



April 2012 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

I would like to extend to each of our members and the general public an invitation to join the officers, Board of Directors and members of the NAHC by attending our April 21st General Meeting at 8 AM in meeting rooms B&C of the Naperville Municipal Center.

During this month’s meeting we will be able to interact with the members of our City Council during their annual, informal visit with us. Both at the coffee and networking preceding the meeting, as well as within the meeting itself, they will discuss their impressions of City happenings as well as their goals for the rest of the administrative year. This may sound rather straight forward, BUT there is real meaning behind this meeting. To have this type of interaction that is not only personal, but totally dedicated to our residents and their concerns, is the unique value of these once-a-year sessions. You have read in my previous columns about how rare an opportunity for our community these informal get-togethers with our leaders are and how this can only occur in Naperville. As I’ve written before we do not take this privilege for granted.

The NAHC is honored to have so many Councilmen regularly attend our General Meetings as audience members. Many monthly meetings will have five or so attending and listening to our guest speakers and the presentations developed by the Confederation to help educate and inform our neighbors. For this upcoming meeting our council members will be front and center as our main topic, so please do attend.

Coffee, snacks, and networking begins at 8 AM and the meeting with Council starts at 8:30 AM, ending by 10 AM. Further details can be found on the Confederation webpage at www.napervillehomeowners.com. I look forward to the Council comments and your participation.

Sincerely,

Dr Bob Buckman
President, Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation
drbobbuckman@sbcglobal.net

April Meeting with City Council

Mark your calendar for our next general membership meeting on Saturday, April 21st in lower level meeting rooms B&C of the Naperville Municipal Center. Coffee and Networking, sponsored by RE/MAX of Naperville, will begin at 8 AM with the formal meeting going from 8:30 until 10.



In addition to graciously sponsoring our pre-meeting refreshments, RE/MAX of Naperville recognizes that Spring is garage sale season. They will be bringing garage sale signs and will be happy to supply each subdivision with as many as they need!



Every year at our April meeting, members of the Naperville City Council take center stage and share their thoughts and insights with our membership. In addition to our interaction with Council, we will also be recognizing Chief Dial for his service to our City and neighborhoods.

Please keep an eye on our website for updates and further information on this meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you on the 21st!

Do We Have Your Updated Contact Information?

Last month we sent 2012 Dues Invoices to our members, and, for the first time, used email and not “snail mail.” If you did not receive a dues invoice, please email us at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com and we’ll make sure one is sent your way.

When doing the mailing, we were concerned with the number of emails that bounced back due to bad addresses. With members moving, changing jobs, or switching to different Internet providers, our directory is in need of an update. If you believe the contact information for your association is out of date, please go to our website, www.napervillehomeowners.com and download and fill out an information sheet (new member application) on your association. There is a “hotlink” on our homepage to the Membership Application document.

Remember – the only way the Police, Fire Department, Park District, or even local realtors can get information on Naperville Associations is to ask the Confederation, We don’t provide this information except on request, so privacy should not be an issue.

Thanks!

Zoning and Land Use Update



Thom Higgins, the chair of the Confederation Zoning & Land Use Committee, writes every month about new development and land use projects discussed at his monthly meetings with City Staff, that are of interest to Naperville area residents, and/or under consideration by Plan Commission and City Council. He also includes information obtained from other sources.

New Projects:

Water Street Development: The developers have submitted **revised plans** for the Water Street Development. The office component on the Tower Building situated on the south side of Water St. will be replaced with a 130 room Holliday Inn Express hotel. On the north side of Water, the new plan replaces the previously approved 30 condos with 60 rental apartments. A January press release also

indicated that Bien Trucha restaurant has agreed to lease 2,769 square feet in, we are assuming, one of the buildings on the north side of Water St, along the Riverwalk.

The Hotel and apartment changes are significant enough to require the project review and approval process to start over, with appearances in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission and then City Council. As part of this process, the City anticipates hiring a consultant to review the current TIF documents and update them with new potential assessment figures based on these revised uses.

Main Street Promenade, Van Buren and Main: The owner of Main Street Promenade will appear in front of City Council on April 3rd. to discuss a development agreement between themselves and the City. They are planning an addition to the existing structure that would run along the west side of Main



to Benton where a vacant lot currently stands. In addition, they are planning on building a companion structure on the east side of main, the site of the defunct Naper Main project. All new structures will share the design features of the original Main Street Promenade, although the east side will be taller with an additional floor.

Of significance is the developer's request to place a pedestrian walkway across Main St. at mid-block between Van Buren and Benton (pictured is the proposal for the southeast corner of Main and Benton with the pedestrian bridge depicted on the right). If approved, this potentially marks the second elevated walkway in the downtown with the first being the walkway approved across Water St. connecting the hotel building to the residences along the river. Naperville currently has no regulations regarding elevated walkways, so it is questionable whether the city can block or regulate the construction of one.

Silverado Senior Living, Brookdale and Bond: The proposal is for a 90 bed Alzheimer/memory residential facility to be constructed on a vacant lot. The proposal requires a Conditional Use and will be appearing in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission on April 4th.

<http://www.silveradosenior.com/>

Dialysis Clinic, Washington near Naper: Plans have been submitted for a dialysis clinic to go into a vacant commercial structure on Washington. The use will require some minor changes to the PUD and therefore will appear in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission shortly.

6 local McDonalds Restaurants: Have submitted plans to add a second drive-thru lane at their facilities. In addition, staff continues to review the plans submitted for a new restaurant at Hillside and Washington (old Citgo station), with an appearance in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission expected in late April or May.

Q Barbecue, Main and Van Buren: A new casual dining restaurant will be going into the old Jilly's.

<http://www.q-bbq.com/>

First Community Bank, Washington and Gartner: First Community will be moving into the old "Play lit Again Sports" building. They will be adding a drive-thru which will probably require an appearance in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Date TBD.

Ongoing Proposals:

Naperville Fertility Clinic, Benton and Washington: Appeared in front of City Council on April 20th. Approximately 15 speakers spoke against the proposal, all but one doing so on moral and religious grounds. Counsel for the petitioner made it clear that the proposed use is allowed under the applicable zoning code and their appearance was for minor compliance/variance issues only. Specifically, they are looking to not provide parking on site, but rather pay approximately \$154,000 into the parking SSA. They are also looking for minor setback variances and sign variances. Councilman Grant Wherli asked staff for additional documentation regarding the Certificate of Need issued by the controlling State agency. Accordingly the public hearing was continued to April 3rd.

Mariott Hotel, Naperville Blvd. and Diehl: The remodeled hotel is slated to open April 2nd.

Ongoing Studies:

Building Code Update: Staff continues to work with the Building Review Board on the proposed changes. Of note is the discussion of adopting the fire suppression section of the International code for **new** construction. If adopted, all **new homes** constructed in Naperville would be required to have sprinkler systems. There is also discussion of requiring more extensive use of arc-fault circuit breakers in new construction. Final draft is expected to be presented to City Council in April, with public comment taken in May and June.

Bus Depot Feasibility Study: On March 3, the Transportation Advisory Board considered the Naperville Metra Station Bus Depot and Commuter Access Feasibility Study recommendations and approved the following:

- Recommend approval of a bus depot on the Parkview Lot (Not Approved, 2-6).
- Recommend approval of conversion of North Avenue (currently one-way westbound only) to a two-way street between Washington Street and Ellsworth Street (Approved, 5-3)
- Recommend approval of modifications to the Eastern Burlington Lot (Approved, 8-0).
- Recommend approval of the short-term recommendation for the south side of the train tracks, excluding conversion of North Avenue to two-way traffic between Washington Street and Ellsworth Street (Approved, 8-0).

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

Staff is recommending the conversion of the Parkview lot into a bus depot and the conversion of North Ave. into a two-way street for access. Although TAB voted down Staff's recommendation to construct a bus depot in the Parkview lot, City Council will receive the same recommendation when they take up the matter. This is tentatively scheduled for April 17th.

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 19, 2012 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 Secretary of the Confederation (currently John Mesarchik); Treasurer (currently Dan Bulley); and two at large Director Positions (currently held by Tom Harris and Kathy Benson). John Mesarchik, Tom Harris, and Kathy Benson are eligible to run again for their current positions.



A nominating committee composed of President Dr. Bob Buckman, Vice President Bob Fischer, and Director Allen Panek was formed at the March 24th 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 annual meeting. Any person who, at the time of the election, is a member of a homeowners association which is a Confederation member in good standing may

seek and hold office on the Confederation Board of Directors; except that there shall be no more than one Confederation Officer or a total of two Confederation Board of Directors members from any one Confederation member association. Duties of the positions to be elected are as follows:

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

corporate records. The Secretary shall be responsible for all communications with Member associations or others as the President or the Board of Directors direct.

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

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

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

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

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

NAHC Briefs – News You Can Use!

Due to the overwhelming response to the **community forum on drugs** held in February, both Naperville School District 203 and 204, have partnered with the Naperville and Aurora Police Departments to hold follow-up presentations in larger venues.

Speakers will detail the extent of heroin's presence in our community, describe the signs and symptoms of drug addiction, and provide tips on how to seek help, offer treatment options and explain what parents can do. Presenters include Naperville and /or Aurora Police detectives, school social workers and/or addiction professionals who will share their first hand experiences of working with our students.



We urge you to attend with your children to hear for yourself how substance abuse affects the whole community, listen to the facts regarding what is happening in our own backyards, and most importantly, learn how to keep your children safe.

Presentations will take place in the auditoriums of Naperville North High School on April 3 at 7:00 p.m. and Neuqua Valley High School on April 5 at 7:00 p.m.

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Community business leaders can access the knowledge and experience of world-renowned leaders by attending a LIVE Simulcast of **The Chick-fil-A Leadercast** at The Compass Church in Naperville on May 4, 2012 from 8:00am until 3:30pm.

Chick-fil-A Leadercast is a one-day leader development event broadcast LIVE from Atlanta, Ga. to hundreds of sites throughout the nation. Speakers for this year's event include:

- Soledad O'Brien, Anchor and special correspondent for CNN
- Tim Tebow, NFL quarterback, Heisman Trophy winner and best-selling author
- Patrick Lencioni, Best-selling author and president of The Table Group
- John Maxwell, Leadership expert & best-selling author of "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership"
- Angela Ahrendts, CEO, Burberry
- Roland Fryer, Professor of economics at Harvard University and CEO of the Education Innovation Laboratory
- Urban Meyer, ESPN analyst and former head football coach for the University of Florida
- Andy Stanley, Best-selling leadership author and communicator
- Sheena Iyengar, Author of "The Art of Choosing" and world-renowned expert of choice



Last year, 85,000 leaders from 17 countries attended Chick-fil-A Leadercast. In its 12th year, this full day, experiential conference is predicted to reach its largest audience to date.

This year's program will focus on the power of choice. The diverse group of internationally-acclaimed authors, leadership experts and practitioners will share insights to help leaders empower and equip others at work, at home and in the community through his or her choices. For registration go to: <https://thecompass.smartevents.com/chic-fil-a-leadercast>

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The Sister Cities Commission continues to accept entries in the **2012 Young Artists Showcase competition**. Entries are due by Friday, April 13, with an awards ceremony planned for 9 a.m. to noon; Saturday, April 21 in the Lower Level Meeting Rooms at the Naperville Municipal Center.

Following the ceremony, the Sister Cities Commission will host **the Naperville International Food Fair** from noon to 3 p.m. on the first floor of the Municipal Center. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the fair and sample various ethnic foods from local vendors.

This year's Young Artists Showcase contest theme is "Youth as the Catalyst for Change." Entrants are asked to use artwork to express how communication, technology and individual initiative can lead to dramatic social change. Submissions can highlight an experience with social media, how a youth is creating change in his or her community or how global communication and exchange has had an impact on one's life.

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, 2012. The deadline for entries is Friday, April 13, 2012, at 4 p.m. All completed artwork and entry paperwork should be brought to the Mayor's Office at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., between 1 and 4 p.m. April 11-13. Following the awards ceremony, artwork will be on display in the first floor of the Municipal Center for viewing by the public

For more information, visit www.naperville.il.us/sccyashowcase.aspx. One finalist and four semi-finalists will receive awards at the April 21 awards ceremony, with the finalist having his or her artwork submitted to Sister Cities International for national, and potentially international, recognition.

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The Naperville Police Department has received multiple reports of **citizens being scammed out of money**. In both instances, the elderly victims were led to believe a loved one was in some sort of legal trouble and needed money wired to them right away.



The victims felt the people with whom they spoke were either relatives or knew information only their relative would be aware of. Through investigations of the reported scams the Naperville Police Department has learned the offenders often glean information from victims by posing leading statements where the victims themselves provide information unknowingly to the offenders.

Some suggestions offered by the police department to avoid becoming a victim of fraud are:

- Never wire or otherwise send money anywhere unless you are absolutely sure who you are sending it to.
- Be leery of people who make statements where you in turn provide information, such as, "grandma it's me" and you respond with a name.
- Use contact numbers you have to call back the person purporting to be a relative or friend.
- Check with other relatives first before committing to any sort of assistance.
- If you don't have relatives or friends to contact, call the police.

For additional information on scams visit your local police department or visit www.ftc.gov/bcp/workshops/moneytransfer or www.illinois.gov

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Rotary Club of Naperville South will hold a **pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14** at Neuqua Valley High School's main campus cafeteria, 2360 95th St., Naperville. Tickets are \$5 per person; \$ 15 per family. The breakfast is a fundraiser benefiting several organizations including Rotary International's Shelter Box, Turning Pointe Autism Foundation, the YMCA and Neuqua Valley's Interact Club. Heartland Blood Centers will be on-site conducting a blood drive. Enjoy performances from local school musical groups and see a Naperville Fire Department fire engine.



Tickets are available at the door. For more information, e-mail admin@rcnsouth.com or visit www.rcnsouth.com

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The City of Naperville is accepting applications for the **Greener Business Program Matching Grant Fund** that will help qualified businesses obtain financial assistance for energy efficient retrofit projects.

Applications for the Matching Grant Fund, as well as a list of qualifications and frequently asked questions, are available online at www.naperville.il.us/greenerbusiness.aspx. A printed copy of the application may also be obtained at the Development Services Counter of the Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group located on the main floor of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St.



Naperville commercial, office, industrial business and **multi-family building owners and operators are encouraged to apply for the Matching Grant Fund**. Qualifying and accepted applicants will receive matching funds at a rate of \$.50 up to \$10,000 for every \$1 spent toward energy efficiency improvements. Applications will be accepted until Tuesday, May 1, 2012, and grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds have been exhausted.

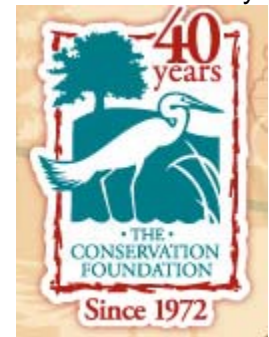
Submittal of an application does not guarantee a grant award and incomplete applications will not be considered. All projects awarded a Greener Business Matching Grant must be completed, including final inspections and reimbursement paperwork, and submitted to the City no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, June 1, 2012.

Funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the Greener Business Program was created to help businesses reduce their energy consumption and emissions and increase their overall energy efficiency.

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The Conservation Foundation **2012 Earth Day Benefit Dinner will be held on April 19th, 5:30 to 9pm** at Bobak's Signature Events in Woodridge, Illinois. This is the Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year, and this year's dinner will celebrate the organization's 40th Anniversary of saving land and rivers in northeastern Illinois. The evening will include exquisite dining, a silent auction, cash raffle, inspiring video and the opportunity to ensure the preservation of local natural areas and waterways for future generations through a financial contribution.

The organization is **seeking table sponsorships and donations** to their nature-inspired silent auction. Tables are sold at the \$1,500 (Silver), \$2,500 (Gold) and \$5,000 (Platinum) level and include a table for eight at the dinner, recognition at the event, in the media and on the organization's website. Desired silent auction items include trips, outdoor sporting equipment such as kayaks, fishing equipment, etc., restaurant, spa and golf certificates, artwork, native plant material, garden art, and high end electronics. Auction donors will be recognized at the event, on the organization's website, and can claim a charitable donation for their contribution.



The dinner's nature-inspired silent auction, one of the best in the area, will feature more than 200 items donated by Foundation members and local businesses and artists, and will also use the innovative BidPal Electronic Auction System. Upon arrival, guests will be handed an electronic device they will use throughout the evening to bid on auction items, play the Wall of Wine and purchase tickets for the cash raffle. The BidPal system eliminates paper bid sheets, allows guests to bid from anywhere in the room, alerts bidders when they have been outbid, and provides an easy mechanism to make general donations to The Conservation Foundation. BidPal also offers ad space for local businesses wishing to get their information in front of a targeted audience in a charitable state of mind. Ad space on the BidPal device is being offered at \$200 (table sponsors and silent auction donors receive a reduced price for ad purchases.)

Those interested in sponsoring a table, donating an auction item or purchasing a BidPal ad should contact Chere Hayes at 630-428-4500, Ext. 17 or email chayes@theconservationfoundation.org.

For those wishing to attend the Earth Day Benefit Dinner, tickets are \$100/person. Guests may register online at www.theconservationfoundation.org, by phone at 630-428-4500, Ext. 10 or through the mail at 10S404 Knoch Knolls Rd., Naperville, IL 60565.

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The Naperville Municipal Band is composing a musical salute to "Women in Uniform" during its Spring Concert, which will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Ave.,. The concert is sponsored by American Legion Post 43 and Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873. A special invitation is extended to all Girl Scouts and Girl Scout leaders, past and present, as 2012 is the 100th

anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America; to women police officers and women firefighters; and to women veterans from all branches of service to enjoy this musical tribute.

The concert will be staged like a USO show with various performers including The Legacy Girls, who sing the music of the 1940s in Andrews Sisters' style. Starting off the concert will be a color guard from the VFW Women's Auxiliary. Musical selections will include a piece dedicated to Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross. Soloists are Amy McCabe and Vicki Gotscher of the U.S. Marine Band and Meredith Melvin of the Illinois Air National Guard Band. In honor of the recent 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, the band will play "At Dawn They Slept," accompanied by a film produced by Naperville resident Veronica Porter.

Admission is free, but a ticket will be required. For tickets, call the Naperville Municipal Band office at (630) 778-9994 or e-mail info@napervilleband.org. For more information about the Naperville Municipal Band, visit www.napervilleband.org.

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The Naperville CARES 9th Annual Cuisine for a Cause – On Saturday, April 21, 2012, Over 25 popular Naperville restaurants will feature their signature dishes at this 9th annual event. Attendees will also be treated to live entertainment, an auction and wine tasting from local wine merchants.



Proceeds will benefit Naperville CARES, a volunteer driven organization that provides short-term financial support and resources to meet the basic needs of local families in crisis. **Cuisine for a Cause** will be held from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Tellabs Global Headquarters, 1415 W. Diehl Road in Naperville. Tickets are \$90. For tickets and more information, 630-369-0200 or www.NapervilleCARES.org.

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A new baseball team will begin play in Summer 2012 in our area. The DuPage County Hounds is a summer collegiate wood bat team, which means this is a scouting league for Major League Baseball. The Hounds play a 23 game season and their home field is the 1,100 seat Village of Lisle-Benedictine University Sports Complex, which offers reserved seating in addition to two suites.

The Hounds are inviting Home Owners Associations to have a neighborhood outing at one of their baseball games this summer and are offering a few different options for doing this.

Option 1 is Tuesday nights. Every Tuesday night all residents of Lisle and Naperville can get in the game for only \$2 each (regular price is \$8). Option 2 is any other day of the week Wednesday - Sunday, which would be only \$4 per ticket (regular price is \$8). There are also "benefits" to either the group leader or the group depending on how many tickets they purchase (see below):

- 25 tickets = Group leader gets a voucher for two free tickets
- 50 tickets = Group leader gets a free t-shirt of their choice
- 75 tickets = Opportunity to throw out the first pitch
- 100 tickets = Sing take me out to the ball game (one group per game)
- 150 tickets = Come to the game early and catch balls during batting practice (one group per game)

For more information or to reserve tickets for a game, contact Joe Stefani at (815) 704-3839 or visit www.DupageHounds.com for more information on the team, schedule, etc.

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LIVING LARGE in a not so big house

April 12 - 14, 2012

A Design Series for Your Home
Naperville, Illinois

Keynote Speaker

Sarah Susanka, FAIA

architect and author of the
"Not So Big" series

Community First is presenting the **Living Large in a Not So Big House Design Series** Thursday, April 12 through Saturday, April 14.

The program will kick off at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12 at Knox Presbyterian Church, 1105 Catalpa Lane, with a reception, presentation and question and answer session. Tickets are \$20 per person.

An Open House Reception, sponsored by Liam Brex at its showroom, 222 S. Main St., in Naperville is also scheduled on April 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. This reception is free to the public and will feature appetizers and refreshments.

The final day of the series will feature a design workshop from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 14 where private consultations with architects, builders, interior designers, realtors, finance experts and landscape architects will be available. The workshop will be free to the public and held at Knox Presbyterian Church. To learn more about the design series or to purchase tickets, visit www.communityfirstinc.org.

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Naperville Electric utility customers can learn more about the **Naperville Smart Grid Initiative (NSGI) at neighborhood open houses** that will feature several stations where people can talk with NSGI Ambassadors and have their NSGI questions answered. The next Open House is Wednesday, April 18, 7-9 p.m., at Cowlshaw Elementary School, 1212 Sanctuary Lane

As part of the NSGI, the City is visiting homes and businesses to replace existing electric meters with new smart meters. These digital smart meters measure energy use in near-real time and securely and safely transmit this data remotely to the City's electric utility, giving customers a new level of awareness and control over their energy use. If you wish to opt for a manual read meter please call Bernie Saban with the city at 630-420-6135.



More information about the NSGI and what customers can expect during their smart meter installation, as well as an interactive map of installation dates, is available on the City's website at www.naperville.il.us/deployment.aspx. Customers will receive a letter in the mail approximately six to eight weeks prior to installation with general information and contact information for a 24-hour customer care call center for questions or concerns as well as the date and location of their neighborhood open house.

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Naperville residents once again have the opportunity to learn about the City's municipal services and governmental processes by participating in the eighth annual **Naperville Citizens' Academy**. This 11-week program is designed to give residents hands-on experience and unique insight into the City.

Classes will meet weekly from 6:30 to 9 p.m. beginning Thursday, April 19. Each week, participants will learn about the many aspects of local government through informative and interactive sessions with elected officials, department directors and representatives from Naper Settlement, the Naperville Public Library and the Naperville Park District. The program will culminate in a graduation ceremony officiated by Mayor A. George Pradel.

Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. To inquire about registration, contact Community Relations Assistant Janice Bradley at (630) 420-6707. For more information about the program, visit www.naperville.il.us/citizensacademy.aspx.

Flood Safety Awareness

Each year, floods account for billions of dollars in property losses in the United States. In 2011, Midwest floods caused more than 1.5 billion dollars of damage according to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regional flood statistics. Whether from a storm, water main break or a sewer backup, floods threaten homes and businesses. You should be aware of flood hazards regardless of where you live and work because flooding can happen anytime, anywhere and without warning.

Flood damages are not normally covered under a standard homeowner's insurance policy. Just a few inches of water from a flood can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage.



Residential claims data reported by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) indicate that the average flood insurance claim paid was nearly \$34,000 over a five year period. Flood insurance is the best way to protect you from devastating financial loss.

In the Midwest, spring weather comes with the likelihood of heavy rains and severe weather. Take actions to protect yourself and your family, business and finances before a flood event occurs. The following preparedness tips are reprinted from www.ready.gov site

Spring Flooding: Risks and Protection posted on /Spring_Flood_Fact_Sheet.pdf. Read below to learn steps you can take before, during and after a flood to protect you and your family.

Before a Flood:

- [Build an emergency kit](#) and create a [family communications plan](#).
- **Practice your family emergency plan.** Plan and practice flood evacuation routes from home, work, and school that are on higher ground.
- **Conduct a thorough home inventory.** Thorough documentation of your belongings will help you file your flood insurance claim.

During a Flood:

- **Go to higher ground.** Get out of areas subject to flooding, including dips, low spots, washes, etc.
- **Avoid areas already flooded,** especially when water flows fast. Do not attempt to cross flowing streams. Just six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet.
- **Never drive through flooded roadways.** Roadbeds may be washed out under flood waters and just two feet of moving water can sweep a SUV off the road.

After a Flood:

- **Check for damage.** Check for structural damage before re-entering your home. If you suspect damage to water, gas, electric or sewer lines, contact authorities.
- **Remove wet contents immediately.** Wet carpeting, furniture, bedding and any other items holding moisture can develop mold within 24 to 48 hours. Clean and disinfect everything touched by floodwaters.
- **File your flood insurance claim.** Be sure to take photos of any water in the house and damaged personal property. Make a detailed list of all damaged or lost items.

To learn how to create an emergency kit, family communications plan and emergency plan, consider attending an emergency preparedness class. Classes meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center (ARRCC) located at 305 West Jackson Ave., Room 206. You can contact the Emergency Preparedness Education Team at (630) 305-7000, ext. 570 or email beready@Naperccc.org to reserve space for one of the monthly classes. For more information about flood safety, visit www.ready.gov/floodawareness.

Submitted by Naperville Citizen Corps Council

Income Tax Preparation Assistance Available



Loaves & Fishes is hosting the IRS-sponsored VITA Program, which offers free help preparing state and federal tax returns for any household with an income below \$49,000 for the 2011 tax year. Trained community volunteers will be available on Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., and on Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. through Saturday, April 14th. **No appointment is necessary.**

VITA provides an essential service to low-income families who can avoid the cost of tax preparation and receive their refunds quickly. Taxpayers should bring any information that would be used to prepare a return, including W2's, 1099's, and any information on tax deductions, such as child care, donations, and business expenses.

Loaves & Fishes is located at 1871 High Grove Lane. For more information, please visit <http://www.loaves-fishes.org/VITA.html>.

For senior citizens requiring filing assistance, volunteer tax preparers in **the AARP Tax-Aide Program** will provide free tax filing assistance to seniors by appointment only at the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk

Community Center through April 11, 2012. To schedule a 45-minute appointment for tax assistance call the Naperville Park District at 630-848-3613. Membership in AARP is not required.

The local AARP Tax-Aide volunteers complete training courses in aspects of tax law with materials supplied by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The volunteers provide free electronic filing services using IRS software that also is used by many paid professionals.

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

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



ACTHA's Spring Conference & Trade Show

Date: Saturday, April 21st

Time: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Drury Lane, 100 Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace

For more information, including vendors, educational programs, registration and more:

http://www.actha.org/pages/spring_conference_trade_show_sat_april_21/34.php

ACTHA will also be hosting a number of seminars during April as part of their Certification Program: Learn and Lead. If interested in Certification the cost is \$100 for all six courses if an ACTHA member; \$150 for non-members. If not pursuing Certification, seminars are free for ACTHA members and \$ 20 per person for non-members. To register and for costs, go to:

http://www.actha.org/pages/certification_learn_lead/31.php

****Seminar Topic:** Meetings/Elections of an Association

Date: Friday, April 6th

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Village of Mount Prospect, 50 S. Emerson St. in Mount Prospect

Presenter: David Bendoff of Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit

****Seminar Topic:** Financial Aspects of an Association

Date: Wednesday, April 11th

Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Location: Oak Park Village Hall, 123 Madison St. in Oak Park

Presenter: Mark Cantey of Mark Cantey Associates

****Seminar Topic:** Financial Aspects of an Association

Date: Friday, April 13th

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Village of Mount Prospect, 50 S. Emerson St. in Mount Prospect

Presenter: Mark Cantey of Mark Cantey Associates

****Seminar Topic:** Insurance/Risk Management of an Association

Date: Friday, April 20th

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Location: Village of Mount Prospect, 50 S. Emerson St. in Mount Prospect

Presenter: Barbara Wick of CARMIC, LLC

****Seminar Topic:** Physical Aspects of an Association

Date: Wednesday, April 25th

Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Location: Oak Park Village Hall, 123 Madison St. in Oak Park

Presenter: Kami Farahmandpour of Building Technology Consultants

****Seminar Topic:** Physical Aspects of an Association

Date: Friday, April 27th

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Village of Mount Prospect, 50 S. Emerson St. in Mount Prospect

Presenter: Kami Farahmandpour of Building Technology Consultants

While the Confederation is an ACTHA member, our membership unfortunately does not “trickle down” to our member associations other than through information in our newsletter and at our meetings where ACTHA helps provide presenters. The seminars above are offered at two rates, one for individuals from an ACTHA member association, another for a non-ACTHA member associations.

If your association would like to become an ACTHA member, we have negotiated a discount that will enable all of your homeowners to participate in ACTHA events at member rates. See the coupon below:

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wants you to experience top-quality educational seminars and events provided by ACTHA, who for 30 years has defined the Chicagoland condo, HOA, and townhome industry. Enjoy **\$30-off** a first-time annual membership (reflected below) when you join by April 15, 2012.

ACTHA Gift Membership:	Association Name:
201+ units: \$ 70	_____
51 - 200 units: \$ 45	Contact Name:
50 or less units: \$ 20	_____
Make check payable to ACTHA	Address:
Mail to: 28 E. Jackson, Suite 910 Chicago, IL 60604	_____
Or register online at www.actha.org by clicking <i>Join Now</i> . Include the company providing the discount gift!	Email:

	ACTHA will contact you for additional information. Membership gift for new applicants only - not renewals.

Save the Date: ACTHA's Spring Conference is Saturday, April 21, 2012

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Proposed City Council Districts

Information on the proposed City Council districts beginning with the 2015 municipal election is on the City's website at www.naperville.il.us/districts.aspx.

The City will host a series of open houses to discuss the proposed Naperville districts map. The first five open houses are being held within their respective districts, with the sixth and final open to residents of all five districts. The Open House schedule for the remaining sessions is:

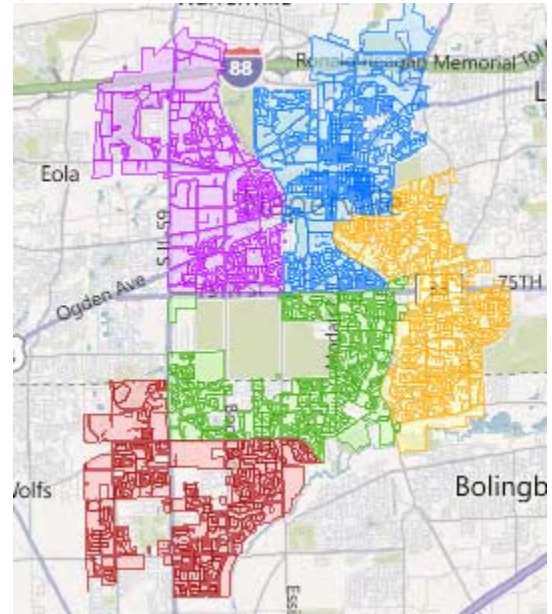
District 2: Tuesday, April 10, 6:30-8 p.m.
Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St.

District 3: Tuesday, April 24, 6:30-8 p.m.
Madison Junior High School, 1000 River Oak Drive

District 4: Tuesday, May 8, 6:30-8 p.m.
Clow Elementary School, 1301 Springdale Cir.

District 5: Tuesday, May 22, 6:30-8 p.m.
Fire Station No. 10, 3201 95th St.

All Districts: Tuesday, June 12, 3-4:30 p.m.
Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St.



News from Naper Settlement



Chicagoland's Outdoor History Museum

Discover Naperville's history through engaging and unique experiences at Naper Settlement, Chicagoland's outdoor history museum, located in the heart of Naperville. Explore historic homes and businesses throughout the 12-acre site where you'll understand the past and how it connects to the present. Preservation is a key component of the museum's mission and Naper Settlement has a reference library and archival collection. Naper Settlement offers special events, such as Civil War Days and All Hallows Eve, programs, classes, camps, architectural walks, group tours and school programs, and rental opportunities for meetings, weddings, parties and other social occasions. For Summer Season begins April 1

Naper Settlement, located at 523 S. Webster St. in Naperville, begins its Summer Season April 1. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, through Oct. 31. Admission is \$12/adults, \$10/seniors 62+ and \$8/youth (4-12). Naperville residents receive free daily admission with proof of residency. The theme of the upcoming year is "Celebrating the American Spirit." more information visit: www.napersettlement.museum or call (630) 420-6010.

The Naperville Heritage Society and Naper Settlement received a **Sustainable Development Award from The Conservation Foundation** at its winter membership and awards luncheon held Feb. 8. The award was given for Naper Settlement's Roadways and Stormwater Management Project, completed in 2011, in which 42,000 square feet of asphalt pathways and parking was replaced with environmentally-friendly permeable, interlocking concrete pavers. Other best management practices included eight rain gardens, seven infiltration zones, two cisterns, a bioswale and a rain barrel.

Through the use of permeable pavers, under which a substantial sub-base of gravel lies, stormwater is slowed from entering the city sewer system and impurities filtered out, helping to improve the water quality in the DuPage River Watershed. The project also addressed ongoing stormwater and flooding issues that have affected the site, its historic buildings and surrounding neighborhood.

The public is invited to see the new interior roads and how they will help improve the DuPage River watershed during an **Earth Day Celebration** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 21 and from 1 to 4 p.m. on April 22. Take a guided tour at 2 p.m. of the new rain gardens to discover how to design and select plants for this beneficial kind of garden. There will be a variety of activity stations including making a Soil Sammy, Garden in a Glove and Dissect a Seed; pumping water from an old-fashioned pump connected to the cisterns; and watching demonstrations that share the science behind the stormwater improvements. All activities are included with admission; Naperville residents are free.



History Speaks Lecture Series: Unsinkable Molly Brown



One hundred years ago, the Titanic tragically sank in the Atlantic Ocean. Learn more about the indomitable spirit of the survivors when Lynn Rymarz portrays the “Unsinkable Molly Brown” during this presentation of the History Speaks Lecture Series to be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 1 at Naper Settlement’s Century Memorial Chapel. Advance tickets are \$6/person, \$5/student and NHSS Member; at the door, tickets are \$7/person, \$6/student and NHSS Member. For all ages. Reservations recommended. Call (630) 420-6010.

Blacksmithing 101

Learn the art of blacksmithing during the two-session Blacksmithing 101 class to be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturdays, April 14 and 21 in the Naper Settlement Blacksmith Shop. Participants will receive an introduction to safety, tools and the forge, and learn hammer techniques while making an iron hook. For ages 18 to adult. Fee is \$150 and includes materials; registration is required. Call (630) 420-6010

Naper Wine & Dine

Join the Naperville Heritage Society at its annual wine dinner, Naper Wine & Dine, from 6 to 10 p.m. Monday, April -23, sponsored by and held at Sullivan’s Steakhouse, 244 S. Main St., Naperville. Each course of the five-course meal, developed by Executive Chef Terrell Cole, is paired with a hand-selected wine to enhance the flavors. A vegetarian menu is also available. The evening’s entertainment is a live auction featuring unique bottles of wine and other specialty items. All proceeds benefit the Naperville Heritage Society, administrators of Naper Settlement. Tickets are \$175/person with wine; \$125/person without wine. Reservations are due by April 16 to Lauren at visherl@naperville.il.us or (630) 420-6773.

Footsteps – A Guided Tour of Century Walk Art

Step through the pages of Naperville’s history as a museum educator shares the stories represented by eight of the extraordinary pieces of Century Walk public art interspersed throughout downtown Naperville’s historic buildings and walkways. The tour will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28 and begins at the Naper Settlement Visitor Center. Learn about the artists and inspiration behind the murals, mosaics, reliefs, mobiles and sculptures located within a half-mile walk of the museum. Tickets are \$12/person; \$10/NHSS Member. This project is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts: Art Works.

Tastes of Tea History

Enjoy a blend of tea tasting and history during this fun and informative program presented by Adagio Teas from 4-5 p.m. Sunday, April 29 in Naper Settlement’s Pre-Emption House Tavern. Participants will taste a variety of



teas paired with chocolate. Tickets are \$10/person. For ages teen to adult; registration is required. Call (630) 420-6010.

Naper Settlement is seeking donations of memorabilia related to food and restaurants

Beginning in April, Naper Settlement is presenting a new interpretative focus, centering around food, in five buildings on the museum grounds – the Log House, the Murray House, the Blacksmith Shop, Halfway House and the Martin Mitchell Mansion. The theme: “food connects us through shared community, traditions and work” includes hands-on activities, programming, community partnerships and collecting artifacts for the museum’s holdings. This new interpretation is being introduced to enhance the visitor experience.

Naper Settlement is seeking memorabilia that supports the museum’s food-themed interpretation, both for the historic buildings represented at the museum, as well as for preserving Naperville’s contemporary food history. On the curators’ wish list are items from the Spanish Tea Room, a well-known restaurant of the 1920s and 1930s, Kandy Kitchen, Tasty Bakery, Cock Robin/Prince Castle and the lunch counter at Naperville Pharmacy. The museum is also seeking Naperville restaurant-related items, including menus, service ware, aprons, etc. Other items sought include family cookbooks used locally as well as community cookbooks compiled by local organizations, such as churches and not-for-profits.

To donate your memorabilia, call Naper Settlement at (630) 420-6010 or e-mail Registrar Sarah Buhlig at buhlig@naperville.il.us.

Naper Nights announces summertime line-up of entertainment

Naper Nights sets the stage for three summer weekends in June, July and August of nonstop music at Naper Settlement, Chicagoland’s outdoor history museum, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville.

American English, a Beatles tribute band, starts off the concert series on Friday, June 22. Hailed as the best Beatles tribute story of our time, the band takes listeners on a musical journey from the Fab Four’s early years to their final years as a band. The Smithereens returns to the stage at Naper Settlement on Saturday, June 23. An iconic band of the 1980s, The Smithereens (pictured at left) took



blues-influenced rock and turned it on its ear, playing tuneful British invasion-style originals at a volume worthy of many heavy metal bands. Buckwheat Zydeco will get the crowd dancing with their good time Creole party dance music on Saturday, July 28. One of the musical stars of the 1970s, Al Stewart, who recorded the multi-million-selling hits, “Year of the Cat” and “Time Passages,” will perform on Saturday, August 25. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for this opportunity

to enjoy music under the stars on the beautiful grounds of Naper Settlement throughout the summer.

Naper Nights hours are 5-10 p.m. Friday night tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 youth (4-12); Saturday night tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 youth (4-12). Admission is free for Naperville Heritage Society members. No outside beverages are allowed. No advance ticket discount. All proceeds benefit the Naperville Heritage Society. Sikich LLP is the presenting sponsor of Naper Nights. Sikich is a management consulting firm with a top 50 accounting practice. For more details on Naper Nights, including other sponsor opportunities, call (630) 420-6010 or visit www.napersettlement.museum.

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**Naperville Area Homeowners
Confederation**

Four Seasons Gardening

2012 Teleconference Series—Spring



Sustainable Lawn Care April 10 at 1:00 P.M. OR April 12 at 7:00 P.M.

Homeowners can manage their lawns in a more sustainable way by modifying many of the tasks we normally do throughout the year. Learn how to work with the natural cycles your lawn goes through and better understand the best times to fertilize, top-dress, sod and reseed and irrigate to give you the results you expect.

Vegetable Garden Planning April 24 at 1:00 P.M.

Growing your own backyard vegetables is a rewarding family project. But how much should you plant, what planting layout will optimize sunlight exposure for all the crops, where should you place your garden and how do you prepare the soil? This program will help you decide how much to plant based on average yield per plant and your family size. You will also learn the best place to plant a garden and how to prep the soil to insure you maximize your harvest.

Bug Invaders of the Foreign Kind May 10 at 7:00 P.M.

Emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle, brown marmorated stink bug, and multicolored Asian lady beetle are just some of the alien insects that have been found in the U.S. and Illinois. The identification, biology, and management of these and other invaders will be discussed. We will also address some of the reasons for what appears to be an increase in these invaders.

A Gardening Calendar May 22 at 1:00 P.M.

Spring is always a busy time in the garden. But what about Summer, Fall and Winter? Each season has its own beauty but what needs to be done year around to insure you have the garden/landscape of your dreams. Let this program provide gentle reminders of what to do all year round.

Registration Details

Each session is \$10.

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

Please register online at
<http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/dkk>

For More Information

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April at the Arboretum

Let your shoes speak for the trees! The "**Arbor Day 10K Run**" supports the Arboretum's mission to plant and protect trees with a joyful run through our lush grounds. Feel the freshness of spring as the crisp air blows on your face; see the wonders of nature as you run through a vast collection of trees, and taste the challenge of a USATF-certified hilly course. Plus, we've got a ChronoTrack B-Tag timing system, recovery food and \$5 pancake breakfast after the race. An added bonus: your entry fee gives you free access to explore our 1,700 acres after the race. Costs \$33 in advance; \$38 day of race. (\$28 for Arboretum members in advance; \$38 day of race). Not a member? Our 10K Runners Special New Member Offer includes member registration price plus a 1-year Morton 1 membership for only \$72. Register at mortonarb.org or call 630-968-0074. April 22: 8 a.m.

A special "Garden Story Time and Tree Planting" in honor of Arbor Day. Celebrate the best environmental holiday with your friends and everyone's favorite children's book character, Curious George! Curious George will lead the celebratory walk from the Children's Garden to the tree planting site. Listen to a tree-inspiring story, and then help Curious George plant a tree! After the planting George will take a short banana break. While you wait for his return, head over to the Arboretum Store and pick up Curious George Plants a Tree, plush items and more! After George's snack, he will return to the Arboretum Store to hang with the kids before leading "A Curious Walk with Curious George." Curious George and a docent friend will guide families around Meadow Lake pointing out some unusual trees while telling stories. All ages. Free with Arboretum admission. Children's Garden.

April 27: 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. - Celebratory walk from Children's Garden to story and tree planting.

- 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. - George's playtime in the store.
- 1 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - "Curious Walk with Curious George"
*Curious George will take little 15 minute banana breaks to rest throughout the day. Don't worry he will come back out.

Hooray for trees! Show your love for trees and nature at the "**Arbor Celebration**" in the **Children's Garden**. Plant tree seeds, investigate tree cookies and hunt for five unique trees hiding in the garden. This is a self-guided hands-on discovery activity. All ages. Free with Arboretum admission. Children's Garden. April 27 - 29: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. (weather permitting)

Get your gardening on! Choose from over 300 different types of trees, shrubs and other plants selected by Arboretum experts at the "**Arbor Day Plant Sale**." Plant geniuses will help you create your own oasis. It is recommended to bring photos if you have questions about specific parts of your garden. Cost per item. Main Parking Lot. April 28: noon - 4 p.m. and April 29: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Other April Fun:

Hippity-hop down the bunny trail searching for bunny nests, bunny tracks and maybe even some bunny babies! Go incognito-wear your bunny ears to blend in with the other furry animals. Afterwards, read a bunny story and make a fuzzy bunny craft to take home to your parents. Ages 18 - 36 months with an adult. Costs \$22 per child (\$15 for Arboretum members). Limited space! Register at mortonarb.org/education or 630-719-2468. Thornhill Education Center Outpost. April 4: 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Be your kids' nature hero! Reserve a self-guided "**Family Explorers Backpack**" to enhance your child's experience in the Children's Garden. You'll become your kid's science partner using the science tools, guides and props from the backpack to bring to life some of nature's mysteries. Suggested for families with children age 2 - 6. Costs \$5 (\$4 for Arboretum members). Visitor Center. April 1 - October 31: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Do you know all the colors of the rainbow? **"Playing with Rainbows"** introduces children to all the colors. Make a rainbow bracelet to take home. This is a self-guided hands-on discovery activity. All ages. Free with Arboretum admission. Children's Garden. Weekends in April: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wind: you can feel it, but you can't see it! Where does it come from and where does it go? Play with tools that measure wind and other types of weather in **"Blow Wind Blow,"** and unearth how these tools help us. This is a self-guided hands-on discovery activity. All ages. Free with Arboretum admission. Children's Garden. Weekends in April: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Yummy bunny time! **"Breakfast with the Bunny"** lets your kids have a delicious breakfast that mom or dad doesn't have to cook. While spending family time together, the Easter Bunny will visit with each table. All ages. \$26 for children 4 - 12 years of age; Adults \$32 (\$21 for Arboretum member children; \$25 for Arboretum member adults). All kids 3 and under free. Tickets on sale March 17, 2012. Register at mortonarb.org or call 630-968-0074. Ginkgo Restaurant. April 6 - 7: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Put on your best Easter bonnet and come to the **"Easter Brunch!"** Have a wonderful family meal while the Easter Bunny visits your table. All ages. \$32 for children; adults \$47 (\$26 for Arboretum member children; \$38 for Arboretum member adults). Register at mortonarb.org or call 630-968-0074. Ginkgo Restaurant. April 8: seating's at 9:30 a.m.; noon; and 3:00 p.m.

Save yourself time, frustration and money! **"How to Plant and Care for Your Garden"** gives knowledge you can use maintaining your oasis. Learn best ways to plant, transplant and maintain trees, shrubs and perennials. Instruction on how and when to water, use mulches and fertilizers and many other tasks. Adults. Costs \$99 (\$83 for Arboretum members). Register mortonarb.org/education or 630-719-2468. Thornhill Education Center. Wednesdays, April 11 - 25: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Books and nature, what a great combination! **"Leafing Through the Pages Member Book Discussion"** is a free perk for showing your support of the Arboretum through membership. This week's discussion covers John M. Barry's *The Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How It Changed America*. Adults. Sterling Morton Library. April 12: 10 a.m. - noon

Wander through the world of words! A family favorite returns for another year. **"Garden Story Time"** lets your kids experience an exciting nature-themed story in a beautiful outdoor setting. All ages. Free with Arboretum admission. Children's Garden. Fridays, April - October: 11 - 11:20 a.m.

Artists on display! **"The Nature Artists' Guild Spring Exhibit"** has over 100 works by nature artists, plus demonstrations during the shows. Adults. Free with Arboretum admission. Thornhill Education Center. April 14 - 15: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Color your world! **"Beginner's Drawing Workshops: Colored Pencil"** shows the basics for working with colored pencils in our historic Founder's Room, the former library to our founder, Joy Morton. You will start off simple by drawing a spring flower. Once you have created art of your own, the class will stroll through the Nature Artists' Guild Spring Exhibit. All supplies included. Ages 16 and up. Costs \$42 (\$35 for Arboretum members). Thornhill Education Center. April 14 or 15: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Grow your own herbs! **"Adding Herbs to Your Garden"** shows you how to cultivate herbs for cooking and decor. Practical and pretty! You will learn many easy-to-grow herbs, how to care for them, and how to design your garden to include them. Plus discover some easy herb recipes. Adults. Costs \$22 (\$18 for Arboretum members). Register mortonarb.org/education or 630-719-2468. Thornhill Education Center. April 19: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Spy the signs of spring! **"Let's Explore Spring"** takes your little ones searching for signs of spring. They may see animals building homes for their new families or even baby animals too. Then enjoy a spring story and create a colorful craft. For children ages 3 - 5 years with an adult. Costs \$25 per child (\$18 for Arboretum members.) Register mortonarb.org/education or 630-719-2468. Thornhill Education Center Outpost. April 17 and 21: 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Tweet, Tweet, Tweet! Spring is here and so are the birds. "**Spring Bird Walks**" takes bird-enthusiasts through the Arboretum to discover Eastern bluebirds, rufous-sided towhees and the Eastern meadowlarks returning or passing through Illinois on their journey north. Dress for weather and bring binoculars and a field guide to enhance the experience. Adults. Costs \$10 plus gate fee (\$8 for Arboretum members). Register mortonarb.org/education or 630-719-2468. Thornhill Education Center Shelter. April 21: 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Flowers and folklore! "**Spring Woodland Wildflowers**" takes you through the blooms emerging in our woodlands. Learn how to identify these wildflowers and discover the magical folklore behind them. Ages 16 and up. Costs \$25 (\$18 for Arboretum members). Register mortonarb.org/education or 630-719-2468. Parking Lot #8. April 21: 9:00 a.m. - noon

Cheep, cheep! "**A Nest Full of Eggs**" teaches your toddler about the baby animals living at the Arboretum. Connect babies with their parents, see how they grow while playing games, singing songs, and looking for different animal homes on our grounds. For children ages 18 - 36 months with an adult. Costs \$22 per child (\$15 for Arboretum members). Register mortonarb.org/education or 630-719-2468. Thornhill Education Center Outpost. April 25 and May 5: 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Capture spring! In "**Native Spring Plants in Watercolor**" visiting artist Lynne Railsback shows how to work through the challenges of painting spring. Dry brush techniques and working with a Bristol board is also explored. Adults. Costs \$270 (\$230 for Arboretum members). Register mortonarb.org/education or 630-719-2468. Thornhill Education Center. April 27 - 29: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Functional and fabulous! "**Creating Woodland Gardens**" shows how to blend native plants into your landscape. Learn the advantages of your site and explore adding forms to tie in your garden spaces together. Adults. Costs \$78 (\$66 for Arboretum members). Register mortonarb.org/education or 630-719-2468. Thornhill Education Center. April 26: 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. & April 28: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Hundreds of thousands of Serbian spruce trees once rolled across the landscape of Europe. Now, fewer than 1,000 remain in the wild. Enhance your tree knowledge about spruces and other trees and learn how you can help in "**Vanishing Acts: Trees Under Threat.**" A small outdoor exhibit premiered at The Morton Arboretum and also travels to other arboreta and botanical gardens across the United States spreading the ever important message: "Save Our Trees." All ages. Free with Arboretum admission. Conifer Collections. Now- September 3, 2012: 7 a.m. - sunset.

Walk through the life of Jens Jensen. "**Jens Jensen: Landscapes for People**" takes you through a journey of Jensen's landscape drawings, archival photographs and current photographs to introduce the wonderful philosophies and landscape style of Jens Jensen. Exhibit focuses on his 1939 book Siftings as an example of his naturalistic, prairie-inspired style of landscape design. As a major figure in American landscape architecture, Jensen always centered his designs on the people. They are aesthetically beautiful, but always an expression of the social impact of the land. Free with Arboretum admission. Sterling Morton Library. Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Unless otherwise specified, all Arboretum events and destinations including the Children's Garden are free with Arboretum admission. The 2012 rates are:

- \$12/adult, (\$8 on Wednesday), ages 18-64
- \$11/senior, (\$7 on Wednesday), ages 65 and over
- \$9/child (\$6 on Wednesday), ages 2-17
- Under age 2 is free. Parking is free

Conveniently located at I-88 and Rte. 53 in Lisle, Illinois, the Arboretum is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year, from 7 a.m. Central Time until sunset. The Children's Garden is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., March through October. Visit www.mortonarb.org to learn more.

Help the NAHC Achieve Its Mission



The NAHC is looking for more Associate Directors to help us interact with our neighbors. If you have an interest in a local governmental (i.e. tax dollar supported) entity or other quasi-governmental organization, we need liaisons to report back to the Confederation Board on developments and directions from these organizations and how these may impact our neighborhoods.

We are also looking for an Associate Director willing to help with the NAHC publicity duties, including communicating news of our meetings to area news outlets, assisting with the web site, www.napervillehomeowners.com and helping prepare this newsletter.

If you are interested, please drop us an email at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com or speak to President Dr. Bob Buckman or Vice President Bob Fischer for more details

March Meeting Provided Sustainability Information

If you missed our March General meeting at Naper Settlement, you also missed out on some great information and tips for landscaping and maintenance around your home and association. After the meeting, Jay Womack of WRD Environmental, provided these Top Ten items Naperville residents can do to be more 'green'

1. Install a rain barrel, or two. Use the water for garden and/or indoor plants.
2. Install a rain garden below a minimum of two downspouts at your home.
3. Replace a bit of lawn with native plants. And then replace a bit more lawn with native plants...
4. Sit outside and listen to the wind with someone you love.
5. Replace incandescent light bulbs with either compact fluorescent light bulbs or LED bulbs.
6. Recycle, recycle, recycle
7. Try to use large appliances - washer/dryer, dishwasher, air conditioner, during non-peak times of the day.
8. Purchase all the food for one meal, once a week, entirely from locally grown products.
9. Walk, ride a bicycle, or take public transportation one time on the weekend to run an errand.
10. Read the following books – The Nature Principle; Animal, Vegetable, Miracle; Omnivores Dilemma; Water; Naturalist.



Presentations from the meeting have been posted on the Confederation website at www.napervillehomeowners.com.

Jay also shared that traditional landscape design practices throughout urban and suburban America are characterized by large expanses of grass lawn, ornamental shrubs, flowers, ground cover, and a wide variety of trees, most of which are non-native to this area. This landscape development approach generally results in the necessity of frequent lawn watering and mowing, and the liberal application of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, many of which are potentially hazardous to the environment.

For those interested in environmentally-friendly gardening practices, native plants offer a solution that can be more visually attractive, easier to maintain, environmentally sensitive, requires less water, attracts numerous types of wildlife, and begins to restore a legacy of plants that once blanketed the

Midwest. To understand which plants are best suited for your situation, The Conservation Foundation is a great resource; their Conservation at Home Program offers on-site help to determine the best solution for your needs. Check out their webpage at: <http://www.theconservationfoundation.org/what-we-do/conservationhome/native-plants.html>.

Park District Updates



Stay connected with the Naperville Park District throughout the year by following them on Facebook, Flickr, Twitter, LinkedIn and Park Talk Blog. Sign up for e-news by visiting their homepage at www.napervilleparks.org

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The Naperville Park District and The Conservation Foundation are collaborating again this year to **offer rain barrels for sale** at a discounted price through April 11, 2012.

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 lowers water bills, helps reduce flooding, and can have a dramatic impact on water quality in our rivers and streams.

In response to requests from the community, the Naperville Park District and The Conservation Foundation are offering two free, identical training sessions demonstrating how to install and use a rain barrel. The first session takes place from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wed., April 11 and the second session is from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. on Sat., April 21. Both sessions will be held at Seager Park, located at 1163 Plank Road in Naperville. Attendees are asked to register in advance through the Naperville Park District at www.napervilleparks.org or by calling 630-848-5000.



The 55-gallon rain barrels will be sold for \$70 each and may be purchased 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 barrels will be available for pick up at the Naperville Park District South Maintenance Facility at 3415 Book Road on Saturday, April 14 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

The rain barrels are made from reused plastic and 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. For more information about the benefits of rain barrels visit www.theconservationfoundation.org. Over the past five years, The Conservation Foundation has sold more than 7,000 rain barrels.

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The Park District recently completed **improvements in its online registration system, RecEnroll**, to better serve the growing numbers of residents and nonresidents who register online. The updated registration software now permits users to access the system using the following four internet browsers:

- Internet Explorer 7 and higher
- Firefox 4 and higher
- Chrome 12 and higher
- Safari 5 and higher

In 2011, 78% of first-day registrations took place online and 50% of all registrations were completed online.

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The Naperville Park District invites the community to celebrate the grand reopening of Knoch Park on Saturday, April 7 at 9:30 a.m. at Knoch Park Field #5 (formerly known as Field #8) on West St., just south of Martin Ave., adjacent to the new playground.

The ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by the first pitch for Little League's opening game of their 60th anniversary season. The V. F. W. Cardinals (home), coached by Paul Spitz, will face the Naperville Baseball Academy Cubs (away), coached by Troy Jackson. The public is invited to attend the ceremony and cheer on their favorite team. The first 100 attendees will receive free Crackerjacks.

The event is celebrating the completion of extensive park improvements in the south section of Knoch Park that began in the summer of 2011. The project included renovating the ball fields and installing a loop trail, a new restroom building, a new playground, and a picnic shelter. The project was funded, in part, by an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Additional funding was provided by a grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Governor of Illinois through Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. This grant supported the installation of a 10,000 gallon underground cistern that stores rainwater for re-use in irrigating the ball fields.

Knoch Park, home of Naperville's Ribfest, is one of the Park District's busiest parks, hosting tennis, baseball, softball, and football games and providing open space for the public and for Naperville Central High School student activities. The new playground, multi-use trail, and picnic shelter will give park visitors more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, whether they are there to watch a ball game or just to explore the park.

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In anticipation of Earth Week 2012, the Naperville Park District is inviting **volunteers to plan a spring clean-up project in one of our parks** during the week of April 16 - April 22.

Corporate groups, scout troops, churches, high school environmental clubs, neighborhoods, homeowner associations, families and other community groups 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 21, from 9:00 to noon, or they can schedule a project at another park any time during Earth Week 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, 787 Fort Hill Drive
- Clow Creek Greenway, 4588 Pradel Drive
- Commissioners Park, 3704 111th Street
- Country Lakes Park, 1835 North Aurora Road
- DuPage River Park, 808 Royce 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, 336 Knoch Knolls Road
- May Watts Park, 804 S. Whispering Hills Drive
- Nike Park, 1567 Apache Drive
- Pioneer Park, 1212 S. Washington Street
- Riverwoods Park, 2283 Riverwoods Drive
- Seager Park, 1163 Plank Road
- Springbrook Parkway, 2359 Nottingham Lane
- Walnut Ridge Woods, 1092 Augustana Court
- Wildflower Park, 2122 Aurora Avenue
- Westglen Park, 1560 Westglen Drive

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The Naperville Park District **Youth Ambassadors will host their Inaugural Spring Olympics** on Sunday, April 22 at 12:00 noon at Nike Sports Complex, located at 288 W. Diehl Road. All Naperville high school students are invited to participate.

Teams must register for the event by Thursday, April 12. Teams may have six to eight members and must include at least two female participants. To register, students may contact Naperville Park District Superintendent of Recreation Fred Gusel at fgusel@napervilleparks.org or the Youth Ambassador School Liaison at any of the five Naperville High Schools.

In addition to the friendly athletic competition, the event will begin with an opening ceremony displaying original banners created by each team, with a prize awarded for the most creative banner. The Olympics will include ten events, with prizes awarded to the winners of each event and to the overall team champion.

The Youth Ambassadors is a group of high school students who work with the Naperville Park District to plan community-wide special events for teens each year, such as Battle of the Bands and the recent All-City Dodgeball Tournament.

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Dancers ages 9-21 are invited to attend an informational session on Sat., April 14 to learn more about auditions for placement into one of three companies within **Naperville's Élan Dance Company** for the 2012-2013 season. Auditions will take place on May 15, 2012.

The information session for new, prospective members is scheduled from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. on April 14 in Room 205 at the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, located at 305 W. Jackson Ave. Returning members are invited to attend from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in room 106/107 at the same location.

Élan Dance Company is a pre-professional, regional dance company founded in 1996 by the Naperville Park District. Élan provides dancers an entry point into dance performance, allowing dancers to use movement as an expressive art.

Highlights of Élan's 2011-2012 season included performances at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City, the Chicago Toy and Game Fair, the Fox Valley Showcase, and numerous community venues. The Company's annual Showcase on March 17 featured original choreography in multiple dance genres, including pieces by five Élan Company members.

For more information about auditions or about Élan Dance Company, call Avery Sipla at 630-848-3618 or e-mail asipla@napervilleparks.org. Audition results will be sent by mail..

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Springbrook Golf Course, 2220 W. 83rd Street, Naperville

Springbrook is a challenging 18-hole 72-par championship layout with beautiful, mature trees and foliage and provides an excellent golf experience for players of all levels. Golfers have their choice of playing from one of four sets of tees depending upon age and skill. Amenities include a natural turf driving range, separate teaching tee, short game practice area, two practice putting greens, private group lessons for adult players at all levels, golf camps, clinics and leagues for kids 7 and up at all levels, clubhouse with food service and outdoor patio and Golf Shop with brand-name golf apparel and equipment. Visit www.springbrookgolfcourse.org or call 630-848-5060 for complete information.

Naperbrook Golf Course, 22204 W. 111th Street/Hassert Boulevard, Plainfield

Naperbrook is an 18-hole links-style course featuring rolling hills, native prairie grass and an ever-present breeze that tests golfers at all levels. The greens are large and well-protected, while menacing water hazards appear on eleven of the holes. Naperbrook amenities include a natural turf driving range, separate teaching tee, two practice putting greens, private and group lessons for adult players at all levels, golf camps, clinics and leagues for kids 7 and up at all levels, clubhouse with food service and outdoor patio and Golf Shop with brand-name golf apparel and equipment. Visit www.naperbrookgolfcourse.org or call 630-378-4215 for complete information.

**Museum
CLOSED
Sunday,
April 8**

April 2012

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



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Wonderful World of Wheels

Monday, April 23 – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Whole Foods Market, 2607 W. 75 St., Naperville

Community Characters, Literacy Discovery at DCM
Monday, April 23 – Sunday, April 29, Daily Sessions
 Create a collaged self-portrait & hang it up in the Museum.

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN! See website.

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The Paul Abella Trio

Saturday, April 7, 10:45 a.m.

Salt Creek Ballet

presents excerpts from *Sleeping Beauty*
Sunday, April 15, 1:00 p.m.



April 6 Paper Sculptures, Science Discovery, 5:00 p.m.

April 13 Family Science Night, 6:00 p.m.
 Sponsored by IMLS

April 20 Weber Irish Dancers, 6:00 p.m.

April 27 Family Math Night, 6:00 p.m.
 Sponsored by Caterpillar Foundation



Saturday, April 21 – Pre-registration required.

Run, walk or donate to support DCM. See website for details.
 A portion of the proceeds will benefit DuPage Children's Museum.

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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Library News



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

National Library Week is April 8th through 15th – Even

though the library will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 8th, there will be plenty of opportunities to celebrate National Library Week. Remember - You belong @ your library!



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Library Receives State Grant for New Roof on Nichols Library- Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White announced that the Naperville Public Library was awarded a FY2012 Live and Learn Construction Grant. The \$125,000 grant will be used to remove and replace the roof at the Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave. Across Illinois 16 public libraries received grants to help pay for essential capital improvements. Naperville was one of only two libraries to receive a \$125,000 grant.

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April Program Highlights from the Naperville Public Library

April's a busy month at the Naperville Public Library! We're celebrating Money Smart Week with programs on cutting phone bills and letting you know what financial records you can toss. For parents of young children, there's "Rocking on the Road to Reading" – a hands-on program where parents and children can engage in pre-literacy activities.

E-Reader Help Drop-In Sessions - Drop in any time during these 2-hour help sessions and receive one-on-one instruction to download library e-books! Kindle users: please have your Amazon account and password ready. Tablet (non-Kindle) or smart phone users: you must be able to download apps to your device

- Wednesday, April 04, 9:00 AM at 95th Street Library
- Friday, April 13, 7:00 PM, Nichols Library
- Wednesday, April 18, 9:00 AM, Naper Boulevard Library
- Friday, April 27, 7:00 PM, 95th Street Library

Kalapriya: India Alive! - Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 PM, 95th Street Library

Travel with Pranita Jain to ancient India through her vivid dance form and stylized hand gestures, theatrical facial expressions, intricate footwork and complicated rhythms. Traditional ankle bells and music form the backdrop for Pranita's interpretations of history, mythology and legends of this mysterious nation. This program is partially funded by a grant from the City of Naperville.

Vegetable Gardening - Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 PM, Nichols Library

Joe Sable, University of Illinois Extension, Master Gardener, addresses the basics of vegetable gardening including the preparation of soil, choosing the right location and selection of plants. The University of Illinois Extension provides speakers on a wide range of gardening topics through the Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau. Information provided through the Speakers Bureau programs is based on research from the University of Illinois. This program is partially funded by a grant from the City of Naperville.

Why Poetry - Spreading the Word - Wednesday, April 18, 7:00 PM, Nichols Library

Celebrating 2012 National Poetry Month. Chris Green from DePaul University will be the keynote speaker along with Patrick Dunn from Aurora University as the moderator. We will be featuring local poets who spend considerable energy to serve the cause of poetry.

This program is presented in partnership with the Naperville Writers Group. Visit <http://www.napervillewritersgroup.org/index.php> for more information about Naperville Writers Group and details of the event.

Organizing Your Financial And Vital Records: What To Keep And Why - Wednesday, April 25, 7:00 PM, Nichols Library

Learn how to organize important papers with a reliable system that saves you time, money and effort in finding the papers you need. This program will cover what personal and financial records to keep, how long to keep them, what papers to shred, how to reduce the amount of junk mail you receive, how to opt out of unsolicited offers for credit cards and insurance policies, and what papers to have ready to grab in case of emergencies or disasters.

Phone Bill Clinic: Lower Your Monthly Phone Bill - Thursday, April 26, 6:30 PM, Nichols Library

Bring your home phone bill to the Library and learn how you can save money! A Citizens Utility Board expert will meet with you one-on-one to help you lower your landline phone bill. This nonprofit, nonpartisan consumer advocacy group holds free phone bill clinics across Illinois, offering money saving tips to help consumers cut phone costs by an average of over \$200 a year. To register, please call Bobbie Rudnick, Business Librarian, at 630.637.6328

Chamber Music At The Library- Friday, April 27, 7:30 PM, 95th Street Library

Join members of the DuPage Symphony Orchestra as they present a spectacular 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 DuPage Symphony Orchestra.

The next NAHC General Membership meeting is Saturday morning, April 21st at 8:00AM (for coffee, meeting at 8:30) in meeting rooms B&C of the Naperville Municipal Center

Until then, keep an eye on www.napervillehomeowners.com for late-breaking news and information

Our next Newsletter will be sent out on or about May 1st

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