

June 2020 NAHC Newsletter

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Naperville's Neighbor to Neighbor Network

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The NAHC newsletter is published monthly to provide news and information Naperville homeowners need. We welcome your feedback and input. Send comments and information to share in future newsletters, to Bob Fischer at rafischer1@aol.com.

Mixed Metaphors, Musings, and Mental Meanderings by the Editor...

Hard to believe another month has gone by, but here I sit, compiling another newsletter for your information and enjoyment. For those of you keeping track, this is #167, but that is relatively unimportant. What is important is that I am writing, and you are reading, which means we made it through another month of uncertainty, stress, and, increasingly and unfortunately, blame and divisiveness. Maybe it is because my biggest window to the world these days is social media, but it has pained me to look out at a world where we have seemingly gone from a common mindset of sacrifice, helpfulness, and cooperation to one of finger pointing, political posturing, and grandstanding. Mix in racial discord, and a host of antisocial behavior, along with the usual selfishness, greed, and stupidity, and you have a recipe for human disaster. We should be celebrating (cautiously and with social distancing) our human triumph of reaching phase 3, but instead we are nitpicking, ignoring, and forgetting what we went through so that some of us could still be here today.

I am hoping that when I write this next month, we will be entering Phase 4 and maybe I can provide some information on (safely and socially distantly) viewing Independence Day fireworks. For those of you not keeping track, Phase Four, or Revitalization, means that the rate of infection among those tested and the number of patients admitted to the hospital continues to decline. All gatherings of up to 50 people are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, and childcare and schools reopen under guidance from the IDPH. The big caveat (and something that I was not too happy about not seeing during May's weekend's reopening) is that face coverings and social distancing remain the norm.

The Municipal Band schedule (or at least the last one I saw) indicated there would not be an 1812 Overture (and cannons and bells) for the Fourth this year, but that they were hoping to be back in Central Park by mid-July. For those who missed the news, the YMCA has indicated that they are putting the downtown Y buildings on the block, so at some point down the road I am guessing another big building will replace what's there now. While I understand the limitations of the existing facility and the cost of maintaining it as a viable entity, I will store away my memories of Indian Guide (and Princess) sleepovers and pool parties, and hope that whatever the future brings doesn't impact too badly on Central Park and the enjoyment of Thursday nights at the band shell.

Be safe, stay well, and here is hoping for Rejuvenation in July.

The Next Confederation Meeting Is (Hopefully) In September

Your next regularly scheduled NAHC meeting will be the rescheduled Annual Meeting and Election on Saturday morning, September 19th at 8:00 AM in Naperville Municipal Center Meeting Room B, 400 S. Eagle Street.

More details on the upcoming election are included later in this newsletter. Details on other meeting topics will be provided in this newsletter and on our website over the next three months.

Your Ongoing Confederation Support Is Greatly Appreciated

While we try to run a frugal operation and rely on volunteers and sponsors, we need your help 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 through relationships at all levels of government - national, state, city, counties, townships, school and park districts;
- Support member associations with organizational and program needs - facilitating 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.

All of this requires your dues. To reduce overhead and to provide financial certainty (and a bonus) to our loyal members, the Confederation Board established a dues pre-payment option. Members can buy in at the annual rate (\$30 for association, \$10 for individual members), or they can lock in their membership for three years, with the payment for the third year discounted by 50% (a total cost of \$75 for associations, \$25 for individuals). Dues checks can be sent to:

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

If you would like to receive an invoice, please email us at: <mailto:naperahc@gmail.com>

Additionally, **YOUR CONTACT INFO IS NEEDED!** The NAHC maintains an updated contact list of homeowner associations within the area to better serve both our member and non-member constituencies. We serve as a contact middleman so entities like the City of Naperville and Naperville Park District can directly reach out to your association with updates, information, and special requests.

Lastly, we are looking for volunteers to serve on our board as Directors, Associate Directors, and Officers. Please see the article below on our upcoming elections for more information

Thanks for your support!

A Safer Naper – Neighborhood Safety Programs

The Naperville Police Department has many proactive programs to help promote safety in our neighborhoods. With so many opportunities, there is sure to be a way for everyone to be involved in making our community #ASaferNaper!

Lock It or Lose It - A large percentage of the residential and motor vehicle burglaries that occur in our neighborhoods are to unlocked homes and vehicles. These are oftentimes crimes of opportunity and





preventable. So, be proactive and Lock It or Lose It! Keep your vehicles locked, don't leave valuables in plain sight and take your keys with you. Lock your home's exterior doors and windows and don't forget to close the garage door.

9PM Routine - Make your nightly routine about making your residence and your vehicle tougher targets for crime. Every night at 9 p.m., turn on your exterior lights, remove valuables from your vehicle, lock your vehicle doors, and close and lock all your home's windows and exterior doors (including your garage door and service door from the garage).

Neighbors App - Naperville Police have partnered with the Neighbors app by Ring to allow residents to receive safety alerts from their neighbors, our department, and the Ring team. Residents can also monitor neighborhood activity and share crime and safety-related videos, photos, and text-based posts. The app is free, anonymous and available to anyone, even those who do not own a Ring device.

Neighborhood Watch - Neighbors looking out for one another is one of the best crime prevention strategies. Knowing your neighbors' basic habits and belongings will help you to recognize unusual or suspicious activities. Neighborhood Watch can be formal or informal, but awareness and communication within your neighborhood are critical to keeping your neighborhood safe.

Paws on Patrol - Sniff out criminal activity while on your daily walks! Paws on Patrol is a dog walker watch program that encourages you and your four-legged friend to help reduce crime while out "on patrol" in your neighborhood. This program empowers you and your canine to enhance neighborhood safety by training you to properly identify and report suspicious activity to police.



A Dog Walker Watch Program

Crime Stoppers - Have a tip on a crime? *Crime Stoppers* encourages members of the community to assist law enforcement in the fight against crime by calling crime information into Crime Stoppers' anonymous tip line (630) 420-6006. Residents do not have to identify themselves and may be eligible for a cash reward up to \$1,000 if their tip results in an arrest!

NaperNotify - Naper Notify lets you sign up to receive emergency and community messages through your preferred method of communication. You can receive notifications about emergencies or situations that may affect your home, a parent's home, your child's school or any other location of interest and importance to you as long as the location is within the boundaries of the City of Naperville.

For more information on any of these programs, please visit www.naperville.il.us/asafenerper.

Fifth Avenue Redevelopment Update

While the Confederation does not have a formal position on this project, our representation on the Steering Committee continues to track, analyze, and report on progress being made. Input from our members, is welcomed and a discussion is typically held at our General Membership meetings.



The City Council will discuss the status of the Fifth Avenue Project at its meeting on Tuesday, June 2 at 7 PM. Due to continued social distancing requirements, the June 2 Council meeting will be conducted using Zoom and live-streamed on WCNC (Ch. 6 – WOW, Ch. 10 – Comcast, Ch. 99 – AT&T) or online at <https://naperville.legistar.com>. You do not need to create a Zoom account or download software to

participate or listen to this Zoom meeting.

The purpose of this agenda item is to receive the staff report (which, on the website as this was written, only included the minutes from the February Steering Committee Meeting) and consider whether to direct staff to prepare a resolution establishing a 5th Avenue referendum for the November 3, 2020

general election. The possibility of non-binding referendum questions was brought up as a new business item by Councilman Coyne near the end of the second Council meeting in May in order to determine the mood of the community regarding the continued prospects for development. For an item to be on the November ballot, Council must approve the wording no later than its first meeting in August. Referendum questions must begin with the word “Shall” and be able to be answered either yes or no.

Possible outcomes of the discussion include directing City staff to prepare a resolution to be discussed at a future council meeting, direct staff to schedule a workshop to discuss the 5th Avenue project or take no action at this time. Given the level of uncertainty regarding the near (and long) term future of mass transit commuting given factors such as reduced office capacity to maintain social distancing and the prospects for a prolonged economic downturn (among others), this should be an interesting discussion. For what it is worth, there really does not seem to be much of a question as to whether the community favors some sort of development in this area (an easy yes to a possible yes or no question), with the details such as building height, locations, density, usage, tenant mix, financing ability, and so on being the questions that really need to be answered. These issues do not seem readily addressable in a binary format given the multiple details and interdependencies between potential answers. As an example, a question could be “should the development include affordable housing” which does not seem something that could be asked without a great deal of specifics. Per state law, the City can place up to four referendum questions on the ballot which would seem to limit the opportunities for critical analysis of the myriad alternatives.

To sign up to speak on this agenda item or provide comment, please use the City's [online speaker sign-up form](#). Online sign-up is currently open and will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, at which time no other speakers or comments will be accepted. Registered speakers and participants will receive instructions on how to access the meeting and may use the “join from your browser” link to access the meeting. Any individual who would prefer to listen to the meeting by telephone or who may require an accommodation to listen to or participate in the meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on June 2 by calling (630) 305-5300.

In addition, the June 2 agenda includes an item to adopt a resolution **approving the purchase and sale agreement for the property located at 329-333 Center Street, which is currently occupied by Orazio's Pub**. As this location is in direct proximity to the 5th Avenue Project, being adjacent to the train station itself, the City is reviewing the opportunity to purchase the property for both increased parking/transit options in the near term as well as for future development opportunities. You can view the agenda item [here](#), which includes information on the City being initially approached by the property owner about this purchase and how this land would support and enhance commuter needs in this area.

Updated status, including the confirmed date of any future workshop or other action as a result of the Council meeting, will be posted on the City of Naperville website at <https://www.naperville.il.us/projects-in-naperville/fifth-avenue-redevelopment/>.

The Confederation will continue to monitor the status of the development planning and report on progress, or lack thereof, within this newsletter and during our monthly general membership meetings.

Roadwork Updates

- In recognition of the financial constraints expected as a result of two and a half months of lockdown, incurred during the past two and a half months of lockdown, both the Washington Street Bridge replacement project and the North Aurora Road underpass (under the EJ&E tracks) have been deferred with construction previously scheduled to begin in 2021, shifted probably to 2022.
- As part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction, the ramp from the inbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) to the outbound Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) will close for four months starting, weather permitting, Monday, June 1.



While the ramp is being rebuilt, inbound Eisenhower drivers wishing to access the outbound Kennedy will do so via the outbound Dan Ryan Expressway (I-90/94) and a "Texas U-turn" detour at the Taylor Street interchange.

When the ramp is closed June 1, the inbound Eisenhower lane configuration will be flipped, with the two left lanes connecting to Ida B. Wells Drive and the two right lanes to the outbound Dan Ryan. The far right lane will be reserved for the outbound Kennedy detour. In this new configuration, the detour will be a dedicated lane separated by a barrier wall to restrict merging into the regular Dan Ryan lanes and requiring drivers to use the Taylor Street interchange.

Pandemic Notes and Updates

The Naperville Municipal Center will re-open to the public on Monday, June 1, for those with essential business with the Finance Department or City Clerk's office. All other departments are accessible by advance appointment. Visitors will be asked to wear face coverings, maintain social distance, have their temperature taken and use available hand sanitizer stations. Please continue to do business with the City online whenever possible.

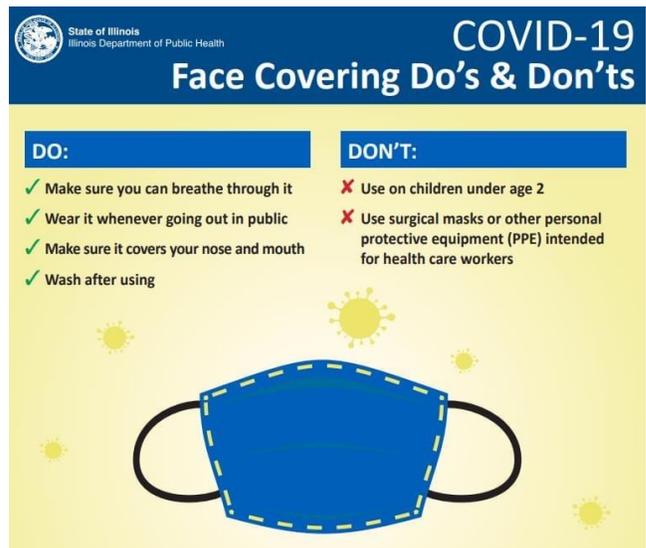
In an Executive order issued last week, the Mayor created additional space for outdoor dining and carryout by expanding areas in front of restaurants, including those who did not have patios or sidewalk seating prior to the COVID. The executive order also extends allowable outdoor seating service hours, sets a process for use of public sidewalks for outdoor seating, and permits the City to close certain public parking spaces to allow bars and restaurants to use them for outdoor seating areas.

All executive orders issued by the Mayor are available for public viewing at www.naperville.il.us/coronavirus-resources.

The City reminds us that as most areas of Illinois have moved into Phase 3 of the state's re-opening plan, to please continue to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by practicing social distancing, wearing face coverings, and staying home if you are having symptoms of illness. Residents are encouraged to visit www.naperville.il.us/coronavirus-resources to find links to credible information about COVID-19, stay up to date on any modifications to city services and learn more about the City's COVID-19 response. In addition, the following resources are available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

- Crisis Text Line – Text REACH to 741741
- DuPage County Crisis Hotline – (630) 627-1700
- Will County Crisis Hotline – (815) 722-3344

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) is also reminding Illinois residents about the Illinois Helpline, a resource for residents who need emotional support or quick answers to questions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Illinoisans can text "TALK" to 55-2020 (or "HABLAR" for Spanish) for the Call4Calm service, or text their questions about services provided by IDHS in communities across the state. The text line is free of charge and designed to support residents who have questions about services or who are experiencing stress. In addition to the Call4Calm service, the text number can help Illinoisans find help and guidance on other critical issues during the pandemic. Residents can text keywords like "UNEMPLOYMENT," "FOOD," or "SHELTER," to 55-2020 to receive additional information in response. Illinoisans can also always visit www.dhs.illinois.gov/HelpsHere or call 1-833-2-FIND-HELP (1-833-234-6343) for access to IDHS benefits, services and supports.



From the Indian Prairie District 204 E News: The district will continue to provide curbside grab-and-go breakfast and lunch meals for any student who needs it throughout the summer. There is no cost to families for the meals. Meal pickup locations are at elementary schools throughout the district from 11 am to 1 pm each weekday. For more information and to reserve your meals, visit [Summer Meals](#).

All student registrations for the 2020-21 school year will be processed online. Parents can complete their child's registration for next year starting June 8 in the new student information system. Report cards and transcripts will be available beginning June 8. Information about the new student information system, accessing report cards and parent logins will be provided in an upcoming email.

The Illinois EPA will resume vehicle emissions testing at most Illinois Air Team locations beginning June 1, 2020. The Agency suspended operations on March 21, 2020 to aid in the State's efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Illinois. Extensive precautions are in place at Air Team testing locations and follow Illinois Department of Public Health COVID-19 Workplace Guidelines to protect motorists and staff.

All Illinois Air Team testing locations will be open with the exception of the Markham and Waukegan locations. In cooperation with Applus Technologies, Illinois EPA's vehicle emissions testing contractor, these locations have been utilized for COVID-19 drive-through testing as part of the ongoing efforts to provide COVID-19 testing. These two locations will reopen in the near future. For a list of available emissions testing locations, motorists may visit <http://illinoisairteam.net>.



In order to reduce traffic volume and motorist wait time at testing locations, Illinois EPA is recommending motorists with a March or earlier vehicle registration expiration date have their vehicles tested in the month of June. Vehicle registration expiration dates have been extended without penalty by at least 90 days, allowing motorists to wait to have their vehicles tested and renew vehicle registrations.

With the extension of vehicle expiration dates, motorists who are not comfortable visiting an Air Team testing location at this time may have testing completed at a later date or may have someone else bring the vehicle in for emissions testing. In addition, Illinois EPA encourages those 65 and older, healthcare workers, first responders, and those with pre-existing health conditions to visit Air Team testing locations during the first testing hour of each day (8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. M-F and 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays).

The Illinois EPA is monitoring the COVID-19 crisis and relying on public health guidelines in the re-opening of vehicle emissions testing stations. Special precautions to protect motorists and staff include:

Illinois Air Team Staff will:

- Wear masks at all times
- Practice social distancing
- Clean and disinfect testing stations regularly
- Minimize contact with vehicles

Motorists are asked to do their part to keep us all safe and abide by the following:

- Do not visit an Air Team testing location if you are currently under self-quarantine, isolation or if you are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms
- One person per vehicle and no pets
- Wear face coverings
- Practice social distancing and follow the procedures in place at Air Team testing locations

Additional information and updates will be made available on the Illinois Air Team website at <http://illinoisairteam.net>. Motorists may also call the Air Team Call Center at 844-258-9071.

NICOR Gas has established a webpage with information on the precautions it is taking, and the best ways to do business with NICOR during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes service operations, availability of financing options, and more. You can check out this page [here](#).



From [The Morton Arboretum](#): The Arboretum has been making necessary preparations for your next visit and is pleased to announce plans for the phased reopening of Arboretum grounds beginning with access for members from June 1 through 14. There will be limits on the number of people admitted and given times.



The Arboretum plans to be open to nonmember visitors starting June 15. This target date will continue to be evaluated and adjusted if needed while monitoring the ongoing health situation.

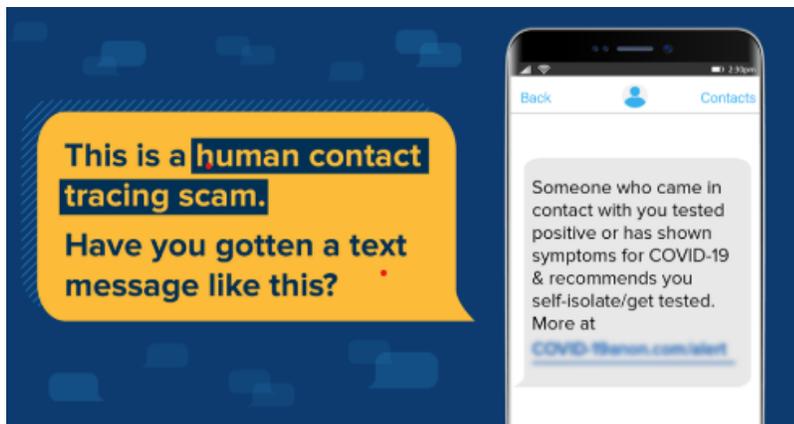
More information is available on their [website](#).

While not COVID related, given the weather during May, DuPage County Stormwater Management reminded us that their **Flooding Guidebook Offers Helpful Tips**

This spring and summer, residents are encouraged to download SWM's Guide to Preventing & Repairing Flood Damage. The guidebook helps homeowners identify the source of their flooding, as well as various ways to combat this flooding. The guidebook also offers resources and tips for homeowners to take before, during and after a flood.

[More Info](#)

The Federal Trade Commission recently alerted Facebook users of a **human contact tracing scam**.



Human Contact Tracing is the process of identifying people who have come in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, instructing them to quarantine and monitoring their symptoms daily.

While there's no question that contact tracing plays a vital role in helping to stop the spread of COVID-19, we need to be alert for scammers, pretending to be contact tracers and taking advantage of how the process works, sending text messages.

Learn more: <https://go.usa.gov/xvJcE>

The DuPage County Community Services Department has extended the deadline for applications for the annual Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) until June 30 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Help is available for residents whose last 30 days of income have been impacted by the pandemic or anyone struggling to pay utility bills. Households that applied as of or after Oct. 1, 2019, have not received Reconnection Assistance, and have a high outstanding balance may apply to receive further assistance.



Reconnection Assistance is available for households who are disconnected from their energy source or are under imminent threat of disconnection. Benefits are paid directly to the utilities on behalf of eligible households.

Assistance is available for a household with a 30-day combined gross income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level. A single-person household can qualify for the program with a monthly gross income of up to \$1,561; a two-person household could earn up to \$2,114; and a family of four can earn up to \$3,219.

In-person appointments are not being held at this time. But applications are being taken via phone and email. Customers must be able to provide the required documentation when applying for assistance:

- Social Security Cards for all household members
- Proof of gross income from all household members for the 30-day period beginning with the date of application
- Current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days (if they pay for the energy directly)
- If you rent, a copy of your lease showing that utilities are included, the monthly rental amount and landlord contact information

For more application information, including how to apply, or to schedule a phone appointment, DuPage County residents may call (630) 407-6500, (800) 942-9412 (toll-free) or visit www.dupageco.org. Applications are taken based on a first-come, first-serve basis until funding is exhausted.

For a complete listing of LIHEAP's local administering agencies and additional information about the program go to <http://liheapillinois.com> or call the LIHEAP toll-free hotline at (877) 411-WARM.



Wondering what's open in Downtown Naperville? [Click here](#) for a list of open businesses and contact information. This [link](#) includes business hours for retailers opening as of May 29

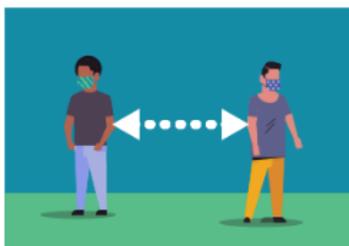
COVID-19 Guidance

Condominiums and Common Interest Community Associations



The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation - Division of Real Estate issued guidance in May to condominium and common interest community associations in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Pritzker's extended shelter-in-place order. This Guidance may be found on the Department website:

<https://www.idfpr.com/Forms/COVID19/COVID-19%20Guidance%20for%20Condominiums%20and%20Common%20Interest%20Community%20Associations%2005132020.pdf>. In addition, the Department has a general COVID-19 page that provides useful information to all of its agency licensees. (<https://www.idfpr.com/COVID-19.asp>).



Coming in September: NAHC Elections

Action by the Confederation Board has delayed the scheduled May NAHC Annual Meeting until Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 8:30 AM in Meeting Room B of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400



S. Eagle Street, Naperville, Illinois. The offices to be voted on are Secretary of the Confederation (currently Kathy Benson); Treasurer (currently an open position); and two at large Director Positions (currently held by M. Skeet and Marcia Caruso). All are eligible to run again for their current positions or to seek a different open office.

A nominating committee was scheduled to be formed at our March 21st General Meeting to prepare a slate of recommended candidates to be announced at then tentatively scheduled April 18th meeting. As the March meeting was not held due to the statewide shelter in place orders, and the April and May meetings were cancelled as well, nominations will instead be accepted from the floor the day of the September meeting. Any person who, at the time of election, is a member of a Confederation member homeowners association in good standing or an associate member in good standing, may seek and hold office on the Confederation Board; except that there shall be no more than one Confederation Officer or a total of two Board of Directors members from any one Confederation member association or no more than two associate members as voting members of the Board. Duties of the positions to be elected are listed below: If you are interested in becoming a member of our Board, in any of these elected positions or as an appointed Associate Director, please contact NAHC President Steve Grosskopf at sgrosskopf@gobieworld.com or the Confederation email account at naperahc@gmail.com.

Secretary - shall keep the current minutes of all 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 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; shall render a statement of accounts to the Confederation Board of Directors and to the Confederation membership at regular meetings; shall

Bringing Our Community Together... Even When Standing Apart!



Naperville loves to come together to celebrate community!
And so does Naperville's nonprofit television station who broadcasts these events live on TV (Channel 17) and Online (NCTV17.com.)

While our community cannot come together at this time, we can still celebrate each other through the power of television.
You can watch all of last year's events on-demand at NCTV17.com.

If you value the TV coverage your local nonprofit television station delivers - in good times and bad – please consider a donation!

[NCTV17.com/donate](https://www.nctv17.com/donate)

Thank you for your support!



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 approved by Confederation members at the yearly November meeting and shall disburse funds that are included in the budget line items upon presentation of adequate documentation.

At-Large Board Members – shall be chairpersons of Confederation Ad Hoc Committees 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 or voting rights of associate members, can be found in the Confederation Bylaws which are posted at: <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc8119.pdf> .

If your Association or Board would like to learn more about the NAHC, we will be happy to update your neighborhood on what the NAHC can and does do for you. Contact us at naperahc@gmail.com to schedule a presentation (and yes, we will do virtual)!

CAI News

CAI is a non-profit dedicated to building better communities through education, networking, and legislative efforts. Your Confederation Board joined CAI to have improved access to their offerings and insights, as well as to share them with our members. Learn more at www.cai-illinois.org. You can also Follow CAI Illinois on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#).



Do you Want to Get More Involved in CAI? Become a Valued Volunteer!
CAI Illinois is looking for members interested in helping the chapter grow and carry out its mission. If you would like to become more involved in the chapter, now is the time to volunteer for a committee. No matter your time availability, talents, or interests, there is a volunteer role for you that will benefit you and the chapter.

Our next volunteer orientation will be held virtually on Wednesday, June 17th.

Complete the volunteer application linked below to be considered for committee placement.
[Click here to view a list of CAI IL Committees](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

CAI New Member Orientation: June 11 | 2-3:00 PM | via Zoom - Membership with Community Associations Institute opens up great networking, educational, and volunteer opportunities for association board members, managers, and businesses. Join the CAI Membership Committee for a presentation on our local chapter, and how you can make the most of your CAI Membership!

This informational event is intended for new CAI Members, and non-members looking for more information about the benefits of membership. [Click here to RSVP for this FREE event](#)

Given the continuing statewide shelter in place order, and uncertainty around large group meetings, the **Annual CAI Legal Forum** will go virtual this year. The forum is an opportunity to learn the latest legal updates, ask legal questions, and interact with attorneys and community association colleagues and is

designed for Board Members, Homeowners, and Property Managers looking for insights on the Hot LEGAL Topics Affecting Community Associations.

For four days over a two-week period in mid-July representatives from 7 Law Firms will be on line to share their expertise and insights. For more information, [CLICK HERE!](#)

Remember, CAI has developed [guidance, sample forms and documents, and FAQs](#) on the COVID-19 outbreak. Bookmark the page and return regularly for updates and additional resources to address your association questions.

NAHC Briefs – News You Can Use!

Each month the Confederation proudly shares information from [The Power of Choice](#), The Power of



Choice is a collaborative project led by 360 Youth Services in District 203 and 204 middle and high schools growing

the number of students making healthy choices regarding substance use. You can visit their [Community Resource Guide](#) for resources related to after-school opportunities, community-based health, community safety, domestic violence/sexual assault, human services, LGBTQ, mental health, and volunteer opportunities for teens. Also look for monthly newsletters geared to both middle school and high school parents [on their website](#). This month's messaging includes:

Parents of Middle School/Jr. High School Students: Please visit [thepowerofchoice.info](#) for more information on the The Power of Choice 6th-8th Grade Campaign, a Communication Campaign designed to build protective factors in 6th-8th grade students in District 203 and 204 junior high/middle schools.

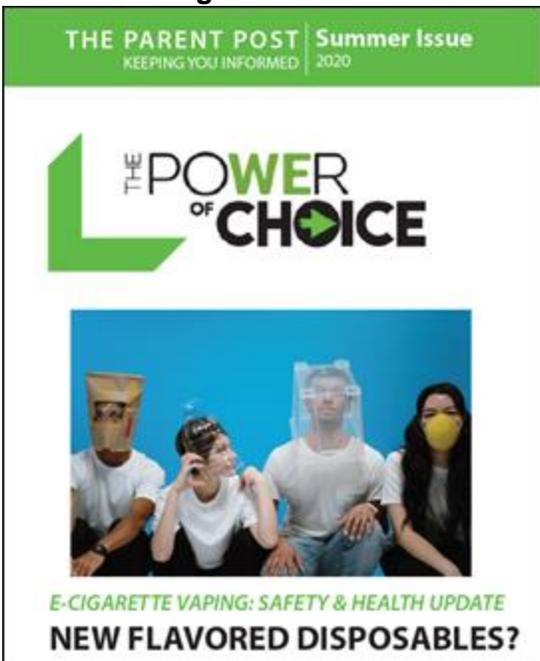
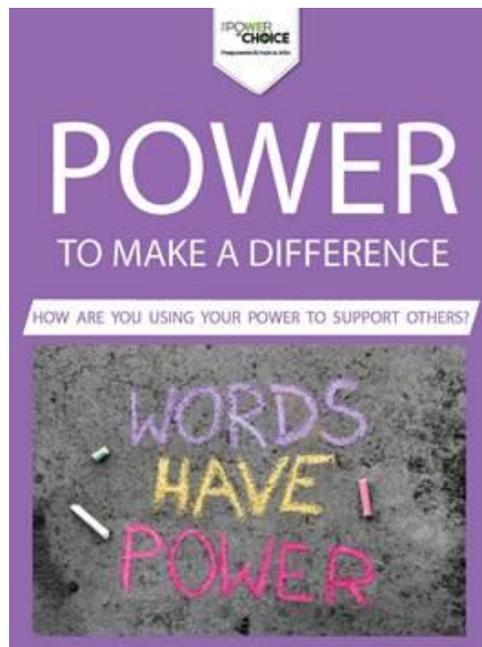
Parents of High School Students: The June Power of Choice newsletter for high school families is [here](#) with news about the next generation of highly

addictive vaping devices popular with youth: inexpensive flavored disposables. Learn how to talk with teens about the risks of use. Also, if and when parents determine how to gather safely, they will want to know their responsibilities in monitoring teen get-togethers on their property. Be aware that some laws have changed around marijuana. Read about the new laws, curfew, driving rules, and more [here](#) in the revised Guidelines for Hosting Parties and the Laws 2020.

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In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the **DuPage County is extending the deadline for the annual Community Services Block Grant scholarship program to Sept. 25.**

Every year, the Community Services department offers college and occupational training scholarships for low-income individuals with high academic potential. The scholarship supplements the cost of tuition, books, supplies and other school-related items for a semester or a quarter



to offset the student's needs. This scholarship is funded and designed in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Applicants are required to provide proof of DuPage County residency, gross household income for the past 30 days and information about members living in the household. Income for the household must be at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Applicants must also include a 500-word original essay or personal statement, official school transcripts, two letters of recommendation, a Financial Aid Audit (financial aid award letter) and proof of enrollment in an Illinois accredited institution.

The scholarship award amounts will vary this year from \$500 to \$2,500 and special consideration is given to students interested in STEM fields or other occupations in emerging fields. Applications are available online at www.dupageco.org/CSBG or can be mailed by request by calling the DuPage County Department of Community Services Office at (630) 407-6500, or call the toll-free number at (800) 942-9412. Completed applications and support documents must be received by 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25.

For more information, contact the DuPage County Department of Community Services at (630) 407-6500, or call the toll-free number at (800) 942-9412. TTY access is available at (630) 407-6502.

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Illinoisans applying for unemployment insurance may also need health insurance after losing job-based coverage. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) Health Insurance Marketplace is offering a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for certain qualifying life events, including involuntarily losing job-based coverage and expiration of COBRA benefits.

Get Covered Illinois (GCI) Executive Director Laura Pellikan reminds consumers that the SEP has limits, "You have up to 60 days to enroll in a health insurance plan after your job loss, but you can enroll before your current coverage ends to avoid a gap in coverage."

Pellikan recommends that consumers take one of the steps listed below to apply for the SEP:

1. Visit GetCoveredIllinois.gov to find a certified Navigator to help you enroll
2. Call the ACA Marketplace at (800) 318-2596
3. Apply on your own at healthcare.gov

ACA Marketplace plans also offer subsidies (tax credits) to help reduce monthly premiums and out-of-pocket costs, if you qualify for financial assistance. There are 142 plans available this year, and most consumers will have more than one plan to choose from, depending on where they live.

Get Covered Illinois (GCI) is the official health marketplace or "exchange" for Illinois consumers to purchase quality, affordable health insurance, facilitated by the federal government through the ACA Marketplace.

For more information on the **Special Enrollment Period** for the ACA Marketplace, visit: <https://getcovered.illinois.gov/en/special-enrollment-periods>

For information about insurance and COVID-19, visit the Illinois Department of Insurance: <https://insurance.illinois.gov/healthInsurance/COVID-19.html>

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The City of Naperville continues to offer qualified Naperville Electric Utility residential customers, both homeowners and renters, a **rebate for energy-efficient central air conditioners installed between February 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021**. The rebates are offered, thanks to \$16,800 in funding from the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, Naperville's power supplier. Limit one rebate per customer account.

To qualify for the rebate, central air conditioners must be purchased and installed between Feb. 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021. The rebate is based on the Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER), which measures the cooling efficiency of a central air conditioner. Central air conditioners with a SEER of 15 will receive a \$300 rebate; a SEER of 16 will receive a \$400 rebate; and a SEER of 18 will receive a \$600 rebate. The Department of Energy suggests when replacing a central air conditioning unit to look for a SEER of at least 15. The installation must pass a City of Naperville inspection and must be connected to a City of Naperville electric meter and billed under the appropriate residential electric rate.

An application form is available on the City's website with detailed instructions on how to apply for the rebate. The rebate will appear as a credit on a customer's utility bill, which should be posted after approximately two billing cycles. Completed applications must be submitted within 120 days of installation date. For more info about the central air conditioner rebate program, visit www.naperville.il.us/ac-rebate/.

Mark (and Unmark) Your Calendar

- For upcoming **City of Naperville City Council, Board and Commission** meetings go to <https://www.naperville.il.us/government/city-of-naperville-government-meeting-listing/>
- As **DuPage County** continues to limit access to the 421 Administration Building, members of the public should submit their comments online rather than come in-person to attend County Board meetings. The DuPage County Board has posted a public comment form on its website, which can be found at <https://dupagecounty-ktgfp.formstack.com/forms/publiccomment>. Links to the form can be found on the [County's homepage](#) and on the [meetings page](#).
- Interested in improving your yards and gardens? **The Conservation Foundation has a number of webinars planned throughout the month of June:** Details on the scheduled times and content can be found at <https://www.theconservationfoundation.org/events>
- The **Naperville Park District's annual tulip bulb sale** will take place this year with some modifications to adhere to the required social distancing practices. All orders must be placed and paid for online and must be picked up at Centennial Beach parking lot, located at 500 W. Jackson Ave. at the designated time. Online sales begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1 and end at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, or until sold out. The tulips are priced at \$3 per dozen, with a maximum of 10 dozen per person. Pickup must take place between 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 5. If you are not able to pick up during these hours, please do not order, as there will not be any other option for pickup.
- Naperville **Community Unit District 203's Board of Education scheduled meetings for June include** a Virtual Work Session on Monday, June 1st at 7 PM. This meeting will be live streamed for public viewing. Public comment taken via email to publiccomments@naperville203.org until 5:00pm on the day of the meeting. (**The link above will not be live until the meeting begins). For a complete list of videos, please visit our [YouTube channel](#). Additionally the Board has a scheduled Business meeting on Monday, June 15th. For more details and updates on meetings go to <https://www.naperville203.org/domain/732>



Mark your calendar for Thursdays at noon* to catch the **College of DuPage's "Dialogue Over Distance" webinar series**. COD experts head to the web and offer timely, thought-provoking content derived from actual concepts as presented in courses or uniquely curated material specifically for this series. Offered initially as 15 to 30-minute [Facebook](#) Live events and housed on [YouTube](#). as [Facebook](#) Live events and housed on [YouTube](#).

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Head to [College of DuPage's Facebook page](#) to catch these interesting discussions and presentations.

Thursday, June 4: Global Chats - Japan's Response to COVID-19 and the 2020 Olympics, Shingo Satsutani, Ph. D, Language professor and vice president of the American Association of Teachers of Japanese

Thursday, June 11: Preparing for Illinois' Worst Weather, Paul Sirvatka, Meteorology professor
Regularly updated schedule is available at COD.edu/Experts.

- The next scheduled meeting of the **Indian Prairie District 204 Board of Education** will be Monday, June 15th at 7 pm. Meeting agendas and documents, as well as procedures for public comment, will be available [online](#) prior to the meetings. Video of the meetings are [streamed live](#) or viewed the following day at [YouTube](#).



- Partnering with Versiti Blood Center of Illinois, the **Park District is hosting a blood donation opportunity on Saturday, June 20, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.** at Community Hall, located on the upper level of the ARRCC at 305 W. Jackson Avenue in Naperville. Giving blood is especially important during times of crisis, and the coronavirus situation is no exception. According to Sarah Horne from Versiti Blood Center, prospective donors should make an appointment to ensure that social distancing guidelines can be followed. Appointments may be made in one of three ways: call 800-7TO-GIVE, visit www.versiti.org/IL or via the Versiti Donor app. Additionally, prospective donors are asked to visit www.versiti.org/home/coronavirus-information to learn about the steps that Versiti staff are taking to keep donors and staff safe and healthy during the blood donation process.

- The Next scheduled meeting of the **College of DuPage Board of Trustees** will be on Thursday, June 25th. For updated schedules and more information on viewing the meeting stream go to https://www.cod.edu/about/board_of_trustees/notices.aspx



*We are thinking about you as we go through these uncertain times,
and can't wait to see you again in person!*

Save the Date

September 12, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Marriott Hotel Naperville

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News from Naper Settlement

Naper Settlement is a nationally accredited, award-winning outdoor museum set on 13 magnificent acres in the heart of Naperville. The museum is home to thirty historical structures dating back as early as the 1830s. Featuring exhibits, special events, educational programming



and more, Naper Settlement is where history comes alive and the community comes to connect. For more information, visit www.napersettlement.org or call (630) 420-6010.

Naper Settlement will reopen to the public on Tuesday, June 2 with limited capacity and strict social distancing and safety requirements for staff, volunteers, and visitors.

The announcement and the museum's opening plan align with the state's five-phased approach to reopening the economy, the City of Naperville's recommendations, and follows guidance from health officials.

All visitors will be required to wear face masks inside all buildings and when social distancing cannot be maintained outdoors. Visitors are always required to maintain social distancing guidelines by staying 6 feet from other visitor groups. A visitor group is defined as a group of people who have been social distancing together.

Beginning on June 4, the museum will offer several new tour options that promote social distancing on the 13-acre campus, including guided tours of the grounds and select building interiors with no more than eight people in a group, plus Naper Settlement staff, following Phase 3 guidelines. Guided tours will be available on a rolling basis during normal operating hours. Visitors can also participate in self-guided tour options of the exteriors of the buildings using the museum's mobile tour app.

Areas with high touch potential, including the Rita (Fredenhagen) and John Harvard Early Learning Playscape, will remain closed to the public with the goal to move towards reopening all amenities safely at a later date.



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. Registrations and rental reservations are accepted at the following facilities: [95th Street Center](#), [Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center](#), [Fort Hill Activity Center](#), [Knoch Knolls Nature Center](#). [Click here](#) to Join the Naperville Park District's Email list and receive the latest news and special offers.

The **Naperville Park District's Park Board of Commissioners holds regular meetings** on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. This month's meetings are scheduled for June 11th and 25th.

With restrictions on group gatherings remaining in effect, it is expected the meetings will continue to be "virtual." Please check the Park District [website](#) for updated information on meeting schedules and locations

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Naperville Park District staff began reinstalling equipment during the last week in May to allow the reopening of several types of park facilities, including basketball courts, volleyball courts and the Knoch Knolls Park disc golf course. Reinstallation of equipment and opening of these facilities will occur over one to two weeks.

Basketball rim installation will begin on May 26 at neighborhood parks and then will move to sports complexes. With 104 rims to be reinstalled across the District, the process will require 6-7 days to complete.

**PLAYGROUNDS
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BY ORDER OF THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Volleyball nets and the disc golf baskets at Knoch Knolls Park will be reinstalled beginning June 1. The process will take up to 3 days.

Once these recreational amenities are open for reuse, the District expects users to follow social distancing protocols of maintaining a minimum 6-foot distance from others. When this cannot be maintained, a face covering needs to be worn. Additionally, players must follow CDC

guidelines for hygiene to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by vigilant handwashing or using hand sanitizer in the absence of soap and water, and by refraining from touching their faces. Meanwhile, playgrounds do remain closed.

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The Naperville Park District's *2020 Summer Program Guide*, published only in digital form, is available at www.napervilleparks.org/programguides. The *Summer Guide* provides links to an expanding list of virtual programs and also lists in-person programs that will operate with modifications to address health and safety concerns.

Resident online registration for **summer programs** begins at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, June 1 and nonresident registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 4 at 8:30 a.m. Registration for **fall soccer programs** begins for Naperville residents on Tuesday, June 2 at 12:00 noon for girls and on Wednesday, June 3 at 12:00 noon for boys. Nonresident registration for boys' and girls' fall soccer begins on Thursday, June 4 at 12:00 noon.

Registration for summer programs and fall soccer may be completed online at www.napervilleparks.org, by phone at 630-848-5000 or by dropping off a registration form in the slot outside the Administration Building at 320 West Jackson Avenue. Please note that Park District buildings remain closed to the public.

Library News



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

Starting Monday, May 11, Naperville Public Library will begin offering curbside service at each of its three buildings. Patrons can place materials on hold using their account through the Library website or using the Naperville Library smartphone app. Curbside pickup services will run through Thursday, June 11. Library buildings are expected to reopen Monday, June 15.

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All library staff working curbside service will be given personal protective equipment (PPE) including disposable gloves, reusable and disposable masks, a safety shield, and other PPE as needed. Per recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, we will continue to quarantine materials for three days after they are returned to the library.

All in-person library programs have been cancelled through June.

To stay up to date on library news, or to sign-up for a digital library card, visit www.naperville-lib.org **Customers can stream movies and music on hoopla, get e-books through OverDrive, read newspapers through PressReader, and so much more.** The Library Catalog, <http://www.naperville-lib.org> is available 24/7 for you to download or renew materials.

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The next scheduled **Naperville Public Library Board of Trustees** meeting is 7 PM, Wednesday, June 17th and it is expected to be streamed. More information can be found at <https://www.naperville-lib.org/about/board-meeting-agendas-and-packets>. If you have something that needs to be shared with the Naperville Public Library's Board of trustees, you may send an email to nplboard@naperville-lib.org.

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The Library Summer Reading Program, with prizes, coupons and more for all age groups, begins Monday, June 1. Check <https://www.naperville-lib.org/programs/summer-reading-program-2020> for more details and to sign up

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***Your next Homeowners Confederation meeting hopefully will be
in September***

***Keep an eye on www.napervillehomeowners.com and Facebook
for late-breaking news and information.***

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of June***