (floor area ratio) from 1.5 to 2. The floor area ratio compares the total footprint of all floors of a structure and compares it to the total area of the lot. A 2.0 FAR means the total area of all floors would completely cover the lot 2 times. Lastly, they are requesting reducing the required minimum lot area per unit from 2600 sf. to 1700 sf. per unit. 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. This will need to be approved by both the Fire Department and Park District.

**Naperville Dodge, 1565 Ogden Ave.:** Will re-open after renovating and expanding existing structure.

**Zapista Restaurant, Freedom Commons:** Will appear in front of Council for approval to construct a new restaurant on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Edward Hospital:** Held a meeting with its neighbors on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Edward indicated that they have postponed for at least three years the planned 60,000 to 80,000 sf. West addition. Preliminary foundation work for the addition has been halted, and instead Edward will be doing major interior renovations.

Additionally, Edward announced that the home they own at 802 Edgewater, at the corner of Washington and Edgewater, will be raised and the vacant lot marketed. The local Homeowners Association requested (via letter) that the curb cut on Edgewater not be removed as a show of good faith that the property will remain residential and that the property will be marketed as a residential property, which is the desire of the neighborhood

**Black Finn Restaurant:** Scheduled for opening on September 29<sup>th</sup> in old Tessa's site on Jefferson.

**CVS Pharmacy:** A proposal to replace the Pizza Hut Restaurant at Naperville Rd. and Ogden Ave. with a CVS Pharmacy was approved by the Plan Commission on August 18<sup>th</sup> and will be in front of City Council on October 6<sup>th</sup>. CVS is planning on starting construction soon thereafter, and hopes to work through the winter. Additionally, they have agreed to install pedestrian amenities at the corner of Ogden and Naperville Rd. as encouraged by the Ogden Ave Corridor study.

**659 S. Washington:** Shell has submitted plans to renovate the building and re-open the station.

**Ellsworth Condo's:** The developer is requesting consideration be tabled until the Fifth Avenue Study is concluded. Currently plans are for a 30 unit, floor story condo complex, on Ellsworth from 4<sup>th</sup> to North. They are asking for the parcel 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

### **Ongoing Proposals:**

**Turning Pointe:** Was unanimously approved by the City Council at the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Turning Pointe's facilities will be built on 6.44 acres west of Plainfield-Naperville Road between Saratoga and Hamlet roads on the city's south side. The campus will be constructed in phases. The first will include an 18,700-square-foot school and a 9,455-square-foot recreational facility. The school will accept up to 36 students younger than 22 and have a faculty-student ratio of one-to-one.

The foundation will use the existing duplex on the property as a respite house where trained employees care for children for a weekend or week to give parents a break.

These first facilities would open as early as fall 2011. The foundation likely wouldn't start the second phase until 2012 or 2013. This phase calls for additional duplexes that will serve as transitional housing for students 22 and older.

Phase 1 of Turning Pointe's proposal will cost an estimated \$15 million. The cost for the second phase is not yet determined but estimates are it could be about \$5 million.

The foundation received a \$15,000 community development block grant from the city last year. However, most of the project's funding will come through private donations. The foundation recently received a \$2 million gift from Canadian National Railway.

Source: <http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=322600>

**Route 59 expansion project:** The \$125 million widening project was part of the Capital Bill signed recently by Governor Quinn. Approximately 100 people attended the public hearing hosted by the city on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Hill Middle School.

More information on this effort can be found at the cities website for this project: [http://www.naperville.il.us/dynamic\\_content.aspx?id=2717](http://www.naperville.il.us/dynamic_content.aspx?id=2717)

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

### **Studies and Initiatives:**

**Fifth Avenue Study:** A Council Workshop will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.naperville.il.us/fifthavenue.aspx).

Source: City of Naperville

**Downtown Plan Update:** The city will be hosting a public meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.naperville.il.us/napervilledowntown2030.aspx#Background)

**Plank Rd. Study:** **Plank Rd. Study:** On September 22, Naperville kicked off the Plank Rd. Study to evaluate future land uses of specific parcels along Plank Rd. from Columbia to Naper Blvd. The study area is divided into six smaller areas. Presentation boards for each of the six areas showed photos of the area with a written description for each. Planning is mainly for single family housing with R1A and R1B zoning with the exception of the area noted as 2 south of Plank and west of Spring Hill which is currently planned for multi-family housing. Approximately 100 attendees were asked to fill out their thoughts on various uses for each of the areas listed, i.e. single family housing, multi-family housing, retail, offices, school, hospital, park, cemetery etc.

Source: Jane Pickens-Dobrowolski Columbia Estates Homeowners Association

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

**Central Park Master Plan:** After months of discussion, the Naperville Park District board voted Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> to approve the Central Park Master Plan.

At its Aug. 13 meeting, the board discussed concerns about delineation of Central Park's financial and maintenance responsibilities between the city and the park district. If the city made major changes to the park that required extra maintenance, some board members were concerned that the park district would end up incurring extra time and costs that they might not be able to spare.

To try to get clarification, the board had a rider created that they propose to attach to the original 1986 lease between the city and the park district. The rider removes the park district's responsibility for maintenance of some parts of Central Park. This would allow the park district to approve the Central Park Master Plan without agreeing to who will maintain what. This action buys time so the plan can move forward and the city can finalize grant funding for the project while the two bodies work out maintenance details

In addition, the board voted to make its approval of the master plan contingent on the creation of an intergovernmental agreement with the city that outlines maintenance responsibilities for Central Park. So, if no agreement is reached, the park board can essentially take back its approval.

But not all board commissioners agreed with the decision. Commissioner Andrew Schaffner voted "no" to approving the plan, saying he felt it left things too open-ended.

Source: [Naperville Sun](#)

## Steeple Run Watershed/Huffman Street Project Update



The City is completing the restoration work along Huffman and on Chicago Avenue following the installation of the box culverts under Huffman. These will eventually drain water away from the houses and downstream toward the river.

At this time the box culverts installed under Huffman St. are not hydraulically connected to Country Commons Park. This connection cannot be made until the Old Plank Park Improvements (scheduled for 2010) and the reconstruction of the western embankment of Country Commons Park is completed (hopefully in 2011). Effectively the only functioning additional flood control capability completed so far is the 11.6 acre feet of additional water storage capacity in Country Commons Park. The good news is that this has been sufficient for recent storms, although Fontenaix residents hold their breath every time the basin fills with water.

The City had hoped to bid the Old Plank Park work this fall but believe now that it will not be bid until this winter for a hoped for start in the early Spring of 2010. Getting permits from the County and State has proven more time consuming than originally anticipated, leading to the delay.

Work in Country Commons Park is planned for the next fiscal year with completion in 2011. This will be the last phase of the current project.

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

## NAHC Briefs – News You Can Use!

The City of Naperville is seeking input on its **first Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS)**, located at the intersection of Chicago Avenue and Ellsworth Street, via an online survey. The survey is available through Friday, October 30, 2009, on the city's Web site at [www.naperville.il.us/aps.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/aps.aspx). Requests for alternate formats of the survey may be made through Accessibility Coordinator Marita Manning at (630) 420-6725.



In late 2008, the City of Naperville installed its first pilot APS device at the intersection of Chicago Avenue and Ellsworth Street. An APS assists pedestrians with a visual impairment by communicating information about pedestrian signal timing in non-visual formats such as audible tones, verbal messages and/or vibrating surfaces.

The results of the survey will be reported back to the Transportation Advisory Board, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Mayor's Advisory Commission on Persons with Disabilities. Based on the results and commission recommendations, the city may install additional APS units at other signalized intersections in Naperville.

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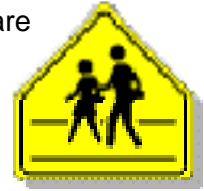
All Naperville schools and students are encouraged to participate in **Walk to School Day 2009**. This international program is being celebrated on Wednesday, October 7, 2009.

Walk to School Day strives to promote the many benefits of walking to school, including:

- o Increasing physical activity
- o Reducing traffic congestion and vehicle speed near schools
- o Teaching safe walking skills to children
- o Promoting pedestrian friendly neighborhoods

- o Promoting awareness of environmentally friendly transportation options

School walk routes maps that identify routes to and from each school in Naperville are available at [www.naperville.il.us/walkroutes.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/walkroutes.aspx). School walk routes identify routes for students to use on their way to and from school. These routes were developed through a cooperative effort between the city's Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group, representatives from Naperville Community Unit School District 203 and Indian Prairie School District 204 and the Naperville Police Department. The city updates the routes as necessary.



Naperville schools are encouraged to register for the event with the National Center for Safe Routes to School to gain access to a variety of downloadable materials including stickers, certificates, puzzles, ideas for organizing Walk to School Day events and an e-newsletter. Residents should contact their school to inquire about planned activities. Schools registered with the National Center for Safe Routes to School by Wednesday, September 30 will be entered into a city drawing for incentive materials to share with students. A select number of Walk to School Day Frisbees or pencils will be provided to the winning schools. For more information and to register your school for Walk to School Day 2009, view the Walk to School Day FAQ Web page at [www.walktoschool-usa.org/faq/index.cfm](http://www.walktoschool-usa.org/faq/index.cfm).

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Join The Conservation Foundation at our headquarters at McDonald Farm (10S404 Knoch Knolls Rd, Naperville) on **Saturday, October 17 from 3-6 p.m. for Prairie Pickin': A Concert in Celebration of Local Conservation.** Enjoy a carefree autumn afternoon, surrounded by nature, as the music of Red Horse and Park Bench Society fills the air. **Admission is \$5 (children 6 and under are free).** Both bands are generously donating their time and talents for this event, and all proceeds benefit the work of The Conservation Foundation.



Bring your own chairs or a blanket and picnic basket and settle in. Our 60-acre farm with native gardens and wetlands will be a stunning backdrop for this celebration of Illinois nature and efforts to protect it. The responsible use of alcohol will be permitted at this event for persons 21 years of age and older.

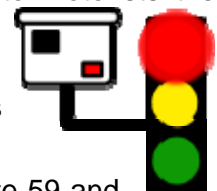
Red Horse recently completed their album "Songs of the Chicago Region", with lyrics focusing on local nature and conservation efforts right here in Northeastern Illinois!

**There is no need to register in advance.** For more information or in the case of questionable weather on the day of the event, visit [www.theconservationfoundation.org](http://www.theconservationfoundation.org) for cancellation info.

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The City of Naperville is slated to begin operation of **automated red light photo enforcement cameras** on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at the intersections of Ogden Avenue and Aurora Avenue and Route 59 and Diehl Road. Signs will be posted at these intersections indicating to motorists the presence of the cameras.

The Police Department will issue warning citations for 30-days following activation of the cameras. Once the 30-day warning period has expired, red light violation citations will be issued to motorists.



The cameras will be located on the northbound and southbound approaches of Route 59 and Diehl Road and on the northbound and westbound approaches of Ogden Avenue and Aurora Avenue.

Citations will be issued to registered vehicle owners who run red lights without stopping; make right turns against red lights without stopping; and stop after crossing the limit line/stop bar while making a right turn against a red light, forcing a pedestrian into the roadway.

Tickets are not issued if:

- A motorist stops after the stop bar (unless they force a pedestrian or bike from the crosswalk)
- A motorist stops and then proceeds forward to get greater sight distance and completes the right turn
- A vehicle enters an intersection on a green light that turns to red before the motorist has a chance to complete a left turn
- A vehicle enters the intersection on a yellow light

Registered vehicle owners have the right to contest a citation through the city's administrative hearing system for red light enforcement violations. An administrative hearing system is a local method to judge municipal violations rather than going through the county court process.

For more detailed information on the automated red light photo enforcement program and the administrative hearing process, visit [www.naperville.il.us/redlight.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/redlight.aspx).

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### **Funding Opportunities Available**

**SECA grant applications** can be submitted for the upcoming fiscal year, which runs from May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011.

The City of Naperville encourages celebrations of community and cultural opportunities that focus on the heritage, diversity and character of the city. In support of these activities, the city offers funds, derived from the citywide 1 percent food and beverage tax, for the purpose of aiding eligible organizations in providing new and continued cultural experiences. The SECA fund grant began in 2005.

Nine community volunteers that comprise the Advisory Cultural Commission will provide a funding recommendation to the City Council. The Council will determine FY 2011 allocations at a workshop on a to-be-determined date in spring 2010. SECA allocations will be formally approved at an April 2010 City Council meeting.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the **CDBG Program** provides eligible metropolitan cities and urban counties with annual grants to ensure decent and affordable housing for all, services to the most vulnerable in our communities, the creation of jobs and expanded business opportunities.

CDBG funds may be used for activities, which include, but are not limited to:

- Acquisition of real property
- Relocation and demolition
- Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures
- Construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes
- Public services, within certain limits
- Activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources
- Provision of assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities

To download an application or other CDBG-related documentation, or for more information on the CDBG Program, visit [www.naperville.il.us/cdbg.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/cdbg.aspx).

The City of Naperville created the Social Services Grant Program to enhance social service activities for community benefit. The purpose of the fund is to provide necessary financial assistance to municipal and not-for-profit social service agencies. Social services grant applications will be evaluated for funding based on the following criteria:

- The objectives of the service or benefit provided are clearly articulated and reflect the objective of the Social Service Program
- The extent to which city funds will be leveraged with other funding sources
- The on-going fund-raising effort by the organization requesting funds

The city has set aside CDBG funding for capital projects and Social Service funding for direct social services, such as counseling. After applications are received, staff will provide a recommendation to the City Council. Following that, each applicant will be discussed at a City Council workshop to take place on a to-be-determined date in spring 2010.

To download an application or other Social Services grant-related documentation, or for more information on the Social Services Grant Program, visit [www.naperville.il.us/socialservicesgrant.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/socialservicesgrant.aspx).

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According to news reports, computers across the nation are being attacked via email messages purportedly from the Internal Revenue Service. **These are criminal attempts to compromise your computer!** The IRS tells us the following:



**The IRS does not initiate taxpayer communications through e-mail.**

- The IRS does not send e-mail requesting your PIN numbers, passwords or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts. (And your banks and credit card companies do not do this either – these are all attempts to either steal your identity, compromise your computer, or both!)
- Report suspicious e-mails and bogus IRS Web sites to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

**If you receive an e-mail from someone claiming to be the IRS or directing you to an IRS site,**

- Do not reply.
- Do not open attachments. These may contain malicious code that will infect your computer.
- Do not click on any links. If you clicked on links in a suspicious e-mail or phishing Web site and entered confidential information, visit the IRS [Identity Theft page](#).
- Report the e-mail or bogus Web site to the IRS.

**How to report phishing, e-mail scams and bogus IRS Web sites**

If you receive an e-mail or find a Web site you think is pretending to be the IRS,

- Forward the e-mail or Web site URL to the IRS at [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).
- You can forward the message as received or provide the [Internet header](#) of the e-mail. The Internet header has additional information to help us locate the sender.
- After you forward the e-mail or header information to us, delete the message.

**Leaf Pick-Up**

The City of Naperville offers two leaf collection options to meet the needs of residents. Naperville's free bagged (no sticker required) leaf collection program allows residents to dispose of leaves weekly. This free bagged leaf collection program is available from **November 1, through December 18, 2009**. To participate, fill 32-gallon paper yard waste bags with only leaves. and no other yard waste. Place the bags at the curb on your normal trash collection day. No sticker is required for leaf-filled bags. Bags containing other yard waste still require a sticker.



The city's bulk curbside collection gives every neighborhood three leaf disposal opportunities. Leaves must be raked into the street by 6 a.m. on the following dates:



- October 19
- November 2
- November 16

Crews will collect leaves in front of each home once during each two-week collection cycle. For example, residents must rake leaves into the street by 6 a.m. October 19, however, crews may not reach your neighborhood to pick-up leaves until October 31. Snow, rain or freezing weather may significantly delay or permanently halt curbside leaf collection. If snow is forecast, residents should bag the remaining leaves as leaf collection may end or be significantly delayed.

Areas served by township highway departments have similar schedules. Check their websites for details. Links can be found at: <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/WebPage.asp?PN=Links>

Another option is to use the leaves within your landscaping. A mulching lawnmower will pulverize the leaves - grinding them into finer particles that will decompose more quickly than when the leaves are left whole. The particles then drop between the blades of grass and provide nutrients for your lawn. You can also collect the shredded leaves, and scatter them wherever you want mulch: under your tree, or over your flower beds, vegetable gardens or around perennials. Mix the particles with other organic materials if you need to give them weight.

## **Route 59 Expansion**

The City of Naperville and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) hosted a public hearing for the Illinois Route 59 Expansion project on Thursday, September 17, 2009.



The purpose of the public hearing was to present the results of the engineering study and the proposed design for the Route 59 corridor between Aurora Avenue/New York Street and Ferry Road.

Materials from the meeting have been posted to the City of Naperville's Web site at [www.naperville.il.us/route59expansion.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/route59expansion.aspx).

Interested parties who were not able to attend the hearing but wish to submit comments regarding the Illinois Route 59 Expansion project may do so through 5 p.m. on October 18, 2009. Comments may be submitted in writing by e-mail to [LoudenJ@naperville.il.us](mailto:LoudenJ@naperville.il.us) or by mail to:

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**Technology does  
not drive change -  
it enables change.**

*Canadian philosopher Marshall  
McLuhan*

### Keeping Tabs on Technology

Growing up, most parents today didn't have cell phones, text messaging, or e-mail. But lots of us did have our own phone lines, and made calls to formal or informal hotlines for information on everything from movie times to the location of the best weekend party to crisis counseling. Our own parents had their "new" technologies, too. And none of it was good or bad; it was simply different from that of previous generations.

It's up to us as parents now to figure out how to help our kids navigate their world by being knowledgeable, involved, compassionate, and curious about how they socialize, recreate, and get information through the latest technology.

Here are some examples of what we mean. Try it...

For parents with children ages birth to 5

- Pay attention to the messages you model—stay off the cell phone, personal digital assistant (PDA), and other electronic devices when you're driving or engaged in other activities that deserve your full attention.
- When you're spending time with your kids, turn off the devices. That's what voice mail is for! Your kids need, want, and benefit from your full attention.

For parents with children ages 6 - 9

- Make sure your kids know what your limits are for cell phone, computer, and other device usage. Many, for example, know (or can figure out) how to access the Internet to play games online or on cell phones and PDAs.
- Don't let your kids use the Internet unattended. It's easier and more practical to monitor their usage if you have the family computer set up in a common space in your home. You can "watch from afar" or just regularly glance over to see what they're up to.
- Online social networking communities such as MySpace and Facebook are very popular, even with elementary-age kids. If your kids use these sites, know whom they allow access to on their pages and make sure they know why you've set up limits on this access.

For parents with children ages 10 - 15

- Let your kids know that you will regularly check their e-mail, phone, and text messaging content on both incoming and outgoing lists, and that they should limit those lists to friends and family members, not people they meet online. If you see names you don't recognize, find out who they are and how your child knows them.
- Have rules about when and where your children and you will use handheld communication devices. Suggestions include not using them at mealtimes, when visiting family or friends, when driving or operating other machinery, or when in the middle of another conversation.
- Know the school rules for cell phones in class, and consider limiting their use to before and after school only.

For parents with children ages 16 - 18

- Understand that regardless of the way you use technology, it's part of how young people today build their social networks and their community. Be sure that your teens understand the degree of public and private access that others have to their communications. Talk with them about what's inappropriate to share publicly, and why.
- Keep computers out of teens' bedrooms and in central family areas of your home.
- Let your teen know that some employers and colleges search the Internet for information related to applicants who apply to their institutions. Discuss the kinds of information that may compromise their chances of acceptance.
- Find out what technologies are being used in your teen's school. Do teachers keep blogs? Are student groups organized on MySpace or Facebook? Do teachers use digital whiteboards? If so, check these out periodically.

From information provided by Search Institute's MVPParent ([www.MVPParents.com](http://www.MVPParents.com)).



[www.KidsMatter2us.org](http://www.KidsMatter2us.org)

## **October is 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.naperville.il.us) or call Soraya McLaughlin at 630.305.7055.

## **Family Delights Await At Arboretum’s Fall Color Festival**

The crisp, cool air heavy with the scent of taffy apples caressing the vivid colors of the trees means only one thing at The Morton Arboretum – it’s time for Fall Color Festival! The young and young-at-heart create fall traditions and memories with the plethora of activities that delight all the senses. The Fall Color 5K Run and Walk, Theatre-Hike, Taffy Apple Bar and more give each weekend in October that Fall Color Festival flair!



There’s a new twist on the fall season’s fan-favorite attraction: the Scarecrow Trail. This year, many of the girl scout-decorated scarecrows will feature an animal theme. Grab your friends and saunter around Meadow Lake to experience them all, and then vote for your favorite! Later, visit Animal Houses, the 11 whimsical, creative animal dwellings that kids can crawl into, through, and over, while learning how animals depend upon trees.

And there’s a new opportunity this year for all little ghouls, goblins, witches and wizards. “Trick or Trees” is now open to all visitors. Youngsters come in their best costumes to Trick or treat in the Children’s Garden, get lost in the Haunted Maze, and take a ride on the spooky tram. Get up close and personal with some live bats brought by the Organization for Bat Conservation’s “Bat Zone”, enjoy the batty musical performances of Musical Mark, and join the Grimm Brothers on a “Creepy Treeditons” tree walk. Snack on some sweet treats; enjoy crafts, games, pumpkin decorating, and other bat-tacular events!

For more information, including registration and activity fee information, visit [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org).

## **Are You Prepared for H1N1?**

The influenza season will be unique and changeable because of the emergence of the novel virus that originated in swine but is now circulating only among humans. In June 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) elevated its pandemic alert scale to level 6, signifying worldwide human-to-human infection. Recent WHO data indicates the pandemic caused at least 3,205 deaths as of 9/6.

### **Why Is The New H1N1 Virus More Virulent?**

It is more virulent because it is a combination of classic swine flu, a North American bird flu and a strain of human flu. Most people have never encountered this type of virus combination so they have no preexisting immunity.

### **How Severe?**

So far, this strain of H1N1 does not appear to be any more severe than seasonal flu so illness will be no worse than seasonal flu.

### **Vaccines Offer Strong, Safe Protection**

Recent clinical trials show current vaccines provide strong, safe immune response by one dose of the vaccine within 8 to 10 days after it is administered. There are two types of H1N1 vaccine—an injectable and a nasal spray. This also true for the seasonal vaccine. Note: It is better to stick with the same form of inoculation – the shot or the spray if anyone might require two doses of either vaccine.

If you need to receive the seasonal and the H1N1 vaccine at the same time do not get the nasal spray for both because one will be dealing with two live-virus vaccines at the same time and the medical community is not certain how the immune system might accommodate this.

Due to H1N1 being identified after the seasonal flu vaccine was formulated and placed into worldwide production, the H1N1 vaccine will not be combined with this year's seasonal flu vaccine which is now available. Unfortunately, we need to get inoculated for each strain separately.

Early results from clinical trials have shown that both vaccines—seasonal and H1N1, have been safe and effective with no serious reactions being reported.

### **Symptoms of 2009 H1N1 Seasonal Flu**

You may have the flu if have some or all of these symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue and sometimes diarrhea and vomiting.

### **How Contagious is Swine Flu? What is the Significance of Coughing?**

New research reveals people spread the flu for a week or more after symptoms first appear. It is now believed that coughing maybe a better sign than fever for telling who is contagious.

### **What Should One Do If One Gets Sick?**



Stay home and avoid contact with other people except to get medical care. The DuPage County Health Department recommends that you remain at home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and frequently wash your hands with soap and water. Do avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth to minimize the spread of germs.

### **Who is More Likely to Get Flu Complications?**

Children younger than 5 but especially younger than 2 years old, people 65 and older, pregnant women, people who have – cancer, chronic lung disease, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, liver disease, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis and people with weakened immune systems.

### **What Are The Emergency Warning Signs in Children and Adults?**

The following indicate serious trouble in a child: fast breathing; bluish skin color; not drinking enough fluids; not waking up or not interacting; being so irritable that the child does not want to be held; flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough and finally fever with a rash.

For adults: difficulty breathing or shortness of breath; pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen; sudden dizziness; confusion and severe or persistent vomiting.

### **What Medications Can Be Used to Treat H1N1 Flu?**

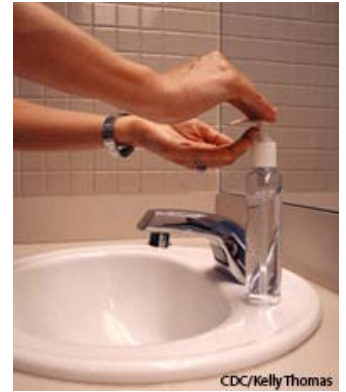
Antiviral drugs are available. These drugs are being used to treat people who are very sick or to treat sick people who are more likely to get serious flu complications.

### **Conclusion – The Three C’s**

**CLEAN** – Wash your hands frequently, **COVER** – cover your cough and sneeze and **CONTAIN** – contain your virus, stay home if you are sick. A financial point of interest – there will be no charge for the swine flu vaccine, though some doctors may charge for administering it. There are no charges for Medicare patients.

Information for this article was gathered from the Health Department, the CDC and the medical literature.

Dr Bob Buckman  
President  
Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation



## **September Meeting Re-Cap**

Our September 17th Meeting focused on property taxes with informative presentations from Will County Treasurer Pat McGuire and Naperville Township Assessor Warren Dixon. Go to <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc11333.pdf> to read NAHC Associate Director Thom Higgins notes on the assessment process, how real estate tax bills are determined, and where homeowners can go for help and with their questions. There is a narrow window for appealing changes in valuations, so you may need to act now!.

## **Naperville Park District Updates**



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

### **Park District seeks feedback on The Barn and Central Maintenance Facility study**

The Park District is conducting a study of the Barn Recreation Center and Central Maintenance Facility located at 421 W. Martin Avenue. The focus of the study is to examine the existing and future needs for these facilities. The study will be presented at a public open house on Tuesday, October 13 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Barn Recreation Center, Main Floor, at 421 W. Martin Avenue.

The goal of the Open House is to gather public input regarding the improvement options addressed in the study and to provide Park District staff with an understanding of community opinions regarding the existing and future needs of these facilities.

Those unable to attend the open house can visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) to learn more and comment on project plans now through October 15. Please contact John Lomas, Project Manager, at [jlomas@napervilleparks.org](mailto:jlomas@napervilleparks.org) with any questions or comments related to the Barn Recreation Center and Central Maintenance Facility study.

### **Magical Starlight Theatre auditions for the production of *Willy Wonka***

Naperville Park District is hosting Magical Starlight Theatre auditions for the production of *Willy Wonka*. Auditions will be held on Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18 at the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, located at 305 W. Jackson Avenue.

Auditions for actors in the fourth grade through age 15 will be held on Saturday and Sunday from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Auditions for actors age 16 and above will be held on Saturday and Sunday from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Callbacks will be held on Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m., if necessary.

All roles require singing and acting. Those auditioning will be required to read from the script. For the singing portion, an upbeat selection demonstrating vocal range and ability is preferred. An accompanist will be provided. You must supply your own sheet music. There will be no a cappella auditions or prerecorded accompaniment. The cuttings for the readings will be available for perusal prior to entering the audition room. Please bring all schedule conflicts for rehearsals to the audition.

*Willy Wonka* rehearsals will generally be scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons from October 25-December 16. Tech week rehearsals will be daily January 3-7. Character descriptions are available at [www.MagicalStarlightTheatre.org](http://www.MagicalStarlightTheatre.org).

Performances will take place at Naperville Central High School Auditorium. They are scheduled for January 8-10, 15-17 and 22-24. Friday and Saturday performances will take place at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinees will take place at 2:00 p.m. There will be a special Saturday matinee on January 16 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be available beginning December 9.

### **Big community vehicles roll into town for free Wonderful World of Wheels event**

Little kids are fascinated by big trucks, and that's why the Naperville Park District's Wonderful World of Wheels event is such a hit year after year.

This year's Wonderful World of Wheels will be held, rain or shine, on Wednesday, October 7 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Garden Plots parking lot on West Street, across from Knoch Park.

Preschoolers will have an opportunity to see, touch and experience some big community vehicles like a school bus, dump truck, street sweeper, cement mixer and many more! They'll also get to meet the community helpers who drive them. Parents, this is a great photo opportunity, so don't forget your camera; this is a free event.

### **Family and Group Hayrides at Knoch Knolls and Seager Parks**

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.

### **Pumpkin Decorating and S'more**

October 24 – Deadline to register is October 19

9:30-10:45 a.m. Seager Park, 1163 Plank Rd. east of Columbia St., Naperville, IL

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Bring your whole family to join in on this Halloween fun. Each child receives a pumpkin along with a number of items to decorate it. Kids ages 3-8 also will enjoy refreshments, play holiday-themed games, go on a hayride and have a photo taken as a keepsake of the event. Please be sure to wear old clothing. Registration required.

### **Comcast Halloween Happening**

October 25 1-4 p.m. Riverwalk Grand Pavilion, 912 Sindt Ct.

Enjoy lots of **free** Halloween activities at Naperville's best Halloween fest for little ones 10 and under!

### **Other Events and Special Programs**

Be sure to visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://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 re-sent in September to those member associations who had not paid yet requesting their annual contribution to the operation of the Confederation!

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 contacts homeowners associations is through the Confederation. Due to past FOIA issues, we will not provide our entire directory to 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!



## 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>

### **Naperville Public Library Observes National Save for Retirement Week Oct. 18-24**

Now in its fourth year, National Save for Retirement Week is the first national effort to raise awareness about the importance of saving for retirement.

The recession has severely impacted the financial future of the vast majority of Americans. A recent study by the Employee Benefits Research Institute indicates a record low 13% worker confidence in having enough money to live comfortably in retirement. The Naperville Public Library is offering two free financial programs during National Retirement Week to provide information about retirement.

On Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., learn about **"Slaying the Debt Dragon"** with Martha Rohlfing from the Illinois State Treasurer's Office. She will teach you how to defeat the dragon and the steps to eliminate your debt. Becoming debt-free is important for people of all ages so they can save for important things in life, including retirement.

On Oct. 22, come hear financial expert Karen Chan explain **"Who Gets the Money? Rules for Taking Distributions from Tax-Deferred Retirement Plans."** Her presentation will start at 7 p.m. Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave. Perhaps you have money in a previous employer's 401(k). Or you're retired and deciding when to begin taking withdrawals from your IRA. If you need to make decisions about rolling over or taking distributions from a retirement plan, this

workshop is for you. Learn how to avoid tax penalties, when you must start taking money out, what rules apply if you inherit your spouse's IRA, and what happens to the money when you're gone.

No registration is required - these free unbiased educational programs are based on facts and research with no agenda to sell products or services and are made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart Investing @ your library®, a partnership with the American Library Association.

Other events coming from the Library in October include:

### **Wednesday, Oct. 7**

#### **Just for Job Seekers, Library Business Resources**

Premium business databases offer valuable information that can give you the extra edge in this competitive job market. Learn how to use Library resources to target potential employers, uncover industry trends, and access vital company intelligence. Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, [www.naperville-lib.org](http://www.naperville-lib.org), or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings. - Computer Lab, 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7 p.m.

### **Thursday, Oct. 8**

#### **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 October, they will read "**The Commoner**" by John B. Schwartz. Coordinating the discussion is Kathy Carrus.

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

### **Saturday, Oct. 10**

#### **National Novel Writing Month, Kick-Off Party**

It happens every November! NaNoWriMo is a fun writing event where the challenge is to write an entire novel in just 30 days. This means that participants begin writing on Nov. 1 and must finish by midnight on Nov. 30. The word count for the adult program is 50,000 words. In 2008, over 119,000 writers across the country participated in this frantic race. The Naperville Public Library is proud to host the local NaNoWriMo chapter, headed by Naperville resident Tim Yao. This is the Kick-Off event. Meeting Room A, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 1 p.m.

### **Tuesday, Oct. 13**

#### **Turn the Page**

The Naperville Public Library's morning group, Turn the Page, primarily reads nonfiction. In October, they will read "**The Commoner**" by John B. Schwartz. Coordinating the discussion group is Kathy Carrus. - Nomura Room C, 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 9:30 a.m.

#### **The U.S. Economy by the Numbers**

Come and learn about how the U.S. economy looks through the lens of economic indicators. Cindy Ivanac-Lillig, Economic Outreach Specialist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and international finance expert, will walk through some current economic indicators and their significance. She will also discuss the major roles of the nation's central bank. During these tough times, the financial crisis is part of our daily lives. Come to this program for a crash course on the Fed and the U.S. economy. This program is open to all and is made possible by a grant from the FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) Investor Education Foundation through Smart Investing @ your library®, a partnership with the American Library Association. **No registration is required.**

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

### **Wednesday, Oct. 14**

#### **Sign of the Seahorse, a Naperville Park District Dance Program**

Join us for a presentation with the Naperville Park District and Artistic Director Melissa Sallée as they discuss and perform excerpts from the upcoming production, *Sign of the Seahorse*, an adaptation of the book by Graeme Base. This whimsical story will be communicated almost entirely through dance.



The conversation with the director and cast members will discuss the many aspects that go into the creative process of turning a beautifully written and illustrated children's book into a live dance performance. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to learn about and share in the creative possibilities available through reading. This program is recommended for families and children of all ages. This program is held in partnership with the Naperville Park District. Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, [www.naperville-lib.org](http://www.naperville-lib.org), or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings.

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

### **Oct. 18 – 24**

#### **Teen Read Week 2009**

Twice each year, with the help of the Young Adult Library Services Association, a whole nation of libraries bands together to go crazy for Teens... and at NPL, Teen Read Week is definitely all about celebrating! This year's theme is "Read Beyond Reality," which to us means, "escape to somewhere out of this world!" So escape to any Library location and come help us celebrate you. Every day there is a Daily Giveaway. Come in to answer the Library's Question of the Day. Answer right and you get a prize! There's also a raffle. Can you figure out how many pages are in the jar? Closest guess wins the prize! Prizewinners must be Naperville Public Library card holders. Teen Read Week is sponsored by Chipotle Mexican Grill.

### **Tuesday, Oct. 20**

#### **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 October, they will read the classic, "**Prometheus Bound**," by Aeschylus. Coordinating the discussion group is Jack Hatfield for Great Books. The reading is from the book "**Great Conversations 1**" by the Great Books Foundation. If you wish to purchase this book, call the Great Books Foundation at 1-800-222-5870.

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

### **Tuesday, Oct. 27**

#### **Postcards from Old Naperville with Steve Hyett**

Steve returns to our Library with his astounding collection of Naperville postcards. Numbering over 1,000, Steve has arranged them so that the audience can imagine themselves walking through Naperville at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Long-time residents of Naperville will recognize many of these landmarks, and newcomers will be amazed to learn the history of many of these sites within their own community. Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, [www.naperville-lib.org](http://www.naperville-lib.org), or at any of the service desks at the three Library buildings.

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

### **Friday, October 30**

#### **Halloween Spook-Tacular!!**

For a fun and SPOOK-tacular outdoor storytime, join us at the Riverwalk Amphitheater. We'll have Halloween stories, songs and a puppet show for all to enjoy. Join the BOO-tiful people and come in costume!! Come and have a SPOOK-tacular time at the Riverwalk! In the event of severe weather, the program will be held in the Community Room of the Nichols Library. If seating capacity is full in the Community Room, then there will be two shows, one right after the other. 4:30 p.m.

#### **Fanged Creature, Double Feature**

Calling all of you brave teens out there! We dare you to join us for a showing of two very different films with one common theme... vampires! We will start with the 1931 black and white classic *Dracula* starring Bela Lugosi followed by the 2008 smash hit *twilight*, starring Robert Pattinson. Find out just how much vampire films have changed over the years! A brief intermission will take place between films, and refreshments will be provided. **No registration required.**

Meeting Room A/B, 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 5 p.m.



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9am - Noon

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

523 South Webster Street

Naperville, Illinois 60540

(630) 420-6010

(630) 305-5255-fax

### **Naper Homestead Public Meeting Taking Place Tuesday, October 13**

The Naperville Heritage Society and the City of Naperville will host a public open house on the preliminary concept plans for the Joseph Naper Homestead from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13 in Meeting Rooms B&C at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St.

The Joseph Naper homestead property, located at the southeast corner of Jefferson Avenue and Mill Street, is the original location of the home and trading post of Naperville's founder Joseph Naper. The homestead property will be developed into a commemorative park.

The preliminary concept design for the park is intended to create a passive, self-guided Joseph Naper Homestead Park and to maintain the archaeological site features without future disturbance or destruction, as they are located underground. Public input is being sought on the preliminary park design.

### **Enjoy Timeless Toys in October**

At Naper Settlement, the month of October is devoted to Timeless Toys of all types from stilts and checkers to the hula hoop to popular toys such as Etch-A-Sketch®, 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. Hours through Oct. 31 are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and from 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

### **Oktoberfest**

Put on your lederhosen and join in the fun when Oktoberfest comes to Naper Settlement from 3 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 2-3. Hear live music as you enjoy authentic German cuisine during this new event that is a fundraiser for the Naperville Heritage Society. Advance tickets are \$8, \$10 at the gate. Tickets are available on-line at [www.napersettlement.museum](http://www.napersettlement.museum).

### **Cool Ride, Clean Choice Vehicle Show**

Join the Clean Choice Campaign of Naperville from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 10 at Naper Settlement as they display 20+ hybrid and alternative fuel cars and trucks. Representatives from local car dealers will help you understand the benefits of making a clean choice with your next vehicle purchase. Other local Naperville businesses that promote environmentally-friendly consumer products or services will also be on hand to help you learn how you can make a difference in other ways. Visit [www.cleancechoice-naperville.com](http://www.cleancechoice-naperville.com) for more information. Free admission.

### **History Speaks Lecture Series kicks off 2009-2010 season**

The History Speaks Lecture Series features a variety of historical performances and presentations that run from October through May at Naper Settlement. Kicking off the 2009-2010 season is "Burnham's Chicago" from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, in Century Memorial Chapel. Veteran actor Terry Lynch as architect Daniel Burnham describes Chicago's history from its beginnings as the "Wild Onion" to the "City of Big Shoulders." 2009 is the Centennial of Burnham and Edward Bennett's visionary 1909

Plan of Chicago. Advance tickets are \$6 - adults, \$5 - students, youth and Naperville Heritage Society sustaining members; tickets at the door are \$7 for adults, \$6 for youth. For tickets, call (630) 420-6010.

**All Hallows Eve: A 19<sup>th</sup> Century Halloween**

Experience two of the darkest nights of the year during All Hallows Eve: A 19<sup>th</sup> Century Halloween from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23 and 24, at Naper Settlement. The entire 12-acre village is haunted with creatures and characters from the scariest literature and events of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Rated PG-Creepy, not recommended for young children. Admission is \$10 per person. One dollar off advance tickets are available at Naper Settlement, Anderson's Bookshop, Canterbury Shoppe, Country Curtains, Just Ducky and Oswald's Pharmacy. Visit [www.napersettlement.museum](http://www.napersettlement.museum) for more information or call the Event Hotline at (630) 305-5555.

**Volunteers needed for All Hallows Eve**

All Hallows Eve non-costumed logistics support volunteers are needed to help with ticket sales; greeters at various locations throughout the 12-acre grounds; crowd control positions and food sales. Shifts are from 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 23-24. For more information about these volunteer opportunities, call the Volunteer Manager at (630) 305-5256.

***The NAHC is looking forward to seeing our members on  
Thursday evening, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30PM in the Community Room at the  
Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center when we focus on area school  
districts!!!!***

***Keep an eye on our website***

***[www.napervillehomeowners.com](http://www.napervillehomeowners.com)***

***For late-breaking news and information of importance to  
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***The next newsletter will be on or about November 1st***

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