



June 2007 Newsletter

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In this month's newsletter we will preview the confederation's next meeting on Saturday, June 16th where we will meet with the City Council and Staff and discuss several areas of interest to homeowners and taxpayers citywide. We'll also take a look at what will be happening around town.

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

President's Letter from Chuck Schlabach

At the Saturday, May 19th, annual meeting of the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation we closed out the 2006-2007 program year and laid the groundwork for 2007-2008. Annual Board elections resulted in yours truly being re-elected as President, Bob Fischer elected as a Director, and Rick Strawbridge becoming Vice President, trading posts with Dr. Bob Buckman who was elected to fill Rick's open Director's seat. It was great keeping our current board together so we can keep the momentum going. At the June 2nd Board meeting, we further added to the leadership team with the appointments of Patricia Meyer and Allen Panek as additional Associate Directors.

Looking ahead, our goal for the next twelve months will be to "Listen and Learn." We need to listen to our membership and provide them with relevant programs and assistance. Our ears will be kept open to what is happening around us so that we can, through our Liaison Committees and Public Stands, serve as the voice of Naperville Homeowners on issues that impact the value of our property.

At the May meeting we had an excellent presentation on the implications of a possible TIF District in downtown Naperville by Warren Dixon, Tax Assessor for Naper Township. Warren covered the benefits (for the developer) and drawbacks (for 203 and Naper Township). We also want to THANK the Township Tax Assessors from Naper (Warren Dixon), Lisle (John Trowbridge) and DuPage (John Randall) townships for attending and holding a very informative Panel Discussion on the various qualified Exemptions and on the upcoming reassessments..

During the upcoming year we will address education. There are many needs within our member associations including stronger leadership, defining duties of each Officer and Director, updating bylaws, preventing apathy, and providing the tools and information needed by boards to better serve their members.

Our first step into the new program year will be on Saturday, June 16th, when we meet with the Naperville City Mayor, Council and Staff. At these bi-monthly meetings with the City, we provide an opportunity to talk with, and not at, our elected officials, and listen to key informative presentations.

Finally, and with deep regret, the Confederation Board has accepted the resignation of our Treasurer, June Edlund. As both tradeshow committee co-chair and Treasurer, June's efforts for the Confederation have been critical to our success. June's advice and insights will be missed by the Board and our best wishes are with her as she moves forward.

Please check our website at www.napervillehomeowners.org for more information on the Saturday morning, June 16th meeting and plan to come and meet all. This will be our last meeting until September as we will take a break from General Meetings for the summer months. However, the Board will still meet, there will be newsletters, the website will continue to be updated, and our liaison committees will be moving forward keeping an eye out for issues that impact area homeowners!

Chuck Schlabach

President, Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation, Chuckschla@aol.com

NAHC Meetings: Your Forum!!!!

NAHC Meetings provide homeowners an opportunity to speak directly *with* (not to or at) representatives of “taxing bodies” including the City, school districts, the Park District, State, and Townships 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 members.

June 16th 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 – Welcome, Chuck Schlabach, President NAHC**
- 8:40AM – Mayor and City Council Initial Comments**
- 8:45AM – NAHC Reports**
 - **Secretary’s Report – Kathy Benson,**
 - **Treasurer’s Report – Mike Reilly**
 - **Governmental Outreach Activities – Rick Strawbridge**
- 9:00AM - Key City Projects & Reports**
 - **National Night Out**
 - **WiFi Implementation Update**
 - **2007 Legislative Priorities Update**
 - **Water Street Development**
- 10:00 AM – Open Forum**
- 10:30 AM – Adjourn**

Water Street Development

At a recent Plan Commission meeting, the public was introduced to the most recent plan for the redevelopment of the Water Street area; running roughly from the DuPage River on the north to Aurora Avenue on the south, and stretching between Main and Webster Streets. This proposed development will include five story mixed use buildings (retail/commercial on the first, offices on the second, and condos/apartments on upper floors) on both sides of Water Street. A multi-level parking garage will also be constructed to meet the needs of the development.

To accomplish its vision, the developer is seeking a number of zoning variances including those related to setback, building height, and density. They are also requesting that the existing alley be vacated so it can be used as access to the proposed garage. There is also discussion of creating a Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) district to fund the infrastructure (water/sewer/electrical/storm water) requirements associated with the development.

The NAHC has a number of questions on this project and has assigned a governmental liaison team, under the leadership of Vice-President Rick Strawbridge, to monitor the project approval process. One of our concerns is that the proposed building height is contrary to the Public Stand the Board took a year ago following a Confederation workshop on tall buildings in the downtown area. We are also concerned about the density and congestion that may be created by the proposed construction. We have requested that City Staff provide information on this project at the June 16th Confederation General meeting. Currently the Public Hearing before the Plan Commission is scheduled for the Commission’s July 25th meeting.

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 7

The "24th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2007. The City of Naperville is searching out neighborhoods that want to participate.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 34 million people participated in NNO 2006.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

National Night Out includes the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils. Other ideas include:

- block parties,
- cookouts,
- visits from the Naperville Police, Fire and Public Utilities departments
- parades, exhibits,
- flashlight walks,
- contests, and
- youth programs.

NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. For more information on how your neighborhood association can become involved come to our June 16th NAHC meeting or contact Marita Manning, Crime Prevention Specialist, Naperville Police Department, at (630) 420-6725, or via email at manningm@naperville.il.us.

The Cable Competition Act

As you may be aware from special mailings and our last two newsletters, the Confederation took a Public Stand against the proposed Illinois House Bill 1500, an Act designed to strip local municipalities over control of Cable Television providers and replacing this local control with statewide franchising.

We are pleased to report that our pleas against the original bill language, as outlined in our "Not In My Backyard" flyer and which was also brought to homeowners groups beyond Naperville by the Community Associations Institute (CAI), were heard by legislators with the final product passed in Springfield addressing most of our concerns including key areas such as funding of community access stations and local control over the placement of the large equipment boxes required to house system electronics and components. The City of Naperville has expressed their thanks to the NAHC and to all homeowners for their strong action on the needs for changes in this legislation.

We remain disappointed, however, that the transport technology for the proposed AT&T U-verse system will be a combination of fiber optics and legacy copper outside plant. We continue to believe, that to remain competitive and continue our ranking as one of the top cities in the Country, that Naperville needs the higher bandwidth of fiber optics brought all of the way to the residence.

Thanks to everyone for their support in our successful first attempt to bring our views and opinions to the State Government level.

North Central College Summer Camps

Register your child/youth today for a summer camp program. North Central College will be hosting more than 30 different types of camp activities directed by NCC faculty, coaches and students. Registration is easy and it's online! For details regarding specific camps, please visit www.noctrl.edu/summercamps or call 630.637.5560 between the hours of 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

NAHC Website – What's in the Member's Section?

If you've been to our homepage, www.napervillehomeowners.org, you may have seen an opportunity for member "log on." Once logged on, members can access additional documents and information including the Confederation on-line directory, minutes from General and Board meetings, NAHC Public Stands, and other documents not available in the "public" pages.

Also, in the "Members Area" is a document listing member associations and officers which includes names only and not contact information. Association officers interested in making their information available to the rest of the Confederation can self-populate the Members Directory with their address, phone number, and email address. The Confederation also maintains a separate 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 included in the dues invoice mailing) and keep this information updated as Boards change.

Association presidents and officers wanting access to the "Members" section should send an email to RAFischer1@aol.com including Association name and their title to receive a username and password. After logging on please update your information in the on-line directory.

NAPER Days

Come explore Naperville's rich heritage, June 15-17. Celebrate the best Naperville has to offer by enjoying the Taste of Naperville, featuring a variety of cuisine prepared and served by the city's best restaurants; musical entertainment; bed races; kids crafts; games; a petting zoo and much more. We also invite you to serve as a Naper Days Volunteer. There is a little something for everybody to do and your service would be well received! To learn more about the weekend activities, or if you wish to volunteer, please visit www.naperdays.org.

Dues Invoices are Coming

The Confederation is in the process of mailing out 2007 dues invoices and questionnaires to our member associations. If your Association does not receive a mailing from us (we're using "snail mail") please let Secretary Kathy Benson, President Chuck Schlabach, or me know and we will see that the information is forwarded to you. In addition, we are asking everyone to take the time to fill out the questionnaires included with the dues invoice so that we can update and maintain our records and serve everyone better.

Thank you for your support!



Naperville Park District Notes

For additional details, visit www.napervilleparks.org or call 630-848-5000

Paddle Boats open for the season

Take a refreshing ride on one of our paddle boats at the Paddle Boat Quarry. Four-passenger boats are available for 20-minute and 40-minute rides. The Quarry is open on non-school days from mid-May-September.

Darfler Realty's Concerts in Your Park

This annual summer music series is a great opportunity for families, friends and neighbors to come together and enjoy some free entertainment on a Sunday evening! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for a FREE Sunday evening of musical entertainment from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Make plans to join in the fun at the musical event coming to your area:

June 10 – White Saddle Band (country rock)
Huntington Estates Park at 867 Rockbridge Drive

June 24 – 215 West (popular variety)
Arrowhead Park at 711 Iroquois Avenue

July 8 – Retrorockets (party mix)
Tall Grass Lakes Park at 3320 Rollingridge Rd.

July 15 – Shirley King – DAUGHTER OF BLUES LEGEND B.B. KING!
Riverwalk's Grand Pavilion

August 5 – Mr. Myers (Caribbean)
Button Wood Park at 803 Buttonwood Circle

August 12 – Spoken Four (popular variety)
Old Sawmill Park at 432 Massachusetts Avenue

95.9 The River's Rollin' on the River

This summer, join 95.9 The River and the Naperville Park District for the annual, live summer music series on the Riverwalk. Entertaining patrons on Wednesday and Friday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m., Rollin' on the River showcases local talent playing a wide variety of music. Please visit www.napervilleparks.org and click on the Events Calendar for specific dates and band information as all shows are subject to change without notice.

June Children's Lunch-Hour Entertainment

Pack a lunch, join the fun and enjoy a little free Lunch-Hour Entertainment on the Riverwalk – near the Warming House. Programs start at 12:00 p.m.

June 12 – Ken Schultz Show, a high-energy show of wacky tricks, comedy and amazing fire-throwing juggling feats.

June 14 – **Scribblemonster & Pals**, a fun interactive and high-energy show featuring great tunes, excellent tag-team vocals, stellar musicianship and the perfect blend of traditional children's music and improvisational comedy.

June 19 – **John Measner**, music, disappearing doves and two trained Toy Poodles.

June 21 – **Circus Boy**, a blending stand-up comedy with circus skills.

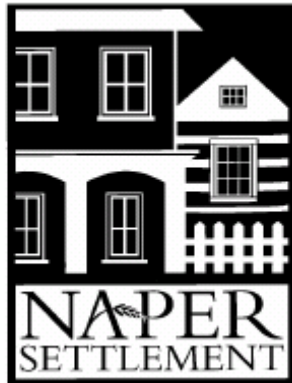
Architecture River Cruise and Shopping

Join us as a docent from the Chicago Architecture Foundation describes Chicago architecture's fascinating history and spotlights over 50 historic and architecturally significant sites. Indoor and

outdoor seating on the boat is available. Please be aware that you will have to go down a flight of stairs to get to the boat. Following the cruise, we will drive a short distance to Water Tower Place where you can enjoy lunch on your own and do some shopping or browsing. Your fee includes the architecture river cruise and transportation. This trip, designed for those 18 and up, will depart from the Riverwalk Warming House Parking Lot on Tuesday, **Jun. 26** at 9:30 a.m., returning at 3:45 p.m. The fee is \$38(R)/\$45(N), \$44(R)/senior home pickup. The Registration Code is 61020.

Daley's Real Chicago

Discover if Chicago is really the "city that works". We will see some of the "real" places that Mayor Daley goes, and hear many good Chicago stories along the way. We will tour City Hall, the majestic building that is the seat of government for Chicago and learn why there is a garden on the roof. Lunch will be served at Manny's Deli, so well-known for serving many politicians, police and firemen, that you never know who you might spot at the next table. A driving tour of Bridgeport will highlight stories of some of the many people from this neighborhood who have risen to the top of Chicago government as well as the thousands of working men and women who labored in the Stockyards. To top off our day, we will have a fantastic hot fudge sundae from Margie's Candies; the supplier of chocolates that are given as gifts to guests of the city by Mayor Daley. This trip, designed for those 40 and up, will depart from the Riverwalk Warming House Parking on Thursday, **Jun. 28** at 9:00 AM., returning at 3:00 PM. The fee is \$52(R)/\$59(N)/ \$58(R)/senior home pickup. The Registration Code is 61091.



A Historic Museum Village

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Chore time

From dawn 'til dusk, chores needed to be done. Experience how children's daily chores in the 1800s were different from today on Saturday and Sunday, June 9-10. Included with admission.

Sign up now for Camp Naper

Kids ages 5-11 can join in the old-fashioned fun at Camp Naper, which runs weekly from June 11 through Aug. 6. Each weeklong day camp includes activities, games, crafts and a chance to experience what life was like in the 19th century. The three themes are Pioneer Life, Victorian Life and School Life. For more information, visit our Web site at www.napersettlement.museum.

Naper Days

Celebrate the past, present and future of Naperville during Naper Days to be held June 15-17 over Father's Day weekend. Now in its fourth year, Naper Days is a family-friendly festival that features food, fun and entertainment. Admission to the festival is \$5. Sample a variety of cuisine from Naperville's best restaurants and caterers at the Taste of Naperville. You won't nod off during the fast-paced bed races that will be held on Saturday morning. On Sunday, it's a blast from the past with the popular Battle of the Mid-life Crisis Bands. Entertainment on the Main Stage includes popular blues band Dr. Duke Tumatoe and the Power Trio on Friday night. Local favorites Ronnie Rice and Buckingham's will perform on Saturday night. For more information about Naper Days, visit www.naperdays.org.

Good fences make good neighbors

When supplies were limited, early settlers developed innovative methods of construction. See how stack fences were built without nails Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24. Included with admission.

The past comes to life at Naper Settlement, the only outdoor history museum in Illinois accredited by the American Association of Museums. Located in the heart of downtown Naperville at 523 S. Webster St., Naper Settlement is open year round. For more information, call (630) 420-6010, the Event Hotline at (630) 305-5555 or visit www.napersettlement.museum.

Fifth Annual Little Friends Golf Classic Slated for September 17

Make your reservations and plan to attend the Little Friends Golf Classic on Monday, September 17. Now in its fifth year, this year's outing will be held at Stonebridge Country Club, a private, Fazio-designed course in Aurora.

Festivities will begin at 11 a.m. with lunch in the clubhouse and practice rounds on the driving range and putting green. Golfers will be asked to report to their assigned golf carts by 12:15 p.m., with a shotgun start scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Following their day of golf, participants will enjoy a complimentary cocktail reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. A buffet-style dinner, awards reception and live and silent auctions will be held from 6-7:30 p.m.

Foursomes are available for \$1,200, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, raffles, awards, gift bag, hole-in-one prizes and special gifts for the winners. For more information on sponsorship opportunities or to your reserve your foursome, please contact Special Events Manager Ellen Perry at (630) 281-1882 or via e-mail at eperry@lilfriends.com.

Nichols Library Parking Management Steering Committee

City Staff has requested that the NAHC contact its members and search for residents who are interested in being part of the Steering Committee for the Parking Management Plan of the proposed Nichols lot. This Steering Committee will start in June (possibly as early as next week).

Those interested should contact NAHC Associate Director Patricia Meyer at pmmeyer@comcast.net

DuPage Children's MUSEUM

Celebrating 20 Years of Play!

June 2007

New DCM Programs!

Call 630-637-8000 TO REGISTER!
Pre-registration and pre-payment required.
Please visit www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org
for a complete program schedule.



Come Celebrate: Sunday, June 24!

Come join the fun while we celebrate 20 years as the place *where learning comes in to play*! Meet many people who helped us get started, enjoy a live show with Gustafer Yellowgold (accompanied by live music), talk with people who grew up with us as members, enjoy some of the original exhibits, learn more about DCM history, participate in special activities, have refreshments and more! No reservations needed. Please come join in the fun!



Free with Museum Admission

Come discover the magic of live performance, in the Creativity Connections neighborhood, these Saturdays, 10:30 - Noon:

June 2 Liz Carroll, Irish fiddle
June 16 Michael Sundblad, saxophone
June 30 Betsey Means, bird stories
July 14 Randy Erwin, cowboy music & storytelling
July 28 Barjo Buddies Dixie Land Trio, music



Ladybug Release with Brookfield Zoo & Studio Activity: Come learn about real winged creatures on June 9, with this educational program at DCM! Drop into the Museum Studio from 10-11:30 a.m. to make your own ladybug costume, then "fly" outside at 11:30 for an aphid hunt and a real ladybug release conducted by Play Partners from the Hamill Family Play Zoo. Find out why ladybugs are good bugs in your garden and learn about their role in the environment. You'll help them take off through your participation in this ladybug release program! Open to all ages.

Art Escape: Visual Art with DCM Arts Specialist Marcia MacRae. Take an art escape to Japan: create block prints in the style of today's animation and try the art of gyotaku—printing with fish!

Member / Child Partner \$15; Non-member / Child Partner \$20

Code	Title	Ages	Date	Times
HCA-507	Art Escape	5-7	July 7	10:00-11:30 a.m.
HCA-607	Art Escape	5-7	July 7	Noon-1:30 p.m.

Makin' Munchies™: Your petite chefs will whip up fun snacks while learning about healthy choices from a registered dietician.

Member / Child Partner \$14; Nonmember / Child Partner \$17

Code	Title	Ages	Date	Times
MM-707	Makin' Munchies	2-4	June 10	9:45-10:15 a.m.
MM-807	Makin' Munchies	2-4	June 10	10:45-11:15 a.m.

Start in Art®: How does your garden grow? With paint, clays and hot colors all in a row. Get started with art basics; it's fun!

Member / Child Partner \$25; Non-member / Child Partner \$30

Code	Title	Ages	Dates	Times
SIA-1107	The Growing Gardener	2-3	June 20 & 27	9:30-10:15 a.m.
SIA-1207	The Growing Gardener	2-3	June 20 & 27	10:45-11:30 a.m.

Start in Science® Less or More: How do you know when there is less or more of something? Toddler scientists will measure and count with fun materials and active experiments.

Member / Child Partner \$19; Non-member / Child Partner \$14

Code	Title	Ages	Date	Times
SIS-007	Less or More	2-3	June 16	9:45-10:15 a.m.
SIS-1007	Less or More	2-3	June 16	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!
Member / Child Partner \$35; Non-member / Child Partner \$40

Code	Title	Ages	Dates	Times
WNM-1107	Wet 'n' Messy	2-3	July 6, 13 & 20	9:45-10:15 a.m.
WNM-1207	Wet 'n' Messy	2-3	July 6, 13 & 20	10:45-11:15 a.m.

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

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

Code	Title	Ages	Date	Time
HNB-407	Hop 'n' Bop	15-24 mos.	June 14	10:00-10:30 a.m.

My First Mess®: Come make a mess at the Museum, the perfect place to explore one- or two-step messy art and science.

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

Code	Title	Ages	Dates	Times
MFM-507	My First Mess	15-24 mos.	June 21, 28 & July 5	9:45-10:15 a.m.
MFM-607	My First Mess	15-24 mos.	June 21, 28 & July 5	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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Illinois Chapter of CAI Homeowner's Forum

From 7:00 until 9:00 PM on Tuesday, June 19th, a Homeowner's Forum will be sponsored by the CAI at the Plainfield Village Hall, 24401 W. Lockport Street, Plainfield. With a panel of knowledgeable professionals serving as facilitators, topics including:

- Landscaping Issues
- Maintenance Issues
- Budgets and reserves
- Association Income Taxes
- Election Procedure Changes
- Insurance Issues
- Board Enforcement Powers
- Cultivating Community Involvement
- Self Managed Associations
- And other questions and topics of interest to homeowners.

Seating is limited for this FREE session so pre-registration is requested. For more information, go to the CAI website at <http://www.cai-illinois.org> or call the CAI at 630-307-0659.

Be a good Neighbor

City of Naperville ordinances that grass be cut so that it is no taller than 5" on the parkway and 8" on private property. Please be respectful of your neighbors and keep your lawns trimmed to the proper height.

For up-to-date information on upcoming meetings

Or what is happening around town

Please check our website at:

www.napervillehomeowners.org

Watch for the next newsletter in mid-July!!!!

See you at the meeting on June 16th!!!!!!!

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