



# February 2007 Newsletter

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In this issue we will preview the General Membership Meeting for Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> that includes the City Council and members of City Staff. We will recap our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tradeshow and Homeowners EXPO and provide details on upcoming Candidates Forums that are sponsored by the NAHC.

This newsletter is an information conduit to our Member Associations, providing information you can use when managing your associations and to help you keep your members informed. Please provide your feedback to our External Communications Director, Bob Fischer, at [rafischer1@aol.com](mailto:rafischer1@aol.com)

## President's Letter from Chuck Schlabach

We have just come off a very successful NAHC Trade Show, Homeowners Expo, and Conferences where we turned a frigid January Saturday in Naperville into a faraway tropical island with our theme "January Thaw." If nothing else, it was worth attending to see your NAHC Board members in Hawaiian shirts with colorful flower lei's around their necks.

Many valuable prizes were raffled off, including three Westinghouse 27" Flat Screen LCD TV's. The Seminars were interesting and educational and offered something for homeowners, board members, and families. We want to thank the many exhibitors who offered our homeowners and HOA Officers and Directors, excellent advice and help along with their many additional prizes and giveaways.

The North American 2007 Car of the Year was on display (as well as the SKY convertible and the Outlook SUV). For more information visit Saturn of Naperville at 1661 Aurora Ave., Naperville 630-717-8118. Go to their website [www.ExperienceSaturn.com](http://www.ExperienceSaturn.com) for more information

ACRES Group Professional Landscaping outdid themselves with a unique custom made stone patio built right inside the Holiday Inn Ballroom. For information on how they can duplicate or customize one for you in your own yard, call 815-439-2022

We also want to THANK in a BIG way the following Sponsors

- 1) Naperville Sponsor: Naperville SUN for all the press and ad coverage,
- 2) Platinum Sponsors - The Care of Trees and Caruso Management
- 3) Show Sponsors - Holiday Inn, Star Printing, Best Buy, Minuteman Press, Trent General Contractors,
- 4) Bronz Sponsor - Kovitz Shiftrin, Nesbit Law Firm, and Lang Property Management

In addition we would like to thank the Daily Herald, Positively Naperville, and the many Prize Donors. Finally, thanks to all of you for coming and encouraging your association members to attend.

With elections for local governments approaching in February and April, NAHC is again sponsoring a series of Candidate Forums to help Naperville residents make their voting selections. At these forums, the candidates will be asked questions posed by the NAHC and those in attendance. All members of the public are welcome to attend any or all of these forums at City Hall. In addition, the Forums will also be televised "live" over Channels 6 or 10, and rebroadcast over NCTV Channel 17.

The NAHC Candidate Forum schedule is as follows: Mayoral Forum: Thurs, Feb. 15th; School Dist. 203 Board: Tues., Mar. 13th; School Dist. 204 Board: Thurs, Mar. 15th; Naperville Park Dist. Board: Wed., Mar. 21st; City Council: Thurs., Apr. 5th. All of the forums will begin at 7:30 p.m. Our Moderator will be Kevin Dolan and Assistant Moderator will be Jason Altenbern.

I am looking forward to seeing all of our Naperville residents on the 17<sup>th</sup> for our meeting at City Hall.

Thank You.

Chuck Schlabach, President, Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation, [Chuckschla@aol.com](mailto:Chuckschla@aol.com)

## **NAHC Meetings: *Your* Forum!**

NAHC Meetings provide you, the homeowner, with an opportunity to speak directly *with* (not to or at) Councilmen, senior City Staff, and representatives of other “taxing bodies” including school districts, the Park District, Townships, etc. in a relaxed, informal environment. We are planning Spring 2007 meetings now and expect to have the Park District, Township Assessors, and School Districts in attendance. If you have questions or comments on our meetings, their structure, future topics, or speakers, please contact one of the members of the NAHC Board of Directors.

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### **February 17<sup>th</sup> 2007**

### **Naperville Homeowners Confederation General Meeting**

### **Preliminary Agenda**

- 8:00 AM – Coffee, donuts and networking**
  - 8:30 AM – Call to Order & Introductions**
  - 8:40 AM – Welcome Message, Chuck Schlabach, President NAHC**
  - 8:45 AM – Opening Comments, Mayor and City Council**
  - 9:30 AM – NAHC and City Staff Updates**
    - **NAHC Trade Show.....June Edlund**
    - **NAHC Candidate Forums.....Rick Strawbridge**
    - **Nichols Library Parking Deck.....Kim Grabow**
    - **Affordable Housing Strategic Goal.....Allison Laff**
    - **Route 59 Expansion.....Bill Novack**
    - **Electric Power Procurement.....Allan Poole**
  - 10:00 AM – Open Forum**
  - 10:30 AM – Adjourn**
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## **Does your association newsletter accept paid advertising?**

As you are all probably aware, NAHC policy forbids our making member association contact information available to outside third parties. This does not halt, however, people constantly contacting the Confederation looking for information on member associations. One of the most common requests we receive is to advertise in individual association newsletters. Since these advertising opportunities can help offset newsletter costs, I know many associations do accept advertisements.

We are attempting to create a list of associations that accept newsletter advertising. With this distribution list in hand we will forward any advertising solicitations out to those associations who accept advertising so that they will be able to contact the advertiser directly. If your association would like to be placed on this email contact list, please send your contact information (email address and association) to me at [rafischer1@aol.com](mailto:rafischer1@aol.com).

By the way, in response to requests, we are in the process of placing the NAHC membership directory in a password protected area of our website so that it can be accessed by registered association presidents. More details will be provided on this in future newsletters.

## Candidates Forums

Two important election dates are coming up. On February 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a primary election in the City of Naperville where voters will choose which two candidates among the field of Mayor George Pradel and Councilmen Mary Ellingson and Doug Krause will be on the final ballot for Mayor.

On April 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a general election where candidates for Mayor, City Council, School Boards (203, 204, and Community Colleges), and the Park District Commissioners will be elected.

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation will once again sponsor a series of Candidate Forums as a means to help Naperville residents make their voting selections.

At these forums, the candidates for office will be asked several questions posed by the NAHC, after which those in attendance will be encouraged to pose their own questions. All members of the public are heartily welcome to attend all of these forums, which will be held in the City Council Chambers of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, Illinois.

The forums will also be televised "live" over Channels 6 (WOW) and 10 (Comcast), and rebroadcast over NCTV Channel 17.

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Kevin Dolan has agreed to be the moderator for these forums with Jason Altenbern as the deputy moderator. These forums will not be structured as a debate, but rather will have the candidates responding to questions proposed by the Confederation and the audience. The Confederation will prepare two questions that will be given to the participating candidates in advance. In addition, each candidate will be given time for an opening and closing statement.

Further information will be on our website at [www.napervillehomeowners.org](http://www.napervillehomeowners.org).

## Tradeshow Recap

Well, the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Trade Show for N.A.H.C. is over. Although I miss the communication with all the various people in preparing for the show, it is somewhat quiet now. We are already making plans for the next one while finishing up the loose ends of this one. Be sure to save a weekend in February 2008. We are not sure of the date yet, but keep an eye out as we will be advising you early.

This year's show is still a clear, wonderful memory. We cannot thank our sponsors, restaurants, exhibitors, or volunteers enough, to say nothing of all the great people who came to see us. The Naperville Sun was our Naperville sponsor this year. The Care of Trees and Caruso Management were both Platinum sponsors. Trent General Contracting, Sure-Tec Home Remodeling, Saturn of Naperville, and Esser Hayes Insurance were silver sponsors, with Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit, and Lang Property Management as Bronze sponsors. Thank you to all of them for their support.

Belgio's Catering, Raffi's, City Club, Timpano and Riva served lunch to all of our exhibitors and guests. What a great lunch that was. The chef's of each restaurant were great and it is obvious that they love what they do. Entertainment was provided during lunch time by the Ralph Wilder Duo. We hope that all of you will patronize these wonderful businesses as a thank you for their providing that super day for all of us.

I would be remiss if I did not mention Minuteman Press for our program, Best Buy and Barrett's Home Theater for the major prizes, the Holiday Inn Select for the space and providing for our every need, the Naperville Sun, Daily Herald and Positively Naperville for the newspaper coverage and all of the other sponsors and providers that we had. It takes a very large group of people to make a day like this a success and for all the time and effort; it is over far too quickly. The Board of Directors of the N.A.H.C. was invaluable during this entire time and my heartfelt thanks goes out to one and all including the spouses who put up with all of our craziness. Again, thanks to everyone involved with this year's successful show and we are looking forward to doing it again in 2008!

June Edlund  
Chairperson

## **NAHC Elections to be held in May**

In accordance with our bylaws, the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation will hold elections at the May General Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2007 at 8:30 AM in the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, Illinois.

The offices that will be voted on include President of the Confederation (currently Chuck Schlabach), Vice President (currently Dr. Bob. Buckman), and two at large Director positions currently held by Rick Strawbridge and Bob Fischer. All incumbents, with the exception of Dr. Buckman, are eligible to run again for their current positions.

Duties of the open positions are as follows:

**President:** - shall be the chief executive officer of the Confederation; shall preside at all meetings; shall be the Chairperson of the Confederation Board of Directors; and, shall be the custodian of the corporate records and seal. All records of Confederation business shall be and remain the property of the Confederation, including but not limited to electronically stored records. The President shall also ensure (and may delegate to other Board Members the direct responsibility to see) that all newsletters, notices to Member associations, and other Confederation communications are promptly sent in a timely and appropriate manner and shall ensure that the Secretary is provided, in a timely and appropriate manner, copies or other adequate information on all such communications.

**Vice-President** – shall assume all duties of the President in the event the office of the President becomes vacant for any reason, and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President or the Confederation Board of Directors.

**At-Large Board Members** – shall be chairpersons of Ad Hoc Committees of the Confederation as formed at the discretion of the Confederation Board of Directors. 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 Confederation's Board of Directors. In the event any elected Director is not able for any reason to complete a term of office, the Board of Directors may, by a vote of the majority of Board members then serving, 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. If the Board of Directors cannot appoint a replacement by a majority of the currently-serving members of the Board of Directors, then a special election shall be held, at the next regularly scheduled confederation meeting that comes after the Confederation meeting at which the election is announced.

A nominating committee will be formed at the March General Meeting to prepare a slate of recommended candidates. Further information on the election process and candidate eligibility can be found on the Confederation website, [www.napervillehomeowners.org](http://www.napervillehomeowners.org) under "News & Info", NAHC Information (NAHC Bylaws).

## Home Based Business Ordinance Update

The City Council approved revised home based business ordinances at their meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The ordinances that were approved were crafted by City Staff with significant input by the Homeowners Confederation and the Chamber of Commerce. We feel the ordinances as passed are fair to both home based businesses and neighbors and should serve to improve the quality of life in Naperville. The final draft of the ordinance regulating home businesses can be found on the Confederation website at [www.napervillehomeowners.org](http://www.napervillehomeowners.org) under News and Info, Home Business.

Key to the ordinances was language prohibiting the home based business from conducting business operations outdoors on the subject property. By keeping business activities "inside," it was felt that the intrusion on the neighborhood by otherwise commercial ventures would be controlled. Additional language addressed off street vehicle and trailer parking and limitations on business traffic and deliveries. The partnership between the Chamber of Commerce and Homeowners Confederation, working with and through the City Staff, Plan Commission, and City Council to craft appropriate ordinance language exemplifies why Naperville is a great place to live and work.



## Naperville Park District Notes

### Recreation Winterfest is coming!

Bring the family and spend the day with the Naperville Park District on Saturday, February 17 from noon-5:00 p.m. at Cowlshaw School (1212 Sanctuary Dr.). This free event will have you sampling programs, enjoying interactive class demonstrations, entertainment and more! The event will be held in the gymnasium and adjacent multipurpose room.

Winterfest will be a great opportunity for all residents, regardless of how long they've lived in the community, to experience the Naperville Park District first-hand. In addition to the entertainment and program demonstrations, guests will find out how to become a Park District volunteer, learn about summer job opportunities, meet Seemore the Park Watch Eagle, find out details about our parks and trails, preview the Spring 2007 Program Guide and much more!

*A wide variety of entertainment is planned for throughout the day in addition to the various table exhibits that will be set up in the gymnasium. The schedule is as follows:*

- Noon-2:00 p.m. – 95.9 The River will be on hand
- 1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. – Performance by the Weber Irish Dancers
- 2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. – Demonstration by the Cricket Sporting Academy
- 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. – Rock-It Productions interactive musical demonstration for preschoolers

*Other fun elements will include:*

- A demonstration by Mad Science
- Golf swing analyzer

*Additionally, there will be a lot of fun for kids:*

- Noon-5:00 p.m. – Kiddie Craft Corner
- 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. – Face Painting
- 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. – Family entertainer Ken Schultz "The Flying Fool"

The multipurpose room will host ongoing games of Bingo from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. for all ages with the opportunity to win fun prizes.

*Prizes*

*galore!*

A grand prize drawing will be held for an exclusive spa package valued at \$250, compliments of

EcosSpa – Naperville’s only true wet spa. There also will be several prize drawings at exhibitor tables, and door prize drawings every half hour beginning at 1:00 p.m. for Naperville Park District prize packages for golf, Beach and programs. Entrants must be present to win any of the prize drawings. Winners of the Grand Prize and door prize drawings must be 18 years of age or older.

For more information on these and other Naperville Park District programs, visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) or call 848-5000.

### **Revamped Program Guide on the way for spring**

Starting with the Spring 2007 Program Guide delivery in mid-February, the Park District’s main tool for promoting its events and programs will take on a new look. Although the cover of the publication will look the same, it’s the inside pages where the most significant changes will be found. The program sections have been modified and reordered to reflect age progression – from Early Childhood programs to Active Adults & Seniors (formerly known as New Horizons). In addition to the main special events section for all ages located near the beginning of the publication, many of the other program sections also will have their own special events geared toward that particular age group.

Program, facility and event information will be published in the following order:

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| 1. General information                    | 8. Fitness & Wellness        |
| 2. Special Events                         | 9. Athletics                 |
| 3. Golf                                   | 10. Camps                    |
| 4. Aquatics                               | 11. Active Adults & Seniors  |
| 5. Early Childhood                        | 12. Trips                    |
| 6. Arts                                   | 13. Facilities               |
| 7. General Interest Youth, Adult & Family | 14. Registration Information |

In making these changes, it is our intent to make our programs and events easier to locate, making the publication more user-friendly. To help increase readability, the publication will include staggered, labeled tabs to help readers know at a glance where they are in the publication at any given time.

### **Spring 2007 Program Guide**

Watch for your copy of the Spring 2007 Program Guide beginning Feb. 16 when it will be delivered to our residents’ doorsteps. If you do not receive a Program Guide, call the Naperville Park District at 848-5000 to request a redelivery. The Program Guide also will be available as a .PDF at [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org).

The first resident lottery will be held on Saturday, March 3; all completed registration forms and payment is due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2 to be entered into the first lottery.

***For up-to-date information on upcoming meetings***

***Please check out our website at:***

***[www.napervillehomeowners.org](http://www.napervillehomeowners.org)***

***Watch for the March newsletter during the week of March 5th!!!!***

***See you at the meeting on  
February 17<sup>th</sup>!!!!!!!***

***Bob Fischer  
Newsletter Editor & Director - NAHC***