



# April 2007 Newsletter

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In this month's newsletter we will preview the General Membership Meeting for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> where we will meet with City staff with a special emphasis on Naperville's 2007 Legislative Priorities and how area homeowners can help achieve these.

This newsletter is an information conduit to our Member Associations, providing information you can use when managing your associations and communicating with your members. 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

I am often asked what the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation does and how we relate to individual homeowners, their associations and the City of Naperville. Looking back over the past few weeks, I think I have a very good answer. During March and the early part of April the Confederation:

- Sponsored forums featuring the candidates for the Boards of School District 203 and 204, the Naperville Park District, and the Naperville City Council where we asked questions that are important to homeowners.
- Confederation Associate Director Dan Bulley traveled to Springfield with the City of Naperville contingent to stress City Legislative Priorities that impact homeowners.
- Marched in Naperville's St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- Held a special general membership meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> at School District 203 where 203's facilities plans were discussed and we heard comments from John Schmitt, President of John Greene Realtors, on the relationship between schools and home values.

This month we will:

- Hold our general membership meeting with the Mayor, City Council and City staff on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> in meeting rooms A, B, and C on the lower level of the Municipal Center. We'll begin at 8 AM with coffee and networking while the formal meeting runs from 8:30 until 10:30. This is an excellent forum to engage in constructive dialogues with City leaders and share information with other Confederation members.
- Continue establishing our liaison committees with the various local governments and groups.

Future Confederation meetings will be scheduled for the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library and Neuqua Valley High School as we continue taking our forum out to the homeowners throughout the City. Keep an eye on our website for further information on future meetings.

We are also collecting the annual dues from the area associations that make up the Confederation. The invoices are currently in the mail. If your association is not currently a member, you are a member but do not receive an invoice, or if you are not current on your dues, please contact us using the information on our website, [www.napervillehomeowners.org](http://www.napervillehomeowners.org). In addition, if you live in one of the areas of Naperville that does not have an active homeowners' association, we can point you toward resources that will help you create this level of grass roots organization within your own neighborhood.

Remember, the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation exists for you. We act on your behalf as an information conduit and also as an advocate on issues ranging from "tall" buildings to transit oriented development to home business ordinances. Come on out and join us at our April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting!

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

NAHC Meetings provide you, the homeowner, an opportunity to speak directly *with* (not to or at) representatives of “taxing bodies” including school districts, the Park District, the City, Townships, and at the April meeting, the State in a relaxed, informal environment. If you have questions or comments on our meetings, their structure, future topics, or speakers, please contact one of the NAHC Board.

**April 21<sup>st</sup> 2007**

### **Naperville Homeowners Confederation Joint General Meeting with City of Naperville Naperville Municipal Center Lower Level Rooms A, B, & C**

#### ***Preliminary Agenda***

**8:00 AM – Coffee, donuts and networking**

**8:30 AM – Call to Order & Introductions**

**8:35AM – Opening Message, Chuck Schlabach, President NAHC**

**8:40AM – Mayor and City Council Initial Comments**

**8:45AM – NAHC Reports**

- **Secretary’s Report – Kathy Benson,**
- **Treasurer’s Report – June Edlund**
- **Nominating Committee Update – Mike Reilly**
- **Governmental Outreach Activities – Rick Strawbridge**
- **NAHC Report on March Trip to Springfield – Dan Bulley**

**9:00AM - Review Key City Projects & Legislative Priorities – Bob Marshall**

- **Follow-up Action by Staff on Trip to Springfield**
- **Route 59 Expansion Support for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**
- **Illinois HB 1500 Opposition**
- **City Curb Appeal Program**

**10:15 AM – Open Forum – Q&A with City Council and State Representative Jim Meyer**

**10:30 AM – Prize Drawing & Adjourn**

## **Illinois House Bill 1500**

One of the City of Naperville’s 2007 Legislative priorities is the defeat (in its present form) of Illinois House Bill 1500. This proposed law will enable the granting of statewide video franchises, bypassing the local control now in place over cable television operators. While the PR blasts coming from the mega-corporations leading the nationwide charge would lead one to believe this law is about “fair competition” and lower rates, this seems to the critical observer to be more like self serving corporate propaganda than a true benefit to “the little people.” Accordingly, at its April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board of the Confederation voted to take a public stand against the bill as currently written. The Board will ask the membership at the April 21<sup>st</sup> General meeting to affirm this stand. Key issues include:

- The removal of municipal control over the activities of the service provider (in this case AT&T)
- The granting of eminent domain power to the provider to “grab” the land needed to place their electronic equipment (the **BIG** boxes)
- Insufficient guarantees that service will be provided to all neighborhoods, leading to the ability to redline certain residents out of the program.

This law, in its current form, has one primary beneficiary group, and that is the mega-phone companies, which in the case of Naperville is AT&T. From a homeowner’s perspective what can be onerous about this act is that it affords a for-profit corporation (AT&T) the power to take private

property for the benefit of only a few of its customers. AT&T wants the right to place large and obtrusive metal boxes to house the electronics needed to deliver the “benefits” of IPTV (basically television over the internet) in the public rights of way and our backyards to compete with Comcast and WOW. This use of utility easements and eminent domain to place AT&T equipment doesn’t require just compensation, and provides no meaningful course of appeal for a private property owner or the City. More details can be found on the City of Naperville website at [http://www.naperville.il.us/dynamic\\_content.aspx?id=3447](http://www.naperville.il.us/dynamic_content.aspx?id=3447).

The NAHC would encourage you to contact your Illinois State Representative and speak out against this land grab as well as the other issues the proposed law encompasses. The State Representatives serving the Naperville area are:

<b>Representative Joe Dunn (R)</b> <b>96th District</b> 552 S. Washington #119 Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 355-4113 (630) 355-2847 FAX	<b>Representative James H. Meyer (R)</b> <b>48th District</b> 1112 Washington St., Suite 10 Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 717-7141 (630) 717-7262 FAX
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## Police to Host Internet Safety Presentation for Parents

The Naperville Police Department’s Computer Crimes Unit is pleased to announce a community forum presentation, “Internet Safety for Parents.” Computer Crimes Investigator Richard Wistocki will be the presenter at this session, which is aimed at arming parents with information to assist in safeguarding their children and to provide parents and children with positive on-line experiences. Topics will include discussion of social networks such as MySpace, Facebook and Xanga.

The presentation will be held in the Council Chambers located in the Municipal Center at 400 S. Eagle Street in Naperville on **April 23, 2007, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

The presentation is offered at no cost and is open to all adult members of the city and business community. Due to the mature content of some of the material, it may not be appropriate for children under the age of 18. For further information, please contact Sergeant Bill Davis at (630) 305-5951.

## Subdivision Signage

Whether it is the need to fix things after a long winter, or a desire to update a neighborhood’s image, we have received several requests about requirements surrounding new/replacement subdivision entrance signs. We talked to Naperville code enforcement and they provided the following guidelines:

- A permit is required by the city for the replacement of a subdivision entrance sign. The cost of the permit is \$128.00 for an illuminated sign and \$83 for a non-illuminated sign
- An entrance sign must be located on private property;
- An entrance sign can only display the name of the subdivision and logo;
- The maximum size of an entrance sign shall not exceed thirty two square feet of copy area;
- No setback from the right-of-way is required for an entrance sign three feet six inches or less in height;
- A minimum setback of twenty feet from the right-of-way is required for an entrance sign above three feet six inches in height through a maximum of six feet in height; and,
- Indirect illumination only.
- The city does not regulate the type of materials used to construct the sign.

If you are not within “incorporated” Naperville, different restrictions and rules may apply.

## Electric Rates for Associations

If you were present at last month's general meeting you may recall a discussion around electric rates for Condominium, Townhome, and Homeowners' Association common property (such as pools, outdoor lighting, common areas, etc). The discussion centered on a rate restructuring approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission for **Commonwealth Edison** served customers where the rate classification was changed from residential to the higher commercial rates. **This reclassification does not apply to customers of Naperville Electric (generally locations within the corporate boundaries of Naperville).**

While this does not apply to many of our member associations, those in surrounding communities and in unincorporated areas have been hit with a budget busting rate increase which will only get worse when swimming pools go into use later this Spring. Confederation Past president Boyd Briscoe has been working with the Illinois Branch of the CAI (Community Associations Institute). There appear to be three alternatives under consideration for the rate increase dilemma:

1. Freeze the rate increase for a period of time.
2. Issue a monetary rebate to certain customers from a large fund established by the utility.
3. Adopt legislation that reverses the Interstate Commerce Commission ruling and classifies all portions of condominiums at the residential rate (equal to the rates charged for units).

In reference to this last option, and at the invitation of Representative Elaine Nekritz, co-sponsor, and Senator Susan Garrett, Mark Pearlstein on behalf of CAI will testify next week on a proposed amendment to the Public Utilities Act. The purpose of the testimony will be to urge passage of an amendment to the statute that will reclassify the entire portion of a condominium building to residential property and apply residential, rather than commercial rates, to the common elements of the property.

Under the ruling of the Illinois Commerce Commission Ruling Number 05-0597, portions of a condominium property were classified as commercial property which has led to significantly higher electric rates and bills for condominiums.

Any information on significant electricity increases for your complexes or associations would be helpful. The hearing will be held at the Thompson Building in Chicago on Thursday April 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level auditorium.

The NAHC remains an interested observer and we will provide updates as the situation warrants.

## Upcoming Garage Sales

The Westside Home Owners Association (immediately west of downtown) will also host an area-wide garage sale on May 10, 11 and 12. Cedar Glen's Garage Sale will be Friday, May 18th & Saturday, May 19th with hours for both days from 8am - 3pm. Closest intersection to the Cedar Glen Subdivision is Modaff & 87 Street. If your Association is planning a Garage Sale, please let us know!

## Curb Appeal Program is Back

With Spring in the air, City Code Enforcement is restarting the Curb Appeal program, inspecting various subdivisions and determining whether homeowners are in compliance with City codes addressing garbage left out early, street address numbers, right-of-way obstructions, trash and debris, and property maintenance. Curb Appeal provides homeowners with a warning on what is not in compliance and helps maintain property values. To provide fair warning to spruce up, the City is contacting each individual homeowner's association and placing temporary signs at entrances to the subdivisions giving the residents a heads-up prior to conducting the inspections. We'll have a map at the April Confederation meeting showing the areas being covered this year.

## Did Your Parkway Survive the Winter?

Snow and ice control operations during any winter will inadvertently result in some damage to city and/or private property. Upon the reporting of damage as a result of plowing activities, a supervisor will investigate the incident as soon as weather conditions allow.

Parkway turf damage is the most common complaint. If the displaced sod can be rolled back in place, the investigating crew member will do so. If the sod is not usable, repairs will be made in the spring as soon as landscape materials are available. The city will use either good quality grass seed mix and pulverized black dirt or sod depending on the amount of damage to the parkway. Residents are expected to water the seed or sod. Property owners that install decorative materials in the parkway do so at their own risk and these will not be replaced by the city. Any turf damage as a result of salt residue cast onto the parkway during winter operations is not included for treatment or repairs.

If a city plow damages a mailbox installed in compliance with city standards (per ordinance 9-1A-14:1.2), the mailbox owner will be reimbursed \$75 after the request is submitted and processed. A temporary mailbox assembly will be provided to ensure prompt resumption of the resident's curbside mail delivery. Upon replacement of the permanent mailbox the residents are requested to return the temporary mailbox assembly or to call Operations Division at 420-6095 to arrange a pick up.



## Naperville Park District Notes

### **Brooks Link Membership at Naperbrook Golf Course**

Naperbrook Golf Course is introducing the new Brooks Link Membership program for the 2007. It includes unlimited green fees any day of the week, unlimited use of the practice facility, handicap services and discounts on golf shop merchandise, tournament fees and more. Call the Naperbrook golf shop at 378-4215 for details.

### **Earn Golf Rewards!**

The Park District offers discounts on green fees at both Springbrook and Naperbrook Golf Courses for its Brooks Rewards cardholders. Simply obtain a Naperville Park District ID card and pay the appropriate activation fee: \$20/adult residents; \$15/senior residents; \$10/junior residents; \$25/adult nonresidents; \$20/senior nonresidents; \$15/junior nonresidents. Cardholders enjoy green fee and range ball discounts and earn rewards points on purchases of green fees and merchandise. For more information, call the Springbrook golf shop at 848-5060 or the Naperbrook golf shop at 378-4215.

### **Discounted Centennial Beach passes on sale now**

Through noon on May 12, you can purchase/renew your Centennial Beach membership at a reduced rate. Save \$20 on a family membership and \$5 on an individual membership. Passes may be renewed by calling 848-5000, mailing it in or coming in to our main office, or online at [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org).

### **New Centennial Beach Friends and Family Pass**

Season Pass members can take advantage of a special offer to purchase a Friends and Family Pass for out-of-town guests. The pass is available for \$60 and allows the season pass holder to bring up to three guests on any given day. The pass is directly linked to the pass holder's main membership. Season pass holders with a Friends and Family Pass must accompany their guests. The Friends and Family Pass is available for purchase through May 12 and should be purchased when an Annual Season Pass is purchased. *The Friends and Family Pass cannot be used for group rentals.*

### **Mudrats Swim Team**

Kids 4-18 are invited to join in the fun as part of the Centennial Beach Mudrats Swim Team. Mudrat swimmers are encouraged to have fun and do their best, whether they win or lose. Swimmers must meet certain age and swimming prerequisites that can be found at [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org).

## Summer Camp fun for kids!

This summer, be active, have fun and make new friends . . . Your child will have a lot of fun trying to decide which of the Naperville Park District's more than 50 summer camps programs to take! From sports camps to creative camps for preschool and youth – all the way up through high school – your child will learn while having fun! Camps registration begins May 5. Visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) today to view the available camps.

# DuPage Children's MUSEUM

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### April 2007

New DCM Programs!

Call 630-637-8000 TO REGISTER!  
Pre-registration and pre-payment required.  
Please visit [www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org)  
for a complete program schedule.

#### Summer Mini-Camps are filling fast!

Register today and save when you enroll by May 31!  
Early Bird Cost: \$80 Members / \$90 Nonmembers;  
Cost starting June 1: \$90 Members / \$100 Nonmembers

**CARDBOARD CARPENTRY:** Measure twice, cut once! Work with real tools and learn some carpentry basics while creating a useable piece of furniture from super-thick cardboard!

**ELECTRIC EXPLORERS:** Lights, buzzers and motors! Electricity summer in our amazing camp that explores circuits, electricity and magnetism. Learn what makes things work, then design and make your own project!

Code	Mini-Camp Title	Ages	Dates	Times
SMC-107	Cardboard Carpentry	7-10	June 26, 27, 28	9:00-noon
SMC-307	Electric Explorers	7-10	July 24, 25, 26	9:00-noon
SMC-407	Electric Explorers	7-10	July 24, 25, 26	1:30-4:30 p.m.

**Casting Call: Wild Wings!** Theater with actor Ben Webber. Discover new aspects of stage movement as you flap, soar and swoop through your own stories! Parents may stay in the class or return for the final performance, the last 15 minutes.

Code	Title	Ages	Date	Time
HCA-307	Casting Call	5-7	Apr. 14	10:00-11:30 a.m.
HCA-407	Casting Call	5-7	Apr. 14	Noon-1:30 p.m.

**Makin' Munchies™:** Your petite chefs will whip up traditional tasty Indian treats while learning about healthy world cuisine.

Code	Title	Ages	Dates	Times
MM-507	Makin' Munchies	2-4	Apr. 10	9:45-10:15 a.m.
MM-607	Makin' Munchies	2-4	Apr. 10	10:45-11:15 a.m.

**Wet 'n' Messy®:** Create something amazing with your preschooler by pouring and mixing common ingredients! Call today to reserve your space—different activities each month!

Code	Title	Ages	Dates	Times
WNM-507	Wet 'n' Messy	2-3	Apr. 6, 13, 20	9:45-10:15 a.m.
WNM-607	Wet 'n' Messy	2-3	Apr. 6, 13, 20	10:45-11:15 a.m.
WNM-707	Wet 'n' Messy	2-3	May 1, 8, 15	9:45-10:15 a.m.
WNM-807	Wet 'n' Messy	2-3	May 1, 8, 15	10:45-11:15 a.m.
WNM-907	Wet 'n' Messy	2-3	May 4, 11, 18	9:45-10:15 a.m.
WNM-1007	Wet 'n' Messy	2-3	May 4, 11, 18	10:45-11:15 a.m.

**Cancellation Policies for all DCM Classes:** No portion of the enrollment fee will be refunded as of the day class begins. Registrants withdrawing one week prior to the beginning of class will be charged a 50% administrative fee. Registrants withdrawing prior to the week before classes begin will be charged a 25% administrative fee.

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**Start in Art®:** Starting in art means discovering the basic skills and art processes young artists need to create masterpieces later on by playing with lines, color and shapes.

Member / Child Partner \$35; Nonmember / Child Partner \$40

Code	Title	Ages	Dates	Times
SIA-507	Swirls to Zig Zags	2-3	Apr. 4, 11, 18	9:30-10:15 a.m.
SIA-607	Swirls to Zig Zags	2-3	Apr. 4, 11, 18	10:45-11:30 a.m.
SIA-707	In Living Color	2-3	Apr. 25, May 2, 9	9:30-10:15 a.m.
SIA-807	In Living Color	2-3	Apr. 25, May 2, 9	10:45-11:30 a.m.

**Start in Science® Empty or Full:** What are empty and full?

Fill 'er up in this active science class for preschoolers. Play with sand, water and other things to discover volumes about volume.

Member / Child Partner \$19; Nonmember / Child Partner \$14

Code	Title	Ages	Date	Times
SIS-507	Empty or Full	2-3	Apr. 7	9:45-10:15 a.m.
SIS-607	Empty or Full	2-3	Apr. 7	10:45-11:15 a.m.

**Hop 'n' Bop®:** Hop to the beat and bop on your feet as you and your toddler experience rhythm, music and motion in this lively class.

Member / Child Partner \$19; Nonmember / Child Partner \$14

Code	Title	Ages	Date	Time
HNB-307	Hop 'n' Bop	15-24 mos.	Apr. 23	10:00-10:30 a.m.

**Come Celebrate Week of the Young Child April 22-28!**

Drop in the Art Studio on the main level and create your own paper self-portrait to hang hand-in-hand with other portraits on our Week of the Young Child wall to help recognize that community members working together can provide quality early childhood experiences for children, our bridge to the future. The giant mural from the Naperville Vision Festival will also be on display for your enjoyment. Come join the fun! Free with Museum Admission.

**Donations of HAPPY SCRAPS needed:** April 14, from 9-Noon in the Museum lobby. Please visit or call us for details about what's needed: 630-637-8000 x6660. Inquiries via eMail should be sent to: [happyscraps@dupagechildrensmuseum.org](mailto:happyscraps@dupagechildrensmuseum.org).



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## **April & May Events at Naper Settlement**

### ***Summer season begins at Naper Settlement***

The summer season at Naper Settlement, where costumed villagers bring history to life, began on April 1. From April through October, hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5.50 youth 4-17. Members are free. April is also the time for spring cleaning. On April 7-8, learn how to clean house 19<sup>th</sup> century style. See how personal hygiene practices have changed over the years on April 14-15. Discover Victorian beauty secrets April 21-22 and April 28-29. These special activities are included with admission.

Roses and war are two of the themes to be explored during May. In addition to our annual event Civil War Days on May 19-20, special activities will be held on the weekends in May. The lost art of floriography or how the Victorians “said it with flowers” will be highlighted May 5-6 in the “Language of the Flower.” See the sentimental keepsakes sent with soldiers by their loved ones May 12-13 in a special display, “When Johnny Goes Off to War.” Over Memorial Day weekend, hear a special presentation about 19<sup>th</sup> century mourning customs at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 26, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 27.

### ***The Grand Tour of the Martin Mitchell Mansion***

Take a behind-the-scenes look at the Martin Mitchell Mansion and see the results of the three-year, \$2.8 million restoration. Hear about the decisions and processes that brought this 1883 Victorian beauty back to its original glory. The tour will be held from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Tickets are \$8 per person. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Call (630) 420-6010 for reservations.

### ***Images of the Roaring Twenties***

The Roaring 20's are perhaps best remembered for outrageous fashion, revolutionary jazz music and unprecedented freedoms for women. Join Professor Jeff Mishur, art historian, as he presents “Images of the Roaring Twenties,” part of the History Speaks Lecture Series, from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 15, in Century Memorial Chapel at Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Tickets are \$6.

### ***Sullivan's Wine Dinner***

Sullivan's Wine Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, April 23, at Sullivan's Steakhouse, 244 South Main St., Naperville to benefit the Naperville Heritage Society. Sullivan's is located on the site of the original Pre-Emption House, once considered the oldest operating hotel west of the Alleghenies. Today, the recreated Pre-Emption House Visitor Center is the gateway to Naper Settlement. Tickets to the wine dinner are \$175. Call (630) 420-6104 for reservations.

### ***Weed Ladies Spring Show and Sale***

Join those fabulous floral designers known as the Weed Ladies for their annual spring sale to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28 in the Daniels House on the grounds of Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Admission to the sale is free. Call (630) 420-6010 or visit [www.napersettlement.museum](http://www.napersettlement.museum).

### ***Sign up for summer camp***

Children ages 5 to 11 can join in the old-fashioned fun at Naper Settlement's Camp Naper, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Naper Settlement's weeklong day camp offers three camp types: Pioneer Life, Victorian Life and School Life. Each day is jam-packed with activities, games and crafts, all with an educational basis. While the three themes stay the same, every year has fresh and different activities for a totally new experience, so enroll in more than one session. The camp is divided into age-appropriate activities with class size generally limited to 25 per session. Weekly sessions are held June 11 through Aug. 10. Fees are from \$108 to \$160 per week. Sign up early for best availability. To register, call (630) 420-6010. Visit [www.napersettlement.museum](http://www.napersettlement.museum) for more details.

### ***Katrina Kronicles***

Katrina Kronicles is an exhibit that documents how the volunteer efforts of Naperville residents, businesses and faith communities helped residents of the region affected by 2005's Hurricane Katrina. Powerful photographs show the devastation of the storm, Naperville's generous response and the resilient spirit of the people of the Gulf Coast. Opening May 4 at Naper Settlement, the exhibit has been expanded with additional copies of other striking and informative photographs taken by Katrina Kronicles volunteers that are shown on the organization's Web site. The more recent pictures illustrate that many areas are still devastated by storm damage, and that the need for volunteers to help area residents still exists almost two years after the storm passed. The exhibit is included with admission and runs through July 1.

### ***Research Library Open House***

Take a peek behind-the-scenes during an open house for Naper Settlement's Research Library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 5. Tours will take place at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Learn about the various resources available for genealogical and historical research. Free admission to the open house.

### ***Manners for Minors***

Children ages 5 to 7 can learn modern manners with an old-fashioned twist, such as how to set the table, telephone manners and, while eating a hot lunch, they'll learn table manners. Manners for Minors will be held from 9:30 to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5. There will be great take home reminders, too. The fee is \$45 per child. Call (630) 420-6010 for reservations.

### ***Civil War Generals***

Using his illustrations as a centerpiece, artist and history enthusiast Jim Weren provides an intriguing glance at the unique and colorful group of men who commanded the battlefields of the American Civil War. Part of the History Speaks Lecture Series, this presentation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 13. Tickets are \$6.

### ***Civil War Days***

Make a date with destiny during Civil War Days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20, at Naper Settlement. Meet famous figures from the past including Abraham Lincoln, Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, Harriet Tubman and many more. The cannons roar when the North and the South battle at 2:30 p.m. each day. Rally your own troops and experience history as you've never seen it before. Tickets are \$9 adults, \$8 seniors and \$6.50 youth 4-17. Call (630) 305-5555 or visit [www.napersettlement.museum](http://www.napersettlement.museum).

### ***Architecture workshop***

May is preservation month. The Naperville Heritage Society and Community First, a Naperville not-for-profit residents' group encouraging compatible redevelopment of established neighborhoods, are partnering to present a workshop. Architectural details is the focus and it will be held at 7 PM. Wednesday, May 23 in Century Memorial Chapel at Naper Settlement. Whether for preserving, maintaining or remodeling an older home, or building a new home, architects will share the patterns that can be found on Naperville's buildings and how they can be appropriately incorporated to build on a neighborhood's character.

### ***Celebrating 100 years of Les Schrader's contributions***

Throughout 2007, Naper Settlement and the Naperville Heritage Society will be recognizing the contributions of Les Schrader, a man whose zest for life and creative spirit not only captured Naperville's history, but also preserved it for future generations. One hundred years ago on May 9, 1907, Lester E. Schrader was born on a farm just a little south of Naperville, the 10<sup>th</sup> of 11 children. One year later, the family moved to South Webster Street, where Les lived for the rest of his life. Les was an integral part of the community and an advocate for historic preservation. Although he passed away in 1984, his enthusiasm for Naperville lives on in the 42 folk art paintings he created chronicling



the history of the city. The paintings are displayed in the “Brushstrokes of the Past...Naperville’s Story” exhibit, located in the Pre-Emption House Visitor Center at Naper Settlement.

## Is Your Family Prepared for an Emergency?

Does your family know what to do in an emergency? Visit [www.protectdupage.org](http://www.protectdupage.org) for information on what to do, steps to protect your family, public health issues, crime prevention, natural disaster, terrorism, and technological/industrial disasters.

## NAHC Elections to be held in May

In accordance with our bylaws, the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation will hold elections at the Confederation Annual Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2007 at 8:30 AM in the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, Illinois. The offices to be voted on are 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 for their current positions.

A nominating committee, chaired by Confederation Director Mike Reilly, was formed at the March 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting and will prepare a slate of recommended candidates. Those interested in these positions should contact Mike. Nominations are also accepted from the floor the day of the meeting.

Duties of the positions to be elected are as follows:

**President:** - shall be the chief executive officer of the Confederation; shall preside at all meetings; shall be the Chairperson of the Confederation Board of Directors (BOD); 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, and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President or the BOD.

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

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).

## NAHC Member Directory

Long time Confederation members may have noticed that something is missing this year, namely the Confederation Directory of Associations and Officers. Your Confederation Board is very concerned about maintaining and protecting the privacy of our members and is committed to keeping member contact information confidential within the Confederation. An example of this effort is how this newsletter is sent out by using “blind copy” to protect recipients from additional SPAM emails.

We also recognize, though, that part of our duty is facilitating communication with and between our members. To address the needs for both communication and privacy, the Confederation will use the power of our website. For those who have been to our homepage, [www.napervillehomeowners.org](http://www.napervillehomeowners.org), you may have noticed that there is an opportunity for member "log on." Once logged on, members can access additional documents and information including the Confederation on-line directory.

In the "Members Area" we have a document listing member associations and officers. These listings include names only and not contact information. Those Association officers interested in making additional contact information made available to the rest of the Confederation can self-populate the Members Directory with the contact information (address, phone number, email address) they wish to share. The Confederation still maintains a separate internal directory of associations and officers to facilitate contacts in emergencies, special mailings, etc. For this **private** directory we ask that all member associations complete and return our membership survey (found on the public portion of the website) and keep this information updated as Boards change.

For association presidents and officers wanting access to the "Members" section, please send an email to [RAFischer1@aol.com](mailto:RAFischer1@aol.com) including your Association name and title and I will provide you with a username and password. Once you have access, please update your information in the on-line directory, a relatively quick and easy process. Please let me know if you have any questions on this.

We will continue to maintain 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 and negotiate with 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 as well. Thanks for your help!!

## **NAHC Liaison Committees**

Whether the issue is Affordable Housing, the Ogden Avenue Corridor, Park District, or School issues, the NAHC has established a liaison committee to bring the voice of the homeowners into the discussion. Please watch our website for further information on Committee chairs, stands, and direction. If you would like to volunteer for a specific committee, please contact an NAHC BOD member.

*Remember to vote on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>*

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

*Please check our website at:*

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

*Watch for the May newsletter during the week of May 7th!!!!*

*See you at the meeting on April 21st!!!!!!*

**Bob Fischer**  
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