



February 2010 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.

President's Letter

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation believes in connecting people to what matters most - each other, neighbor to neighbor. We have added this new "tag-line" to our website at www.napervillehomeowners.com and this is the driving focus of my term as NAHC President. Our Board is dedicated to this and the topics at our monthly meeting, activities around town, and community advocacy efforts retain this as our guiding tenet.

I would like to thank our January guest speakers from the College of DuPage. In these tough economic times it is great to know that C.O.D. is a good neighbor with people like David Gay of the Small Business Development Center and Stephanie Wilcox of the Career Center there to help us right our economic ship. The price for many of the services offered (free) is one that cannot be beat as we focus on important matters like staying solvent and meeting family needs.

We also took some time to listen to our neighbors describe issues and problems around rental properties and the possible solutions that may be proposed by City Government. While the Confederation has not yet taken a stand, we will be active in the development of new ordinances, searching for solutions that are fair to renters, landlords, and neighbors.

I hope to see many of you on February 18th at 7:30 PM at the Rubin Center on the Riverwalk. Our February meeting will be the second of our planned dialogues with government where State Representatives and City Council members speak frankly about taxes, representation, and government solvency.

Speaking of which, there is absolutely no truth to the rumor lovers will need to register and obtain a permit at City Hall to celebrate Valentine's Day! Hugs and kisses are tax free. Take advantage of this loophole and have a Happy Valentine's Day!!

Dr Bob Buckman
President, NAHC
drbobbuckman@sbcglobal.net

February Meeting Preview

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation (NAHC) February meeting will mark our second of three scheduled meetings with City Council members and area legislators where we will discuss matters of importance to homeowners. The people we elect are our neighbors, and, in the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors, it is important that we have the opportunity to meet and discuss matters across the “back fence,” enabling dialogue and not rhetoric.

With Springfield back in session following the primary election and the city budget nearing completion there should be no shortage of interesting topics for discussion.

The meeting will be held on Thursday evening, February 18th beginning at 7:30 PM in the Community Hall of the Alfred Ruben 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.

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 and association legal requirements. We will also provide resources homeowners can use when there are problems and issues.



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 January monthly meeting with City Staff, of interest to Naperville area residents, and/or under consideration by Plan Commission and Council:

In attendance at the January meeting - Thom Higgins for the NAHC; Greg Jones and Allison Laff for the City of Naperville

New Proposals:

Naperville Park District has submitted an annexation petition for the addition to Nike Park. It will be in front of the Plan Commission on Feb 17th. Additionally, the Park District will commence renovations on the Centennial beach house after the Beach closes for the season (after Labor Day 2010). It is scheduled to be completed in time for the opening of the 2011 swimming season.

Parks Edge Subdivision: The owner of the property west of Seager Park has submitted a re-worked development proposal for 5 duplexes that is quite similar to the previous proposal know as the Woods of Old Plank Rd. It had been scheduled to be in front of Plan Commission on Jan 20th, but was delayed to Feb 4th. Our understanding is there are not any substantive changes from the previous “The Woods of Old Plank Rd” proposal that was rejected.

La Belle Cour (Semper Fi Properties LLC), 204-226 W. Van Buren: On Jan 20th, the Plan Commission was presented with a plan to construct 24 condo’s in a 180’ long, three story structure on approximately one acre that is 40’ tall main body with the parapet, elevator shaft, and utilities brings it up to 43.5’ minimum and a maximum of 50’ in some places. The petitioner is requesting a number of variances including a reduction in the minimum required lot area per dwelling unit from 3,500 square feet to 1,815 square feet. If the 3,500 sq. ft. standard is applied, the petitioner would be limited to 12

units. Per staff's commentary, "this requirement is intended to restrict density (meaning the intensity of use) to promote a transition between the Downtown Core and outlying residential neighborhoods".

However, under the TU zoning classification, the minimum lot area requirement operates as a limit only on the number of units, not the size of the structure. The petitioner could still build the same size structure on the lot with only 12 units, or they can build an office or commercial use (with or without a residential component), and still occupy the same footprint and height. It is noteworthy that other zoning districts have some sort of "bulk" density limitations. In the "B" (Business districts), OCI (Office Commercial and Industrial) and PUD (Planned Unit Developments), there is a FAR (Floor Area Ratio) calculation that effectively limits the overall "bulk" of a structure. Residential districts R1 and R2 impose a Lot Area Coverage restriction and a third floor prohibition for much the same reason. As there is not any kind of comparable limitation in TU districts, the developer is free to build to the setback limits and maximum heights as is being proposed here, so long as they meet the city's design guidelines. Depending on how strict the city is on making developers comply with the guidelines, this proposal might have some difficulty, as it appears to not comply with the following; A2.1 Buildings at the outer edge of an activity center should be comparable in height and mass with the surrounding neighborhood.

Another item of interest - this is supposedly the first condo building which will have rooftop deck which raises the questions about lighting, access points (such as stairways up aka "doghouses" and/or elevator shafts for each private deck). Conceptually, there will be a common rooftop deck along the back of the project and possibly 4-6 private rooftop decks atop the east and west wings of the project

The proposal was continued by the Plan Commission until Feb 2nd. Commissioners are looking for clarification on a number of issues. The proposal can be viewed at: <http://www.naperville.il.us/ccpacket/pc20100120p.pdf>

Kensington School Route 59 and Walton Heath; Kensington is asking for annexation and re-zoning for a second Naperville location.

Ongoing Proposals:

CVS Pharmacy: Has indicated they will start Demolition of the Old Pizza Hut at Ogden and Naperville Rd. shortly, with construction of a new CVS Pharmacy commencing in March.

Huntington Place, Chicago and Westmorland: Construction will start this spring for 8 Duplex structures. Development was approved some time ago.

Navistar, 2600 Warrenville Rd. Lisle, IL: On Jan 26th. Navistar officials indicated they are no longer contemplating making the controversial diesel engine testing facility part of its revised proposal to move the company's headquarters to Lisle.

Attorney Shawn Collins, representing a nearby school for autistic children, said that wasn't enough. He wants a permanent ban on Navistar ever constructing the testing facility as a condition of its approval.

Navistar expects to continue its discussion with local officials in late February.

<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=354066&src=76>

Studies and Initiatives:

Naperville Downtown 2030 plan: The Downtown Advisory Commission continues to discuss the Downtown Plan update. The January 22nd meeting discussed land use, and the February meeting will discuss building height.

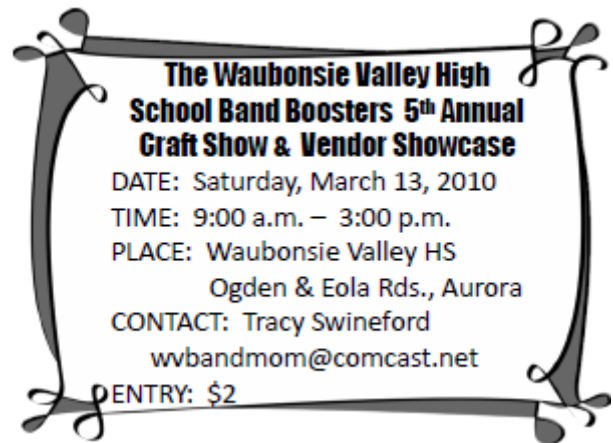
<http://www.naperville.il.us/napervilledowntown2030.aspx>

Plank Road Study: There will be a final public meeting on February 24th where the final land use recommendations will be presented to the public. The recommendations will then go to the Plan Commission for consideration. <http://www.naperville.il.us/plankroadstudy.aspx>

Fair Housing Advisory Commission & Mayor's Advisory Commission on Disabilities: As a result of the feedback and input received at the November joint meeting of the Fair Housing Advisory Commission (FHAC) and the Advisory Commission on Disabilities (ACD), staff has prepared the document, *Attainable Housing: Supplemental Report of Research Findings*, for the purposes of providing the ACD, FHAC and public additional information and research on housing programs available to senior citizen and disabled households.

Based on research completed, staff will prepare cost-neutral recommendations to address identified service gaps related to low to moderate income senior and disabled households. Preliminary recommendations will be presented to the Fair Housing Advisory Commission and the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Disabilities on February 23, 2009 at 6:30 pm in Meeting Rooms B and C.

Source; Katie Forystek, Community Planner, City of Naperville



North Central College's Master Plan 2020 can be viewed on their website - <http://northcentralcollege.edu/x50188.xml>

Coming In May – NAHC Elections

In accordance with our bylaws, the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation will hold elections at the Confederation Annual Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Community Hall of the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, 305 W. Jackson Avenue, Naperville, Illinois. The offices to be voted on are Secretary of the Confederation (currently Kathy Benson); Treasurer (currently Dan Bulley); and two at large Director Positions (currently held by Mike Reilly and Marcia Straub). Dan Bulley is eligible to run again for his current position.



A nominating committee will be formed at the March 18th General Meeting and will prepare a slate of recommended candidates to be announced at the April meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor the day of the meeting. Any person who, at the time of the election, is a member of a homeowners association which is a Confederation member in good standing may seek and hold office on the Confederation Board of Directors; except that there shall be no

more than one Confederation Officer or a total of two Confederation Board of Directors members from any one Confederation member association.

Duties of the positions to be elected are as follows:

Secretary - shall keep the current minutes of all Confederation Board of Directors meetings; shall present a written report of the Confederation's previous year's activities at the Annual Meeting; and shall be responsible for all correspondence related to the business of the Confederation. The Confederation Board of Directors shall approve all material correspondence relating to the business of the Confederation and the Confederation Board of Directors. The Secretary shall also keep current a list of Member associations and persons to contact, and shall maintain duplicate copies of the corporate records. The Secretary shall be responsible for all communications with Member associations or others as the President or the Board of Directors direct.

Treasurer – shall collect and receive all monies and assessments and deposit them to the credit of the Confederation in a bank approved by the Confederation Board of Directors; shall render a statement of accounts to the Confederation Board of Directors and to the Confederation membership At regular meetings; shall issue receipts for assessments upon request; shall challenge the right to vote of any Confederation member not in good standing at the time of any vote by reason of being in arrears in payments of assessments; shall present a financial report in writing at the Annual Meeting; and shall keep a list of all Confederation members currently in good standing. The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing the annual budget, to be approved by the Confederation members at the November meeting of each year. The Treasurer shall disburse funds that are included in the budget line items upon presentation of adequate documentation for such items.

At-Large Board Members – shall be chairpersons of Ad Hoc Committees of the Confederation as formed at the discretion of the BOD. They shall be eligible to assume the terms and duties of Confederation officers, if such officers resign, refuse, become ineligible, or are otherwise unavailable to fulfill their terms. At-Large Board Members shall be empowered to vote in all decisions of the BOD. If any elected Director is not able for any reason to complete a term of office, the BOD may appoint an Associate Director to serve as a Director until the next annual election and any individual so appointed shall be empowered to serve and perform their duties upon appointment.

All member associations in good standing are eligible to cast a vote in this election. To be considered in good standing, member associations are to be current in their annual dues. Other information on the conduct of the elections, or on membership status of associations, can be found in the Confederation Bylaws which are posted at:

<http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc8119.pdf> .

If you are interested in serving on the Confederation Board, please contact our President, Dr. Bob Buckman.

Everyday Parenting

“Spend the afternoon; you can’t take it with you.”

Annie Dillard


Seize the Day

Most kids—teens included—love it when their parents play with them once in a while, especially when it’s silly, spontaneous, or both.

Play can be a way to promote healthy risk-taking, something that young people need to experience in order to test their own capabilities, learn new skills and competencies, and discover that they can feel high, excited, have an adrenaline rush, sense of accomplishment, or (uncontrollable) laughter without drugs or alcohol.

Make time for play in your life — it’s a great investment in your health and the health of your kids!

Carpe Diem!



From information provided by Search Institute’s MVPParent (www.MVPParent.com).

www.KidsMatter2us.org

Homeowners Legal Update- Closing Letters

Per the Illinois Condominium Property Act, closing letters provided by an association as part of the sale of a unit by an owner (not the developer), should include:



- (1) A copy of the declaration, other instruments and any rules and regulations.
- (2) A statement of any liens, including a statement of the account of the unit setting forth the amounts of unpaid assessments and other charges due and owing.
- (3) A statement of any capital expenditures anticipated by the association within the current or succeeding 2 fiscal years.
- (4) A statement of the status and amount of any reserve for replacement fund and any portion of such fund earmarked for any specified project by the board of directors.
- (5) A copy of the statement of financial condition of the association for the last fiscal year for which such a statement is available.
- (6) A statement of the status of any pending suits or judgments in which the association is a party.
- (7) A statement setting forth what insurance coverage is provided for all unit owners by the association.

(8) A statement that any improvements or alterations made to the unit, or any part of the common areas assigned thereto, by the prior unit owner are in good faith believed to be in compliance with the declaration of the master association.

Our understanding is that this information is applicable to mandatory associations and those boards may wish to review these requirements with their legal counsel to ensure they remain in compliance. The Confederation is planning to provide association legal updates as part of our April 15th meeting.

NAHC Briefs – News You Can Use!

Effective Monday, February 1, 2010, Metra will institute the following fare increases:

- A one-way ticket from Naperville to Chicago will increase to \$5.
- A one-way ticket from Route 59 to Chicago will increase to \$5.50.
- Weekend fares to Chicago will increase to \$7. Weekend passes are good for unlimited rides on both Saturday and Sunday for all stations.
- The penalty for on-board purchases will increase to \$3. This penalty is not assessed on passengers who board at unmanned stations.
- No fare increases will apply to the 10-Ride or Monthly Pass tickets.



Beginning Monday, February 8, 2010, on-duty agents at 76 outlying stations, including the Naperville and Route 59 Metra Stations, will accept payment for fares via credit card. Credit cards may also be used for online purchases of 10-Ride and Monthly passes.

For more information on the Metra Fare increases, visit www.metrarail.com.

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In early 2010, Naperville will begin reconstruction of the **Jefferson Avenue Bridge**. The bridge, built in 1962, has reached the end of its life expectancy and is rapidly deteriorating. The closure date for the bridge is weather dependent. The new bridge is slated to open no later than August 27, 2010.

When complete, the new bridge will include two lanes, each wide enough to accommodate both vehicle and bicycle traffic, as well as protected sidewalks on each side for pedestrians. As part of the project, Jefferson Avenue will be reconstructed from Willoway Drive to Parkway Drive and a new plaza will be built to provide a northern gateway to the Riverwalk. The new gateway will include landscape enhancements, the Brethren Peace Plaza, bike parking and sitting areas.

During construction, the bridge will be closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Once a date for the bridge closure is confirmed, the City will provide notice including suggested detour routes and frequently asked questions. For more information, visit the city's Web site at www.naperville.il.us/jeffersonbridge.aspx.

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The City of Naperville is hosting a Technology Open House from 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9 in the Lower Level Meeting Rooms of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St. This open house is an opportunity for residents and interested parties to learn more about the online services the city offers, as well as gather input as the city develops a Strategic Technology Plan.

"The City of Naperville has several online offerings that allow residents to interact with the city from the comfort of their homes," Community Relations Manager Nadja Lalvani said. "From paying your utility bill to watching a City Council meeting or requesting a city service, our goal is to bring city government to our constituents by embracing current technology. I encourage everyone to attend this event and offer their feedback as the city moves forward with creating a strategic technology plan for the future."

City staff members will be present to discuss each technology in-depth and answer any questions. Between 7 and 7:30 p.m., a series of presentations will provide a brief overview of the goals and objectives of the open house, as well as an overview of the city's online services. Between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., an open discussion session will facilitate feedback from attendees and allow them to ask questions of city staff.

A pre-event survey and more information about the city's Strategic Technology Plan is now available at www.naperville.il.us/strategictechplan.aspx. More information about the open house, along with a brochure describing each technology and a schedule of events, is available at www.naperville.il.us/techopenhouse.aspx.

Video footage of the open house will be re-broadcast on the city's government access television station WCNC (Ch. 6 – WOW, Ch. 10 – Comcast, Ch. 99 - AT&T) throughout the next several months. Streaming video of the event will be available to view on-demand via the city's Web site beginning mid-February.

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WINGS is an organization led by the staff at NCO Youth & Family Services and supported by KidsMatter and the Naperville Police Department. Women Involved in Girls Success is a program for middle and high school girls who are in need of additional support and guidance in their lives.



Through WINGS, caring women from the Naperville community can provide vital assistance to help these girls develop the social and personal competencies necessary to reach their full potential.

The mission of WINGS is to empower adolescent females to succeed by connecting them with active and caring women in the community so they can build healthy mentoring relationships.

WINGS is currently looking for adolescent females ages 12-18 who might be experiencing some difficulties such as loss of self-esteem, lack of achievement, life changes, increased stress or peer pressure and are in need of support and guidance from a caring, non-judgmental female adult.

If you know of someone who might benefit from this incredible program, please contact Nancy Hoeschler, WINGS Program Facilitator at 630.639.1312 or nwhoelscher@aol.com.

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The City of Naperville Fire Department is now accepting applications for the position of Firefighter Paramedic for the purpose of establishing an eligibility list. Applications can be obtained online by visiting www.publicsafetyrecruitment.com. The deadline to submit completed applications and all associated paperwork is Monday, June 7, 2010.

Below is a list of testing requirements potential applicants must meet:

- 21 to under 35 years of age
- United States citizen
- No felony convictions
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Valid driver's license
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Paramedic License by application due date
- Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) Card, obtained within one year prior to date of written exam
- Uncorrected vision of 20/100



The Naperville Fire Department currently operates ten fire stations. With more than 200 personnel, the Naperville Fire Department continues to meet the needs of a growing population.

Below is salary and benefits information for potential applicants:

- Firefighter Paramedic starting pay of \$59,909.01 (effective May 1, 2010)
- Firefighter Paramedic top pay of \$81,904.61 (effective May 1, 2010)
- Employee and family medical insurance
- Dental insurance
- City-paid life insurance
- Short-term disability plan
- Firefighters' pension fund with employee and city contributions
- 457 deferred compensation plans
- Retiree health savings plan
- Paid vacation
- Tuition reimbursement
- Employee assistance plan
- Medical expense and dependent care assistance plan
- Uniforms and personal protective equipment

For more information relating to the Naperville Fire Department or the testing process, visit www.naperville.il.us.

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Up With People, a high-energy, upbeat, family-friendly entertainment group will be coming to Naperville for a weekend of performances and community service projects while staying with local host families.

A cast of 80 young people, representing 19 countries, will arrive in Naperville on Thursday, March 11th. They will immediately prepare for two incredible musical performances to be held at North Central College's Pfeiffer Hall, 310 E. Benton, on Saturday, March 13, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 14, at 2 p.m. The group will also appear in Naperville's St. Patrick's Day Parade and lead community service projects with Naperville School Districts 203 and 204.

Up With People is a nonprofit organization that uses the performing arts to deliver messages of hope and goodwill throughout the world. Their show, called "A Song for the World," shines the spotlight on people and organizations in each community they visit. The performance inspires audience members through song and dance to share their gifts and get involved in their own unique way. Ticket information is available at www.finearts.northcentralcollege.edu or by calling the box office at (630) 637-SHOW.

Rental Housing Regulations

City Council has directed that ordinances be prepared to regulate by whom, where, and how rooms and properties may be rented in areas zoned single family residential. As the NAHC is interested in hearing more about what problems neighbors are seeing, how this proposed regulation may address these issues, and whether neighbors and property owners really want or need a new layer of bureaucracy in their neighborhood, the Confederation hosted an open forum on the issues at its January meeting.



Among the information shared was a brief outline of the City of Aurora Property Registration program. Key points of this program include:

- All non-owner occupied single family residences, condominiums, and townhomes must be registered and licensed. All two-unit and multi-unit buildings must be registered and licensed.
- **Nonowner-occupied** units are inspected on an annual basis. Each year, exterior and interior inspections are performed
- A revised lease addendum needs to be signed by both the landlord and tenants upon new lease or renewal.
- Before you rent to a new tenant or before renewing an existing tenant's lease, you are required to conduct a criminal background check.

Several of the residents in attendance spoke in favor of an approach along these lines, particularly the need to better manage "bad actors" who may be renting next door. There was also discussion around apparent code violations and frustration with the code enforcement process. From the "landlord" side of the issue came concerns about added costs, bureaucracy, and a fear of being penalized for the actions of a few landlords seemingly driven more by profit than with concern for their neighbors.

What became evident from the discussion is that there will be no easy solution that will address the needs of neighbors, owners, and tenants. An ad hoc committee has been formed by the city that will include many community representatives, including the NAHC, to further investigate the situation and help propose workable solutions. The first meeting will be in early February and the NAHC welcomes resident input. Please send your comments to NAHC-Naperhomeowners@wowway.com.

Free Home Energy Evaluation

Whether because residents feel their houses are already energy efficient, are afraid to let a city inspector past the front door, or are daunted by the application process; the last time we checked the Naperville home energy savings program is only about two thirds of the way to its goal of 350 enrolled homes. Accordingly, the deadline has been extended.

Qualified residents 55 years of age and older living in a home within the Naperville city limits constructed prior to 1980 can apply for a unique opportunity to improve their home's energy efficiency. Thanks to funding from the Department of Energy, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the City of Naperville is offering a FREE home energy evaluation by a certified energy technician.



Residents chosen to participate in the energy evaluation are eligible for a 50 percent reimbursement from the City of Naperville for energy improvements, up to a maximum of \$1,500. For more details go to www.naperville.il.us/hesp.aspx.

By the way – the City assures us that this is not a building code inspection but rather a focus on energy issues only. The money and the opportunity are on the table – reach out to grab your share!

If you don't qualify, you can still check your home's energy footprint by accessing the City's Online Home Energy Calculator. With just a few mouse clicks, Naperville's new HomeEnergyCalculator™ will analyze a home's current energy use and allow residents to simulate various energy savings measures to see corresponding dollar savings. This feature is available to utilize at www.naperville.il.us/hec.aspx.

Get Ready for Spring with Gardening Classes at the Arboretum

Tired of showy plants that just don't work? Join The Morton Arboretum for two exciting seminars on selecting hardy, non-aggressive plants for more sustainable landscapes.

Industry professionals won't want to miss Plants for Sustainable Sites: A Panel Discussion, featuring Paul Cappiello, Director, Yew Dell Gardens, Crestwood, Kentucky and Sue Jacobson, Landscape Architect, The Morton Arboretum.

Landscapes created for urban and suburban sites and soils require a finely-tuned plant palette. Paul will discuss plant selection and advise on how to use these plants' inherent strengths to best advantage in local landscapes. HL200. Friday, Feb 5: 9 am * noon. Thornhill Education Center. \$50, (members \$36).



Working in your own garden? Paul has great plant tips for you in "Selecting Good Garden Citizens." Stop wasting time and money with plantings that just don't work. Learn how to plant smarter with Paul Cappiello's selections based on his rating of "good garden citizen" plants. Paul has identified and studied both native and exotic plants that are suited to a variety of sites and at the same time require little management. HL210. Saturday, Feb 6; 1- 3 pm. Thornhill Education Center. \$35 (members \$25).

And be sure to check out a rare opportunity to discuss edible landscaping and organic gardening over dinner with a pioneer in the field! On March 29, the Arboretum will host a seminar and dinner with Rosalind Creasy, landscape designer and author of Edible Landscaping.

Call 630-719-2468 or visit <http://www.mortonarb.org/adult-programs/seminars-a-workshops.html> for more information.



STUDENT JOB FAIR

Need qualified part-time employees?
Find them at the KidsMatter Student Job Fair!

YES, SIGN US UP!

Our business has multiple employment opportunities that can be filled by high school or college students and we want to showcase our business at the Annual KidsMatter Student Job Fair!

Tuesday, March 23
5:00-7:30 PM
Merner Field House at
North Central College
450 S. Brainard St., Naperville

MAIL THIS FORM AND
CHECK PAYABLE TO:
KidsMatter,
P.O. Box 662,
Naperville, IL 60566 OR
FAX OR EMAIL THIS FORM
AND CREDIT CARD FORM
TO: 830.420.8284 or
Karen@KidsMatter2us.org

QUESTIONS, CONTACT:
Karen Brothers,
Director of Special Events, at
830.527.8562 or
Karen@KidsMatter2us.org

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
February 26, 2010

Business Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____
Contact Name _____
Phone Number _____
Fax _____
Email _____
General Registration \$100 _____
Kid-Friendly Business Package \$50 _____
Total payment \$ _____

A great deal from KidsMatter!

- Hundreds of potential employees brought to you!
- Exposure in local high schools and area colleges.
- For a fraction of the cost you would pay for a single Help Wanted ad.

Registration:

The registration fee is \$100. KidsMatter invites you to add an additional \$50 to your fee to become a KidsMatter Kid-Friendly Business.

General Fee: \$100

- Registration Fee, table, inclusion in Job Fair Booklet

KidsMatter Kid-Friendly Business Package: \$50

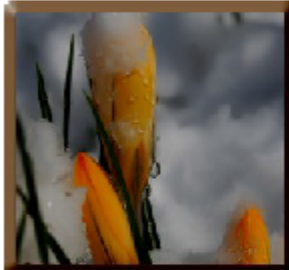
- KidsMatter to this Business! Kid-Kling including Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce logo for your business door or window.
- Kid-Friendly Business recognition on KidsMatter's website including a live link to your business.
- Highlight in KidsMatter's monthly e-blast newsletter including link to your business' website.
- Specially designed school calendar listing specific school days off for Districts 203 and 204.
- Inclusion in all KidsMatter Resource Booklets, including the well attended Volunteer Fair.
- Tips on how employers can maintain a Kid-Friendly Business and positively impact the lives of youth as employees and customers, in our community.

The Job Fair is endorsed by the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Naperville is a special community for many reasons; The KidsMatter Student Job Fair is another perfect example. Employers and students will have an opportunity to interact for the mutual benefit of each other on one single evening. This new decade will improve economically by employers giving ambitious young people the ability to gain experience in the working world. Please register today."

-John Schmitt, President and CEO, Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce

Four Seasons Gardening 2010 Telenet Series



WINTER SERIES

Ferns in the Landscape, February 23 at 1 P.M.

The Elusive Morel, March 9 at 1 P.M.

A Gardener's Guide to Plant Propagation, March 25 at 7 P.M.



SPRING SERIES

Vegetable Gardening In Small Yard Spaces, April 15 at 7 P.M.

Don't Fear the Shade Garden, April 27 at 1 P.M.

The Bountiful Flower Garden, May 11 at 1 P.M.



SUMMER SERIES

Tree Fruit Diseases In the Home Garden, June 29 at 1P.M.

Native Prairie Wildflowers, July 27 at 1 P.M.



FALL SERIES

Save Money . . . Diversify Your Landscape with Trees
September 23 at 7 P.M.

Spring and Summer Bulb Forcing, October 19 at 1 P.M.

Register Online

Visit us on the web for more details and to complete the online registration.

www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage

University of Illinois ~ U.S. Department of Agriculture ~ Local Extension Councils Cooperating
University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

If you require disability accommodations to participate in this program, contact the county
U of I Extension office at least one week before the session you plan to attend.



Spring Into Gardening

Let DuPage County Master Gardeners help you get inspired for the upcoming gardening season. It's dreary outside, so come in from the cold and learn about hosta, healthy gardening and herbs. Join us for this special series of gardening lectures.

The Hosta: America's Favorite Perennial

February 24, 7:00 p.m.

Master Gardener Lou Horton presents this richly illustrated presentation which covers hosta types from the classics to the newest offerings, explains basic hosta culture, and details the many ways hostas can be used in today's garden.

BodySmart Gardening

March 23, 7:00 p.m.

DuPage County Master Gardener Beth Corrigan will show you how to protect yourself from injury while gardening. Body Smart Gardening involves using the proper tools correctly and addresses things that are within our control, such as skin and eye protection and the prevention of muscle aches and strains.

The Herb Patch

April 8, 7:00 p.m.

Whether you're a new or advanced herb gardener, DuPage County Master Gardener Sandy Lentz will be able to offer information useful in the selection, care and uses of a variety of culinary herbs. Come learn how to add some flavor to your garden.

Classes are \$15 each or \$35 for the series.

Register online at www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage

All classes are held at our Naperville office.

Refreshments will be provided.



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February at the Morton Arboretum

The Morton Arboretum is "Celebrating Chocolate" the entire month of February, and in doing so, celebrating trees for making our lives better - providing products that are special to us, including chocolate!

"Who would have thought the dried seeds of cacao trees would have such a deliciously complex flavor?" says Marilyn Baysek, Arboretum Special Events Manager. "I find it so fitting that the cacao's botanical name, *Theobroma cacao*, means 'food of the gods.'"

Step outside of the ordinary and sample some unexpected offerings! "Celebrating Chocolate: Chocolate Expo" is a gateway to a chocolate paradise. Where else can you find so many delectable delights all in one place - including chocolate balsamic vinegar from The Olive Tap in Downers Grove, or old fashioned tins of Toffee-ettes and Almond Royal from See's Candies? This expo, featuring over a dozen vendors is free with Arboretum admission February 6 and 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



While Italians in the 17th and 18th centuries experimented with chocolate as a flavoring in everything from soup to polenta, Arboretum chefs will incorporate a touch of chocolate in their "Valentine's Day Dinner" and "Valentine's Day Brunch."

A fine dinner is the perfect way to spend Valentine's eve, February 13, with the one you love! Surrounded by music and scenes of nature, enjoy an exquisite meal with touches of chocolate in each course. Two seating's are available: 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Prices are per order, starting at \$30/person (discounts for Arboretum members).

For a more family friendly outing on Valentine's Day, February 14, a brunch will feature a wide variety of foods with chocolate accents, along with champagne and live music. The brunch has three seating's: 9:30 a.m., noon, and 2:30 p.m. Prices range from \$30-42 with discounts for members.

Aztec emperor Montezuma consumed 50 golden goblets of hot chocolate, flavored with chili peppers, every day. In many cultures cocoa seeds were used as currency (hence our modern day term: bean counter). Interesting facts about chocolate and the cacao tree will be on display at the "Celebrating Chocolate: Chocolate Exhibit" daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Visitor Center.

Kids can get in on the fun too! In the Children's Garden they can run from Rock Candy Ridge, scoot from Tootsie Pop Tree Top or skip through Berry Scary Woods to the top of Marshmallow Mountain in the "Candy Garden." Follow the lollipop clues in this large-scale version of your favorite board game. This drop-in activity is all month long from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting.

Some events require advance reservation or additional costs. Please check The Morton Arboretum website at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-968-0074 for more information.

Naperville Park District Updates



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

The Naperville Park District has a variety of indoor and outdoor venues that may be reserved in advance for your special event such as a family reunion, HOA picnics or graduation party. From now through the end of February, we are accepting reservations for events that will be hosted between April 1 - May 31, 2010 at one of our parks. For full information on this and indoor rentals, please go to the Parks & Facilities link on the

Naperville Park District website.

Spring 2010 Program Guide and the Summer Camps Guide are coming your way!

The *Spring 2010 Program Guide* and *Summer Camps Guide* will be delivered to Naperville doorsteps beginning **February 18**. If you do not receive yours, please call 630-848-5000 to request a prompt redelivery. A .pdf version of this publication will be available on the Park District website beginning **February 15**.

Program Guides also may be picked up at our facilities:

- Administration Building, 320 W. Jackson Ave.
- Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, 305 W. Jackson Ave.
- Barn Recreation Center, 421 W. Martin Ave.
- South Maintenance Facility, 3415 Book Rd.

In addition, they will be available at Naperville library branches:

- Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd.
- Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave.
- Ninety-Fifth Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr.

And at the following Naperville locations of National City, now a part of PNC, until Friday, March 5:

- 1001 S. Washington St.
- 1308 S. Naper Blvd.
- 3135 Book Road
- 9 E. Ogden Ave.
- 3320 S. Route 59

Registration Dates to Remember

- Resident Garden Plot registration begins Monday, **February 22**.
- Resident online registration for the Coach Pitch and T-ball begins Wednesday, **March 3** at noon.
- Resident online registration for all spring programs and Summer Camps begins Thursday, **March 4** at noon.

Residents may drop off completed registration forms as soon as they receive their *Program Guide*. These registrations will be processed in the order received concurrently with online registration.

Table Tennis Tournament

February 6, beginning at 9:30 a.m. River Woods School Gym, 2607 River Woods Dr. Pull out your paddle and show off your skills at the annual City Table Tennis Championships, co-hosted by the Naperville Table Tennis Club and the Naperville Park District. The top two finishers in each age division will receive awards. Designed for those ages 11 and under to 50 and up. Participants will need to bring their own paddle. Please visit www.napervilleparks.org or call 630.848.5000 to learn more. \$8 if you pre-register/\$10 at the door

Daddy/Daughter Winter Luau

February 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Ranch View School – Gym, 1651 Ranchview Dr.

\$15(R)/\$22(N), Registration Code 81699

Dads and daughters ages 3 and up are invited to a Winter Luau featuring treats and a disc jockey to play all your favorite tunes. Each couple will receive a commemorative photo of this extraordinary night. Couples are encouraged to dress in tropical attire.

Parents' Night Out

February 12, 6:30-10:00 p.m. Cowlishaw School – Gym, 1212 Sanctuary Lane

\$19(R) (SDR)/\$29(N), Registration Code 81701

Are Mom and Dad heading out for the evening? Then, join us for some fun of your own. With crafts, gym games, pizza and a video, you won't want the night to end. Designed for those ages 4-10.

Chicago Flower & Garden Show

Navy Pier-Chicago

The Chicago Flower and Garden Show returns to Navy Pier this year! Don't miss this exciting coming of spring annual event! Enjoy all the colors, fragrances and beauty of thousands of flowers, trees and shrubs as well as landscaped yards, ponds, tropical settings and unique floral arrangements that will inspire practical ideas for your home. We will have approximately 4 1/2 hours of free time at Navy Pier

where you can attend the flower show, have lunch (your expense), ride the Ferris wheel, do some shopping or simply sit and enjoy the view of Lake Michigan and the beautiful Chicago skyline. Trips, designed for those ages 21 and up, depart from the Riverwalk Warming House Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m., returning at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8 (Registration Code 81209) or Thursday, March 11 (Registration Code 81210). The fee is \$46(R)/\$53(N).



Library News & Programs

Mark your calendar for programs for all ages at the various branches of the Naperville Public Library. For more information go to <http://www.naperville-lib.org>

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Morocco with Bill Helmuth

Traveler Bill Helmuth is back with another riveting adventure. This time Bill explores the real Morocco from the casbahs of Casablanca to the mosques of Marakesh. Morocco is a mosaic of sights and sounds and there is no travel guide better than Bill with whom to discover this magical country. No registration required. Meeting Room A, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Decorating: From Color To Completion with GraceAnn Simoni of *Yours Redesigned*

Bored with your furniture? Are your rooms not emotionally satisfying? Using what you already own, you can renew your home's spirit and style using GraceAnn's tips for placement of your furniture and accessories. GraceAnn will share her expertise to help you create a designer look without a designer price. No registration required. Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7PM.

Thursday, Feb. 4

Great Decisions Discussion Group

This discussion group is sponsored by the A.A.U.W. Lower Level Conference Room, Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 7:15 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 5

Celebrate Naperville READS Author Neil Gaiman

Join us for an all-things Neil Gaiman evening! In celebration of the author of such popular works as "***Coraline***" and "***The Graveyard Book***", we will be showing the movie "***Stardust***" which is based on Neil Gaiman's highly popular novel of fantastical humor and adventure. A short book discussion on some of Gaiman's books will take place before the movie starts. Refreshments will be provided, so come prepared for a night of fantasy and fun as we honor our Naperville READS author! **No registration required.** - Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 6 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 6

SAT® Kaplan™ 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 firsthand what Test Day will be like. Instructors from Kaplan™ will provide proctored ACT® and SAT® practice tests and return scores with analyzed results. Give yourself every opportunity for scoring success and for attending the college/university of your choice by enrolling in these programs. Make sure to bring #2 sharpened pencils, a College Board-approved calculator, and a healthy snack. Online registration is required to attend this program and seating is limited. Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.info, or at any of the Adult or Children's service desks at the three Library buildings. These programs presented in partnership with Kaplan™. Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

Turn the Page

The Naperville Public Library's morning book group, Turn the Page, primarily reads nonfiction. In February, they will read "***The Geography of Bliss***" by Eric Weiner. Facilitating the discussion group is Kathy Carrus. Nomura Room C, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 9:30 a.m.

Get Your Game On!

Join the Library in giving our new Wii™ Systems a workout! Enjoy the Library's assortment of video games for Wii™: *Guitar Hero™*, *Dance Dance Revolution™*, *MarioKart™*, *Rock Band 2™*, *SuperSmash Bros.™*, *Wii Sports™*, *Mario&Sonic™*, and *The Beatles™: Rock Band™*! **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.

Bookopoly: "The Lightning Thief"

Be a part of an exciting life-sized board game! Children will compete to answer trivia questions and do physical challenges based on the book, "***The Lightning Thief***." Roll enormous dice and flip oversized physical challenge cards to determine your next move. **Limited to children in grades 3 - 5. No registration required.** Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 4 p.m.

Storytimes Are For Everyone!

Do you have a child with special needs? Please join us for a 30-minute storytime designed with your child in mind. Books and songs will be shared by staff using a variety of methods, including a communication board and visualizer. A sign language interpreter is available upon request. Please inquire at any desk for more information about this fun-filled program. Registration is encouraged, but not required. All ages and abilities are welcome with an adult caregiver. Program Room, Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 11

Explore the Library's Online Databases

This dynamic workshop will introduce you to the wide variety of research databases the Library subscribes to online. Accessible at the Library as well as remotely, our databases cover many subjects including current events, history, literature, science, consumer information, and exam preparation. Get an overview of what's available and learn searching skills that will help you get the information you need. **Online registration is required to attend this program.** Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.info, or at any of the Adult or Children's service desks at the three Library buildings. Computer Classroom, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7 p.m.

Great Decisions Discussion Group

This discussion group is sponsored by the A.A.U.W. Lower Level Conference Room, Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 7:15 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 12

Get Your Game On!

Join the Library in giving our new Wii™ Systems a workout! **No registration required. Naperville Public Library card holders will be given first preference, in accordance with our Priority Service Policy.** Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 3 p.m.

World Hitchhiking Tour with Jeremy Marie

Meet 25-year old Jeremy Marie, who is making headlines by traveling the world by a very special means of transport-hitchhiking! Through Europe, Africa, Central and North America, Mr. Marie has witnessed both the kindness of strangers as well as the sorrow of poverty, hunger, and environmental concerns in certain parts of the world. He began his journey in October 2007 from his hometown of Caen, France. So far, he has visited 38 countries and ridden in over 667 vehicles. In this PowerPoint presentation, participants will get another world view as Mr. Marie shares his experiences with the real

people he encountered along the way. No registration required. Meeting Room A/B, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 15

RaisinRhyme - Music for Kids and Their Grown-Ups

Raisin Rhyme is a unique rock band for children! "Reach up and have fun" is their motto, and at each show, every child is invited to get up, dance, and become part of the performance. The Amazin' Raisin Band is fronted by Rhymin' Rob and Patrick Paradiddle, who affectionately call their music a "rock band for rugrats"! **No registration required.** Meeting Room A/B, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 11 a.m.

Get Your Game On!

The Library isn't just for studying. Join the Library in giving our new Wii™ Systems a workout! **No registration required. Naperville Public Library card holders will be given first preference, in accordance with our Priority Service Policy.** Program Room, Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 2 p.m.

Wii™ Gaming

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

Tuesday, Feb. 16

From Purple Mountain Majesties to Amber Waves Of Grain: The American Landscape And National Identity with Patricia Smith Scanlan, Adjunct Lecturer at the Art Institute of Chicago

From the poetic landscapes of the wilderness by Thomas Cole to the sublime scenes of nature by Frederic Church, and from the introspective, atmospheric paintings of George Innes to the grand sweeping vistas of the Grand Canyon by western artists, the American landscape has captured the imaginations of artists for centuries. Explore the changing views of our forests, seashores, mountains, and natural wonders of American art, and the intimate connections between the landscape, spirituality, and national identity from the early 19th century to the early 20th. No registration required. This program is held in partnership with the Naperville Community Associates of The Art Institute of Chicago. Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., coffee and welcome at 7 p.m., program starts at 7:30 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 February, they will read the classic, "**Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking**" by Walt Whitman. 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.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

What's Black And White and Fun All Over?

Zebras and Penguins and Pandas, Oh My! It's a wonderful world and we will explore all sorts of things that are black and white through stories, songs, activities and a craft. **For children of all ages with caregivers. No registration required.** Program Room, Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 18

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 February, they will read "The Kitchen Boy" by Robert

Alexander. Coordinating the discussion is Kathy Carrus. Program Room, Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 7 p.m.

Great Decisions Discussion Group

This discussion group is sponsored by the A.A.U.W. Lower Level Conference Room, Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 7:15 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 19

Shake, Rattle And Roll

Can't sit still? Like to be loud? Join us for stories and songs you can move to. Get ready to clap, stomp, wiggle and romp. Make a noisy craft so you can shake, rattle and roll your way home! **For children of all ages with a caregiver. No registration required.** Meeting Room A/B, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 1:30 p.m.

Black Light Theatre

Let us shine the light on some illuminating songs and tales! Join us in a darkened room using black lights and glow-in-the-dark props and puppets. Recommended for ages 3 and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. **No registration required.** Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 4 p.m.

Creating Book Trailers For *Teen Tech Week*

Stop by the Library and learn how to create your own book trailer using Windows Movie Maker. For those of you who aren't camera shy, you will have the chance to create a book trailer on film by talking about your favorite book or acting out a favorite scene. We would love to put up the trailers you create on our website, so sign up and help us promote reading through technology! **Online registration is required to attend this program and seating is limited.** Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.info, or at any of the Adult or Children's service desks at the three Library buildings. Computer Lab, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 4 p.m.

DuPage Symphony Orchestra - Chamber Music at the Library

Join as members of the DuPage Symphony Orchestra present a selection of chamber music. Afterwards, interact with the musicians and learn more about the instruments and the Symphony. No registration required. Held in partnership with the DuPage Symphony Orchestra. Meeting Room A/B, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20

Volunteer Tax Assistance - The Notre Dame Club of Greater DuPage

Free tax preparation help for low-income households and workers earning less than \$39,000 a year. Please bring proof of identification: Social Security card, Wage and Earning Statement (W-2), interest income from banks (1099), and a copy of your 2008 return. Sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of Greater DuPage, North Central College and Benedictine University. Appointments are **not** accepted. Help is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information please call 630-961-4100, ext. 2234. This is a partnership between the Notre Dame Club of Greater DuPage and the Naperville Public Library. Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 22

Bingo Game Night

Bring the whole family to the library for a fun night of B-I-N-G-O antics! We'll provide the cards, the markers, and lots of fun. **All ages welcome with caregiver. No registration required.** Meeting Room A/B, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

Anime Days

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.

LinkedIn® Workshop Presentation with Becky Brillon, Community Career Center

Find out about this essential networking/job search tool! Becky Brillon from the Community Career Center in Naperville will lead this very informative presentation about the many useful features of LinkedIn®. No registration is required for this program. This program is held in partnership with the Community Career Center. Community Room, Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 25

Ride The Magic School Bus™ --- Dinosaurs!

Board the Magic School Bus™ for a trip back in time to Dinosaur Land. Learn some fun dino-factosaurus, do a dino-activitiesaurus or two, and make your own paper dinosaur to take home. Online registration is required to attend this program. Register through the Library's website, www.naperville-lib.info, or at any of the Adult or Children's service desks at the three Library buildings.

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

Great Decisions Discussion Group

This discussion group is sponsored by the A.A.U.W. Lower Level Conference Room, Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27

Volunteer Tax Assistance - The Notre Dame Club of Greater DuPage

See note for February 20th

ACT® Kaplan™ Practice Tests, Are YOU Ready?? – Back By Popular Demand!

For details see February 6th event. This session will be held in Meeting Room A/B, 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 12:30 p.m.

NAHC Dues

The NAHC is collecting annual membership dues. Invoices will be in the mail during February. This \$30 assessment to member associations covers the administrative costs of our mission to:

- Serve as an advocate for and a voice of the people who call the Naperville area their home;
- Create an awareness of residents' needs by developing and maintaining relationships with all levels of government -national, state, city, counties, townships, and school and park districts;
- Support member associations with their organizational and program needs - facilitating an interchange of ideas, resources, and information between and among homeowners associations;
- Build, through a cooperative effort, a community dedicated to the enhancement of our property;
- Provide, through regular meetings, special events such as candidate and issue forums, our newsletter and website, a forum for homeowner concerns and interests.

When you receive your invoice, please return a 2010 Dues check for \$30 to:

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



If you do not receive an invoice, 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 dues.

Dues are our primary form of income. They support meetings, issue and candidate forums, and the "legal requirements" needed to stay in operation and enable us to serve our members.



Remember –the City and Park District, as well as realtors and potential residents, contact homeowners associations through the Confederation. Due to past FOIA issues, we do not provide our entire directory to governmental bodies. This prevents the membership list from being used by third parties wanting to contact HOA's for commercial or political purposes. We take your privacy seriously and value our members!

If your association or Board would like to learn more about the NAHC, a Board member will be happy to attend one of your meetings to update your community on what the NAHC can and does do for you. Contact us at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com to schedule a presentation!

College of DuPage Business & Employment Resources

At our January meeting we were fortunate to hear more about career and business resources available from the College of DuPage.

Presentations from David Gay of the Small Business Development Center and Stephanie Wilcox of the Career Center reminded us that there is help available for entrepreneurs, employers and job seekers, and, often times the price (Free!) cannot be beat when considering the level of professional assistance provided.



The Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at College of DuPage is part of a statewide network of small business resource providers sponsored in part through state (Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) and federal (U.S. Small Business Administration) grants. The center will provide assistance with many areas including business plan reviews, obtaining government contracts and navigating through the requirements and paperwork associated with international business and trade.

To learn more about their services go to:

http://www.cod.edu/Academic/Bus_Tech/center_entrepreneur/sm_business.htm

The Career Center offers three programs:

- Cooperative Education and Internship Program provide students an opportunity to gain on-the-job experience related to academic and career goals.
- Service Learning blends classroom learning with community involvement.
- College Central Network - their electronic job board

For more details on the Career Center go to <http://www.cod.edu/Service1/CECS/CECS.htm>



DuPage Children's MUSEUM

...where learning comes in to play!

February 2010



* Celebrate President's Day at DCM!

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

Winter 2009- 2010

Creativity Classes

NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE

Designed to foster children's joyful learning

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.
See Web site for full roster and descriptions.
REGISTER NOW!
CALL 630-637-8000 ext. 0 or register on-line at www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org

Family Fun Friday Nights!

Open until 8 p.m. on Friday nights!

- Feb. 5 **Disney's Beauty & the Beast, Washington Jr. High Preview**
- Feb. 12 **Arya Dance Academy**
- Feb. 19 **Story Reading PJ Party**



Feb. 26
Out of this World Costume Party, assisted by Naperville Astronomical Society

All activities start at 6 p.m.; the Museum's open until 8 p.m.
Visit the Web site for more details.

Spring Break Mini-Camp! FOR AGES 7-10

Kids Design Engineering

Registration deadline: Wed., Mar. 24

Learn about pneumatic power and use some cool tools as you design and build your own project that will move across land, water or air under the power of a balloon.

Cost: \$90 members/ \$100 nonmembers

Code	Date	Time
SPMC-110	Mon. & Tues./Mar. 29 & 30	9:00-1:00
SPMC-210	Wed. & Thurs./Mar. 31 & Apr. 1	9:00-1:00

Children do not need an adult partner to participate.
Pre-registration & pre-payment are required; enrollment is limited.
Call 630-637-8000 ext. 0 for more info. or to reserve a spot.

TOP GREAT Performances

Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to Noon
FREE to Members or with Museum admission!

- Feb. 6 **DuPage Symphony Orchestra – Brass Quintet**
- Feb. 20 **Carlyn Lloyd & Jon Warfel – Flute & Piano**

Discover the magic of live performance!



Preschool Summer Camps



Eight different week-long sessions!
Monday through Friday, 9:00 - 11:30 am

- Maximum class size – 20
- Teacher to student ratio – 1:5

Members \$159/ Nonmembers \$189 - per weekly session

Register by Monday, March 22 – TAKE 25% OFF! Payment Plan Available!



For 3-5-year-olds*

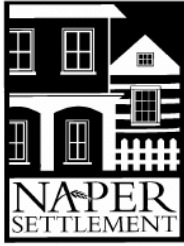
*Must be 3 by May 1, 2010; all camps must be toilet trained.

Call 630-637-8000 ext. 0 or register on-line.

Cancellation 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.

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

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A Historic Museum Village

News from Naper Settlement

www.napersettlement.museum

523 South Webster Street

Naperville, Illinois 60540

(630) 420-6010

(630) 305-5255-fax

History Speaks Lecture Series – The Underground Railroad

The audience participates by taking on the roles of 1856 scholars in this original program, The Underground Railroad, to be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at Naper Settlement, part of the History Speaks Lecture Series. Walking from building to building, participants meet townspeople, who offer many different perspectives about the issues of the day. (Dress for the outdoors; standing required.) For ages 12 to adult, tickets are \$12 per person, \$10 for students and Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining members. Reservations required; call (630) 420-6010.

Winter Season at Naper Settlement

Naper Settlement's Winter Season runs through March 31. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission is \$5.25 for adults, \$4.75 for seniors 62+ and \$4 for youth 4-17, which includes Visitor Center exhibits, self-guided village audio tour and village exteriors only. The Museum Store is open for shopping during regular museum hours with or without admission to Naper Settlement. For more information about Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville, visit www.napersettlement.museum or call (630) 420-6010.

***The NAHC is looking forward to interacting with our members on
Thursday evening, February 18th, at 7:30PM in the Community Room at
the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center***

***Come a few minutes early for a cup of coffee and a chance to network with
your neighbors!!!!***

Keep an eye on www.napervillehomeowners.com

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

The next newsletter will be on or about March 1st

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