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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 our editor at rafischer1@aol.com.

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

Thanks for taking the time to download and read this month's newsletter. We publish every month because we think it is important that our neighbors and neighborhoods receive useful and actionable information without a political slant or agenda. The world around us is becoming increasingly polarized as groups and news sources openly identify with an ideology, and this is simply not healthy. Our only ideology is to be about neighbors helping neighbors.

But neighborhoods, too, are changing, and that may not be a good thing. According to a Pew Research Center [survey](#) cited in recent newsletter I received from [AXIOS](#), **57% of Americans** say they know only some or none of their neighbors. That share climbs up to 72% among 30- to 49-year-olds and 78% among 18- to 29-year-olds. **58% who say** they know their neighbors, don't spend time chatting or hanging out with them. While home and family are important, our neighborhoods are part of our home and building neighborly bonds can help keep us safer and healthier. While some may counter that the Internet and the ability to chat and share on line can replace face-to-face communication, Pew reported that we're twice as likely to chat with neighbors in person than online.

I hosted our neighborhood National Night Out gathering at the beginning of August and a good time was had by all. Old and new friends got together to converse, share, and interact as neighbors whose common bond was where we live, not how we vote, the causes we support, or where we work. Attendees included neighborhood originals (like me) as well as relatively new arrivals. If nothing else, it was a great chance to see a new generation of kids playing in the cul de sac, just as my kids did 30 years ago.

The Confederation was started in 1979 to help build neighborhood ties across a growing Naperville. Last month I was questioned by someone who thought referring to ourselves as a confederation was somehow polarizing and politically incorrect in today's world. I replied with the definition "an organization which consists of a number of parties or groups united in an alliance or league" that I found on GOOGLE. Having dialogues amongst and between neighbors is a good way to keep semantics from creating alternative realities or artificial barriers to understanding, and our only goal as the NAHC is to use communications and networking as means to continue keeping Naperville a great place to live and raise our families.

To keep the Confederation viable and active in the community we need volunteers willing to become neighbors helping neighbors. [Let us know](#) if you would like to be a part of our mission. In the meantime, I plan to be back next month with #195. Enjoy the last couple of weeks of Summer!

Confederation Leadership Needs to Hear From You

We're looking forward to seeing everyone when our meetings resume (planning for this to happen in the Fall), but dates and plans remain to be determined as we rebuild our Board team and taking the pulse of the community for areas where we can help serve our neighbors. If you haven't already done so, help us with this planning by responding to our survey posted at <https://forms.gle/S1r8FWxPyYGtCMDf9>

While we believe in-person meetings will once again be a good idea, and that you will want to participate, after over two years of being away, it remains difficult to plan. When we do return to meeting with our neighbors, **we'll be looking for possible sponsors and presenters for these meetings**, too. If you would like to share your message with our members and attendees, email us at naperahc@gmail.com.

If you are interested in helping plan our direction and future meetings, or have relevant ideas for meeting focus topics, you can become part of our mission of neighbors helping neighbors by joining our Board. Volunteers with an interest in our neighborhoods are crucial as we work to resume a more active community presence after a two-plus year hiatus. One thought we are considering is quarterly "in person" Saturday morning meetings along with periodic virtual meetings, potentially on weekday evenings, to address specific topics of interest and concern to our members and the community. Your assistance and input are appreciated as we make these decisions!

We are also contemplating Candidate forums for the upcoming Spring Municipal, Park Board, and School Board elections. We'll not be doing Forums for the November midterms.

Meanwhile, to be able to continue with our mission and service to the community we need your help in the form of dues, either at the annual rate (\$30 for association, \$10 for individual members), or for three years, (\$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 need an invoice prior to making a payment, are interested in being on the Board, or sponsoring an upcoming meeting, please email us at naperahc@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best Practices for Draining Swimming Pools

As summer comes to an end, DuPage Stormwater Management is reminding residents of how to properly drain pools for the season to protect water quality. Chlorine can be toxic to aquatic organisms, so pool water should be de-chlorinated (at least four days without added chlorine) before drained. Further, pool water should be discharged into a grassy area to infiltrate into the ground and should never be discharged into storm drains. [Click here for a helpful video on best practices for draining your pool.](#)

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Pause

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has announced a temporary suspension of all Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events and locations after a fire occurred at the current disposal facility in Ohio. Illinois EPA is working with the current contractor to evaluate alternatives for disposal. Illinois EPA is suspending the scheduled one-day HHW collections planned for this fall, as well as the long-term HHW disposal facilities in Chicago, Naperville, Lake County, Rockford, and Madison County that Illinois EPA supports, until normal disposal operations can resume.

[According to it's website, the Naperville site is continuing to accept:](#)

- automotive fluids
- extinguishers
- flammables: gasoline, kerosene, oil, transmission fluid, anti-freeze (think of things in a garage)

- fluorescent bulbs, CFL bulbs
- peanut oil (cooking oils)
- prescription and over the counter meds
- propane tanks
- solvents and strippers
- thermostats
- mercury
- automotive (lead acid) batteries



However, these items are not being accepted:

- Ammunition
- Compressed gas (other than propane)
- Empty spray cans and containers
- Explosives
- Helium tanks
- Paper, glass, metal, wood and Styrofoam
- Radioactive materials
- Sharps (needles or lancets)
- Smoke detectors
- Tires
- Trash and non-hazardous materials
- Unopened, useable consumer products
- Alkaline Batteries (household batteries)
- Aerosol cans
- Asbestos materials (in a size that will fit in a 55-gallon drum and not in excess of 50 pounds)
- Batteries (marine, sump pump and non-alkaline)
- Household cleaners, drain openers and pool chemicals
- Poison, pesticides and fertilizers
- Unknown hazardous substances

The City of Naperville reminds us that latex paint is not a hazardous material. To discard leftover latex paint in the trash it must first be hardened. Leave the lid off or, to expedite the process, add an absorbent such as cat litter, oil dry or saw dust. Once the liquid paint is absorbed, place the can in the garbage with the lid off, so the driver can tell the paint is dry.

Illinois EPA currently has a contract for the disposal of collected HHW, which disposes much of the collected waste at an incinerator located in Ohio. This facility had a fire in July, which required them to cease operations until specifically made parts can be shipped from Germany. It is estimated that the facility will not be operational until mid-November.

In August 2021, the U.S. EPA issued a memorandum detailing a continuing nationwide incinerator backlog, which has rendered handling materials like HHW extremely difficult over the past year. This month, U.S. EPA reiterated the memorandum remains in effect. As a result, an alternative incinerator has not yet been identified to accept Illinois' HHW and guarantee its incineration in a timely manner.

Residents in possession of household hazardous wastes (e.g., oil-based paints, herbicides, cleaning supplies, household batteries) should keep the materials safely stored in their original manufacturer containers, as those are designed to safely hold the items, until HHW collections resume. The Illinois EPA is committed to rescheduling the one-day HHW collection events in Tinley Park, East Moline, Bloomington, Quincy, and Springfield once alternative disposal arrangements are available. The Illinois EPA continues to explore other options for HHW disposal. Depending on the availability of other avenues and when the Ohio facility is operational, Illinois EPA may be able to reschedule these events yet this fall/early winter. If not, Illinois EPA plans to add them to the spring schedule.

For more information on Household Hazardous Waste, please visit: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/Pages/default.aspx>. For information specific to Naperville, go to <https://www.naperville.il.us/services/garbage-and-recycling/household-hazardous-waste-facility/>

Summer's Winding Down, But Festivals and Fun Continue

We're heading into the last weekend for [Centennial Beach](#) with the beach reopening Saturday morning, but closing for the year at 6 PM on Labor Day. Park District **splash pads** at [Wolf's Crossing Community Park](#) (3252 Wolf's Crossing Road) and the [95th Street Community Plaza](#) (3109 Cedar Glade Drive) will also be open from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. daily through Labor Day. **The splash pad at the Rita (Fredenhagen) and John Harvard Early Learning Playscape at Naper Settlement** is open during museum hours through September 30th.

While the Riverwalk Café has closed for the season (hard to find help these days), the [Paddleboat Quarry](#) will be open 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Saturday-Monday, September 3-5.

While the [95th Street Outdoor Market](#) has closed for the season, the [Naperville Farmer's Market](#) at 200 E. 5th Avenue continues on Saturdays from 7 a.m. until noon.

You can also spend the last weeks of the summer season enjoying all that The Morton Arboretum has to offer. [Visit](#) the Arboretum to explore 16 miles of beautiful, pedestrian-friendly [trails](#).

Here's a calendar and links to some events, including both free and ticketed, scheduled around town in the coming weeks that you might find interesting and entertaining:



September

2-5 [Last Fling](#) (Rotary Hill/City Streets)

5 [Labor Day Parade/Fling Mile](#) (City Streets)

9 [A Night at the Movies](#) – Encanto (Rotary Hill)

10-11 [Pride Fest](#) (Naper Settlement)

11 [Tales on the Trails](#) (The Morton Arboretum)



16 [A Night at the Movies](#) – Black Widow (95th Street Community Plaza)

17 [Public Safety Open House](#) (Public Safety Campus on Aurora Avenue)

17-18 [Riverwalk Fine Art Fair](#) (City Streets along Jackson and the Riverwalk, Main to Eagle)

17 [Hispanic Heritage Festival](#) (Central Park)

24 [Jim Peterik's World Stage](#), Pfeiffer Hall at North Central College, 8 – 11 PM



30, October 1 [Oktoberfest](#) (Naper Settlement)

There's Another Election After the November Midterms

While the focus of our daily mail is currently the upcoming November midterm elections for County Board, Statewide office holders, US Senate, US House of Representatives, and State House and Senate members(early voting will begin at the end of September), candidates are also getting in line for the April, 2023 elections for Municipal officers and School and Park Boards.

Petitions for candidacy for the **2023 Naperville municipal election** are available in the Community Services Department at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St. Petitions may begin being circulated for signature on Tuesday, August 30, 2022. If you are interested in throwing your hat into the ring, please consult the Illinois State Board of Elections website at www.elections.il.gov/Main/Publications.aspx for specific candidate questions. For more information regarding obtaining a petition for candidacy for the municipal offices, please contact the Naperville Community Services Department at (630) 305-5300.

Up for election in 2023 are the four-year position of Mayor and the four-year terms of four City Council positions. To qualify as a candidate, you must be a registered voter of the City of Naperville and have resided within the corporate limits of the City for at least one year. Petitions for nomination are filed with the Community Services Department. The filing period will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, November 21, 2022, through Monday, November 28, 2022, excluding weekend days; the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24; and the day after Thanksgiving on Friday, November 25.

A Consolidated Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, if there are more than 16 candidates for Council or four candidates for Mayor. The Consolidated Election will take place on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

According to the DuPage County Clerk's website, the first day to circulate petitions for the April 4, 2023 Consolidated General Election and the filing period for potential School Board and Park District candidates is still to be determined (because the possibility of a Primary election is not a consideration).

County Clerks are also mailing permanent vote-by-mail notices and applications to all registered voters. Permanent vote-by-mail registration ensures your ballot comes to your mailing address every election so you never miss a chance to voice your opinion on candidates and issues that affect your state and local taxes.

While there are many misconceptions and social media rumors surrounding mail in ballots, here's what you need to know about voting by mail:

- *It's safe and secure – and it protects your vote.*
- *It reminds you of upcoming elections.*
- *It allows you to research candidates while you vote.*
- *It lets you vote early.*
- *It gives you the option to vote in person.*

Here are links for the [DuPage County](#) and [Will County](#) clerks to learn more and apply.

A Safer Naper - Senior Safety

Naperville has a growing senior population, many of whom have lived in Naperville for most of their lives. Our seniors have been instrumental in developing the Naperville we live in today and are an asset continuing to add value our City. In this month's "A Safer Naper" campaign we will focus on some of the many programs and resources available for older adults such as the Caring Hands and Fast Track programs. These programs provide Naperville's first responders with critical information about residents who may require



special assistance during an emergency or non-emergency situation due to cognitive, mental, medical and/or physical disabilities.

We will also provide education on common phone and email scams targeting seniors, domestic violence assistance and warning signs, elder abuse/neglect, and mental health and wellness resources for older adults. To learn more about programs and resources to help keep seniors safe, visit naperville.il.us/asaferner.

What's New With the 248th Street Noise Wall Project?

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recently certified the noise wall analysis completed by the City's consultant for the 248th Avenue improvement project between 95th Street and 103rd Street. The noise wall analysis, which is now available on the [248th Avenue project webpage](#) or by clicking [here](#), shows the locations where the noise wall met all warrants, as well as those locations that did not qualify for a noise wall.

In accordance with IDOT policy, viewpoints meetings will be held to allow residents whose properties qualify for a noise wall under IDOT standards ("benefited residents") to vote in favor of or against constructing a noise wall in their area. **Meetings are scheduled for 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St. Only those who live along 248th Avenue and whose property is considered benefited by a noise wall, are eligible to vote.** [Click here](#) to see a list of benefited addresses. [Click here](#) to view frequently asked questions about the viewpoints voting process.

In order to keep the meeting size manageable, benefited residents are asked to attend at the following times if possible: **5 p.m. for those who live south of the Tall Grass Greenway Trail and 7 p.m. for those who live north of the Tall Grass Greenway Trail.** Benefited residents who are unable to attend their assigned meeting time may cast their vote at the other meeting time.

Following the viewpoints meetings, the noise report will be finalized to recommend that noise walls be constructed at the locations where 50% or more of the viewpoints were in favor of the walls. The City will also evaluate whether to install noise walls at the locations along the roadway where noise walls were not warranted by the noise analysis.



The 248th Avenue project aims to improve the portion of 248th Avenue that runs from 95th Street to 103rd Street. The goal of the project is to create a better driving experience for motorists, as well as better recreational experiences for both bicyclists and pedestrians. Construction is tentatively expected to begin in 2026 and last for approximately 12 months.



Please visit the project website at naperville.il.us/248th-avenue/ for news and updates. Questions may be directed to Project Engineer Ray Fano at (630) 305-5534 or fanor@naperville.il.us.

Finding Trusted Business Partners for Your HOA

The Confederation receives requests from our friends and neighbors regarding referrals or recommendations for business partners. While we do not endorse specific vendors or professionals, we are a CAI member and find their insights helpful. This article by Cynthia Jones is reprinted from CAI's HOAresources.com and explores questions and comments from community association members living in condominiums, homeowners associations, and housing cooperatives.

Community association managers and board members can choose to do business with thousands of companies, but not many of these companies will be your partner. Very few know and understand the board members' roles, the manager's role, and how they work to serve the best interests of the community. Even fewer know and understand how decisions are made or how community associations operate. The level of understanding and service that a true business partner provides is invaluable to a community association.

Whether it's a pool company, landscaping contractor, insurance agent, attorney, or certified public accountant, you should choose professionals who know and understand community associations. When you do, you'll see that the partnership will benefit everyone. Your residents will notice a difference too.

The [business partners](#) who are active and engaged in [CAI](#) and have earned the [CAI Educated Business Partner](#) distinction have put in the time and energy necessary to know and understand community associations. They've learned how community associations operate and have an understanding of the intricacies that the board members and managers face on a day-to-day basis. These Educated Business Partners have distinguished themselves from the thousands of vendors available to you. When you work with an Educated Business Partner, they will be a partner in your community's success.

I've had many association clients over the years who have chosen a professional based on cost alone. These clients found that they often spent much more time, energy and, sometimes, money, working with a vendor who didn't have any knowledge or understanding about community associations or how they worked and operated. This resulted in the board members, manager, or attorney having to spend quite a bit of time to manage the relationship and services. Often, the relationship deteriorated quickly, and everyone ended up unhappy.

Partnering with a company that already has information and knowledge about the industry, how your association operates, and how the manager and board fit into the role for the community can prevent many headaches.

When you have a need in your association, do your research. Ask questions of the service providers and obtain referrals. Inquire about whether the service provider has obtained [CAI's Educated Business Partner distinction](#). Make sure the business partner you choose knows the industry and can be a true partner. It's important for them to know how your community operates and how you make decisions so they can better serve you.

Finding a true business partner— not a vendor—is a recipe for community success.

To learn more about CAI's Educated Business Partner distinction, visit www.caionline.org/businesspartners.

NAHC Briefs – News You Can Use!

The Indian Prairie Parents' Council is once again hosting their **annual winter coat drive** to benefit District 204 students and families in need. This program gathers new and gently used clean winter coats and accessories (including boots, snow pants, hats, scarves and mittens) that will be offered at no cost to families in need. Students and parents are encouraged to bring their donated items to their school between August 29 - September 22. Collection boxes will be available in the entrance of each school. If you have questions about the coat drive, please contact IPPC 1st Vice President and Unity Chair, Robin Schmidt at rschmidt99@gmail.com.

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If you have been bitten by a tick and think you may have a tickborne illness, visit a health care provider.



Tickborne illnesses Illinois residents have been diagnosed with include Lyme disease, Heartland Virus, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Ehrlichiosis, and tularemia.

Ticks are commonly found on the tips of grasses and shrubs. Ticks crawl, they cannot fly or jump. The tick will wait in the grass or shrub for a person or animal to walk by and then quickly climb aboard. Some ticks will attach quickly, and others will wander, looking for places like the ear, or other areas where the skin is thinner.

The best way to prevent infection with tick-borne illnesses is to prevent tick bites. Simple tips to avoid tick bites include:

- Wear light-colored, protective clothing—long-sleeved shirts, pants, boots or sturdy shoes, and a head covering. Treat clothing with products containing 0.5 percent [permethrin](#).
- Apply insect repellent that contains 20 percent or more DEET, picaridin, or IR3535 on exposed skin for protection that lasts several hours.
- Walk in the center of trails so grass, shrubs, and weeds do not brush against you.
- Check yourself, children, other family members, and pets for ticks every two to three hours.
- Remove any tick promptly by grasping it with tweezers, as close to the skin as possible and gently, but firmly, pulling it straight out. Wash your hands and the tick bite site with soap and water.

Additional information about ticks can be found on IDPH's [Tick Surveillance Map](#).

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Internet access is necessary for work, school, healthcare, and more. Unfortunately, high speed internet remains unaffordable for many households. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) runs a program, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), that reduces the cost of getting online for people with limited income. Many internet providers offer fully covered internet plans – meaning you may even get high-speed internet for free.

If your household income is 200% or less than the Federal Poverty Guidelines or someone in your household participates in certain government assistance programs, you may be eligible for the benefits the ACP provides. Visit the [ACP website](#) to see if you qualify. .

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The Naperville Public Library is Introducing Read & Play Kits - It's time to read and play! Naperville Public Library's new Read & Play Kits, intended for children under the age of five, are the perfect opportunity for adults to help children develop early literacy skills. Each themed kit features several books and toys for children to interact with. There's so many themes to choose from including bugs, construction, feelings, doctor, pets, and more!

Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they actually learn to read and write. The most important thing you can do to foster early literacy is to provide an atmosphere that's fun, verbal, and stimulating. When you read, talk, and play with your child, you're stimulating the growth of your child's brain and building the connections that will become the building blocks for reading. Visit the Library to learn more

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Kudos to the Naperville Fire Department for being awarded its sixth consecutive accreditation from the Center of Public Safety Excellence. There are 301 agencies accredited by the Center for Public Safety Excellence. The Naperville Fire Department has been designated as a "Legacy Agency" and has been accredited since 1997. Naperville is one of only two agencies in the world to achieve accreditation six consecutive times.

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Quick Links to Things You and Your Neighbors Can Use of Might Want or Need to Know:

- **SUMMER SCULPTURES ARE HERE!** Through early September, wander around downtown Naperville and enjoy the painted creations as 16 sculptures will be displayed around downtown!

[Download the Map](#)

- **Consumers who have questions about their health insurance policies, their policyholder rights, or how to file appeals, complaints, and external review requests for denied services** can call the IDOI Office of Consumer Health Insurance at 877-527-9431. For information about ACA Marketplace health insurance plans, visit Getcoveredillinois.gov.
- Emergency preparedness tips to incorporate into your everyday life are at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) website: www.Ready.Illinois.gov
- **The Illinois Education Expense Credit** allows parents or legal guardians of a full-time K-12 student under the age of 21, to take a 25% tax credit on qualified education expenses over \$250 this year. The total credit may not exceed \$750, regardless of the number of qualifying students. To learn more about the Illinois Education Expense Credit, please read IDOR **Publication 132** and **Publication 119** (for home schooled students) located on IDOR's website tax.illinois.gov.
- For more information on the new **CDC COVID-19 guidelines** for K-12 schools and early care education, click [HERE](#).
- Illinoisans can register with the **Secretary of State's Organ/Tissue Donor Registry** online at www.LifeGoesOn.com or by calling 800-210-2106.

Arboretum Update



Spend the last weeks of the summer season enjoying all that The Morton Arboretum has to offer. [Visit](#) the Arboretum to explore 16 miles of beautiful, pedestrian-friendly [trails](#). Look for the Conifer Loop on the [East Side](#) for a quarter-mile hike showcasing stately evergreens from around the world. This path offers a great way to start training for the [Fall Color 5K Run and Walk](#). Participants can run or walk a rolling course through the fresh autumn air on Saturday, October 1, and enjoy a post-race party with live music, recovery food, and a complimentary beer. [Register now](#).

This summer, the [Sterling Morton Library](#) launched the [Library Pathfinder Series](#). This new column highlights the library and special collections resources, as well as events, activities, and research at the Arboretum. Use this free, online resource to learn more about the 60th anniversary of the [Schulenberg Prairie](#), one of the nation's oldest tallgrass prairie restorations, dating back to 1962. Sign up for [Potawatomi Prairie Perspectives](#) (in person) on Friday, September 16, to discover Indigenous peoples' perspectives on the prairie.



[Drop-In Acorn Express Adventures](#) are available every Wednesday and Thursday through October for a family-friendly tram ride and adventure. Bring your child to the [Children's Garden](#) to explore, learn, and play among trees and nature. Attend [Woodland Family Hikes](#) in September to explore the beauty and wonder of the Schulenberg Prairie as summer turns to fall.\

Reimagine your relationship with trees through [Human+Nature](#), a family-friendly outdoor art experience exclusive to the Arboretum. Experience all eight of these large-scale, expressive artworks located in specially chosen [locations](#). Learn more about how each piece is enhanced by and fits into the beautiful tree-filled landscapes in this [video](#). [Human+Nature Tram Tours](#) are also available on select Wednesdays and Sundays through the summer for a 90-minute journey across the grounds. Reserve your [timed-entry admission](#) today to view these inspiring structures in person.



Lastly, **Mark Your Calendar for a New Garden!** The Morton Arboretum is celebrating its centennial milestone with a new attraction: [The Grand Garden](#). This lush, colorful new garden will showcase the beauty and diversity of plants alongside delightful water features and spaces for celebration and joy for years to come. **Visit on Sunday, September 18, starting at 1:00 p.m. to celebrate the opening of this new space!**

Mark 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/>

- **Naperville's Mid-Century Modern Architecture** will be celebrated at [North Central College's Schoenherr Gallery](#) through December 9, 2022.

- You and your family are invited to attend an **ice cream social hosted by the Naperville Police Foundation on Thursday, September 1** from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. The event is free to the public and will be held at Country Lakes Park located at 1835 North Aurora Road in Naperville. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet Police Chief Jason Arres and other Naperville Police Department personnel.

- DuPage County is presenting **“Safe from Scams: Protecting Seniors and Their Assets” Program for Seniors** from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 AM. on Friday, Sept. 2 at the JTK Administration Building Auditorium, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton.



Attendees at this free informational session on avoiding scams and fraud aimed at senior citizens and the elderly will learn how to spot common scams including phone, internet, dating and social media schemes. They'll receive tips on keeping their money secure and learn how to report financial fraud if they suspect they are a victim. The event runs from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 2 in the first floor Auditorium of the JTK Administration Building, 421. N County Farm

Road, Wheaton. Attendees are invited to enjoy refreshments and win door prizes as they learn about programs designed to protect themselves, their money, homes and other assets. The event will be livestreamed on the County's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC45ol-gzYfebGvZ3OLhzCIA>) and will be available to watch on YouTube following the program

- Naperville **Community Unit District 203's Board of Education** next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, September 6th at 7 PM. The Board is also scheduled to meet on Monday, September 19th. The Naperville 203 Board of Education Meetings are held in person at **Washington Junior High School, 201 North Washington Street, Naperville, IL 60540**. Members of the public can address the Board during public comment in-person or submit via [Let's Talk](#) (select Board of Education Public Comment tab) by 4 p.m. on the day of the Board meeting. The Board meeting agenda can be located in [BoardDocs](#). Please see the ["Meeting Dates, Agendas and Minutes"](#) page for links to the Board of Education meeting agendas, minutes and video feeds. For more details and updates on meetings, including the ability for public attendance and comment, go to <https://www.naperville203.org/domain/732>.

- **September 9, 2022: Healthy Wealthy Wise Senior Conference** The 2022 Healthy, Wealthy and Wise Senior Conference, presented by the Naperville & Lisle Townships TRIAD, in partnership with the City of Naperville, will take place on **Friday, September 9, 2022**, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 PM at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville. A member from the DuPage County Bar Association will be discussing the unique needs of older adults and current trends. There will also be a panel discussion with members from local nonprofit organizations discussing their senior focused programs and ways to be involved in the community. Admission is free, but space is limited. **Advanced registration is required.** A complimentary boxed lunch will be given to registered participants who are in attendance for the entire event.

**HEALTHY
WEALTHY
WISE** &
2022 Senior Conference

- The next regular **Indian Prairie District 204 Board of Education meeting** is 7 pm on Monday, September 12th at the Crouse Education Center, 780 Shoreline Drive, Aurora. The Board is also scheduled to meet on Monday, September 26th. Visit the board website to [view meeting agendas and documents online](#) prior to the meeting. Video of the regular meeting can be streamed live or viewed the following day at the [District's YouTube channel](#).

- The next scheduled meeting of the [College of DuPage Board of Trustees](#) will be Thursday, September 15th. Regular meetings of the College of DuPage Board of Trustees are typically held once each month, on the third Thursday, on the main campus in Glen Ellyn. The packet of materials for each Board Meeting is available 48 hours prior to the meeting and is accessible by [clicking here](#). To receive email notices of upcoming meetings and agendas, [click here](#).

- Our Empower Gala is on the road again with the "Game of Life" and we invite you to be a part of the fun-filled night on Friday, September 23, 2022! To learn more visit our event, [click here](#). To buy tickets (including the Golden Ticket), and view our various sponsorship packages and exciting raffle items visit [here](#).



- In partnership with the Elmhurst History Museum, DuPage SWM is opening its **Elmhurst Quarry Flood Control Facility** to the public on Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. In addition to learning more about its history, DuPage County residents will get the rare opportunity to tour the Quarry and learn how the County uses it to manage floodwater today. [The Elmhurst History Museum will open registration on September 1 at 9 a.m., and the](#)

[cost is \\$15 per person.](#)

CAI News

The Confederation is a proud member of CAI, a non-profit dedicated to building better communities through education, networking, and legislative efforts. Learn more at www.cai-illinois.org. [CAI Illinois Learning Center](#) is the new home for educational programs provided by CAI Illinois. Before beginning to use the Learning Center, it's recommended that you review the [Welcome Page](#) and [Learning Center FAQ](#) (Frequently Asked Questions.)



You can follow CAI Illinois on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#).

Looking for a new career? The community association management profession is booming! CAI's new resource, [Opportunities Knock: Opening the Door to Careers in Community Association Management](#), provides an overview of the community manager's job responsibilities, desired skills and qualities, and profiles of managers who successfully transitioned from other backgrounds to pursue a career in this growing profession.

Community association management...

- is a welcoming profession
- has plentiful opportunities in a broad job market
- offers long-term job security
- is known for its daily variety
- has tremendous earning potential

Is this your next career? Learn more about what it takes to enter community association management

Upcoming Classes and Webinars

[Rules & Regulations](#) - Virtual on September 15th @ 4:00-7:00 PM. Find out how to build a community that is compliant and educated on Illinois guidelines.

[Financial Management II, Long Term Planning](#) - In Person at the CAI-IL Office on September 20th @ 4:00-7:00 PM. DCAL participants will learn how to establish long-term goals and methods for their association.



Manage with Purpose: Empowering Experienced & New Managers: Virtual on Thursday, 9/22 from 9:30 AM until Noon. A morning live webinar with industry experts covering various topics pertinent to both newer and experienced managers. Topics include relationships with your boards, assessments, meetings, contracts, rules/regs, insurance coverage, and cost-cutting during uncertain times.

Naper Settlement News and Events

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Naper Settlement is a nationally accredited, award-winning outdoor living history museum set on 13 magnificent acres in the heart of Naperville. The museum is home to thirty-one 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. .

Through **October 31, the Museum is open Tuesday - Saturday: 10 AM - 4 PM, Sunday: 1 - 4 PM Monday: Closed. Admission is** Adult (13 and older): **\$12**; Seniors (62 and older): **\$10**; Youth (4-12): **\$8**. Museum Members & Naperville Residents (with proof of residency): **Complimentary*** From May to October, enjoy [history demonstrations and activities](#), visit historical buildings, explore our [Playscape and Splash Pad](#), check out our [Building Naperville: From Tallgrass Prairie to Today](#) exhibit, or view our interactive tours that can be accessed through the museum's [On-Cell Mobile app](#). For questions, please call 630-420-6010 or email towncrier@naperville.il.us.

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Unvarnished: Housing Discrimination in the Northern and Western United States - This free online exhibit considers six communities' history of housing discrimination. In addition to [Naperville](#), communities profiled include Appleton, WI, Columbus, OH, Oak Park, IL and West Hartford, CT. The digital information about Naperville's history as a Sundown Town, is supplemented by an onsite exhibit through October 28, 2022. In addition, each Thursday through October 27, 2022, you can join the Settlement's Curator of Research to learn about the history of racial covenants in property deeds, and the state law that allows homeowners to remove racially or religiously restrictive covenants from their property deeds.

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[Tickets](#) to our [Oktoberfest](#) are now available! Under our large heated tent, guests will enjoy German cuisine, local and traditional Oktoberfest beer varieties, and a blend of polka and rock music throughout the weekend. On Saturday, test your strength by participating in our stein holding contest. There will also be a variety of lawn games for the whole family. Grab your lederhosen and join us at this fun German festival!

Friday, September 30 - Music Line-Up

New Generation Polka Band (5:30-7:30 PM)

Polkaholics (8-10 PM)

Saturday, October 1 - Music Line-Up

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Freeze Dried (5:30-7:30 PM)

Wedding Banned (8-10 PM)



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September Events

Playscape Readers: Farms - Wednesday, September 7 . 1-1:30PM (Included in General Admission) Playscape Readers is a story time for children that follows seasonal themes with a focus on historical themes and pre-reading skills. September's theme is about farms.

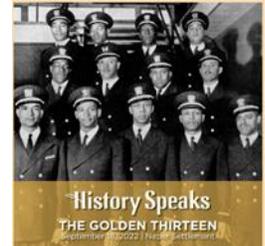
3rd Thursday Thinkers: Apples - Thursday, September 15 . 1-1:30PM (Included in General Admission) Grab your little ones and join us at our 3rd Thursday Thinkers for a special activity as we learn about apples! We're also going to make a painting using apples as stamps.

[Downtown Naperville Architecture Walking Tour](#) - Thursday, September 15, 2022

Learn about the important and interesting architecture from the 1800s to today that makes downtown Naperville a beautiful place to live, work, and play. Tours last approximately 60 minutes and cover about two miles. Pre-registration is required. Tours will meet at our main entrance at 523 S. Webster Street. Tours will step off on time, so please arrive with enough time to park and check in ahead of our tour time. Guests are encouraged to dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Open to all ages.

[History Speaks: The Golden Thirteen](#) - Sunday, September 18 - 4-

5PM,\$10/Person In 1944, sixteen African American sailors arrived at Great Lakes for a groundbreaking officers' training course. Thirteen of those men would become the first African American commissioned officers in Navy history. In this program, we explore the experiences of the Golden Thirteen at Great Lakes, their time in the fleet, and the lasting legacy of these pioneers.



[Weed Ladies Fall Sale](#): September 22-24 (10AM-3PM) and September 25 (1-3PM). The Weed Ladies Fall Sale features creative seasonal floral arrangements. Each floral creation has been designed by the Weed Ladies of the Naperville Heritage Society. Admission to any Weed Ladies Sale is free. Please enter Naper Settlement at the Pre-Emption House main entrance and inform the Guest Services team that you are attending the sale.

Park District Updates



Learn more about Naperville Park District projects, programs and events, facilities, parks and more by visiting www.napervilleparks.org. The Park District's quarterly Program Guide is available digitally at napervilleparks.org/programguides. Follow the Park District on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube, or subscribe at napervilleparks.org/enews for the latest Park District information. Lastly, check out the ParkTalk Blog and Park Talk podcast, also available on the District's website.

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The **parking lots** for the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center (at 305 W. Jackson Ave.) and the Park District Administration Building (320 W. Jackson Ave.) are closed through Monday, September 5. The City of Naperville will post a traffic control plan with more details about street closures at <https://www.naperville.il.us/enjoy-naperville/last-fling/> and for more information about the Jaycees' Last Fling, please visit www.lastfling.org.

Park District hours of operation surrounding the Labor Day Holiday and Last Fling event are as follows:

- [Fort Hill Activity Center](#) – Open Friday, September 2-Sunday, September 4 with regular operating hours. Labor Day holiday hours are 6:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 5.
- [Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center](#) – Closed Wednesday, August 31-Monday, September 5.
- [Knoch Knolls Nature Center](#) – Open during regular operating hours Friday, September 2 (9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) and Saturday, September 3 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.). Closed Sunday and Monday, September 4 and 5.
- [Paddleboat Quarry](#) - Open 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Saturday-Monday, September 3-5.
- [Springbrook and Naperbrook Golf Courses](#) – Naperbrook Golf Course will be open with regular operating hours. Springbrook Golf Course is undergoing renovations and is closed; however, the clubhouse, golf shop, driving range and practice area are open daily from 7:00 a.m.-dusk.
- [Sportsman's Trapshooting Range](#) – Open with regular operating hours on Thursday, September 1 and
- [Centennial Beach](#) will maintain the following end-of-season hours:
 - o Saturday, September 3
 - o 9:00 a.m.-10:55 a.m. – Adult Float
 - o 11:00 a.m.-dusk – Open Swim

Sunday, September 4

- o 9:00 a.m.-10:55 a.m. – Adult Float
- o 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. – Open Swim

Monday, September 5

- o 9:00 a.m.-10:55 a.m. – Member-Only Adult Float
- o 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. – Open Swim

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Naperville Youth Basketball will begin registration for fall and winter sessions on September 13. Session-specific information will be available beginning August 31 at www.napervilleparks.org/napervillyouthbasketball.

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The **September meetings of the Naperville Park District Board of Commissioners** at the Fort Hill Activity Center, located at 20 Fort Hill Drive, will be Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Please note, the Board will receive public comment regarding non-agenda topics in person or via email before the scheduled start time of the meeting, directed to Board Secretary Bridget Tuft at btuft@napervilleparks.org or voice mail (630) 848-3502 to be read aloud or played, up to three minutes per speaker. Comments regarding an agenda topic will be allowed upon consideration of the item prior to board discussion, by this same procedure. **To subscribe to receive email notifications when board meeting agendas are posted, complete this [form](#).**

For a complete schedule of 2022 Naperville Park District board meetings or to view meeting agendas, minutes and recordings visit <https://www.napervilleparks.org/boardmeetings>. Meetings will be live-streamed and available on the [Naperville Park District YouTube channel](#).

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Each year the **Park District issues an annual report** intended to provide an overview of the District's finances and recent accomplishments in a reader-friendly format. The [2021 Annual Report](#), entitled "A Year of Rebuilding," was recently released and can be [viewed here](#).

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