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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

I hope, as you read this column, your day is better than you ever expected. As I write this, my day is better for many great reasons including the honor and respect mutually exchanged between State Representative Darlene Senger and the NAHC membership filling the seats at January’s General Meeting. Darlene was joined by House Republican Staff Attorney Derek Persico and Lee Ann Goodson from Representative Tom Cross’s office. Mike Connelly had planned to join us as well, but was attending a funeral.

At the meeting, we were told of the essential role our City plays in the Springfield legislative process. Our Representatives take our concerns and problem solving examples, and share these with their colleagues. The NAHC membership appreciates the dedication of our Springfield voices. We know they are sincere when telling us their offices are always open and welcome us to visit or phone.

The following Monday, I was able to attend Mayor Pradel’s State of the City speech. It was good to hear the Mayor praise our fellow neighbors’ core values that make our City a great place to live and raise a family. As NAHC President, I was pleased, when the Mayor listed his top 10 reasons for Naperville being a World Class City, his fourth was citizens who give back to their community. He specifically pointed out “People have their best say by becoming part of the NAHC.” Sincere thanks to Mayor Pradel for thinking of us and his appreciation of our Motto “Neighbor to Neighbor”.

Continuing on with our community involvement, remember the upcoming City Council and Mayoral Election Forums on February 23rd and 24th starting at 7 PM and 7:30 PM, respectively. Please attend!

So now you can understand why I’m pumped after such positive Government interactions, and I wish the same great feelings to you. Finally, I’d like to quote Mayor Pradel’s speech, “God bless you! God bless America! And God Bless Naperville!”

Dr Bob Buckman
President, NAHC
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Upcoming Confederation Meetings

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation's next general membership meeting will be February 19th, 2011, in lower level meeting rooms B&C of the Naperville Municipal Center. We will have coffee and networking beginning at 8 and the formal meeting kicking off at 8:30. Our goal is to complete the meeting by 10 o'clock so everyone can get on with their day.

We invited Naperville Finance Director Karen DeAngelis to join us this month and provide an update on Naperville's City Budget for fiscal year 2012. While there has been some good news lately on the revenue side, Council's directions to hold the line on property taxes coupled with less income from new developments and the pension elephant hiding in the corner continues to make a balanced budget a work in process.

Looking ahead, our tentative meeting schedule through the Spring of 2011 includes:

March: "How to" on landscaping

April: City Council on the dais.

May: NAHC Annual meeting & elections

The schedule above is the vision of the Board, but our meetings are for our members. We welcome your suggestions. Please email your thoughts and ideas for meeting topics and focus to us at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com.

Zoning and Land Use Update



This report from the Confederation Zoning & Land Use Committee includes development and land use projects discussed at monthly NAHC meetings with City Staff, of interest to Naperville area residents, and/or under consideration by Plan Commission and Council. It also includes information obtained from other sources.

Change in Boards and work efforts:

Plan Commission - Zoning Board of Appeals: Planned to take effect in May 2011, the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals), will be dissolved and the Plan Commission will take over its duties. It is expected that Plan will remain a nine member board with the possibility of a ZBA member moving over to fill the one Plan Commission seat that is currently vacant, and possibly replace some current Plan members when their term expires. Staff indicates that the change is expected to save \$17,000 annually.

There are a number of concerns that have been voiced regarding the change. ZBA spends the majority of its time evaluating signage variance requests. If Plan Commission members are to take this over, there will need to be extensive training in order for them to be able to properly evaluate such requests. Additionally, there is the time issue: can all petitioners' requests receive the time they deserve with a combined board, without having the kind of marathon meetings that is typical of City Council? Lastly, comments have been made that the planning discipline of Plan Commission does not fit all that well with the regulatory discipline of the ZBA. Stay tuned.

TED Long Range Planning: The Transportation Engineering and Development Dept has indicated they have cut their long range planning initiatives by 50%. Some of the ramifications are:

- Eliminating new studies and major zoning amendments, including the Tollway Corridor Study, Mill & Bauer Small Area Study, Mixed Use Text Amendment (resulting from the 5th Avenue Study), and Single-Family Residential Tree Preservation Requirements.
- Focusing on the implementation of action items resulting from recently adopted plans, namely Naperville Downtown2030, Attainable Housing, Greener Business Program, and Downtown Restaurant/Bar Mix.

- Evaluate "quick fixes", such as the creation of a height overlay in the zoning ordinance, which can be used to achieve the most critical recommendations of the 5th Avenue Study without undertaking the Mixed Use Text Amendment.
- Evaluate development requests on a case-by-case basis using information available at the time of submittal.

Of significance is the decision to not go forward with a "Mixed Use" zoning classification, and instead rely on existing ordinances. The likely outcome of this is developers interested in building Mixed Use projects in the Downtown area will submit as a PUD (Planned Unit Development) where each proposal is judged on its own merits, case by case. However, there will not be any clearly defined parameters of what characteristics Naperville considers a Mixed Use development should embody for Plan Commissioners or City Council members to compare a proposal to.

There is a desire to revise the TU zoning classification as there is agreement that it has not worked as intended. Revising it will occur in 2012 at the earliest. There are no current plans to revise the OCI zoning ordinance.

New Proposals:

New Multi-tenant Retail Building: A 10,000 square foot multi-tenant retail center proposed for the vacant lot located immediately south of the Jewel Express Gas Station at 95th Street and Route 59 received approval at the Jan 19th 2011 Plan Commission meeting with a variance to allow parking 3' into the setback. It is expected to be in front of Council sometime in March. Tenant's will include 5 Guy's, Chipotle and a Cellular provider.

Primrose School: Will be before the Plan Commission in Feb-March to construct a day-care pre-school south of the Theater at Naperville Crossing on Rt 59.

Gordmans: is moving into the space formerly occupied by Cub Foods at 59 and Aurora. Who are they? Check out <http://www.gordmans.com>

Washington Street Post Office: From a [Naperville Sun](#) article: Naperville Bank and Trust announced that it is under contract to purchase the more than 70-year-old building at 5 S. Washington St. As part of the plan, the Postal Service would lease back 2,000 square feet of the building and continue to provide service at the site. Bank officials said the process of getting permits and approval for the project from the city of Naperville has already begun.

According to bank leaders, the historic façade and interior of the post office building would remain intact. The facility would include a full-service bank, with a 24-hour ATM.

<http://napervillesun.suntimes.com/news/3391377-420/naperville-bank-building-office-post.html>

Ongoing Proposals:

Dick's Sporting Goods: Received approval from City Council on Jan 18th for a new 50,000 square foot building is proposed to be constructed on the west side of Springbrook Prairie Pavilion (Center at 75th Street and Route 59, near Whole Foods). Site-work is expected to start soon.

Studies and Initiatives:

Naperville Downtown2030 plan: Residents have until Feb 14th to offer comments on the plan. On December 9th, DAC approved a final recommendation on Draft of *Naperville Downtown2030* (incorporating feedback received from DAC, PC, HPC, Advisory Commission on Disabilities, and CC. The draft is now posted on the city's webpage at: <http://www.naperville.il.us/napervilledowntown2030.aspx>



City Council review is anticipated in March 2011.

District 203 & Your Tax Bill

Here are a few comments on property taxes for D203 taxpayer's and the impact various TIF's may have. Questions should be directed to District 203, not the Confederation.

SD203, like other state school districts, tax increases are governed by PETL, better known as the Tax Cap law. This limits operating levy increases to the increase in the Consumer Price Index or 5%, whichever is less. For the 2010 tax levy the limiting CPI is 2.7%. The District cannot increase your property tax bill more than 2.7% (in aggregate). Additionally, by voting to approve the facilities referendum SD203 taxpayers authorized the District to increase our taxes to pay off \$43M in bonds. The Debt Service Levy to pay off those bonds is approx \$3M annually.

For the 2010 levy two possible abatements are being proposed, a \$440,000 abatement due to the Navistar TIF and an abatement of the remainder of the Debt Service Levy.



Navistar TIF:

The reduction to the Debt Service Levy in the amount of \$440,000 would be a voluntary action on the part of the School Board. There is a recommendation to take this action predicated upon the Village of Lisle finalizing a Bond Abatement ordinance based on the Redevelopment Agreement entered into by Navistar and the Village of Lisle that agrees to distribute a portion of the TIF proceeds each year to the underlying taxing bodies.

The District will have to pass an Abatement Ordinance each year to keep abating this amount. It is logical to do this as long as the TIF distribution is made. The Debt Service Levy will expire when the \$43 million bonds are paid off with the 2027 tax levy. Assuming the TIF distribution continues to be made, we could see this potential abatement through 2027.

The rationale for using the Debt Service Levy (DSL) to abate this \$440K is it allows the District to reduce current taxes without impeding future tax levies. If the District reduced the Operating Levy by the \$440K, that would play into the Tax Cap formula for all future years – including any year that there might not be a distribution from the TIF and all the years beyond the TIF dissolution. While it is unlikely that there would not be a distribution from the TIF, it is possible.

Debt Service Levy:

There is also a proposal to abate the remaining Debt Service Levy for 2010, roughly \$2.6 million. We suspect this will not be decided until March when the Board has to approve the final Levy. The hope is that by then there will be some clarity on State funding for the District, although it is anybody's guess how Illinois will resolve its education funding issue. Our recollection is that the current 203 projection is based on a 30% reduction in funding. If 203 get's something close to that from the State, they could abate the remaining DSL.

The bottom line is SD203 can, under the Tax Cap law, increase their operating Levy by 2.7% and keep the Debt Service Levy intact. This means property tax bills will increase 2.7%. If both abatements are approved, and the Board of Education decides the DSL should be abated in its entirety, the result could instead be just a 1.1% increase. Of course, if SD203 abates based on promised State funds, they could be the only school district in Illinois choosing to follow this course of action.

There is also the expiring Cantera TIF which will bring additional funds to the District. Initially, 203 targeted those funds to pay off Tax Anticipation Bonds that were to be used to fund part of the facilities effort. The District has now chosen to fund that \$36M amount from operating funds, which will save on interest costs. As such, Cantera TIF money is now planned to maintain the operating fund account.

Bottom line – SD 203's portion of our Real Estate Tax bills will definitely increase, the final amount is yet to be determined by the District 203 Board of Education.

Recycle Your No Longer Functioning Holiday Lights



Was this season's snowy cold more than your outside holiday light strands could handle? Are you left with bundles that only half light, or, worse yet, tangled balls of bulbs and wire that will never again light up a December night? Naperville residents can bring their used holiday lights to the Department of Public Works Recycling Drop-Off Center, located at 180 Fort Hill Drive. Here, residents may discard lights that no longer work during normal hours of operation on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 15, 2011.

Accepted lights include all colors and lengths of:

- mini-lights (Italian lights)
- C7
- C9
- rope
- LED
- extension cords



For more information on the Recycling Drop-Off Center, visit www.naperville.il.us/recyclecenter.aspx.

Confederation Schedules 2011 Candidate Forums

Once again this year the NAHC, as part of our mission to provide a medium for homeowner concerns and interests is proud to announce the schedule for our Spring General Election Candidate Forums.

Continuing this award winning voter education series, formal invitations are in the process of being sent to all recognized candidates and the following dates and times have been set:

- 2/23 - City Council (7 PM)
- 2/24 - Mayor (7:30 PM)
- 3/14 – SD 204 (7:30 PM)
- 3/21 – Naperville Park District (7:30 PM)
- 3/24 - SD 203 (7:30 PM)

**The Waubonsie Valley High
School Band Boosters 6th Annual
Craft Fair & Vendor Showcase**

DATE: Saturday, March 19, 2011
TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Waubonsie Valley HS
Ogden & Eola Rds., Aurora
VENDORS CONTACT: Tracy Swineford
wvbandmom@comcast.net

Admission: \$2 Adults; \$1 Students; Free Under 5

All Forums will be held in the City Council Chambers of the Naperville Municipal Center and will be broadcast live on WCNC (Channel 6 (WOW) Channel 10 (Comcast) and Channel 99 (AT&T)). Rebroadcasts, running up to Election Day on April 5th, will be scheduled on NCTV17.

We will continue with our tried and true format of opening with candidate statements, followed by the answers to two questions pre-submitted by the Confederation. Following these questions, our moderator, Barb Dwyer, will pose questions submitted from members of the audience and vetted by our "questions committee." At the end of the

Forum candidates will be allowed a closing statement, clarifying earlier issues, or summarizing their stands. To allow adequate time for all candidates, strict time limits are imposed throughout the event.

If you are interested in helping out with the Forums, as a greeter or with the questions pre-submitted or screened during the forum, please contact us at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com.

January Meeting Recap

As Doctor Bob mentioned in his opening letter, our January meeting featured our State Representatives giving us a preview of the upcoming 97th General Assembly. In the audience we had homeowners, government officials (including councilmen, a school board member, and Forest Preserve Commissioner), and candidates. The ability to put this group together on a Saturday morning to discuss the good of the community is what our organization is all about!

On the Board front, we regretfully announced the resignation of Associate Director Mike Reilly (seems he is busy with Park District and other things), and welcomed new Associate Director Erskine Klyce.

Also discussed were the NAHC Liaison Committees. We are looking for NAHC members willing to become our eyes and ears for various local groups. Current committees (and Board chairs) include:

1. ACTHA/CAI: Allen Panek
2. Arboretum (SLRCA): John Mesarchik
3. State Government: Allen Panek
4. Will County: Gary Vician
5. DuPage County: Steve Grosskopf, Gary Vician
6. SD 203: Kathy Benson
7. SD 204: Gary Vician
8. Transportation: Kathy Benson
9. Zoning and Land Use: Thom Higgins
10. Water/Stormwater/Wastewater: Allen Panek and Erskine Klyce
11. Park District: John Mesarchik
12. Township: Gary Vician
13. Chamber: Dr Bob Buckman

If you would like to become involved in one of these liaison committees – or suggest some other committee not currently listed, please let us know at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com

Everyday Parenting

“It is easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities.”

*Josiah Charles Stamp,
English economist*


Raising Responsible Kids

You want your child to clean her room, but it's a disaster. You ask your child to put his clothes into the hamper, but instead they're strewn all over his room. How can you get your child to take responsibility when he or she refuses to accept it?

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

- Know that teaching kids responsibility takes a long time. Don't expect sudden miracles. Continue to talk and teach about responsibility as your child grows.
- Make sure your child feels the consequences of not taking responsibility (instead of you feeling the consequences). For example, if your child refuses to place his clothes in the hamper to be washed, leave them on the floor of his room. Don't wash the clothes. When your child panics about not having clean clothes, show him the way to the washer and dryer.
- Resist the temptation to rescue your kids when they suffer the consequences of not taking responsibility. If your teenager calls from the library in the middle of winter wanting a ride home because she's cold and she didn't wear a coat, empathize with her situation, but don't bail her out (unless it could be a life threatening situation).
- Talk less. Kids often refuse to take responsibility because they know their parents will keep reminding them to do so. Be clear that you'll give ONE reminder, and then it's up to them.
- Lead by example. Remember that lessons in responsibility always start with you! If your child hears you saying one thing and then doing the opposite, your kids will be more likely to follow your example rather than follow your command.

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



www.KidsMatter2us.org

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Parkway Temporary Signs

Earlier this year, as part of their normal duties, Naperville Code Enforcement pulled a sign out of the right of way (effectively the parkway area between the sidewalk and street) advertising a homeowners' association meeting. According to City Staff, code officers and inspectors annually pull around 6,000 illegal signs in the right-of-way in their normal course of traveling through the city..



The NAHC and Councilman Doug Krause spoke with City staff and we were advised that City Code does not allow anyone to put signs in the right-of-way, and exempting one user (such as an HOA publicizing an event or a meeting) from that ordinance is not possible.

The only solution is for residents to put their signs (such as those advertising homeowners' association meetings or garage sales) on private property. As guidance, signs should be placed behind the sidewalk or at least ten feet behind the edge of pavement if there is no sidewalk.

With the election season upon us, it is understandable why it is important to keep clutter off of our parkways – and the NAHC, while disagreeing with the need to remove HOA communications, hopes that enforcement will continue to be fair and equitable to all.

NAHC Briefs – News You Can Use!

In a sure sign of Spring, Master Gardeners will again be in the office at the University of Illinois Extension/DuPage to take your calls beginning February 1. During the months of February and March, they will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. In April the hours the Master Gardeners are available will increase, and those will be listed on their website - <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/dupage/>.

On a less positive note, due to financial constraints the DuPage County office will be closed on Fridays beginning on March 1, 2011. Office hours will be reduced Mondays through Thursdays. The new office hours will be posted on the website on February 14.



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Mayor A. George Pradel and the Naperville Sister Cities Commission are proud to announce a call for entries for the Young Artists Showcase competition.

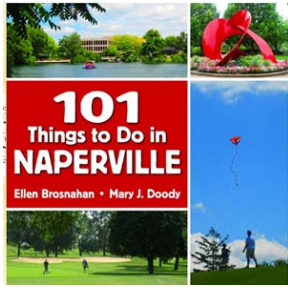
This year's contest theme is "Shaping Your Community for a Greener Future." Entrants are asked to use recycled material or other two-dimensional media to illustrate the ways they, their community, or their community's Sister City are working to protect the local environment. The Young Artists Showcase is open to Naperville residents as well as Naperville Community Unit School District 203 and Indian Prairie School District 204 students between 13 and 18 years of age by April 30, 2011. The deadline for entries is Friday, March 18, 2011. All completed artwork and entry paperwork should be brought to the Mayor's Office at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St. Full contest details are available at www.sister-cities.org. For more information on the Sister Cities Commission, visit www.naperville.il.us/sistercities.aspx.

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The community is invited to attend the Adult Service Provider Resource Fair on February 2 at 7 pm at Waubonsie Valley High School. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with agencies, providers, and organizations from DuPage, Will, Kane, and Kendall counties that offer services for individuals with disabilities. Information will be available on independent living, health/medical needs, transportation, employment, advocacy and more.

For more information, http://www.ipsd.org/Uploads/news_33797_1.pdf

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Naperville's residents and visitors alike will find plenty of ideas in Naper Books' newly published book, *101 Things to Do in Naperville*, written by Ellen Brosnahan and Mary J. Doody. The book is a quick, easy-to-read reference for a variety of options, including cultural events, family-friendly activities, sports and hobbies to pursue, for every taste and age group.

101 Things to Do in Naperville, priced at \$12.95, is written in a lively, light-hearted style and has been thoroughly researched by the authors, two longtime residents of Naperville. Entries include web addresses that readers can access for further information on the featured activities.

Retailers and individuals may purchase books through the website (www.naperbooks.com), email (naperbooks@hotmail.com), or Facebook (*101 Things to Do in Naperville*).

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Each year the community generously supports the Rotary Club of Naperville by participating in or sponsoring Soups On!, the House of Dreams raffle, and other fund-raising projects. And, each year, the Rotary Club of Naperville gives back to the community by providing Community Service Grants to selected, local, not-for-profit agencies. Because of the depth of need in our community due to the economy, the Rotary Club is focusing is on basic humanitarian needs in our community.

Applications for Community Service Grants are currently being accepted through February 15th. Criteria to be considered for each grant include:

- Funds are awarded for humanitarian programs. Unlike in past years, they will not be awarded for facility enhancements or capital improvement programs.
- All applicants must be a 501(c)3 organization with all supporting paperwork available for review by the committee.
- Awards are made for the current year only.
- Distributions must benefit Naperville and the surrounding area.
- No awards are made to foundations or other endowment funds which retain the monies.
- No distributions are made to individuals, political groups or political activities or to Rotarians and their families.
- Distributed Rotary funds must have a measurable impact on the individuals, projects and needs supported by the requesting organization and the community.



Last year, the Rotary Club of Naperville gave more than \$70,000 in Community Service Grants to local organizations. To obtain a grant application, visit www.napervillerotary.com <<http://www.napervillerotary.com>> . Under the heading "Grants and Scholarships," click on "Apply for a grant" and download the form. Instructions on where to return the application are included on the form. For more information, contact Rotarian Ron Czalbowski 630-740-6365.

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During the 24th annual Eating Disorders Awareness Week (EDAW), Feb. 20-26, The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD) will be advocating for the millions of people affected by eating disorders. Awareness Week is a time to educate about the dangers of eating disorders.

Estimates are that around ten million women and at least 1 million men struggle with eating disorders in the U.S. Since 1976, ANAD's mission has been prevention, education and advocacy for all affected by eating disorders. During EDAW, they are calling attention to the **Eating Disorders Awareness Act of 2011**, recently proposed by *Rep. Judy Biggert (IL)*, which calls for providing "States, school districts, and parents with the means and flexibility to improve awareness, identify, and help students with eating disorders." <http://www.anad.org/news/eating-disorder-legislation-introduced/>.



Along with ANAD's school programs, they provide public education events. ANAD board member Maria Rago, PhD, author of *Shut Up Skinny Bitches!* will be speaking at Linden Oaks Hospital in Naperville at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 2011.

ANAD, located in Naperville, IL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention and alleviation of eating disorders since 1976. For more information contact Shelly.Schmitz@anad.org

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The Conservation Foundation will hold its Winter Membership and Awards Luncheon on Thursday, February 17, 2011, 6:00- 8:30 p.m. at Arrowhead Golf Club, Wheaton.



Dr. Gerard Donnelly, President and CEO of The Morton Arboretum, will deliver a presentation entitled "Trees and Natural Lands in a Changing Climate." As the numerous discussions continue on climate change and its impact on our environment, what we do know is that our natural landscape will likely be different in the future. Dr. Donnelly's presentation will focus on climate change and its implications for trees, woodlands, and natural lands management.

The Conservation Foundation will present Sustainable Development Awards and the Paul Butler Memorial Award for outstanding volunteers at the dinner.

Cost to attend this Membership & Awards Dinner is \$40/person for Members of The Conservation Foundation and \$55/person for Non-Members (includes a one-year complimentary membership). Businesses and organizations may also purchase tables of eight for \$250/Member Organization and \$375/Non-Member Organization (includes a one-year complimentary organizational membership). To view the event brochure and full agenda, visit www.theconservationfoundation.org. For more information or to register, call 630-428-4500, Ext. 10 or email:

cthompson@theconservationfoundation.org.

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The Naperville North Booster Club will host its 11th annual **Seniors on Parade** fashion show fundraiser on Sunday, February 27, 2011 starting at 11 AM at Bobak's Signature Room in Woodridge.

This year's event theme is **Sizzling Seniors** and will feature hot fashions from a variety of local independent retailers as well as national chains with outlets in our community. Over 100 models, all members of the Class of 2011, will represent their extra-curricular teams and clubs.

Doors will open at 11 AM for raffle prize viewing and a performance by the award winning Naperville North Jazz Band. Lunch begins at 12:15 PM, followed by the fashion show at 1:30 PM. Early bird tickets are available through Feb. 1 for \$35/person and \$20 for NNHS students and children under 12. Ticket prices will go up after 2/1/2011. Attendees may reserve a table for 8 – 12 people.

All proceeds go directly to the NNHS Booster Club so they can continue to financially support all Huskies involved in athletic teams, activities and clubs. To download a ticket order form, visit: http://www.nnhsboosters.org/uploads/2011Fashion_Show_Ticket_Form.pdf. For more information about this event, contact Anna Fattore, Event Chair, at afattore@aol.com or call 630-961-0922.



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Naperville is now accepting applications online at www.naperville.il.us/sidewalkreplacement.aspx for the 2012 Sidewalk Replacement Program. The application deadline for the program is October 31, 2011.



The City of Naperville's Sidewalk Replacement Program provides residents with an affordable way to keep sidewalks safe and neighborhoods beautiful. As part of the program, the City of Naperville repairs and replaces sidewalks on a cost-sharing basis. For residential sidewalks, the city pays 60 percent and the resident pays 40 percent. For non-residential sidewalks, the cost is split equally (50

percent) between the city and property owner. For more information on the Sidewalk Replacement Program, visit the city's website at www.naperville.il.us/sidewalkreplacement.aspx.

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Effective Monday, January 17, 2011, the Naperville City Clerk's office will be open for business from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. These times replace the previous hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please note that the City Clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, March 14 through Thursday, March 31 to accommodate early voting for the 2011 Consolidated Election. For more information on the City Clerk's office, visit www.naperville.il.us/cityclerk.aspx.

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The Naperville Municipal Band is now accepting application letters for ice cream social sponsors for the summer band concerts in Central Park. Concerts are held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays from June 9 through Aug. 11. Any not-for-profit organization serving the Naperville community is eligible to apply.

The applicant's letter should include the organization's name, a brief explanation of its purpose, in addition to the name, address and telephone number of the organization's president or ice cream social chairperson. Application letters must be received by Monday, March 21, 2011, to be eligible for the lottery. Send the application letter to:

Ice Cream Social Chairman
Naperville Municipal Band
P.O. Box 474
Naperville, IL 60566

For more information, call (630) 778-9994 or e-mail info@napervilleband.org.

DuPage Symphony Orchestra – Upcoming Concerts in March



The DuPage Symphony (DSO) performs the first of two chamber concerts this season with a *Sonic Spectacular* program that features the DSO Brass Quintet and organist William P. Crosbie, Organist and Director of Music at Gary United Methodist Church. The concert will be Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 4 p.m. at Gary United Methodist Church, 224 North Main Street in Wheaton. Included in the program will be music of Bach, Handel and Gabrieli, along with Poulenc's compelling Concerto for Organ, Strings and Timpani.

Audience members will have the opportunity to meet Music Director Barbara Schubert and DSO musicians at an informal post-concert reception, sponsored by Belgio's Catering, after the performance. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the DSO Business Office at 630.778.1003. Ticket prices are as follows: Box Seats \$30, Adults \$18, Seniors \$14 and Students \$8. Tickets will also be available for sale at the door.

The DSO performs its fourth subscription concert of the 2010-2011 season on Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m. at Wentz Concert Hall, 171 East Chicago Avenue in Naperville. On the program is Samuel Barber's Overture to *The School for Scandal* and *Adagio for Strings*, along with the *Symphonic Dances* from *West Side Story* and Overture to *Candide*. The winner of the DSO's 2011 Young Artists Auditions will also be featured on this all-American program. Ticket prices are \$28 for adults, \$25 for seniors, and \$11 for students. Tickets may be purchased through the North Central College Box Office at (630) 637-7469(SHOW) or online at <http://tickets.noctrl.edu>. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

For additional information about the DSO please call (630) 778-1003 or visit the DSO website at www.dupagesymphony.org.



Empowering kids to realize endless possibilities!

Do you hire part-time or seasonal employees?

If your business is looking for high school or college age part-time employees then join us at the annual *KidsMatter Student Job Fair* on Wednesday, March 23 from 5-7:30 PM at Merner Field House on the campus of North Central College.

Why participate in this Job Fair:

It is an EASY and CONVENIENT way to recruit employees!

- As KidsMatter handles all the advertising and coordination of this event all you have to do, after registering, is show up at Merner Field House on March 23 by 4:30 PM to set up your table with company signage, job applications, company literature, business cards, and so on.
- Your hiring manager can talk with dozens of prospective employees in a short amount of time about the positions your company wants to staff and why students would want to work for you! In addition to obtaining employees, this is a great public relations opportunity for your business.

It is WELL ATTENDED!

- Last year, approximately 1500 young people attended this Fair!
- KidsMatter advertises this event throughout District 203 and District 204 high schools as well as Benet Academy and local colleges so the Fair attracts students from Aurora, Bolingbrook, Glen Ellyn, Lisle, Naperville, Plainfield, Wheaton and Woodridge.

It is ENDORSED by the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce!

The registration deadline is February 26, 2011. Registration forms can be completed and then mailed to the address provided on the form, faxed to 630.420.8284, or e-mailed to info@KidsMatter2us.org. Credit card payments are accepted. The registration fee is \$100. If you have any questions, please contact: IdaLynn Wenhold, Executive Director at IdaLynn@KidsMatter2us.org or at 630.527.6562.

"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

Parent Mentor Program

Offered by Project H.E.L.P. (Healthy Environment for Little People)

Free Program for Families in DuPage County



What is the Parent Mentor Program?

The Parent Mentor Program is designed to empower parents with skills for successful parenting. The program provides weekly home visitation services to families who need practical solutions for parenting and managing family life.



Who is Eligible?

- Families with at least one child under 12 years of age
- Families who live in DuPage County



How can Mentoring Services Assist You?

- Strengthen parenting skills
- Increase understanding of child development
- Identify and access available community resources
 - Improve family communication
 - Develop skills for managing stress
 - Develop supportive social networks

Contact our Program Director, 630.357.5683 or email rrogers@projecthelpdupage.org for more information.



Project H.E.L.P. is also looking for volunteers to help them deliver these services. Contact them to find out how you, or your Association, can lend a hand!!!

Upcoming Webinars*:

February 9th. “The Five Strategic Steps to Self-Management”. Noon – 1 p.m. The presenters will be Angela Falzone & Shirley Feldmann of Association Advocates. This webinar will discuss how to comply with State law & governing documents, what the Board's roles & responsibilities should be, and the proactive steps a Board can take to protect the Association.

Webinars **REQUIRE** pre-registration 24 hours before the start of the program. The cost is \$20 for ACTHA members and \$50 for non-members. To register, visit www.actha.org, call 312-987-1906 or email kevin@actha.org

Upcoming Seminars:

****Wed., February 2nd: "Meetings/Elections of an Association"**, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Acres Group, 23940 W. Anrews St. in Plainfield. Presenter: David Bendoff of Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit

What You'll Learn: Elections, Owner Meetings, Open Meetings Act, Committees

****Wed., February 9th: "Meetings/Elections of an Association"**, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Oak Park Village Hall, 123 Madison St. in Oak Park. Presenter: David Bendoff of Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit

What You'll Learn: Elections, Owner Meetings, Open Meetings Ace, Committees

****Wed., February 16th: "Financial Aspects of an Association"**, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Acres Group, 23940W. Andrews St. in Plainfield. Presenter: Mark Cantey of Mark Cantey & Associates

What You'll Learn: Understanding Financial Documents and Statements, Audits, Taxes, Budgeting

****Wed., February 23rd: "Financial Aspects of an Association"**, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Oak Park Village Hall, 123 Madison St. in Oak Park. Presenter: Mark Cantey of Mark Cantey & Associates

What You'll Learn: Understanding Financial Documents and Statements, Audits, Taxes, Budgeting

** These programs are part of ACTHA's Certification Program: Learn and Lead. If interested in Certification the cost is \$ 100 for all six courses if an ACTHA member or \$ 150 for non-members. If not pursuing Certification, seminars are free for ACTHA members; \$ 20 per person for non-members. To register, visit www.actha.org, call 312-987-1906 or email kevin@actha.org

Arboretum Activities



Chocolate pours into the Arboretum with “Celebrating Chocolate” this February!

How sweet it is! The “**Chocolate Expo**” features local vendors who will present a variety of delectable treats and chocolate-based products that you’ve likely never seen before. Meet local chocolatiers who will introduce you to delicious and exotic chocolate treats. Sample chocolate as you decide on sweet purchases for all of your valentines. All ages. Visitor Center. February 5-6: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Make your own truffles! “Truffle Making Workshop” teaches how to design classic hand-rolled truffles. Working in groups of four to five, participants will design, melt, chill, scoop, and roll truffles. Each attendee will leave with tasty truffle samples! Cost: \$25 (discounts for Arboretum members). Class size is limited. Advance registration, which is required, begins January 17, at

www.mortonarb.org/chocolate or 630-725-2066. Ages 16 and older. Thornhill Education Center. February 12: Sessions at 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 p.m.

Chocolate for Brunch! Enjoy a “Valentine’s Day Brunch” featuring chocolate accents throughout the whole meal. Listen to live music while sipping champagne and enjoying the flavors of chocolate. Tickets: \$30-\$42 plus tax and fees (discounts for Arboretum members), are available starting January 17. Children under 2 are free. Visit www.mortonarb.org/chocolate or call 630-725-2066 to book. All ages. The Ginkgo Room. February 13: Seatings at 9:30 a.m., noon, and 2:30 p.m.

Pizza and Chocolate! Spend a fun afternoon with your child learning about chocolate with “**Kid’s Chocolate Pizza Making Party.**” Kids will get to create a chocolate pizza with a variety of candy toppings, and decorate pretzel twists and marshmallows. Each little candy maker takes home over one pound of chocolate items in a tote symbolizing that they are “Chocolatiers!” Cost: \$15 (discounts for Arboretum members). Advance registration, which is required, begins January 17 at www.mortonarb.org/chocolate or 630-725-2066. Ages 4 and older, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Chestnut Room. February 20: Sessions at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 p.m.

The perfect couple! “**Bring Out the Best in Each Other: Beer and Chocolate Tasting**” pairs artisan beers from Two Brother’s Brewing Company of Warrenville with chocolate delicacies from Graham’s Fine Chocolates and Ice Cream of Geneva. Also, sample microbrews paired-up with chili in a chocolate-infused sauce, a savory chocolate panini, and baby field greens dressed with a piquant chocolate balsamic vinaigrette. Cost: \$30 (discounts for Arboretum members). Advance registration, which is required, begins January 17 at www.mortonarb.org/chocolate or 630-725-2066. Ages 21 and older. The Ginkgo Restaurant. February 27: 3 – 5 p.m.

Chocolate from trees! The “**Chocolate Exhibit**” highlights the growing, harvesting, and production process of chocolate and its relationship to trees. Learn from this small display the rich natural and cultural history of one of the world’s favorite treats. All ages. Visitor Center. Daily in February: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

OTHER FEBRUARY EVENTS.....

All that jazz! Inventive arrangements of jazz classics take the stage with the next installment of “**Chamber Concerts.**” The Elmhurst Symphony Strings, a nine-piece ensemble, brings energetic works by great American composers, highlighting George Gershwin and Duke Ellington. Afterwards, mingle with the artists in the beautiful original library of Joy Morton. Cost: \$28 (discounts for Arboretum members). All ages, Thornhill Education Center. February 6: 2:15 – 4:15 p.m.

Take a stroll through new areas of the Arboretum! Snowshoes and cross-country skis allow visitors to explore paths only open in the winter months. Bring your own or rent a pair of ours to explore quiet stillness of nature. **Snowshoe rental** is \$8 for up to three hours, limited quantities. Snowshoes are rented only when there is at least four inches of snow on the ground. Visitors may also bring their own cross-country skis. All ages. As weather permits; rentals at Visitor Center from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

See live birds of prey up close in “**Meet the Raptors!**” Also, learn to identify raptor calls and which birds live in the Chicagoland area while touching raptor talons, skulls and feathers. Cost: \$16 (discounts for Arboretum members). Register via Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. All ages. Thornhill Education Center. February 21: 10 a.m. – noon

Mother-daughter memories made at the “**Just the Girls Snowshoeing Overnight!**” Girls and the special women in their life spend a fun evening hiking in snowshoes, looking at winter’s icy, cool wonders under a microscope and warming up by the campfire with cocoa and s’mores. In the morning, another short snowshoeing trek. Cost: \$50 per person (discounts for Arboretum members). Register via Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. Thornhill Education Outpost. February 12-13 (ages 4-6); February 19-20 (ages 7-11): 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Make your garden adaptable! Spend the afternoon with Jerry Milewski, Landscape Architect from American Gardens, learning about landscaping ideas for a changing climate with “**Eco-Friendly Gardening Workshops.**” Themes change each month. Costs \$59 (discounts for Arboretum

members). Register via Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. All ages. Thornhill Education Center. February 25: 1 - 5 p.m.

Take the whole family on a birding adventure! **“Bird Watchers’ Family Adventure”** shows how to identify the colors and calls of songbirds that live in this area over winter. Families will then learn how to attract these birds and make a birdfeeder to take home. Cost: \$16 (discounts for Arboretum members). Register via Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. All ages. Thornhill Education Center. February 12: 10 a.m. – noon

Why are hummingbirds never before seen in Illinois appearing in your backyard? Find the answers, and more, in **“Breaking the Rules: The Secret World of Hummingbirds.”** Noted birding expert Denis Kania shares photographs and stories of hummingbirds from around the world. Cost: \$18 (discounts for Arboretum members). Register via Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. Adults. Thornhill Education Center. February 24: 7 – 9 p.m.

Glaciers in Illinois? Find out about the formation of steep rock bluffs in the prairie landscapes of Northern Illinois. Learn from Columbia College professor David Dolak about the patterns and features the ancient ice formations left behind in **“Glaciers in Your Backyard.”** Cost: \$82 (discounts for Arboretum members). Register via Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. Ages 12 and older. Thornhill Education Center. February 5: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Walk through the grounds and your imagination! **“Arbor Reading Adventures”** entertains children with a nature-themed story and craft. Afterwards, they head out on the grounds for an energizing hike! Themes change each week. Costs \$5 (discounts for Arboretum members) and regular gatehouse admission applies. Suggested for ages 3-5; adults must accompany children. Sterling Morton Library. Fridays through March: 11 – 11:45 a.m.

Magical creatures hiding in a mystical garden! Fairies and gnomes have snuck into the **“Magical Winter Garden.”** Can you find all of them? Test your “I-Spy” skills with this fun outdoor activity. All ages, the Children’s Garden. Now – February 28: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (weather permitting)

Unless otherwise specified, all Arboretum destinations including the Children's Garden and Parking are free with Arboretum admission. For Program Registration, call 630-719-2468 or visit www.mortonarb.org. The 2011 Arboretum events rates are:

- \$11/adult, (\$7 on Wednesday), ages 18-64
- \$10/senior, (\$6 on Wednesday), ages 65 and over
- \$8/child (\$5 on Wednesday), ages 2-17, Under age 2 is free

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**Naperville Area Homeowners
Confederation**

Open until
4 pm Monday
Feb. 21

February 2011

Mon. 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.; Tues.–Thurs. 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Except Third Thursday of every month, open until 8:00 p.m.;
Fri. 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.;
Sun. Noon–5:00 p.m.
Hours subject to change; check website to plan your visit.



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Just for Grown Ups
Monday, Feb. 28 – 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Spring Break Mini-Camp, Kids Design Engineering, Two-day session!

FAMILY FUN FRIDAY NIGHTS!
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Chagall for children
Special Two-session Workshop

Reaching the Fullest Potential for Boys and Girls
A Talk by Lise Eliot, Ph.D. Author of *Pink Brain, Blue Brain*
• Is the "Mars/Venus" philosophy true for children too?
This event will be held at Washington Jr. High, 201 N. Washington.
Register early – on-line or by phone – and SAVE!
In advance: \$7 members; \$8 nonmembers – See website.
EDUCATORS: 1.5 CPDUs/CEUs are awarded with the completion of this presentation.

Sign up by Feb. 28 and SAVE \$10! FOR AGES 7-10
Mon. & Tues., Mar. 28 & 29 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Register by Feb. 28 - \$90 member; \$100 nonmember
Register Mar. 1 or after - \$100 members; \$110 nonmembers
On-line registration available – see website for details

February Friday Night Activities
Feb. 4 **Washington Jr. High, Alice in Wonderland**, 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 11 **Mad Scientist Night**, 5:00 p.m.
Feb. 18 **NCC Red Bike Performance Company, Little Red Riding Hood: A Lumberjack's Tale**, 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 25 **NCHS Theatre Central, Fairytale Friends to the Rescue** 6:00 p.m. *
*Encore Presentation Sunday, Feb. 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Paul Abella Jazz Trio - Jazz Music
Saturday, Feb. 5, 10:30 a.m. - Noon
Chicago Cossacks - Russian Folk Music
Saturday, Feb. 19, 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Dream and Play: Mark Chagall Special Two-Session Workshop FOR AGES 3-5
Session 1: Sat., Mar. 12 at DCM;
Session 2: Sat., Mar. 19 at The Art Institute of Chicago.
Fees: \$30 member/child partner, \$10 for each additional person;
\$45 nonmember/child partner, \$20 for each additional person.
(Fee includes admission; families provide their own transportation.)
Details on the website. Register today! Space is limited.

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

Visit www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org for a complete program schedule.
Keep up with our latest news! Like us at [facebook.com/DCMFanPage](https://www.facebook.com/DCMFanPage)

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Park District Updates



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

Naperville Park District to hold community playground meetings Feb. 1 and 2 -

Residents are invited to help select equipment for 4 playground renovations planned for 2011. There will be 2 meetings held in an open house format, allowing residents to attend at any time during the 2-hour time frame. The public is invited to attend. Parents are encouraged to bring their children. Naperville Park District staff will be on hand to answer questions.

The open house for **Springhill Greenway** and **Nike Park** playgrounds will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The open house for **Burr Oak Park** and **Queensbury Greens** playgrounds will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 2 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Both meetings will take place at the Naperville Park District Planning Building at 425 W. Jackson Ave.

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Volunteer tax preparers in the AARP Tax-Aide Program will provide free tax filing assistance to seniors and low- and middle-income persons at the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center beginning in February. Those interested in scheduling a 45-minute appointment for tax assistance may call the Naperville Park District at 630-848-3613. AARP membership is not required.

Individuals who register for tax assistance are asked to bring all necessary paperwork to their appointment, including the following:

- Last year's tax return and tax records
- Social security or Tax ID number for self, spouse, and dependents
- Checking account routing number for direct deposit information
- Income documents, including W-2, 1099, K-1, etc.
- Information about tax-deductible items, including dependents, interest, real estate tax bill, state tax bill, charitable donation receipts, etc.

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February is a great time to step back and review what was accomplished in 2010 and look ahead to the exciting developments the District has for the community in 2011. Therefore, the District will be presenting its first annual State of the Park District presentation.

The public is cordially invited to attend the event that will be held in Community Hall at the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center on Saturday, February 12. A light breakfast and networking will begin at 8:00 a.m. The formal presentation, which will be given by Park Board President Mike Reilly, will start at 8:30 a.m. To help plan for refreshments, the Park District asks those who wish to attend to RSVP via e-mail to rsvp@napervilleparks.org by Thursday, Feb. 10.

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The Illinois Park and Recreation Association has selected the Naperville Park District's Toadstools and Pollywogs preschool program as the winner of the 2010 Outstanding Program Award.

Toadstools and Pollywogs is one of the state's first nature-based preschools, with a mission to provide a traditional preschool curriculum incorporating outdoor play, nature exploration, and environmental practices, such as recycling and conservation. Now in its second year of operation, Toadstools and Pollywogs meets in the Wigwam building at Knoch Knolls Park, where children can play and explore acres of open space, including prairie, woodlands, and wetlands.

Over the course of the year the children learn good habits that promote sustainable living, such as recycling, bringing their own re-usable plates, cups, and spoons for snacks, and using both sides of each piece of paper when possible. These practices also carry over to the preschool families. For

example, teachers report that families often will take nature walks on the weekends, with the children leading the way. The preschool provides a magazine rack at the front door where parents and teachers can exchange magazines instead of just tossing them.

According to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, children spend an average of 6 hours a day in front of the computer or television and only 4 minutes a day in unstructured outdoor play. Toadstools & Pollywogs Preschool gives families support in moving toward a more active lifestyle, starting while children are young.

As a member of the FORWARD (Fighting Obesity Reaching Healthy Weight Among Residents of DuPage) Coalition, the Naperville Park District seeks to offer programs such as Toadstools and Pollywogs that can provide families with positive strategies for fighting childhood obesity.

Registration is currently in progress for Toadstools & Pollywogs Preschool and the District's Sunny Days Preschool for the 2011 school year.

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On January 3, 2011 the Naperville Park District welcomed Sue Stanish, CPA, as the District's new finance director. Stanish comes to the Park District from the Village of Willowbrook, where she served as director of finance for the past 12 years.

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2011 Season Reserved Tee Time Program

Create your own foursome and take advantage of the Season Reserved Tee Time (SRTT) program. Resident golfers are entered into a lottery for a change to reserve weekend tee times in this 22-week program from late April-September. Tee times are from 5:50 a.m.-11:26 a.m.

At Springbrook, 28 tee times will be available on both Saturday and Sunday and Naperbrook will have 15 tee times each day; there will be a limit of three available tee times per hour. The lottery will be held on **February 27** to determine those groups that can select a regular tee time at the course of their choice. Applications for the SRTT program can be picked up at Springbrook or Naperbrook; completed applications are due back to either course on **February 21** at 5:00 p.m.

Library News



For more information go to <http://www.naperville-lib.org>

Loan Periods Extended! - The request was loud and clear – extend Library loan periods! So the Naperville Public Library is extending loan periods starting Feb. 1.

The loan extension request was a finding of the recent Library Customer Satisfaction survey. Over 50% of respondents asked for an increase. Extending rentals of DVDs and Blu Ray discs was the area mentioned most often in the survey. DVD loan periods will now be seven days rather than three. Books, magazines, audiobooks, CDs, and downloadable eAudiobooks and eBooks may now be taken out for three weeks. DVD sets with three or more discs, multimedia kits and downloadable eMusic and eVideo, will be loaned for two weeks.

Welcome to Every Child Ready to Read® at the Naperville Public Library!

The Children's Services staff offers storytime programs for children of many ages to introduce them to the magic and wonder of books. Storytimes are developed through a multi-media approach incorporating books, flannel board presentations, music, fingerplays, and puppets. Staff strives to make your family's Library experience the best it can be and actively seeks ways to improve on what we offer. That is why the Library has adopted the Public Library Association's *Every Child Ready to*

Read® program to promote the development of the six early literacy skills that prepare children under six to be ready to learn to read.

Early literacy refers to everything your child knows about reading and writing before they can actually read or write. Children start learning at birth, and the latest research has shown that the skills to help children learn to read are acquired long before their first day of school. Our goal is to help you provide a language rich, verbally stimulating environment for your child. One where everyday sounds, letters, shapes, books, songs, and rhymes will help make the connections that are the basis for learning to read. You are your child's first and most important teacher and we want to encourage you to talk, sing, play, and read with your child in a positive and fun atmosphere. Early literacy is not about memorizing, flashcards, drills, or study, and it's not teaching your child to read. It is about interacting, talking and reading with your child daily – with fun as the most important ingredient.

You will notice Library staff leading storytimes referring to these “early literacy” or pre-reading skills:

- Letter Knowledge: Learning that each letter is distinct and that each letter has its own name and unique sound.
- Phonological Awareness: Being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words.
- Narrative Skills: Being able to describe things and events, being able to tell stories.
- Print Motivation: Being interested in, and enjoying, books.
- Vocabulary: Knowing the names of things.
- Print Awareness: Noticing print, knowing how to handle a book and knowing how to follow the words on a page.

Children's Services staff will suggest activities during storytimes to help you discover the many ways you can reinforce pre-reading skills with your young child.

We look forward to seeing you at the Library, enjoying the books, puzzles, alphabet rugs, puppets, and educational displays and handouts near the storytime rooms. We can all make a positive difference in the future success of our community's children with *Every Child Ready to Read!*®. For more details, and places, dates, and times for Stories, check out <http://www.naperville-lib.org>

Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. - PURPLE PASSAGES: ARTISTS AND THEIR FAVORITE WRITERS

The Naperville Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago

Laura Mueller, Adjunct Lecturer at the Art Institute of Chicago

Nichols Library Community Room

Which poet inspired the painter Eugene Delacroix and who was Van Gogh's favorite novelist? Did the painter Francis Bacon share the tragic world-view of Aeschylus? This lecture will prompt you to consider whether and how artists can be shaped by their experience of literature. Coffee will be served at 7:00 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30 p.m. This program is open to the public.

No registration is required. *This program is presented in partnership with the Naperville Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago.*

Thursday, February 10, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. - FROM NOTHING, TO AWARD-WINNING NOVELS, TO THE STAGE!

Presented by Naperville's Center Stage Theater, Nigg Media Productions, and Harmony Productions In 1999, attorney and writer Bruce Steinberg had one short publication credit to his resume. Since then, his first two novels have won a writing completion and received notable reviews from Kirkus and Publishers Weekly. Using the moniker Bee Robb, Bruce is here with his newest novel, *My Occasional Torment*, which dares to ask the question, what makes a woman a woman and how in the world would a man know the answer? The novel's stage adaptation has been picked up by Naperville's Center Stage Theatre and is scheduled to premiere in February. Along with the author and producers, the play's talented actors will appear to perform a scene. If you love beautiful theatre, stories that make you laugh and cry as well as think, or are a budding writer or actor yourself, you'll want to attend this program! For more information on the play and novel go to:

www.wix.com/eniggma/myoccasionaltorment.

No registration is required. - 95th Street Library, Meeting Room A/B, Room Limit: 120

Friday, February 18, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. - A SERIOUS AND HUMOROUS LOOK AT CHICAGO AND AMERICAN POLITICS

Ray Hanania, defining the Moderate Arab/Palestinian Voice

Nichols Library Community Room Room Limit: 180

Ray Hanania is an award winning Chicago journalist and Palestinian American peace activist. Hanania has won multiple prestigious awards for his journalism. He is also a comedian and co-founder of the Israeli-Palestinian Comedy Tour. Hanania is a weekly columnist with the *Jerusalem Post* and hosts a morning talk show, Radio Chicagoland, Monday – Friday mornings on 1530 AM WJGG. Born and raised on the south side of Chicago, Hanania uses humor to combat misunderstanding and hatred.

No registration is required.



A Historic Museum Village

News from Naper Settlement

www.napersettlement.museum

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Accredited by the American Association of Museums, Naper Settlement has 30 historic structures ranging from a rustic log cabin to an elegant Victorian mansion, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Admission is \$5.25 adults, \$4.75 seniors and \$4 youth 4-17. Enjoy the free audio tour as you stroll through the village to see the beautifully restored exteriors of 30 historic structures. The Pre-Emption House Visitor Center, galleries and Museum Store are open, but the building interiors are closed. Visit www.napersettlement.museum or call (630) 420-6010 for more information.

History Speaks Lecture Series – Sweet Home Chicago: The History of the Candy Capital of America

Chicago has called itself the Candy Capital of America since the turn of the century. During this presentation of the History Speaks Lecture Series to be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Feb. 13, actress and historian Leslie Goddard will explore why Chicago is such a powerful location for candymakers. For all ages. Advance tickets, \$6/person, \$5/student and NHSS member; at the door, \$7/person, \$6/student and NHSS member. For tickets, call (630) 420-6010.



School's Out: Discover the Dollar Bill

Kids in grades 1-5 can spend a rewarding President's Day learning who's who on American money from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21. Discover the secret symbols on the dollar bill, fun facts about coins and the rich history of currency. Fee is \$45; \$40 for Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining Members. Call (630) 420-6010 for reservations.

Coming In May – NAHC Elections

In accordance with our bylaws, the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation will hold elections at the Confederation Annual Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 8:30 AM in meeting rooms B&C of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, Illinois. The offices to be voted on are President of the Confederation (currently Dr. Bob Buckman); Vice President (currently Bob Fischer); and two at large Director Positions (currently held by Allen Panek and Rick Strawbridge). All incumbents are eligible to run again for their current positions.



A nominating committee will be formed at the March 19th 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:

President – shall be the chief executive officer of the Confederation; shall preside at all meetings; shall be the chairperson of the Confederation Board of Directors; and shall be the custodian of the corporate records and seal. All records of Confederation business shall be and remain the property of the Confederation, including but not limited to electronically-stored records. The President shall also ensure (and may delegate to other Board Members the direct responsibility to see) that all newsletters, notices to member associations, and other Confederation communications, are promptly sent and distributed in a timely and appropriate manner and shall ensure that the Secretary is provided, in a timely and appropriate manner, copies or other adequate information on all such communications.

Vice President – shall assume all duties of the President in the event the office of President becomes vacant for any reason, and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President of the Confederation Board of Directors.

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 Secretary, John Mesarchik.



The NAHC is looking forward to seeing all of our members and other interested homeowners at our meeting on Saturday morning, February 19th. Come early, enjoy a cup of coffee with the Confederation Board, and tell us what is on your mind.

We also hope to see you at the City Council and Mayoral Candidate Forums on February 23rd and 24th.

Keep an eye on www.napervillehomeowners.com for late-breaking news and information of importance to homeowners and neighborhoods.

***The next newsletter will be on or about March 1st
Thanks for reading our newsletter!***

***Bob Fischer
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