



August 2007 Newsletter

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In this month's newsletter we will take a look at what's happening around town and provide an update on ongoing NAHC activities on behalf of Naperville Homeowners including the proposed re-development of the Water Street area downtown and the participation of an NAHC liaison committee in the Plan commission's Public Hearing.

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

Last month in our look at homeowners associations one conclusion was that active associations help develop a sense of community. This month we focus on how associations represent neighborhoods.

Association governance can be a combination of volunteer and professional management. Every association requires a strong commitment from volunteer board members who establish policy and represent residents. Many mandatory associations, particularly those with lots of common property, also engage professional management companies due to the complexity and time involved in stewarding larger bank balances, expenditures and responsibilities.

Board members and officers are usually elected by residents or property owners with terms staggered to allow for continuity. While sometimes seemingly a thankless task, volunteering in an association is a direct link to maintaining property values and should not be an exercise in ego inflation. A successful association requires neighborhood commitment and cannot rest solely upon the shoulders of a few over-extended volunteers!

Critical to any association's success is communication. Interactive dialogues are best. Most associations flourish in the face of a common threat or issue, but the true test is maintaining member involvement during those periods of time when things are going right. Newsletters, websites, meetings, social events (like block parties) to help neighbors get to know each other, and visibility of the leadership team are all good ways to maintain involvement. Associations are a great way to communicate with the city, park and school districts on matters of neighborhood concern!

For areas without active associations, it all starts with volunteers. A range of interested people, representing all geographies within the neighborhood should get together and determine why they want an association and what they are trying to accomplish. It is best that these nascent associations have both long and short term goals. With this framework in place, poll the neighborhood, hold a social event or two and gauge support, financially and in the form of time. There are also legal considerations, but that discussion requires more space than is available this month.

This fall, the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation will begin a series of forums on associations and their management. We will look at legal, financial, insurance, communications, covenants, and other considerations. Our goal is to help these many volunteers, the backbone of the community, become the best leaders they can be. Watch future newsletters for further information or visit our website at www.napervillehomeowners.org.

Chuck Schlabach

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

NAHC Meetings: Your Forum!!!!

The NAHC is taking a summer break from our regular monthly meetings. Our next general meeting for all NAHC members will be held on Saturday, September 15th.

Even though we are taking the summer off from meetings, your NAHC remains busy. Our Liaison Committees continue to meet with local government groups and the Board is busy working on the details of the 2007-2008 program year that will include a visit to Naper Settlement and meetings focused on local taxing bodies, how residents can interact with these groups, and the plans for future investments of our tax dollars. If you have any ideas or suggestions for information programs you would like to see at upcoming NAHC meetings, please let one of the Board members know.

Water Street Re-Development

On Wednesday, July 25th, the City of Naperville Plan Commission concluded a public hearing on the proposed redevelopment of several large parcels of land in the area bounded by Aurora Avenue on the South, Main on the East, the DuPage River on the north, and Webster on the west. This proposal includes several very tall mixed use properties for retail, restaurants, offices with residences above the ground floor retail and a new parking garage. Plan Commission completed their project review and by a vote of 5-2 approved and forwarded the project to City Council for final approval.

While there were some changes made, including a reduction in height and increased setback along Aurora Avenue for the office building proposed along Webster Street between Aurora and Water, the project remains very "large" with narrower than typical streets and limited width for sidewalks. Interestingly, while the expressed sentiment in comments made during the hearing by the majority of the Commissioners was that the two buildings along the north side of Water backing up to the Riverwalk were too large (in excess of 60 feet high), the developer's proposals were forwarded to Council without change for these structures.

At the direction of the NAHC BOD, and with information gathered in a prior meeting with the developer, Rick Strawbridge, Patricia Meyer, Dan Bulley, and Thom Higgins of the NAHC Zoning and Planning Liaison Committee made a series of presentations during the public hearing expressing concerns they had researched and the Board shared regarding the proposals.

These concerns included the height of the buildings (20 feet taller than the Township Building on the same block), the traffic created by the development, pedestrian and traffic flow (including sidewalk width), and impacts on the Riverwalk. Contributing to these concerns are proposed reductions in the width of Water Street resulting in narrower than normal traffic lanes and parallel parking on both sides of the street (the developer characterized this as creating a European flavor), the use of "zero lot lines" (structures built right to the public sidewalk), the loss of trees along the river, impacts on existing properties along Aurora Avenue, narrow sidewalks, and the sheer number of people and cars this development is expected to generate within a relatively confined area. As discussed with the Naper Township Assessor during the NAHC May meeting, there are also questions regarding the overall impacts on other taxing bodies (and homeowners) of the proposed TIF (Tax Incremental Financing) District proposed to help fund the parking garage, utility upgrades, Riverwalk extension, etc.

While the NAHC has not taken a formal stand for or against this project, the Board continues to have a number of concerns regarding the scope of this proposed endeavor. It is anticipated that City Council will consider this proposed development in the September/October timeframe and your NAHC Board of Directors encourages area homeowners to learn more about the project. We are posting information regarding this project on the NAHC website (www.napervillehomeowners.org). The Board welcomes and appreciates input from our members regarding the pros and cons of the proposed redevelopment of this portion of the downtown as we work to decide if it is appropriate to take a formal position on this development. Please send your comments to the NAHC via email at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com

Family Preparedness

The Naperville Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has been busy training area residents in Family Preparedness. To date they have held 5 classes and trained over 100 individuals on how to safeguard their loved ones in the case of a widespread disaster. This training ensures that your family:

- Knows the risks that may affect our community
- Has a family disaster plan
- Practices your family disaster plan
- Has a 72 hour disaster supply kit

Disasters are very real and affect thousands of citizens each year. While Naperville has an excellent team of first responders, situations may arise that preclude their arrival for extended periods of time. We need to be prepared to take action to protect our families and communities until experienced help arrives. This is exactly what "Family Preparedness" is all about.

You are encouraged to accept this challenge and allow the CERT team to make a formal presentation on Family Preparedness to members of your respective homeowners associations. This can be done individually or you can team up with contiguous subdivisions for a joint presentation. It all comes down to this ... you have a responsibility to protect yourself and your family by knowing what to do before, during and after a catastrophic event occurs.

Please contact Chuck Schlabach (chuckschla@aol.com) to arrange a presentation. He is President of the Citizen Corps Council and a member of the CERT team. He can arrange a time and date for a formal presentation. Don't wait until it's too late ... the clock is ticking.

School District 203 Community Engagement Meetings and Tours

School District 203 is proceeding with the Community Engagement portion of its District Facilities Plan. If you've been following this, you know that there are several different options for handling the following: significant renovations at Naperville Central and Mill Street School, a new early childhood education center, traffic and life safety improvements at Naperville North, Washington Junior High and Ranch View and Prairie elementary schools, and pool and locker room upgrades and installation of synthetic turf at Naperville North. Beginning in August and going into September, there will be tours of the primary facilities addressed by the plan, followed by presentations to parents at school orientation sessions, and to the community at large in sessions at individual schools.

The NAHC and School District 203 encourage our members to understand the options put forth for consideration during this process, as the School Board will ultimately use the community feedback coupled with a community survey in its November decision-making process. Those options include scaling repairs/upgrades to maintain costs in the \$26 to \$46 million range, which could be done without a referendum, or the full task force recommendation which would require a referendum as costs are in the \$100 million range. A third option, which does not yet have detailed cost estimates behind it would be driven by the larger City-wide discussion on the use of the Martin-Mitchell estate properties, including the land used by the Settlement, Naperville Central, Park District, Edward Hospital and Naperville Cemetery.

Community engagement sessions are planned based on the schedule below in order to solicit taxpayers' views on the recommendations prior to November when the Board will make a decision on whether or not to go to referendum in February 2008. There is no forgone conclusion on the outcome of the process, so your input is very important. We know that good schools – including the facilities that are integral to the academic environment – are important to property values, but affordable tax rates are also important. You can also take advantage of these opportunities to learn how some of the funding from the prior referendum has been set aside for use in facilities improvements.

We encourage everyone to also sign up for the District's e-mail newsletter, Talk 203, at www.naperville203.org, by clicking on the Talk 203 graphic on the home page to learn more about this process and other District 203 events. To make sure you have an opportunity to learn about the facilities options in person, put these dates on your calendar now:

Community Engagement Meetings (in date order)		
Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, August 22, 2007	7:00 PM	Beebe Elementary
Thursday, August 23, 2007	7:00 PM	Kingsley Elementary
Thursday, August 23, 2007	7:00 PM	Scott Elementary
Tuesday, August 28, 2007	7:00 PM	Jefferson Junior High
Tuesday, August 28, 2007	7:00 PM	Maplebrook Elementary
Wednesday, August 29, 2007	7:00 PM	Naperville North
Wednesday, August 29, 2007	7:00 PM	Washington Junior High
Thursday, August 30, 2007	7:00 PM	Madison Junior High
Wednesday, September 05, 2007	6:15 PM	Naperville Central
Thursday, September 06, 2007	7:00 PM	Highlands Elementary
Thursday, September 6, 2007	6:30 PM	Elmwood Elementary
Tuesday, September 11, 2007	6:00 PM	Meadow Glens Elementary
Tuesday, September 11, 2007	7:00 PM	Naper School
Wednesday, September 12, 2007	7:00 PM	Lincoln Junior High
Thursday, September 13, 2007	7:00 PM	Steeple Run Elementary
Thursday, September 13, 2007	7:00 PM	Riverwoods Elementary
Tuesday, September 18, 2007	7:00 PM	Ranch View Elementary
Wednesday, September 19, 2007	7:00 PM	Kennedy Junior High
Thursday, September 20, 2007	7:00 PM	Ellsworth Elementary
Monday, September 24, 2007	7:00 PM	Prairie Elementary
Wednesday, September 26, 2007	6:30 PM	Mill Street Elementary
Tuesday, August 21, 2007	7:00 PM	Naperville Central
Monday, August 27, 2007	7:00 PM	Naperville Central
Wednesday, August 29, 2007	10:00 AM	Naperville Central
Tuesday, September 04, 2007	7:00 PM	Naperville Central
Wednesday, September 05, 2007	9:15 AM	Mill Street Elementary
Wednesday, September 5, 2007	7:30 PM	Naperville Central
Thursday, September 6, 2007	7:45 PM	Elmwood Elementary ECC
Monday, September 10, 2007	7:00 PM	Naperville Central
Monday, September 10, 2007	7:00 PM	Mill Street Elementary
Wednesday, September 19, 2007	7:00 PM	Naperville Central
Tuesday, September 25, 2007	7:00 PM	Naperville Central
Wednesday, September 26, 2007	7:45 PM	Mill Street Elementary

Is Your Check in the Mail?

The Confederation has mailed 2007 dues invoices and questionnaires to our member associations. If your association did not receive these (we used "snail mail"), please let us know and we will get it out 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.

If your association is not currently an NAHC member, a membership application can be found on our website at www.napervillehomeowners.org by looking in the News and Info section under NAHC Documents.

Door to Door Peddlers and Solicitors: What Are My Rights as a Resident in the City of Naperville?

Many of us have answered our doorbells to find a stranger at our doorstep either soliciting information or peddling goods and services. We all react differently to whomever is on the other side of the door based on how busy we are, what type of mood we are in and many other factors. Whether this is a welcome distraction or an outright nuisance, residents should be well-informed of their rights as well as those of the solicitor/peddler.

What is a SOLICITOR?

Anyone offering information; seeking prospective customers for newspaper and magazine subscriptions; selling insurance of any type; seeking contributions or gifts for charitable or nonprofit associations; taking orders for goods and services.

What is a PEDDLER?

Anyone traveling throughout the city selling commodities or services to be delivered immediately.

How can I stop Door-to-Door Solicitations/Peddling?

You can contact the City Clerk's Office (or the Homeowners' Confederation) to obtain a NO SOLICITORS INVITED weatherproof sign to be posted on or near your front door. Please keep in mind, a solicitor can still leave information on your door but MAY NOT ring your doorbell to solicit or peddle any goods and services.

What does the City Ordinance allow?

Naperville is able to regulate solicitors by requiring that they REGISTER with the City Clerk's Office.

Naperville is able to sell LICENSES to peddlers at the rate of \$5/day, \$20/month, or \$100/year

The Municipal Code on Peddlers and Solicitors also imposes a time restriction as follows:

Monday – Friday: 9 AM – 9 PM

Saturday: 9 AM – 5 PM

Sunday/State and National Holidays: NO SOLICITATION/PEDDLING ALLOWED

SOLICITORS and PEDDLERS **must** have a certificate from the city containing a city seal in their possession while they are soliciting. Additionally, they must furnish the certificate for inspection when requested by a resident. Please see below for a sample certificate.

By Authority of the CITY OF NAPERVILLE NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS 60540		
PEDDLER/VENDOR LICENSE		
IS HEREBY ISSUED TO		
JAMES SMITH		
DBA YUMMY ICE CREAM COMPANY		
VALID FROM	7/09/07	TO 9/30/07
LICENSE RESTRICTIONS:		
1997 FORD S250 VAN ILLINOIS PLATE NO. 12345P-B		
CITY OF NAPERVILLE NO. 6		
LICENSE NO.	07-00013843	DATED ISSUED: 7/09/07 FEE PAID: 100.00
JAMES SMITH YUMMY ICE CREAM COMPANY ANYPLACE DR NAPERVILLE IL 60540		
A/C#: 0012271		 CITY CLERK 2007

To report problems or violations, please contact the Naperville Police Department at (630) 420-6664.

You may view the entire municipal code on the City's Web site at www.naperville.il.us under the Government/Municipal Code menu, Title 3 Business and Licenses, Chapter 7 Peddlers and Solicitors.

For further information, please contact Records Specialist Lynn Zilinsky at zilinsky@naperville.il.us.

DuPage PADS Announces 3rd Annual PADS Run/Walk

Take a step to end homelessness with DuPage PADS on September 9th at 8:00am. Serious runners, fun runners and fun walkers will all enjoy this fundraising event. Run 10K or 5K or enjoy the 3K walk on this CARA-approved course along the Prairie Path and through scenic Wheaton to help raise funds for DuPage PADS programs.

After the race, enjoy refreshments, music and visit vendor booths. All registered participants are entered into a raffle. Awards will be given for the top three runners in several age groups.

Proceeds will fund programs such as Life Skills counseling and Employment Readiness for people looking to transition back into the community, and provide Interim (Overnight), Transitional and Permanent Supportive housing for homeless men, women and children in DuPage County.

Ask about our Walk Team opportunities – we'll waive your registration fee when you collect \$125 or more in donations! For more information, visit www.padsrun.org Visit www.dupagepads.org for information on DuPage PADS mission and programs.

For any questions, please contact: *Carol Simler 630-682-3846 x231*
Maureen Gallagher 630-682-3846 x242

'Celebration of Peace'

On August 21, 2007 the City of Naperville will proclaim September 7th through October 5th Celebration of Peace month. The month long celebration will begin with an inaugural event on Friday, September 7th at the Municipal Building and is open to all citizens with families especially encouraged to attend. Using art and multi-cultural experiences, Think Global Arts Foundation in collaboration with many community partners, is presenting an astounding variety of events and activities that promote peace, harmony, and understanding among people of all walks of life.

Children are the special focus of this celebration. From international art displays by children, to exhibits detailing the life of Mahatma Gandhi, the event will also host presentations by Gandhi's grandson, Rajmohan Gandhi. Creative minds will be busy as they design artwork with the theme of Peace, via posters and real US Postage stamps! Two art contests will provide an avenue for children to stretch their imagination, and cross cultural boundaries, as they illustrate Peace!

Community members will get the opportunity to listen to perspectives on peace and harmony from great minds brought together in discussion and debate at local colleges and high schools, or to view the kaleidoscope of culture via films, dance, and musical performances.

For more information on how to get involved, and a calendar of events visit www.thinkglobalarts.org. Support for this program in the form of sponsorships, private donations and volunteerism is also being sought. You can also contact: Sandra Charles (630) 898-2149 or Revati Natesan at (630) 697-4441.

Naperville Commuters continue to get a Free Ride this Summer *City Offers Free Rides on Pace Buses to Encourage Public Transit*

Who says you can't get a free ride in Naperville? Through August 31, rides from the City of Naperville's Park-n-Ride lots to the Route 59 train station will be free. In addition, rides aboard the Pace Metra Feeder bus routes will be free every Tuesday through August 28.

Naperville's *Free Ride* program, fully funded by the City of Naperville, is a part of the city's overall effort to enhance and encourage the use of public transit city-wide.

The Free Ride program includes several components, including:

- **Ride Free from the Park-n-Ride Lots** - Complimentary rides Monday- Friday from the City of Naperville's Park-n-Ride lots to the Route 59 train station on Pace routes 673 and 675. The lots are located at the Community Christian Church near the intersection of Ogden Avenue and Ricker Drive at 1635 Emerson Lane and the Wheatland Salem Church at 95th Street and Book Road. Parking is free at these lots.
- **Transit Tuesdays in Naperville** - free rides will be available on Pace routes 676, 677, 678, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 781, and 783 every Tuesday for travel to and from the downtown Naperville Metra Station during the morning and evening rush hours.
- **Naperville Transit Team's Prize Patrol** - on Transit Tuesdays, the Naperville Transit Team will randomly ride Pace routes 530 and 714 around Naperville offering free rides to commuters as they board the bus. The Transit Team can be identified by their *Free Ride* t-shirts.

For more information on how to get a *Free Ride* in Naperville, visit www.naperville.il.us/freeride.aspx.



Naperville Park District Notes

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

The Naperville Park District's administrative building, located at 320 W. Jackson Ave., will be closed from Friday August 10 at 7:00 p.m. through Monday, August 13 at 7:00 a.m. for maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience.

NEW Program Registration Process for Naperville Park District programs
The Naperville Park District has replaced its lottery process and is encouraging its patrons to register online. ONLINE registration for Autumn programs began on **AUGUST 1**. Mailed in and dropped off registrations are being processed concurrently with the online registrations.

Here are your options for registering:

- Online via www.napervilleparks.org
- Mail in or drop off forms to the Park District's administration building at 320 W. Jackson Ave.

What you need to register online:

- A bar code
- An account PIN number

If you don't already have this information, please send an e-mail request to recenroll@napervilleparks.org with the text "PIN and bar code request" in the subject line.

Online registration is easy!

- Visit www.napervilleparks.org and click on the “Click Here for Online Registration” link on the home page.
- Click on the ACTIVITIES tab on the main online registration page.
- Select the programs of your choice
- Pay with VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover

Naperville Park Police introduce park patron thank you program

Residents, visitors caught doing good deeds to be rewarded

Naperville Park District Park Police have introduced a new program to reward good works accomplished by visitors to our parks. In the event that a Park Police Officer witnesses a patron displaying exceptional behavior that helps to protect or maintain one of our parks, the officer will reward the individual with a Belgio's or McDonald's gift card and a letter of gratitude from the Park Police.

Officer Jim Goshey created the program. Last year, he witnessed two separate instances when people went out of their way. One mom picked up trash around a park while her child was skating, and a gentleman went out of his way to return a lost wallet.

“I felt there should be more than just saying “thank you,” explained Officer Goshey.

Park Police will track the distribution of these cards over time to gauge the response and success of the program.

Springbrook and Naperbrook Golf Course Renovations

During the fall of 2007, the Naperville Park District is planning several renovations at Springbrook and Naperbrook golf courses. Both clubhouses will be remodeled beginning in October of this year and ending in April 2008. Additionally, both courses will receive two on-course restrooms.

Other planned improvements include:

- Resurfacing of the Springbrook Golf Course parking lot
- An east extension will be added to the Springbrook driving range.
- A 19th hole will be built on the small driving range.
- Other holes on the Springbrook course will be closed on a rotating basis during the irrigation installation for this new hole.
- Springbrook's 9th and 10th holes will also be enhanced with the addition of a small retention pond on the small east range/10th hole, a new bridge on the 9th hole, and the relocation of the existing 9th hole bridge to the 10th hole.
- At Naperbrook, work will be done to further develop the driving range

For more information regarding these planned improvements, visit www.springbrookgolfcourse.org or www.naperbrookgolfcourse.org.

Darfler Realty's Concerts in Your Park – FINAL AUGUST SHOWS!

Summer may be winding down, but there is still one exciting Concert in Your Park show to enjoy! Families, friends and neighbors are invited to bring 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:

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

Rollin' on the River, a Naperville Park District event

95.9 The River is hosting Rollin' on the River, a live, summer-long music series that entertains Riverwalk patrons Wednesday and Friday evenings at the Free Speech Pavilion on the Riverwalk

located at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Webster Street. Concerts will continue through Friday, **August 10**. All music will start at 7:00 p.m. and conclude between 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Carillon summer recitals

Recitals begin at 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday through **Aug. 21**. Each concert features a different carrillonneur. Carrillonneur biographies can be found at www.naperville-carillon.org.

Saturday Night at the Movies – Sat., August 18 – presenting *Grease!*

Come enjoy a movie under the stars! Bring a blanket for seating. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Movie will be held at Rotary Hill located off of Aurora Avenue. Gates will open at 7:00 p.m.; movie start time will be approximately 8:35 p.m. Event is for all ages. Cost is 10 per party of four.

Doggie Dip – Sat., September 8 – 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Celebrate the “dog days” of summer by bringing your favorite canine to Centennial Beach for a refreshing day of swimming! All ages are welcome, but dog handlers must be 16+ years of age. Dogs must have current vaccinations; female dogs in season are not allowed. Fee: \$5/resident dog; \$8/nonresident dog

Tails & Trails Adventure Race – Sat., September 29 – Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Two-legged and four-legged racers will test their endurance on this fun 5K run along the cross-country path at DuPage River Sports Complex. Human runners also are welcome to run solo. Pre-register for this USTAF-certified race and save! For ages 18+. Fee: \$20/per person (advance); \$30/per person (onsite). Drinks and snacks will be served following the race. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in the non-pet and pet pairs.



Residential Mailboxes

We've been asked by a couple of member associations to look into the use of “neighborhood” mailboxes within subdivisions and other residential areas. These individually locked centrally-located mailboxes are generally placed in a development at the time of initial construction and provide a central point for the post office to drop off residential mail (and for residents to pick up their mail). Our research has indicated that the positioning of a common point for mail delivery is the preferred method of operation nationally for the Postal Service and is one that they encourage and promote in all newly developed areas. The main question regarding these boxes has been...can they be replaced with individual boxes at our homes? Based on the discussions we have had with the Postal Service, the prevailing thought is that once community boxes are placed, they are the way mail will continue to be delivered based on the guidelines from Washington, DC. Individual areas with questions or issues should contact the Postmaster. If there are problems with these boxes (security, lost keys, damage, etc.) these should be documented and may be used as part of a case to request a change in the method of mail delivery.



DuPage Children's MUSEUM ...where learning comes in to play!

August 2007



For a complete program schedule, please visit www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org.
Pre-registration and pre-payment required.

Call 630-637-8000 TO REGISTER!

Free with Museum Admission:

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

- Aug. 11 Judy Bridges and Bridges Brass, trumpet & keyboard
- Aug. 25 DuPage Symphony Orchestra, ensemble



Come visit DuPage Children's Museum, where the sky's the limit!

Don't miss this one...now through August 26, 2007:



Let your imagination take flight!

Come and explore wings in new ways:

- * Design your own creature or a set of butterfly wings!
- * Use original costumes to soar with birds and ladybugs, fly with pterodactyls and more!
- * Interact with fine art using specially created activities including opening the wings of Pump Bird, flapping the enormous Ornithopter and viewing it all from a treehouse!

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Thursday at DCM is August 16:

Third Thursday is a special time (5-7 p.m.) each month for families with children who have autism spectrum disorders and visual or mobility impairments to enjoy play at the Museum. DCM is also open to the public at this time—everyone is welcome.

DCM is an award-winning location for learning, with exhibits and facilitation that offer ways to work on language development, social skills, and purposeful play. Photo Books are available to help visitors structure a visit; inquire at Visitor Services.

Come complete an art project in our Art Studio (visual systems available), visit the resource table...and much more! Take advantage of the Museum during this typically quieter time, and experience an outing the entire family can enjoy! For special concerns or other details, please call 630-637-8000 x4800.

Start in Art: Get started with art and color basics; it's fun! This month's session is an exciting introduction to our new exhibit, Wheel Works of Art, which opens on September 10th.

Member / Child Partner	Title	Ages	Dates	Times
\$25; Non-member / Child Partner \$30	Roll Into Art	2-3	Aug. 1 & 8	9:30-10:15 a.m.
SIA-1507	Roll Into Art	2-3	Aug. 1 & 8	10:45-11:30 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 monthly!

Member / Child Partner	Title	Ages	Dates	Times
\$35; Non-member / Child Partner \$40	Wet 'n' Messy	2-3	Aug. 3, 10 & 17	9:45-10:15 a.m.
WNM-1507	Wet 'n' Messy	2-3	Aug. 3, 10 & 17	10:45-11:15 a.m.

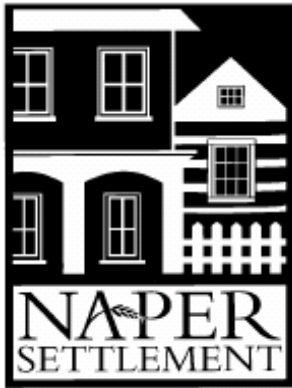
Hop 'n' Bop: Hop to the beat and bop on your feet as you and your toddler discover rhythm, music and motion in this lively class.

Member / Child Partner	Title	Ages	Date	Time
\$12; Nonmember / Child Partner \$14	Hop 'n' Bop	15-24 mos.	Aug. 11	10:00-10:30 a.m.
HNB-507	Hop 'n' Bop	15-24 mos.	Aug. 11	10:00-10:30 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.



Donations of HAPPY SCRAPS needed: August 18, from 9:00 - Noon, DCM will be accepting donations for programs in the Museum lobby. Please visit, call or send us an eMail for details about what's needed: 630-637-8000 x6660. Please send eMail inquiries regarding this collection day to: happyscraps@dupagechildrensmuseum.org.



A Historic Museum Village

523 S. Webster St.
Naperville, Illinois 60540-6517
P: 630.420.6010
F: 630.305.5255
W: napersettlement.museum

Saturday and Sunday, August 11 & 12 - VICTORIAN STYLE DANCING

Tired of the same old modern dance? Come and enjoy some of the dances of the Victorian period. You will get a chance to dance the simple and popular reel to the stylish waltz. Sat. 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Sun. 2:30 p.m. Included with admission.

Saturday and Sunday, August 18 & 19 - LANGUAGE OF THE FAN

Learn the art of flirting with a fan and how holding a fan different ways meant different things to a suitor. Sat. 11:45 a.m., 1:45 and 3:15 p.m., Sun. 2:15 and 3:15 p.m. Included with admission.

Saturday and Sunday, August 25 & 26 - COURTING PRACTICES

Learn how gentlemen wooed their ladies in the 19th century. Smooth moves never go out of style! Sat. 11:45 a.m., 1:45 and 3:15 p.m., Sun. 2:15 and 3:15 p.m. Included with admission.

Saturday and Sunday, September 1 & 2 - LAST FLING ANTIQUE AUTO AND CRAFT SHOW

Antique auto show will be on Sunday the 2nd only. Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Free weekend admission. Sponsored by the Naperville Jaycees.

Ogden Avenue Corridor Enhancement Study

Stretching from the border with Lisle on the East, to the intersection with Washington Street, Ogden Avenue is both a gateway to Naperville as well as a location for obtaining goods, services, entertainment,, etc. There is a concern, however, that Ogden Avenue is not all that it could be and the City has been engaged in reviewing land use, traffic flow, and aesthetics in this area to determine what can be done to dress up Naperville's front door. Detailed information is available on the project web site available from www.naperville.il.us by selecting CURRENT PROJECTS from the lower right-hand corner of the page, and then selecting the OGDEN AVENUE CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVE from the list.

STAKEHOLDER MEETING A SUCCESS. The July 24th meeting provided those participants in the planning process who attended meetings in April to discuss signage, architecture, traffic, access, landscaping, and streetscape, to find out how the draft plan alternatives relate to those April meeting discussions. Participants were generally satisfied with the draft plans and eager to see the process move forward. A complete meeting summary is available on the project web site.

DRAFT CONCEPT AND FRAMEWORK PLANS NOW AVAILABLE. Take a look for yourself at the draft plans presented at the July 24, 2007 Public Meeting. Plans are posted on the project web page. Refinements to these plans and preferred alternatives will be discussed on August 14th.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING AUGUST 14th. Whether you have been to every Ogden Meeting, or if this would be your first, please take the time to join us on Tuesday, August 14th at 7pm in Meeting Room B&C of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street. At this meeting you can:

- Review the Alternative Plans and Get Your Questions Answered
- Learn about the market analysis done for the corridor and understand how it relates to the planning efforts so far
- Provide your feedback about the preferred alternative

The first half hour of the meeting on the 14th will be an open house format. During this time you can take a closer look at the draft plans and ask questions one-on-one of City Staff and the Consultants. At 7:30 a formal presentation and discussion of the preferred alternative will be given.

***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 September!!!!

***Bob Fischer
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