



March 2011 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

This is a busy time of the year for the NAHC. During February we held our City Council and Mayoral Candidate Forums. Karen DeAngelis also shared details on the upcoming City Budget at our February meeting. Coming up in March, our candidate forums will look at the School and Park District candidates. Details are at www.napervillehomeowners.com.

Recently I was invited to attend a professional foresters’ seminar on Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) control. I was asked to attend due to the epidemic spread of EAB in Naperville and its impact on homeowners. Since its discovery in 2002, the borer has killed millions of ash trees. Today, ash trees represent 10-40 % of most communities’ canopy cover.

Widespread ash tree mortality in residential landscapes is having a devastating economic and environmental impact. EAB is predicted to cause an unprecedented \$10-20 billion in loses to urban forests over the next 10 years.

By state law all dead trees with EAB must be removed. But, tree removal has been shown to NOT slow down the spread of EAB. Current science supports conservation via chemical treatment as a sensible and effective tool for managing healthy ash trees in our City.

Chemical treatment is most appropriate after EAB infestation has been detected within 15 miles and is most effective before trees are infested. Treatment can save ash trees with a low level of EAB infestation. Spring is the ideal time for treatment of EAB.

Keeping in mind the above serious discussion that affects our City, I would like to invite you to attend the March 19th NAHC General Meeting when industry professionals will discuss landscaping, including EAB treatment, and the coming Spring season. Please join us Saturday morning, March 19th at 8 AM at City Hall for this informative program.

Dr Bob Buckman
President, NAHC
drbobbuckman@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming Confederation Meetings

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation's next general membership meeting will be March 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.



With Spring right around the corner, join us in visiting with the "Green Team" including Barry Conlin from CB Conlin Landscapes and Skeet from The Care of Trees. They will share with us the latest from their green



industries' fields. Skeet (certified arborist) will bring us up to date on new innovations and trends for your tree care. Barry (licensed landscape architect) will go over some design basics as well as maintaining and increasing the value of your properties. Both have been practicing their professions here in Naperville for 25+ years.

We'll also hear from the Morton Arboretum on the Partners in Community Forestry initiative that is being pursued in partnership with the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation.

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

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 Thom Higgins, the chair of 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.

Special Notice for Commuters:

METRA will be commencing a complete re-construction of the platforms at the Downtown Train Station, commencing sometime in April. This is a replacement only, they will not be lengthened. The project is expected to take at least 8 months, and will involve major dislocations of passengers and parking. Staff believes work will be accomplished without the need to close traffic lanes on Washington, and is working with METRA on timing, project coordination and outreach to commuters and residents.

As long as we're talking about the Downtown METRA Station, the Naperville METRA Station Bus Depot and Commuter Access Feasibility Study has been given the green light after receiving an \$80,000 grant, with Naperville expecting to have to add approximately \$20,000 to that amount. 11 consultants have submitted bids. The contract award expected in April leading to a May project kick-off. For more see: <http://www.naperville.il.us/busdepotfeasibility.aspx>

New Proposals:

New Multi-tenant Retail Building: Developer CRL has initiated preliminary discussions about building a 150 room hotel and a 4 story Alzheimer's resident facility at Freedom Plaza near Rt. 88.

Caputo's Fresh Market: Will be adding 8,000 sq. ft. to the rear of their store at Rt. 59 and 111th st.

Ongoing Proposals:

M/I homes: Has started construction of two new townhome models at the bankrupt Mayfair Subdivision just north of Home Depot on Rt. 59.

Multi-tenant Retail Building: Is scheduled to be in front of Council March 1st. The 10,000 square foot multi-tenant retail center is proposed for a vacant lot located immediately south of the Jewel Express Gas Station at 95th Street and Route 59. Previously, they received approval at the Jan 19th 2011 Plan Commission meeting with a variance to allow parking 3' into the setback. Prospective tenant's will include 5 Guy's, and Chipotle.

Primrose School: Is now expected to be before the Plan Commission in March or April to construct a day-care pre-school south of the Theater at Naperville Crossing on Rte 59.

Dick's Sporting Goods: Construction has started for a new 50,000 square foot building on the west side of Springbrook Prairie Pavilion (Center at 75th Street and Route 59, near Whole Foods).

Coopers Hawk: The wine bar and restaurant chain has started construction of a facility on the east side of Freedom Commons Rd. just north of Diehl.

Seager Park, Plank Rd: The Park District is currently constructing a 3 season interpretative center on the east side of the park. More details can be found at:

<http://www.napervilleparks.org/webpages/index.aspx?webpageid=1000897>

Old Plank Park/Clara Ray Farm: Work continues on the expansion of flood water detention capacity. This phase of the ongoing Steeple Run Watershed project (providing enhanced flood control to downstream areas including Huffman Street) is scheduled for completion later this summer. More details are at: <http://www.naperville.il.us/steeplerun.aspx>

Studies and Initiatives:

Naperville Downtown2030 plan: Will have its first reading on March 1st. in front of City Council. The draft is now posted on the city's webpage at:

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

The NAHC Board commented on the final plan draft and you

can see our concerns at: <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc12094.pdf>

Text Amendment - first floor banks in the Downtown: Will be in front of Council on March 1st. as well. At the Dec 15th Plan Commission meeting, commissioners rejected a request from staff to initiate changes to the B4 downtown business district. Staff had proposed requiring a conditional use if a bank wanted to be on the first floor of a building located in the B4 district.

Naperville
Downtown2030

Planning the Downtown Experience

Last Chance to 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 winter 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.

2011 NAHC Candidate Forums

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

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

- 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.

In addition, February's City Council and Mayoral forums can be viewed on your computer via streaming video from the City's

website. To view the City Council Forum, go to:

http://naperville.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=311

To view the Mayoral Forum, go to:

http://naperville.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=312

MP3 and MP4 versions can also be downloaded at:

http://naperville.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2 and going to the bottom of the page and clicking on "City Events and Educational Videos"

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, or have any questions on the format or content, please contact us at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com.

Remember to vote on April 5th!

February Meeting Recap

At our February meeting, City Finance Director Karen DeAngelis walked us through a financial overview and some of decision factors behind the upcoming fiscal 2012 Naperville City Budget. A copy of Karen's presentation can be found on the NAHC website at:

<http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc12100.pdf>

Confederation Associate Director Erskine Klyce also gave us a heads up on the efforts to update the DuPage County Stormwater ordinance. As what DuPage County does will also impact the City's efforts, this effort is important to Naperville residents on both sides of the county line. Erskine reported on some of the changes proposed, and mentioned that the Confederation plans to weigh in on the second round of comments later in the Spring. To learn more about the ordinance and the proposed changes, go to <http://ec.dupageco.org/stormblog>

Finally, those lucky enough to be in attendance were treated to molten lava cakes from our meeting

sponsor, Simply Homemade, located at 5024 Ace Lane # 104, Naperville - (630) 357-3903. You can also check them out on the web at <http://www.simply-homemade.com/home.html>

Thanks to Simply Homemade for a great meeting treat!

Simply Homemade™

NAHC Briefs – News You Can Use!

The City of Naperville and Naperville Township will host a public meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2011, to present **proposed improvements on North Aurora Road** between Frontenac Road and Weston Ridge Drive, located just west of Illinois Route 59. The meeting will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Longwood Elementary school, located at 30W240 Bruce Lane. The meeting will be an open house format; no formal presentation will be provided.

The North Aurora Road improvements include widening North Aurora Road between Frontenac Road and Weston Ridge Drive to five lanes, as well as the installation roadway lighting, a multi-use path and an upgraded storm sewer system. Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2014, pending the availability of funding.

Representatives from the City of Naperville, Naperville Township, and

TranSystems, Inc., the consulting engineers, will be available to discuss the preferred roadway alignment and the right-of-way and easement needs. Public comments will be accepted at the meeting. Those who are unable to attend the meeting may view the presentation materials after March

Everyday Parenting

Boosting Your Child's Self-Esteem

"I can is 100 times more important than IQ."

Anonymous

High self-esteem-and the good things that do with it-is an important piece of a child's positive identity. As a parent, however, it is important that you teach your kids to balance high self-esteem with a high regard and respect for others; humility, in other words.

Striking that balance is one of our goals.

Here are ways you can help empower your child (and yourself) when boosting your child's self-esteem is an issue. Try it...

- The most important piece of the self-esteem puzzle is personal power-the sense your child gets from knowing they can have an affect on their world. Finding ways for your child to set a goal and achieve it is important.
- Give specific, genuine praise. Kids know when parents are just handing out the compliments and when they're truly impressed or pleased. Describe what you see, hear, or experience that you think is pretty cool.

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

www.KidsMatter2us.org

third online at www.naperville.il.us/nauroraimprovements.aspx. Comments will be accepted through Thursday, March 17. Instructions on how to submit comments will be posted on the webpage.

For more information on the North Aurora Road Improvement Project, visit the city's website at www.naperville.il.us/nauroraimprovements.aspx.

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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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KidsMatter is excited to announce they will be hosting the annual **Student Job Fair** on Wednesday, March 23 from 5 pm – 7:30 pm at Merner Field House on the campus of North Central College.

KidsMatter's goal is two-fold: to help our community's youth get connected to local employment opportunities as well as provide them with valuable skills that will prepare them for the workforce.

A wide variety of employers who hire teens and young adults for part-time employment will be participating in this year's Fair, including Illinois Energy Windows & Siding, Aurelio's Pizza, Cookie Dough Creations, Bolingbrook Park District, Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana, Naperville Pet Care, and Chicagoland Pool Management.

Each student who attends the Fair will receive a free Resource Booklet summarizing the opportunities available at each participating business along with their contact information. The booklet will also include a section that provides tips and tactics students can refer to in order to increase their odds of securing a job and will answer questions such as: How do I prepare for an interview?, Who should I use as a reference?, What qualities are employers looking for?

KidsMatter Student Job Fair

**High School & College Students
Need a Job?**

Connect with local businesses looking for
part-time employees at the
KidsMatter Student Job Fair!

*Plus: Interview/Application Station, Resume Building, Career Corner,
Internship Opportunities, Workshop: How To Start Your Own Business*

Wednesday, March 23, 2011 | 5pm - 7:30pm
Merner Field House at North Central College





www.KidsMatter2us.org

Distribution of materials through the school does not imply a 2011 or 2014 endorsement of them.

Special highlights include workshops and stations designed to give students an edge in the job searching process. These include:

- 1) "How To Start Your Own Business," facilitated by John Schmitt, President/CEO of the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce
- 2) "What Not To Do In An Interview," – including on-site mock interviews for students
- 3) Resume Building – You only have one chance to make a first impression!
- 4) Internships – opportunities in a wide variety of fields
- 5) Vocational Opportunities to explore!
- 6) Helping Parents Stress Less: facilitated by North Central College's Wellness Center. Parents are also welcome to meet and mingle while enjoying refreshments at the KidsMatter Parent Lounge, sponsored by Whole Foods.

The KidsMatter Job Seekers Help Station will be on hand to assist students with applications and answer questions as well as recruit new employees at their own booths. This event is free to all students. Although this Job Fair generally targets youth age 16+, there are limited opportunities for 14 and 15 year olds. *Information concerning work permits will be available at the Fair.*

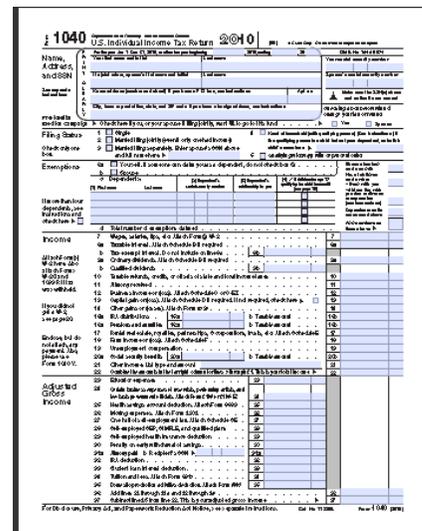
For more information please contact Stacy Jones, Event Director, at stacy@designandpromote.com or call 708.271.3549

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Free income tax preparation is back at Aurora University. The Dunham School of Business will offer its ninth annual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, a partnership with IRS, from 8 to noon Feb. 19, 26, March 5, 19, 26 and April 2 in the lobby of Dunham Hall, 1400 Marseillaise Place in Aurora.

This free service, including immediate e-filing, is available to low-income, elderly, and disabled residents, including non-English speaking taxpayers earning up to \$50,000. No reservations are accepted.

Taxpayers should bring copies of personal documents. Requested are copies of Social Security cards, driver's license, 2010 W2s and other tax statements, state and federal 2009 returns, voided check or deposit slip, 2010 real-state tax statement and childcare provider identification (if any).



Bilingual college students will provide translation assistance for Spanish-speaking taxpayers.

For a second year, students from the School of Nursing and School of Social Work will assist with tax preparation and healthcare activities. In conjunction with the tax preparation, a third annual Health Expo at Dunham Hall will offer free blood pressure checks and memory screenings for the public.

Call (630) 844-7557 or e-mail au-vita@aurora.edu for information

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Edward Hospital is seeking more dogs for its **Animal-Assisted Therapy program**. To be considered, please visit www.edward.org/animalassistedtherapy and complete the online application. Applicants will be contacted for pre-screening. Those who meet qualification requirements will be scheduled for temperament testing, which will be held on Saturday, April 9 at Edward Hospital, 801 S. Washington St. in Naperville. Applications should be submitted at least two weeks before the temperament testing date. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

Dogs and their handlers selected for the program must attend mandatory training at Edward on Friday, May 13, 5 - 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, May 14-15, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. both days.

There is a \$30 fee for Edward temperament testing and a \$125 fee for the Edward training sessions. If you have questions or need additional information, please call **Wendy Yellin** at (630) 814-7655.



To be considered, dogs must meet the following requirements:

- Sit/down/stay/recall on command
- Walk loosely on a leash without pulling
- Get along well with other dogs
- Perform these commands without treats
- Like people
- Not be overly vocal
- Be at least one year of age
- Current on all vaccinations
- Free of skin problems

It is highly recommend applicants and their dogs have completed a group obedience class in the past six months. To learn what is expected during temperament testing and to practice the skills necessary to pass the test, please visit www.dogbuilders.com, select "Therapy Dog Programs" and play the video, "Therapy Dog Skills for Hospitals."

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The Naperville City Council reaffirmed its commitment to Naperville utility customers' privacy, security and right to choices through unanimous passage of **the Naperville Smart Grid Initiative Customer Bill of Rights**, a revolutionary document receiving national attention for its content. The Customer Bill of Rights ordinance can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/gmQcVL>.

The Customer Bill of Rights document continues to receive national recognition, including from the U.S. Department of Energy, for its focus on customer rights. The document provides utility customers with an outline of their core rights to be informed, to privacy, to options and to data security. The final Customer Bill of Rights was developed based on customer feedback and input throughout the past seven months as well as current national and state guidelines and policies for smart grid projects.

The smart grid initiative is an investment in Naperville's city-owned utility to modernize the electric grid using digital technology to increase reliability, reduce operating costs, improve efficiency and reduce waste. This forward-thinking project gives residential and business customers more choices about how they use electricity and more control over what they pay for it.



In the future, the Customer Bill of Rights will serve as the policy shaping the Naperville Smart Grid Customer Privacy and Advocacy Plan and Customer Privacy and Advocacy Handbook. These documents, currently in development by city staff, will provide a roadmap for the city to uphold the rights affirmed in the Customer Bill of Rights. The Customer Privacy and Advocacy Handbook will be made available publicly so all utility customers can understand the additional privacy measures the city is taking to protect its customers' personal data. It will also provide detailed direction to customers on how to file any privacy violation complaints and petition the Public Utilities Advisory Board for a resolution.

To receive news about the Naperville Smart Grid Initiative delivered straight to your inbox, sign up for the Smart Grid e-Newsletter at www.naperville.il.us/enews.aspx. For more information on the Naperville Smart Grid Initiative, visit www.naperville.il.us/smartgrid.aspx.

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The Federal Housing Finance Agency has sent a proposed rule to the Federal Register to begin formal rulemaking on **private transfer fees**. This rulemaking, which addresses comments received on a previously proposed guidance, would limit Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal Home Loan Banks from dealing in mortgages on properties encumbered by certain types of private transfer fee covenants and in certain related securities. Transfer fees are contractual arrangements where an owner pays a fixed amount or a percentage of the sales price at the time of transferring the property.



The proposed rule would **exclude private transfer fees paid to homeowner associations, condominiums, cooperatives**, and certain tax-exempt organizations that use private transfer fee proceeds to benefit the property. Fees that do not directly benefit the property would be barred.

With limited exceptions, the rule would apply only prospectively to private transfer fee covenants created on or after the date of publication of the proposed rule. With this formal rulemaking, comments are again being solicited and are due 60 days from publication in the Federal Register. Regulated entities are required to comply with the final rule within 120 days after its publication.

For more information, here is the link to the proposed rule and information on filing comments: <http://www.fhfa.gov/webfiles/19675/PTFNPRTTOFR020311.pdf>

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The City of Naperville is currently accepting online applications for the 2012 **Sidewalk Replacement Program** at www.naperville.il.us/sidewalkreplacement.aspx. 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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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 Concerts



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.

The DuPage Symphony performs its final chamber concert of the season titled Beautiful Baroque on Sunday, April 17th, 4:00 p.m at Koten Chapel, 329 East School Street, Naperville (on the campus of North Central College). This year's baroque program highlights music of the French Baroque performed by soloists and a select string ensemble drawn from the DuPage Symphony Orchestra.

Four Seasons Gardening

2011 Spring Teleconference Series



Rain Barrels: How to Build and Use Them

April 14 at 7 P.M.

Water is a valuable resource that we all need to use wisely. Runoff from our roofs after a rain storm is really water down the drain. It can be collected and used during dry spells. Learn how to build and use rain barrels to reduce municipal water usage in our landscapes.

The Summer Vegetable Garden

April 26 at 1 P.M.

Local foods have been in the news a lot this past year. Learning how to grow your own backyard produce will be the focus of *The Summer Vegetable Garden*. If you missed planting a spring garden, it is not too late to get summer's bounty.

Invasive Trees and Shrubs

May 10 at 1 P.M.

In 2011, the University of Illinois Extension horticulture team will offer several programs on invasive plants and pests that threaten our natural and urban landscapes. This first program will focus on *Invasive Trees and Shrubs*. Invasive plants and pests can out-compete desirable species for space, sunlight, water, and nutrients. Learn which woody plants to avoid planting or those that should be eradicated to insure a well-balanced, healthy landscape.

Registration Details

Each session is \$10.

Advance registration is needed one week before the program you attend.

[Register Now](#)

For More Information

University of Illinois Extension—DuPage
1100 E Warrenville Road, Suite 170
Naperville, Illinois 60540
Phone: 630-955-1123
E-mail: dupage_co@extension.uiuc.edu

University of Illinois—U.S. Dept. of Agriculture—Local Extension Councils Cooperating
University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.
If you need disability accommodations, please contact the Extension office one week before the program. 2011

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

NAHC Dues

The NAHC is collecting annual membership dues for 2011. Invoices will be mailed this month. This annual \$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 2011 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. **Only associations that have paid their 2010 dues will be eligible to vote in the May Confederation elections.**



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!

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Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation

Neighborhood Teams Wanted for Last Fling Bed Race

Are the bed bugs after you? Let's hope so, because The Naperville Jaycees are looking for new teams to enter the Last Fling Bed Races! Teams typically include families, businesses, non-profit groups, and clubs. Speed is important, but creativity is also highly encouraged in this competition which takes place during Labor Day weekend. A variety of five person teams with decked-out beds will take to the street while competing for the fastest times. Hundreds of bed-racing enthusiasts gather to cheer on their favorite beds and you can too. This is a truly unique and wacky Naperville event that you don't want to miss. For rules and more information please call Jeffrey Ross at 630-605-4885. To see photos from past bed races, please go to jeffreyworks.com/bedrace



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Upcoming Seminars & Webinars:

Wed., March 2nd: "Early Spring Containers", 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Acres Group, 23940 W. Andrew Rd. in Plainfield. Presenter: Acres Group

****Wed., March 2nd: "Governance of an Association"**, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Acres Group, 23940 W. Andrew Rd. in Plainfield. Presenter: David Bendoff of Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit.

What You'll Learn: Definition of Terms, Governing Documents, Liability Exposure, Record Keeping

****Wed., March 9th: "Physical Aspects of an Association"**, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Oak Park Village Hall, 123 Madison St. in Oak Park. Presenter: Kami Farahmandpour of Building Technology Consultants, PC.

What You'll Learn: Maintenance, Repair & Replacement, Planning for Major Improvements, Capital Asset Programs, Reserve Studies

****Wed., March 16th: "Insurance/Risk Management of an Association"**, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Note: Time Change), Acres Group, 23940 W Andrew Rd. in Plainfield. Presenter: Karyl Foray of Rosenthal Brothers, Inc.

What You'll Learn: The Nature, Management, Process, Application, Management Tools of Risk, Insurance Needs

***Tues., March 22nd: "FHA & Financing Issues" webinar**, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Presenter: Keith Jones of Keay and Costello, PC

What You'll Learn: The steps involved in certifying your Association for FHA approval, The pros and cons, Issues preventing lenders from approving loans in Associations

****Wed., March 23rd: "Insurance/Risk Management of an Association"**, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. (Note: Time Change), Oak Park Village Hall, 123 Madison St. in Oak Park. Presenter: Barbara Wick of Carmic, LLC.

What You'll Learn: The Nature, Management, Process, Application, Management Tools of Risk, Insurance Needs

Wed., March 30th: "Hardscapes and Drainage", 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Acres Group, 23940 W. Andrew Rd in Plainfield. Presenter: Acres Group

****Wed., March 30th: "Meetings/Elections of an Association"**, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Acres Group, 23940 W. Andrew Rd. in Plainfield. Presenter: David Bendoff of Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit.

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

** 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.

*All 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

Arboretum Activities

Got sax? We do. Brand new for the "**Chamber Concerts:**" The Solaire Quartet: a culturally-rich, all saxophone performance! Members have delighted audiences across the United States, Canada, Europe, and Asia as soloists, and with orchestras including the Chicago Civic. A reception follows each performance in the beautiful, wood-paneled Founder's Room, where the audience has a chance to mingle with the musicians. Cost: \$28 (discounts for Arboretum members). All ages, Thornhill Education Center. March 6: 2:15- 4:15 p.m.



March is "Maple Tapping Time!" See how a maple tree is tapped, how the sap is turned into delicious syrup and which types of maples make the best syrup. All participants receive 20 percent off any offering at the Arboretum's Ginkgo Restaurant. Registration is now available, call 630-719-2468 or visit www.mortonarb.org. Cost \$20 (discounts available for Arboretum members). Register via

Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. All ages. Thornhill Education Center. March 6, 13, 20, and 27: 10 a.m. – noon

Get ready for spring with the “Spring Garden Party!” Learn how to make the right garden choices, handle challenges, and turn your garden into a work of art with two days of workshops. Take away a new approach to gardening. Sign up for all three sections with a friend and each of you will receive a ten percent discount off the registration fee. Cost per session varies, cost for weekend \$182 (discounts for Arboretum members). For adults. Thornhill Education Center. March 5 – 6: Saturday 9:30 – 4 p.m.; Sunday 7 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Can you ID plants without leaves and flowers? Learn the clues to “Identifying Herbaceous Plants in Winter” while exploring the Schulenberg Prairie and the nearby woodlands. Cost is \$55 (discounts for Arboretum members). Register via Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. All ages. Thornhill Education Center. March 12: 8 a.m. – noon

Get a basic understanding of sustainable concepts in “**Eco-Friendly Gardening Workshop!**” Learn how gradual changes in your home garden design can create healthier and beautiful results! A new theme presented each month. This month’s theme is ‘Throw Away Your Shears: Save Time and Money with Plant Healthy Pruning.’ Cost: \$59 (discounts for Arboretum members). Adults. Thornhill Education Center. March 12: 1 – 5 p.m.

Always wanted to learn about birds but weren’t sure where to start? “**Winter Bird Walk**” takes students out into the winter landscape with an expert guide! Learn to identify Arboretum birds and their behaviors from a birding expert. Costs \$10 (discounts for Arboretum members); and regular gatehouse admission fee applies. Teens and adults. Register via Education at www.mortonarb.org or call 630-719-2468. Thornhill Education Center. March 19: 8 – 10:30 a.m.

Scientific illustration is the blend of art and science. Learn about the importance of this art form, which helps to communicate everything from the latest scientific discoveries to teaching children about biology. Visit the “Guild of Natural Science Illustrators” exhibition. All ages, Sterling Morton Library. February 15 – June 4: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday–Friday; 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday

Join us for “**Arbor Reading Adventures!**” Children will hear an exciting nature-themed story, create crafts, and then head out on the grounds for an energizing walk! Themes change each week. Costs \$5 (discounts for Arboretum members). Suggested for ages 3-5; adults must accompany children. Sterling Morton Library. Fridays in March: 11 - 11:45 a.m.

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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March 2010

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Special Two-Session Workshop

Dream and Play: Marc Chagall Visit the Art Institute of Chicago!

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.

**FAMILY FUN
FRIDAY NIGHTS!**
DCM's open Fridays until 8:00 p.m.
Different activity every Friday night!

March Friday Night Activities

Mar. 4 **Kidz Kabaret** – Schoolhouse Rock, 6:00 p.m. start

Mar. 11 **Naperville Park District Dance Academy**, 6:00 p.m. start

Mar. 18 **Motorola Science Night**, 5:30 p.m. start

Mar. 25 **Pajama Party with Special Guests, the cast of**

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Saturday, Mar. 5, 10:30 a.m. - Noon

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Saturday, Mar. 19, 10:30 a.m. - Noon



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Preschool Summer Camps – Ages 3-5

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Park District Updates



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

UPCOMING REGISTRATION DATES TO REMEMBER:

Resident online registration for the Coach Pitch, T-ball and the NEW Machine Pitch program begins Wednesday, March 2 at noon.

Resident online registration for all Spring Programs and Summer Camps begins Thursday, March 3 at noon. Due to School Districts 203 and 204 snow days, some of the dates in the 2011 Summer Camps Guide have changed. Updated, correct information is available in RecEnroll. 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.

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Each year thousands of youth participate in baseball and softball in Naperville. The Naperville Park District offers popular programs including t-ball and coach pitch that introduce younger children to the game in a friendly, fun setting, with emphasis on teamwork and skill development.

Two new programs for 2011 include Machine-Pitch Baseball for kids entering grades 3 and 4 and Girls Only Softball Coach Pitch League for girls entering grades 2 and 3.

Machine Pitch is the next step after Coach Pitch. Each team will be provided with a pitching machine for practice and games. The Machine Pitch games will take place on official baseball diamonds and at the end of July, there will be an opportunity to play in a Coach Pitch Tournament."

The girls' softball program will be expanding to include a Coach Pitch League for the younger players. Online registration for baseball and softball programs opens Wednesday, March 2 at noon.

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Raffle tickets are on sale for viewing the Fourth of July fireworks from atop the Millennium. A total of 21 seats will be raffled with a total of five winners. Four winners will receive four tickets each and a grand prize winner will receive six tickets. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.

Purchase tickets now at the Naperville Park District's Administrative Building at 320 W. Jackson Avenue. Beginning May 7, tickets also will be available for purchase at the Carillon Visitor Center, which is adjacent to the Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower. For more information and to purchase raffle tickets online, visit: www.naperville-carillon.org and click on "Win a Trip to the Top."

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Applications are being accepted through April 8 for the 2011 Officer David White Scholarship. This scholarship honors the compassionate public service modeled by Naperville park police officer David White, whose actions helped save a young man's life in 2006.

The \$2,000 scholarship is open to an individual age 25 and under who either is a son or daughter of an active duty Naperville police officer, park police officer, or firefighter or someone who is serving in one of these roles themselves. Naperville Police Explorers also are eligible.

Applications can be downloaded at www.napervilleparks.org under "About us/Police." The deadline for submitting completed applications is Friday, April 8 at 5:00 p.m. The scholarship winner will be recognized at the annual Citizens Appreciate Public Safety awards night in early May.

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This Naperville Park District program provides a meaningful way of commemorating a special event such as a wedding, an anniversary or the birth of a child. It also makes a wonderful memorial to a loved one. Donations can be made to plant a tree in a park of the donor's choosing, in consultation

with park staff. In addition, selected park amenities, including benches, picnic tables, and small shelters, can be dedicated to commemorate a special person or event. Contact the Park District for more information.

Library News



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

Come Home to the Nichols Library 25th Anniversary Celebration, March 5 to 11

On March 11, 1986 the new Nichols Library opened its doors at 200 W. Jefferson Ave. On opening day it had 143,191 books, CDs, audiovisual materials, periodicals, and other items to serve the 67,371-member community. Today, Nichols holds over 360,000 materials.

We're celebrating this 25th Anniversary with special events and a sweet treat of a Hershey's Kiss giveaway on Friday, March 11. We are also inviting the public to come in and sign our anniversary greeting card and see our special displays. Celebrate with us and share your memories!

All Week Long, Saturday, March 5 through Friday, March 11

- Sign a giant anniversary cake card in our upper level or lower level lobby.
- Stop by the Children's Dept. to make a special craft.
- Enjoy displays about Nichols Library's 25 years and that great year 1986. Visit the Children's Department for child-centered display featuring 1986 toys, TV series, music and books. The Circulation Department display will include book covers, fashion and a Naperville timeline. In the lower level vending machine area, see a display of Library cards from the 1980s as well as popular book jackets.

Monday, March 7 through Friday, March 11

- **Party, Party, Party!** Children's story times this week will celebrate our 25th anniversary.

Tuesday, March 8: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- **Making Memories @ Nichols Library** Stop by the upper level or lower level lobby and share a favorite Library story or memory to post on our Memory Wall.

Wednesday, March 9: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- **Do You Know More Than Professor Nichols?** Visit the Adult Services desk to participate in a special Naperville/Nichols Library Trivia Quiz. Naperville Public Library cardholders 6th grade to adult are eligible to enter. Prize winners will be determined from a drawing of entries with correct answers.

Thursday, March 10: 9:25 a.m. – 8:25 p.m.

- **We're 25...Win a Prize!** Try your luck with raffle drawings for books and DVDs at 25 minutes past each hour at the Adult Services desk. Naperville Public Library cardholders 6th grade to adult are eligible to enter. Winners must be present to claim their prize.

Friday, March 11: 9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Happy 25th Anniversary, Nichols Library!

- Enjoy candy at all service desks! Nichols Silver Anniversary Kisses compliments of the Naperville Public Library Foundation
- Stop by the Children's Dept. to make a special craft. Enjoy Game Night at 5:00 pm.

Other March Events

Tuesday, March 1

Start Early – Start Smart: College Major and Career Planning Seminar - Is it really possible that students can identify potential career directions and college majors while still in high

school? Parents & students will learn what they need to know *before* choosing a college, and how identifying a college major and career direction can build a student's motivation and confidence while reducing college expenses. Receive information and resources to guide your student and take the stress out of making these important decisions. This program is for parents and caregivers of high school or college aged children and students. This program is presented by Career Vision. No registration required. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2

Small Business Planning - Thinking about your own business? Getting started on a business plan? Come get the information and guidance you need from experienced SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) counselors. They will help you proceed with in-depth feasibility studies, market analysis and research, and strategies for creating a business and marketing plan. This program is open to all and is presented in partnership with SCORE. To register, please call 1.630.961.4100, ext.6328. 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 5, March 12, March 26

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 2009 return. Sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of Greater DuPage, North Central College and Benedictine University Appointments not accepted. Help is on a first-come, first-served basis. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 6 – Saturday, March 12

Teen Tech Week 2011 - Teens! In celebration of Teen Tech Week, try some mixin' and mashin' at your Library! Combine your two favorite book covers or literary characters into one and we'll put them up on the Library's website. Vote for your favorite; the top three picks will receive a prize. Feel free to use an online program for your mash-ups or draw them out by hand. Also, stop by during the week and try your hand at the Question of the Day. You can research the question the old fashioned way or use your smartphone to get the answer using a QR code, then pick a prize from the grab bag.

Thursday, March 10

TnT Paranormal Investigators - TnT Paranormal Investigators are a paranormal research and investigation team based in the Chicagoland area. They use proven and scientific methods, techniques, processes, and technologies to investigate client locations (residential or commercial) to evaluate their reports of paranormal activity. Learn more about what they do, the equipment and techniques they use to gather evidence, types of hauntings, and places they have investigated. No registration is required. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15

Genetic Testing - Come listen to Elyse Weber, a board certified genetic counselor at Edward Hospital, who specializes in patient education and coordination of genetic testing. Genetic tests analyze blood and other tissue to determine genetic disorders. Weber will discuss the informed consent process around genetic testing, what happens with samples after the tests are complete and other topics that relate to our Naperville READS author Rebecca Skloot's book *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. No registration required. Presented in partnership with Edward Hospital Speaker's Bureau. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 19

ACT[®] Kaplan[™] Practice Tests -- Are YOU ready?? - A practice test is crucial to ward off those Test Day jitters and can let you know how you will 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 and analyzed results. And consider this...you may actually be a better SAT® tester than ACT®, or vice versa, but you will never know unless you try both tests! Give yourself every opportunity for scoring success and for attending the college/university of your choice by enrolling in these programs today. Make sure to bring #2 sharpened pencils, a College Board approved calculator, and a healthy snack. Grades: 9 – 12. Seating is limited. Online registration and a Naperville Public Library card are required to attend this program. Register at www.naperville-lib.info or any of the Adult or Children's Service desks at the three Library buildings. This program is presented in partnership with Kaplan™. 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23

Job Search Perspective, Strategy, and Goals - A disciplined approach and a firm commitment to your job search is very important in reaching a successful outcome. You need effective tools to organize your search and manage your time productively. Becky Brillon, MS in Human Resources Management, CPRW and Programming Director of the Community Career Center, will provide a foundation to build an effective job search strategy. She will cover personal assessment and attitudes, as well as techniques for building and managing your search targets, contacts, and your time. She will also present a basic overview of building a resume, cover letter, networking plan, social media essentials, and general interviewing tips. This program is suitable for the unemployed, college graduates, and anyone considering a job change or wanting to more effectively manage their career. No registration is required. This program is open to all and is presented in partnership with the Community Career Center. 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 1:00 p.m.

Photography Tour of Israel and Jordan - Seasoned travel agent Latha Nemani is back again from another exciting journey. This time, Latha traveled to Israel and Jordan. In Israel, Latha visited the ruins of Caesarea, took a private boat ride on the Sea of Galilee to see the 2,000 year old Genosar Boat, went to the top of Mt. Tabor to visit the Church of Transfiguration, and visited the ruins of one of Israel's most ancient cities as well as Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity. She continued her voyage to Jordan where she saw Jerash, Madaba, Mt. Nebo, Petra and Wadi Rum where the film Lawrence of Arabia was shot. Join as Latha shares her breathtaking photography from this amazing trip. No registration required. This Presented in partnership with Dream N' Travel. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7:00 p.m.

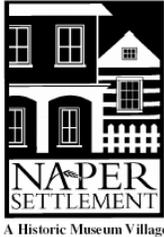
Thursday, March 24

Confederate Captain Henry Wirz - Naperville Public Library Commemorates the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War - Confederate Captain Henry Wirz, commandant at Andersonville Prisoner of War Camp, is here to discuss his background and his life in the military. Captain Wirz will be in accurate period costume and will bring pictures of the Andersonville camp. Captain Wirz is portrayed by Civil War re-enactor and presenter Rick Benson. Benson has previously performed at Naper Settlement's Civil War Days and at the Andersonville National Historical Site. There will be time after the presentation to take a closer look at the pictures and ask questions. This program is part of Naperville Public Library's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. No registration is required. This program is presented in partnership with Rick Benson. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 31

Pizza Taste-Off – Back by Popular Demand! - Take a blind taste test to vote on Naperville's best pizza! Pizzas are being provided by local pizza restaurants. Vote on these categories: best crust, best sauce, cheesiest, best appearance, and best overall taste. The winning pizza restaurants will be displayed in the Library's Teen area and posted on the Library's homepage.

There will also be a pizza trivia contest. Open to all teens in grades 6 - 12. No registration is required. Special thanks to the participating restaurants for their generous donations. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 6:00 p.m.



News from Naper Settlement

www.napersettlement.museum

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(630) 420-6010
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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 that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For more information about hours and admission prices, visit www.napersettlement.museum or call (630) 420-6010.

Maple Sugaring Days - See the time-honored method of collecting sap and making maple syrup the old-fashioned way during Maple Sugaring Days to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 12 and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 13 at Naper Settlement. Admission is \$9 adults, \$8 seniors and \$6.50 youth (4-17). Visit www.napersettlement.museum for more information.

History Speaks Lecture Series – Toulouse-Lautrec: Decadence & Spectacle in Fin-de-siècle Paris - As part of the History Speaks Lecture Series, art historian Jeff Mishur will give a presentation on the major works of Impressionist painter Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 13 in Century Memorial Chapel at Naper Settlement. For all ages. Advance tickets, \$6/person, \$5/student and NHSS member; at the door, \$7/person, \$6/student and NHSS member. Call (630) 420-6010 for advance tickets.

Weed Ladies Spring Floral Sale - The Weed Ladies spring floral sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 18-19 in Naper Settlement's historic Daniels House, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. The sale features one-of-a-kind seasonal arrangements featuring dried and silk florals. Admission to the sale is free.

Camp Naper registration is open - Discover the secrets of the past and present when Camp Naper weekly summer day camps begin on June 20 at Naper Settlement. Choose from one of four camps: Secret Seekers, Treasure Hunters and T.H.E. Detectives – Treasure Hunters Extreme for grades 1-6 and a Civil War Encampment for grades 6-8. During each session, campers will look for hidden treasures both on the grounds and around the community. Middle school Civil War enthusiasts will enjoy camping overnight in the fort during the Civil War Encampment, where parents can join in the fun, too. For more information, visit www.napersettlement.museum. To register, call (630) 420-6010.

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.

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**Naperville Area Homeowners
Confederation**

The NAHC is looking forward to seeing all of our members and other interested homeowners at our meeting on Saturday morning, March 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 School District 204 Candidate Forum on March 14th, the Naperville Park District Forum on March 21st and the School District 203 Candidate Forum on March 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 April 1st
If you have something you would like to share with other Naperville Homeowners in a future newsletter or on our website, please send it along.
Thanks for reading our newsletter!***

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