



April 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

March’s NAHC general meeting, hosted by landscaper Barry Conlin and Skeet from the Care of Trees, addressed, through presentations and audience participation, some of the more common “green” issues encountered as Spring arrives. Our experts talked about key things to look at and think about when managing outdoor investments, either as individual homeowners or as associations.

We also heard about the survey being undertaken by SLRCA and the Morton Arboretum to better understand landscaping issues faced by HOA’s. More information on the survey can be found elsewhere in this newsletter and on our website at www.napervillehomeowners.com.

During that great meeting, the topic of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and its effect on our city’s Ash trees also came up. According to experts from our Park District and researchers at the Arboretum, Naperville is coping with a problem that has the potential to dwarf the earlier devastation caused by Dutch Elm Disease and Chestnut Blight.

There is a great deal of misinformation about EAB including whether conservation can be practiced to save healthy trees or even slightly infested ones. To clarify and supply information needed to understand and combat the disease, the NAHC will sponsor an EAB Summit/Town Hall meeting on Monday evening, April 4th at 7-9 PM at City Hall (Council Chambers). We will hear from City Arborist, Jack Mitz; Dr Fredric Miller from Joliet Junior College and the Morton Arboretum; Dr Joe Chamberlin from Atlanta, GA; and Skeet the Arborist from the Care of Trees. City Arborists from surrounding communities have also been invited to attend and join in the conversation with our residents.

The working motto of the NAHC is “Neighbor to Neighbor” and we could not find a better way to honor this motto than to provide this educational event for our neighbors. Please come and bring a friend and be prepared to take some notes!

Dr Bob Buckman
President, NAHC
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Upcoming Confederation Meetings

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation's next general membership meeting will be April 16th, 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 are inviting the City Council, both existing and newly elected members, to join us at this meeting to discuss the issues and plans that will be before them in the upcoming months. We are also planning on continuing our recognition of snow heroes, highlighting the efforts from workers in Public Works, Police, Fire, and Electric.

Looking ahead, our last meeting of the Spring of 2011 will be the NAHC Annual meeting & elections on May 21.

Following the elections, we will begin work on the next round of meetings beginning in September of 2011. 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 starting a complete re-construction of the platforms at the Downtown Train Station 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.

New Proposals:

New Multi-tenant Retail Building: Developer CRL has now submitted plans for a 150 room hotel with an attached conference center and restaurant that would share the property with a 4 story full service Alzheimer's resident treatment 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:

MJK - Multi-tenant Retail Building: Was approved by City Council on 3-1-11, with construction scheduled to begin in the next 4-6 weeks. 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. Tenant's will include 5 Guy's, and Chipotle.

Primrose School: Scheduled before the Plan Commission on 3-30-11. Looking for approval to construct a day-care pre-school south of the Theater at Naperville Crossing on Rt 59.

Kiddie Academy: Received approval from the Plan Commission on 3-2-11 to construct a daycare facility at Rt. 59 and 95th. Request for final approval by City Council is expected in April.

Seasons Commons has received a building permit to begin construction of a Hospice care facility on Diehl rd. west of Rt. 59.

Studies and Initiatives:

Naperville Downtown2030 plan: Will again be in front of City Council on April 6th. At the last meeting Councilman Wehrli introduced a motion to scale back the height of the structures in the SSA along Washington. There is a revised height map posted on the city's webpage here; <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: City Council approved a text amendment requiring that financial institutions be limited to upper floors in the B4 district. Banks will continue to be allowed on the first floor.

Commissions:

The **ZBA** (Zoning Board of Appeals) will have their last independent meeting on 4-12-2011. The newly merged **Planning and Zoning Commission** first meeting will be 5-4-2011.

Emerald Ash Borer Summit Meeting

On Monday evening, April 4th, at 7 PM in the City Council Chambers of the Naperville Municipal Center, the Confederation will host a critical information summit on how communities and homeowners should deal with the scourge of the Emerald Ash Borer.



With over 25% of Naperville's trees at risk, the ecological and economic devastation has the potential to be significant. Early on, conventional wisdom was that infected ash trees had to be removed and destroyed, while healthy trees were merely awaiting an eventual death sentence. As is so often the case with "conventional wisdom," this approach was wrong, and, in fact, counter-productive. Research and actual field experience have proven that there is a way to treat this imported pest and maintain both the appearance and economic viability of our properties and the answer is not wholesale destruction of trees in our parkways

and yards.

Come and hear from the Confederation panel including Naperville City Arborist, Jack Mitz; Dr Fredric Miller from Joliet Junior College and the Morton Arboretum; Dr Joe Chamberlin from Atlanta, GA; and Skeet the Arborist from the Care of Trees. They will explain the how's and how much, of treatment and prevention, as well as provide documentation as to the value obtained from treatment, whether from saving the cost of tree removal and replacement (estimated at between \$500 and \$1000), or maintaining the added value mature trees bring to your property.

We will review current science, products on the market, and how homeowners and municipalities can band together to save our urban forest. There are trees that can be saved, and those that may be beyond saving, and this triage can be critical to you and your neighbors.

Bring your friends and neighbors to hear the presentations and participate in the interactive Q&A that will characterize this town meeting. The cost is free, the information is priceless, and the potential value to your home and community is significant!

We hope to see you there!

March Meeting Recap

Our March meeting was a great way to start Spring as we heard about landscaping points to consider when choosing landscape and tree care professionals, and tips on maintenance of your backyard and association common areas.

Barry Conlin from C.B. Conlin Landscapes and Skeet from the care of trees were our focus speakers, bringing their expertise to the audience, and, in Barry's case, some great before and after slides indicating the difference landscaping can make in property appearance.

Beth Corrigan, Community Trees Assistant from the Morton Arboretum joined us to talk about SLRCA (Sustainable Landscape Resources for Community Associations) and the survey put together by SLRCA and the NAHC to learn more about how homeowners associations deal with the landscaping within their common areas and other spots within association boundaries. All homeowner associations are welcome to take this survey, which can be found by going to the Confederation homepage at www.napervillehomeowners.com and clicking on the link to download the survey spreadsheet. Beth also discussed the "how-to" manual the SLRCA team is putting together as a resource for homeowner associations to better understand and manage their landscaping needs.

Finally, thanks to Skeet for arranging for the coffee and healthy snacks – even though the donut holes were the first to go!



The Economic Power of a Group of HOA'S

We have been approached by a few member associations interested in setting up a mechanism whereby HOA's could band together to negotiate better deals with vendors and suppliers. This could

include insurance, landscaping, holiday decorations, pond maintenance, etc.

Similarly, the Confederation regularly hears from potential advertisers in HOA newsletters, looking for places where their paid messages can be shared with the members of area associations. We used to have a list of association newsletters that accepted advertising, but it has fallen out of date and we would like to refresh it

If your association is

Everyday Parenting

Facts from Search Institute

Only 30% of middle and high school students surveyed report having positive family communication, including being willing to seek their parents' advice and counsel.

Positive family communication is much more common among younger kids than older teenagers. While 47% of sixth graders report positive family communication, only 22% of high school seniors do.

Family Communication

Ideas you can use every day

- Talk about the every day stuff every day.
- Create times for talking — Meal time is a great time for conversation!
- Be approachable — Try to listen without judging.
- Take concerns seriously — It is important to your children.
- Don't wait — Find times to talk with your children every day about little stuff and big stuff and when you do talk, really listen to what they have to say.

Be Intentional

- Wait — Give yourself and your children time and space, but don't make it an excuse to avoid conversation.
- Listen for more than the words — Watch body language carefully. Listen carefully and try to understand the feelings behind the words, not just the words themselves.
- Think through the tough conversations — Sometimes you need to have difficult conversations; think it through in advance.

Be Creative

- Do something else — Doing things together that both you and your children enjoy may be the best way to get a conversation going.
- Communicate without talking — If your children don't want to talk, leave a caring note, send a friendly email or just sit by their bed and give a backrub.

Keep Perspective

- Give time and space — Sometimes kids need both time and space to work through things.
- Be patient — Despite the fact that you may already have a hard time talking, remember that you can always start a new conversation, even a simple one, that can help get you back on track. Learn. Forgive. And try again.

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

www.KidsMatter2us.org

interested in either of these initiatives, send an email to nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com

NAHC Briefs – News You Can Use!

In anticipation of Earth Week, the Naperville Park District and The Conservation Foundation are collaborating to offer rain barrels for sale at a discounted price through April 13.

Rain barrels are simply large containers that capture rainwater at the end of a downspout and store the water for later use, for example in watering plants or washing cars. Using water from rain barrels as a resource lowers water bills, helps reduce flooding, and can have a dramatic impact on water quality in our rivers and streams.

Interested residents and non-residents may order a rain barrel online at www.napervilleparks.org, by phone at 630-848-5000 or in person at the Park District Administration Building at 320 W. Jackson Ave. The 55-gallon rain barrels will be sold for \$70 each if ordered by April 13. The pre-ordered barrels will be available for pick up at the Naperville Park District Administration Building parking lot on Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

The 55-gallon, recycled plastic rain barrels come equipped with a spigot, a screw off lid, a garden hose threaded overflow, and screen in the top to help keep out bugs and debris. Here are the top five facts about rain barrels, as posted at www.theconservationfoundation.org :

1. It's estimated that during the hot summer months, the average homeowner uses 40 percent of the household water in the yard.
2. Collecting the mineral rich & chlorine free rain that falls on your roof can help your garden, houseplants and reduce your water bill.
3. Modern rain barrels are sealed, safe around children and insect resistant.
4. A hose spigot on the front makes the captured rainwater available.
5. A quarter-inch of rain falling on the average home yields over 200 gallons of water.



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The Conservation Foundation's **April 9th Rain Barrel Workshop, at 10am at McDonald Farm**, is the perfect opportunity to learn all about these water savers and get all of your questions answered. How do you install a rain barrel? What about mosquitoes? You will leave this workshop with an understanding of those things and more, and hopefully with a rain barrel in your trunk as we will have rain barrels for sale that day.

After the workshop, around 11:30, tours will be given of the McDonald Farm property, including the recently completed **Renewable Energy and Water Conservation Demonstrations Project**, showcasing wind and solar energy, rainwater harvesting and recycled roofing options for residential and small business applications.

The workshop and tour is FREE but pre-registration is appreciated. Please contact Jim Kleinwachter at 630-553-0687, Ext 302 or [email him at jkleinwachter@theconservationfoundation.org](mailto:jkleinwachter@theconservationfoundation.org).

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Edward Hospital has been named one of the nation's **100 Top Hospitals** by Thomson Reuters, a leading provider of information and solutions to improve the cost and quality of healthcare.



According to Thomson Reuters, a 100 Top Hospitals award winner is one of the best in the nation in providing care that is effective, safe and patient-centered; is more likely to have systems to safeguard patients from medical errors, provide treatments proven to get results, and deliver effective care at a reasonable cost; and is also a financially stable employer with high scores in patient perception of care.

Edward made the 100 Top Hospitals list in the Large Community Hospitals category and is one of five non-teaching hospitals in Illinois to make the list. For more information about Edward's quality rankings, honors and recognition, visit www.edward.org/howweperform.

The Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals study evaluates performance in 10 areas: mortality; medical complications; patient safety; average patient stay; expenses; profitability; patient satisfaction; adherence to clinical standards of care; post-discharge mortality; and readmission rates for acute myocardial infarction (heart attack), heart failure, and pneumonia. The study has been conducted annually since 1993.

To conduct the 100 Top Hospitals study, Thomson Reuters researchers evaluated 2,914 short-term, acute care, non-federal hospitals. They used public information — Medicare cost reports, Medicare Provider Analysis and Review (MedPAR) data, and core measures and patient satisfaction data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Compare website. Hospitals do not apply and winners do not pay to market this honor.

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The St. Baldrick's Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising money to fund the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives, has issued a lofty challenge to everyone who wants to help raise money for pediatric cancer research: Be a hero for kids with cancer by shaving your head in return for pledges of financial support from friends and family.

Participants find that shaving their head in solidarity with the approximately 160,000 children who are diagnosed with cancer each year and frequently lose their hair as a result of treatment, is a small sacrifice in comparison to what these children endure.



On Saturday, April 16, 2011 over 100 people will shave their heads to help *Conquer Kids' Cancer!* The event will be held locally on the campus of North Central College/Merner Fieldhouse, with an estimated attendance of over 500 people. The head-shavings will commence at 6:00P.M. In addition to the multitude of people shaving their heads to fight pediatric cancer, there will be several raffle items to raise funds for this great

cause. Food and soft drinks will be available at a very low price courtesy of Belgio's Catering and Braconi's Restaurant, both located in Naperville, IL and the Pepsico Corporation.

Dr. Charles Rubin of the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital will attend along with several special guests, children and families benefiting from the research funded by St. Baldrick's grants and fellowships. There will be a number of "Knights of the Bald Table" recognized. A person becomes eligible for this honor when they have shaved their head for 7 years or more at a St. Baldrick's event. It is estimated to take eight weeks for one's hair to grow back after it is shaved, meaning that those shaving seven years have been bald for about one full year.

This will be the 7th year for the Naperville Public Service St. Baldricks event. Over \$600,000.00 has been raised the past 6 years and well over 500 people have shaved their heads to raise funds to combat pediatric cancer. If you are interested in participating as a shavee, volunteer or simply would like to make a donation please go to www.StBaldricks.org and click on the "Naperville Public Service" event.

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Naperville will host a public open house to provide utility customers with an opportunity to learn and ask questions about the Naperville Smart Grid Initiative (NSGI). This will take place from 4:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26 at the Electric Service Center, 1392 Aurora Ave. More detailed information will be made available in the coming weeks. Please note that because the Electric Service Center is a secure facility, residents must sign in when attending the open house and provide photo identification.



The NSGI is preparing Naperville for an increased demand on the city's electrical grid and the future of energy conservation. This involves utility infrastructure upgrades, operational efficiencies and new tools and programs designed to give customers more choices and control over energy use. The city, selected from more than 500 applicants, is the only municipality in Illinois selected for a Smart Grid Investment Grant by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Through the NSGI, all homes and businesses will receive a new digital electric meter at no cost. Additionally, customers will have access to new tools, if they choose to use them, that will empower them to better understand and manage their energy use. A new ePortal website will soon be launched to allow customers to view their energy use while learning about energy and money-saving options, additional voluntary rate programs that provide incentives for shifting energy use and enabling home electric vehicle charging stations.

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 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 Edward Cancer Center is offering "Cancer-Fighting Cuisine," a series of four classes with the goal of giving cancer patients easy-to-prepare recipes that help maintain strength and energy, and maximize the benefits of treatment.

Each class includes a 30-minute presentation by a registered dietitian from Edward Cancer Center and an hour-long cooking demonstration and sampling.

The four classes will be held in the Edward Heart Hospital Conference Room, 801 S. Washington St. in Naperville, 6:30 – 8 p.m. on the following dates:

- Monday, April 25 – Deciphering nutrition fact from fiction
- Monday, May 2 – Your changing nutrition needs
- Monday, May 9 – Strategies for thriving through treatment
- Monday, May 23 – Healthy eating after treatment and beyond

Each family will receive a free copy of *What To Eat During Cancer Treatment: 100 Great-Tasting, Family-Friendly Recipes to Help You Cope*.

Registration is required. Please call Edward Class Registration at (630) 527-6363.

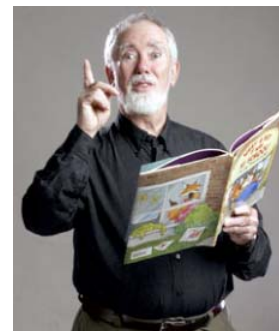
DuPage Symphony Orchestra Concerts



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.

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

The DSO is thrilled to share the stage with Jack Prelutsky, America's first Children's Poet Laureate, on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at Pfeiffer Hall, 310 East Benton Avenue, on the campus of North Central College in Naperville. The program will feature a special presentation of Camille Saint-Saens' *Carnival of the Animals*, with Mr. Prelutsky reading his brand new narration fashioned to accompany this classical musical favorite. Additional animal-oriented and child-friendly works will be performed by the DSO, along with poetry readings of the three winning submissions from our Elementary School Student Poetry Writing Contest.



Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$8 per child under 12 years age, are available through the North Central College Box Office by calling 630.637.7469/SHOW, or ordering online at <http://tickets.noctrl.edu/>. A convenience fee is assessed for online orders.

Continue your afternoon of music and poetry by joining Mr. Prelutsky at Anderson's Bookstore, 123 West Jefferson, in Naperville (walking distance from Pfeiffer Hall) on Sunday, May 1 at 5 p.m., with additional poetry readings, snacks, conversation, student chamber musicians, and exceptional raffle prizes. This post-concert event is available only to patrons who purchase combined concert/event tickets. Ticket stubs from the concert will be requested at the door. Ticket prices for the concert plus the post-concert benefit event are \$30 per adult and \$15 per child, and are likewise available through the North Central College Box Office. All proceeds from the post-concert event will help the DuPage Symphony continue to provide outstanding orchestral performances and community education programming in DuPage County.

The DSO's final subscription concert of the 2010-2011 season is on Saturday, May 14, 8 p.m. at Wentz Concert Hall, 171 East Chicago Avenue in Naperville (on the campus of North Central College). Program highlights include Rachmaninoff's lushly romantic Second Piano Concerto performed by Young Concert Artists International Winner Gleb Ivanov and Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*.

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 details about the DSO, please call (630) 778-1003 or visit the DSO website at www.dupagesymphony.org.

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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



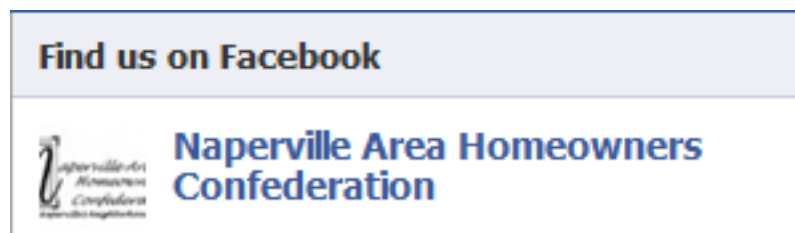
If you do not receive an invoice, your Association is not currently a Confederation member, or if there have been significant changes in your association's contacts, [download](#) and complete the Membership Application found on our website at: <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc7603.doc> 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!



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 <http://jeffreyworks.com/bedrace>



Sat., April 2nd: ACTHA will host its SPRING CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace from 8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. Events that day include a FREE Trade Show, Educational Seminars and our "Ask an Attorney" panel.

For more information or to register, visit www.actha.org, call 312-987-1906 or email kevin@actha.org

Host a Summer Exchange Student from Spain/

Share America International Exchange, a not-for-profit organization, is seeking host families for this summer!

- ▶ The high school aged students speak English and are fully insured.
- ▶ Students have their own spending money.
- ▶ Students have 2 field trips per week, and host families are welcome, but not required to attend
- ▶ Students *do not require a private bedroom*. You do not need to have a teen; families with young children and grandparents make great host families.
- ▶ In return, you will learn first hand about the Spanish ways of life, **make a lifelong friend!** And it's lots of fun!

Consider sharing your home, family and the American culture with these wonderful young people. For more information on this exciting and educational experience

Dates Call Eileen Stephens at 630-664-6703

June 29th – July 27th

Or email: eileenmstephens@gmail.com

Check us out on Facebook: Share America Naperville 2011

Share America is a non-profit, educational organization.

Arboretum Activities

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. through June 4: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday–Friday; 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday



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



Community Outreach by KidsMatter Presents: The Nurtured Heart Approach to Parenting

Are you struggling to raise a challenging child?

- ✓ Normal behavioral techniques backfire
- ✓ Lots of power struggles and arguing
- ✓ Escalating punishments don't get results
- ✓ Simple requests are ignored
- ✓ Everyday life is a struggle
- ✓ Your child is not reaching their potential at home or school
- ✓ Want to improve self esteem

The Nurtured Heart Approach has helped adults transform countless challenging children.

This free informational seminar will introduce you to several key concepts as well as give you additional resources on how to apply this approach in your home.

About the presenter:

Dan Peterson MS, LCPC and Certified Nurtured Heart Trainer, has over a decade of experience working with challenging children and their families. He has worked in area schools, mental health facilities and private practice. He is considered the area expert in teaching the Nurtured Heart Approach to parents and school personnel. Visit www.thecompass4life.com to learn more about the Nurtured Heart Approach & sign-up for a free E-Book.

Nurtured Heart Approach Free Seminar

*****April 13th from 7:00-8:00pm*****

Community United Methodist Church on 20 N. Center St.-Naperville

Register/Questions: Kathy@kidsmatter2us.org

Museum
CLOSED
Sunday,
April 24

APRIL 2011

Monday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.; Tuesday–Thursday 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Except Third Thursday of every month, open until 8:00 p.m.;
Friday 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.;
Sunday Noon–5:00 p.m.
Hours subject to change; check website to plan your visit.



...where learning comes in to play®!

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD
April 11 - 17

SUMMER CAMPS AT DCM!
Register early and save!

NEW! Play-Well TEKologies
Engineering Camps
At DCM Summer 2011

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

tiny GREAT
Performances™
FREE to Members or with
Museum admission!

Wonderful World of Wheels

Monday, Apr. 11 – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Whole Foods Market, 2607 W. 75 St., Naperville

Joel Frankel's Musical Merriment

Friday, Apr. 15 – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Patterson Elementary School, 3731 Lawrence Dr., Naperville

See website on the "What's New" page for details.

Preschool Summer Camps – Ages 3-5

Register by Friday, April 29 – TAKE 20% OFF

Summer Mini-Camps – Ages 7-10

Register by Friday, May 27 – SAVE \$15 PER SESSION

Details on the website. Register Today! Space is limited.

Two sessions for each camp: Jul. 25-29 & Aug. 15-19

Ages 5-6 Pre-Engineering with LEGO®

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Ages 7-9 Engineering FUNdamentals with LEGO®

Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Details on the website. Register today! Space is limited.

April Friday Night Activities

Apr. 1 **Petland Night**, 5:00 p.m. start

Apr. 8 **Motorola Science Night**, 5:30 p.m. start

Apr. 15 **Week of the Young Child**, Art Discovery, 5:00 p.m. start

Apr. 22 **Sculpture for Earth Day**, Science Discovery, 5:00 p.m. start

Apr. 29 **Weber Irish Dancers**, 6:00 p.m. start

DuPage Symphony Orchestra String Ensemble

Saturday, Apr. 2, 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Bughouse Theater, Hogwash, An Improvised Tall Tale

Saturday, Apr. 23, 10:30 a.m. - Noon

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

The Centennial Beach renovation project recently reached 75% completion. The project is on schedule for the planned Memorial Day Weekend Beach Grand Re-Opening.

As of March 21, the following items have been completed:

- Structure of the new front admission area of the Bathhouse
- Interior walls of the family changing area and restrooms in the Bathhouse
- Masonry, framing, and interior wall installation for the new concession building
 - Access drive
 - Sewer, stormwater, and electric infrastructure
 - Foundation and stone wall for the vertical lift

Next steps in the project include:

- Interior wall finishes, shelves, and paint in concession building
- Continued interior work on both levels of Bathhouse
- Replacement of roof and installation of flashing and trim at the Bathhouse
- Installation of vertical lift structure
- Veneer installation of the front entry feature wall and seat walls
- Final grading operations in preparation for landscaping

Centennial Beach will host an open house event on Wed., May 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. so guests may tour the bathhouse and the site. The water will not be open for this event. On Saturday, May 28, beginning at 11:00 a.m., guests will be treated to free admission and some activities to celebrate the official opening of the facility. Please note that Mon., May 30 (Memorial Day) will be a paid admission day. More information on these events will be available in the near future at www.centennialbeach.org.

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Beginning Monday, March 28, new customer service hours are in effect at the Naperville Park District's South Maintenance Facility located at 3415 Book Road. Although the lobby will continue to be open Mon.-Fri. from 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., a park district representative will only be available to assist patrons Mon.-Fri. from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Naperville Park District parking permits may be purchased during limited service hours.

A kiosk is available in the lobby where customers may access the Naperville Park District website to register for programs and apply for jobs. The kiosk is accessible Mon.-Fri., 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Customers also may pick up *Program Guides* and other Park District information, and drop-off completed registration forms during these hours.

A full range of Park District services is available at the District's main office at 320 W. Jackson Avenue. Office hours are Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-noon.

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In celebration of Earth Week, the Naperville Park District is asking volunteers to pitch in to spruce up our parks between April 16 and April 24.

Corporate groups, scout troops, high school environmental clubs, neighborhoods, and families are welcome to participate. Earth Week tasks include litter pick up, weeding, removing twigs, and other activities.

Volunteers can join others at the Riverwalk Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 to noon, or they can schedule a project at another park by contacting Lynnette Hoole at lhoole@napervilleparks.org or 630-848-3606.

Parks needing volunteer assistance include the following:

- Brighton Ridge Park, 775 Torrington Drive
- Burlington Park, 1003 Douglas Avenue
- Carol Acres Park, 787 Fort Hill Drive
- Clow Creek Greenway, 4588 Pradel Drive
- Commissioners Park, 3704 111th Street
- Country Lakes Park, 1835 North Aurora Road
- Frontier Sports Complex, 3380 Cedar Glade Drive
- Goodrich Woods, 25W507 Hobson Road
- Heritage Woods, 1067 W. 5th Avenue
- Hobson West Ponds, 1047 S. West Street
- Hunters Woods, 2007 Lakeview Court
- Knoch Knolls Park, 336 Knoch Knolls Road
- Riverwoods Park, 2283 Riverwoods Drive
- Walnut Ridge Woods, 1092 Augustana Court
- Westglen Park, 1560 Westglen Drive
- Wildflower Park, 2122 Aurora Avenue

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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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A new interpretive center for education programming and nature exploration is taking shape, with the frame now visible under the trees at historic Seager Park, 1163 Plank Road on Naperville's north side.

The interpretive center is part of overall park improvements supported by a \$400,000 Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Improvements include a new walking trail, a council ring, a baseball backstop, soccer field, relocated and renovated basketball and volleyball courts, a wildflower garden and interpretive signs, and a new entry drive and permeable paver parking lot.

The plan for Seager Park was developed with input from area residents to preserve and enhance the natural beauty and recreational amenities of Seager Park, with its 24-acre woodland, open fields, wetlands, and diverse plant and animal life.

The Seager Park improvements are expected to be completed by late fall of 2011.

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The Naperville Park District recently learned that DuPage County awarded the District a \$104,988 grant through the County's Water Quality Improvement Program. This grant will support installation of a permeable paver parking lot and native wetland plants at Seager Park and a wetland restoration project at Pioneer Park along the West Branch of the DuPage River in Central Naperville.

Installation of permeable pavers and wetland restoration will help slow and filter stormwater at each park site, resulting in improved water quality in the DuPage River. As a manager of over 2,500 acres of park land, the Naperville Park District seeks to protect environmental resources, including rivers, wetlands, and woodlands that enhance our parks.

The wetland restoration project at Pioneer Park will extend the ongoing work at the site, which includes restoring the 3-acre oak woodland and the 1-acre prairie habitats. The woodland and prairie habitat restoration projects were initially funded by a Conservation 2000 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

To view the site plan and project updates for the Seager Park and Pioneer Park, or to learn more about the Naperville Park District, please visit www.napervilleparks.org

Library News



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

Disney Digital Books Now Available - Disney favorites such as Mickey Mouse, Cars, Toy Story, Finding Nemo, Winnie the Pooh, Pirates of the Caribbean, Disney Princesses, Hannah Montana and many more are now available at the Naperville Public Library. Almost 700 titles may now be accessed by Naperville cardholders to view on both PC and MAC computers. These titles have interactive and audio features.

The collection includes classic stories and characters, along with new Disney personalities, in an interactive, browser-based experience. The titles are "always available" so your child won't have to wait for the book. Entertaining and educational titles are available for every reading level, from nonreaders to children ready for chapter books. Best of all, because these are part of our downloadable collection, there are no fines. The book is simply not available when the loan period is up.

To access the Disney Digital Books collection, click on the Downloadable Materials link on the Naperville Public Library's website at www.naperville-lib.info.

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Nichols, 95th Street, and Naper Boulevard Libraries will be **closed Sunday, April 24**. Normal hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. will resume on Monday, April 25. Drive-up returns for all Library materials are available 24 hours a day at all locations. The Library's website, www.naperville-lib.org is also available 24/7. You can renew materials or see what you have checked out by accessing the Library Catalog on the Library's website and using the "Log into My Account" function. Have your Library card and PIN numbers ready (usually the last 4 digits of your phone number). Materials may also be renewed by calling 961-0460.

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Kathleen Longacre, an Adult Services librarian at the 95th Street Library, has been named Northern Illinois Librarian of the Year because of her support of the romance genre. She will be honored at an April dinner given by the Windy City Romance Writers Association.

This is the third time a librarian from the Naperville Public Library has won this award. Betty Wampach received the award in 2005. Karen Toonen received the award in 2010.

The Naperville Public Library is hosting its first Teen Poetry Contest during April 2011. The contest, in celebration of National Poetry Month and National Library Week, is open to all teens that either live in Naperville or attend Naperville schools.

Students may start submitting poems on April 1 in one of two categories- junior high/middle school (grades 6 through 8) or high school (grades 9 through 12). Teens are invited to submit one entry of no more than 50 lines in length along with the completed entry form. The poem can be on any subject and in any poetic form or style.

The deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m. on April 30. Winners will be announced on May 13 and their poems will be posted on the Library website. Depending on the number of entries, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes may be awarded in both junior high/middle school and high school categories.

Application forms and contest rules are available at the Adult Services Desk at all locations of the Naperville Public Library or online at www.naperville-lib.info. Entries may be submitted by email, mailed to the address on the application form, or handed in at an Adult Services Desk at any Library.

April Events

Friday, April 1 - Footloose Matinee

Get out your dancing shoes and join us for a showing of the 1984 film *Footloose* starring Kevin Bacon. For those of you who are greatly anticipating the remake, this is your chance to see the original hit, chock-full of leg warmers and big hair! Bring your friends, enjoy some snacks, and share some laughs. No registration is required. Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6

Bookopoly: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* - Be a part of an exciting life-sized board game! Children will compete to answer trivia questions and do physical challenges based on the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series. Roll enormous dice and flip oversized physical challenge cards to determine your next move. Limited to children in Grades 3 - 5. No registration is required. Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 4:00 p.m.

Investing in Uncertain Times - In this challenging economy, it's especially important to understand basic market trends, tax considerations, and the fundamentals of managing and reducing risk. Join Edward Gjertsen II, CFP®, financial planning and asset management expert, Vice President, Mack Investment Securities Inc. and National Board Member, Financial Planning Association, for an informative and entertaining session about investing in today's markets. No registration is required. This Money Smart Week® program is open to all and is presented in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 7

Headache and Back Pain Prevention - Suffering from headaches or back pain? Join us as Dr. Quinn Krenek, from Pins Family Chiropractic in Naperville, discusses headaches and back pain. Dr. Krenek graduated from National University of Health Sciences (NUHS) in Lombard and previously taught at Wabaussee Community College. He will be discussing ways to heal the body naturally and how to prevent the problem before it starts. He will also focus on understanding the cause of the condition and natural aspects to reach optimal health. No registration is required. This program is presented in partnership with Dr. Quinn Krenek. Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd., 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 9

Dollars And \$ense Reality Fair For Teens - Get ready for the real world of money! Come to this fun, hands-on reality fair where you'll visit booths and make decisions about how you might spend your money once you've started out on your own. You'll make a budget based on a chosen career and

salary, then you'll decide how to manage your finances and make choices about housing, cars, clothing, and technology, just like people in the adult world do every day. Pizza and prizes will be provided! This Money Smart Week® program is open to all interested teens and is presented in partnership with the Illinois Credit Union League and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. To register, please call 1.630.961.4100, ext. 6328. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 10 to Saturday, April 16 - National Library Week

Create Your Own Story @ your library® - Help us celebrate National Library Week! Read or listen to a story from our collection and then create your own review of the story. Children's reviews, in words or pictures, will be displayed in the library. Teens and Adults can share their reviews online. Submitting a review will enter you for a chance to win prizes. Drawings will be held for one winner in each of the three age groups – Children, Teens (6th-12th graders), and Adults. All patrons entering the raffle must show their current Naperville Public Library card. Of course, the Children's Department will have a guessing jar which everyone can try to win! Please check [our website](http://www.naperville-lib.info), www.naperville-lib.info, for more information.

Wednesday, April 13

Snapshot Day - Join us for Snapshot Day, a day in the life of Illinois Libraries. We will spend the day collecting stories, photos, testimonials and videos from our Library patrons. All three Naperville Public Library buildings

Civil War Ghosts and Legends with Brian "Fox" Ellis - Naperville Public Library Commemorates the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War

True stories and legends woven with traditional songs and poetry from the most uncivil war. Join Brian "Fox" Ellis as he takes you back in time to the battlefields, hospitals and graveyards of America's deadliest war. In the persona of Mathias Stritt, a German immigrant first to enlist in Peoria who later marched with Sherman as he burned Atlanta and marched to the sea, Fox recites poems by Walt Whitman and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, interspersing his rich knowledge of the war with horror stories by Civil War soldier/reporter Ambrose Bierce and folksongs by Stephen Foster. No registration is required. This program is made possible in part by an award from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Illinois General Assembly. 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 16 - ACT® Kaplan™ Practice Tests

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 online or at any of the Adult or Children's Service desks at the three Library buildings. This program is presented in partnership with Kaplan™. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 17 - Kaplan™ Accepted: Getting Into Your First Choice School -

Attend this free seminar and learn what college admissions officers expect from applicants' high school experiences. Topics cover admission policies and factors used by admissions officers when making admissions decisions. Grades: 9 - 12. 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

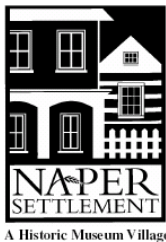
Service desks at the three Library buildings. This program is presented in partnership with Kaplan™. 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 3:00 p.m.

Monday, April 18 - Naperville Public Library Catalog ... And So Much More!

What's in the Library Catalog? Is it just a list of books and audiovisual materials? NO WAY! You can find books and magazine articles, read them online, and translate them into different languages directly from the Library Catalog. You can also save lists of books for future reading, receive emails of newly added materials, add reviews and tags to Library Catalog records ... and so much more. Registration and a Naperville Public Library card are required to attend this program. Register online or any of the Adult or Children's Service desks at the three Library buildings. Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 29 - DuPage Symphony Orchestra's String Ensemble at the Library

The DuPage Symphony Orchestra's String Ensemble will present a selection of chamber music. Afterwards, there is an opportunity for the audience to interact with the musicians and learn more about the instruments and the Symphony. No registration is required. This program is held in partnership with the DuPage Symphony Orchestra. 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., 7:30 p.m.



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

Summer Season begins April 1 at Naper Settlement - Summer Season begins April 1 at Naper Settlement, an outdoor history museum, located at 523 S. Webster St. in Naperville. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9 adults, \$8 seniors 62+ and \$6.50 youth 4-17. Audio tour is \$3; GPS rental is \$1 for the Geocache Medallion Hunt.

School's Out: Foolish Fun on April 1- Children in grades 1-5 will enjoy "Foolish Fun on April 1," including fun games, activities and crafts from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 1 at Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Registration is required. The fee is \$45/child; \$40/NHSS member.

History Speaks Lecture Series: Harriet Beecher Stowe - In this presentation of the History Speaks Lecture Series, actress Paddy Lynn portrays Harriet Beecher Stowe, American abolitionist and famed author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 10 at Naper Settlement's Century Memorial Chapel, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Her best-selling book galvanized the abolitionist movement and contributed to the start of the Civil War. Advance tickets are \$5/Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining Members and students, \$6/non-member; at the door, tickets are \$7/adults, \$6/youth or student. Call (630) 420-6010.

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). While all incumbents are eligible to run again for their current positions, Mr. Strawbridge has indicated he will not be running for re-election as a Director.

A nominating committee, Chaired by Confederation Secretary John Mesarchik, was formed at the March 19th General Meeting to 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, April 16th. 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 Emerald Ash Borer Forum on Monday, April 4th.

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 May 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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