



December 2007 Newsletter

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In this month's newsletter we will preview our upcoming **December 15th Transportation Forum** and look at other happenings 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. Feel free to share all or parts of this newsletter with your association membership. Please provide any feedback to our External Communications Director, Bob Fischer, at rafischer1@aol.com

President's Letter from Chuck Schlabach

Regular readers of these pages will recall that the NAHC membership took a stand in opposition to the Water Street re-development project. If you followed this story in the local news, you may also know that City Council approved the project and did not reflect the NAHC's concerns (height, density, traffic) in their final vote.

It is well within the rights of Council members to follow their conscience in matters before them. Whether their underlying rationale were hopes to quickly address downtown parking issues, save Nichols Library from the encroachment of a parking deck, the belief that a better idea would not come along, or something else; we have spoken with many Council members and offered our hopes that the correct path was chosen as, once built, this project is something that Naperville will live with for many years.

During and after the project discussions comments were made by some members of Council, publicly and privately, questioning whether the NAHC was a legitimate stakeholder in the discussions; the process behind and validity of the Confederation public stand; and whether the NAHC vote was representative of the opinion of homeowners citywide. I would like to address these concerns.

Within our bylaws are provisions for the Confederation to address "substantive issues." A requirement for an issue to be deemed substantive is that it is important to a majority of our members. This project impacts the Riverwalk, the "crown jewel" of Naperville, as well as the downtown area that drives a substantial portion of the sales tax revenue that offsets the property taxes on our homes. The proposed TIF will also impact property taxes for most City residents. Accordingly, after discussion, the Board voted that Water Street was a substantive issue.

Stands are taken in one of two ways. The first is by a super majority vote of the Board. This method is appropriate when timing precludes scheduling the notifications needed to bring a stand before the general membership. While there were ample opportunities for the Board to invoke this "expedited" clause throughout the project review process, the Board did not want any stand taken perceived as solely its own. Rather, it was important it be the membership's position. Accordingly, the stand was developed, notice was provided in accordance with the bylaws, and a vote was taken at our October 20th joint meeting with City Council.

As the Council members at that meeting can attest, a long discussion preceded the actual vote where the proposal was discussed in detail. We also received a number of hits to the information posted on the Confederation website. With the representatives of 26 associations in attendance voting, the Confederation stand was approved unanimously. There were no dissenting votes and the voting was private, via paper ballot.

While some may discount the vote as only 26 associations, we received no dissenting comments from other member associations either prior to or since the vote. The associations voting represent a large proportion of our membership, many thousands of registered voters, and neighborhoods from throughout the City. Even though none of us actually live on Water Street, this is our City and downtown is our front yard. I firmly believe the actions of the Confederation were legitimate and the Board will not hesitate to take similar actions in the future.

Best wishes for a very happy holiday season to you, your family, and your neighbors from the NAHC!

Chuck Schlabach, President, Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation, (Chuckschla@aol.com)

NAHC December Meeting Focuses on Transportation

Did you know that according to the United States Census Bureau, Naperville residents on average spend over an hour a day commuting to and from work? Nearly 80% commute over the highways and almost 94% of these people drive alone! Did you know that there are over 540 miles of roadways in Naperville and these are built and maintained not only by the City, but also by the State of Illinois, Illinois Tollway Authority, Will and DuPage Counties, and the six townships that touch parts of our City?

The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation wants to help residents learn more about transportation. To this end we will sponsor a Transportation Forum at our next regular monthly meeting on December 15th. This forum, being planned in conjunction with the Naperville's Transportation, Engineering and Development work group, will provide an opportunity to learn more about the various state, regional, and local agencies that make up the pieces in our transportation puzzle. Invitations were extended to many of the groups responsible for roads and mass transit in the surrounding area, and we have confirmed responses from DuPage and Will counties, PACE, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and Wheatland and Naper Townships. These representatives will provide residents with an opportunity to ask questions; learn about future plans, boundaries and responsibilities; and come away with a better understanding of the movement of people, goods, and services through our community.

The meeting format will encourage information sharing and interaction. Set up similarly to our candidates' forums, the agency representatives will fill the dais in the City Council Chambers and, after providing brief introductions of their agencies and areas of responsibility, the floor will be opened to questions. These questions will come from the NAHC as well as from the audience, and will be presented to the panelists by an NAHC moderator. Questions for consideration can be submitted to the NAHC prior to the forum by e-mailing them to us at nahc-naperhomeowners@woway.com and also by attendees the day of the meeting.

Knowledge is power and our hope is that by providing our membership and interested residents with as much information on transportation as possible, we will be able to help agency representatives understand the needs Naperville area residents have to get from here to there.

We are looking forward to seeing many area residents on Saturday morning, December 15th, in the Naperville Municipal Center City Council Chambers. The actual forum will start sharply at 8:30 AM, but doors will open at 8 AM to give attendees the opportunity to meet, greet, and settle in. More details will be posted on the Confederation website at www.napervillehomeowners.org.

City Seeks Public Input on Median Landscape Enhancements

The City of Naperville is seeking public input on planned landscape enhancements for medians via an online survey. As part of the survey, residents will be asked to indicate their preference for planned landscape median enhancements along Washington Street and 87th Street. The survey is available online now through December 10, 2007 at www.naperville.il.us/landscape.aspx.

The Arterial Landscape Plan, a component of the city's Comprehensive Transportation Plan, recognized the need for and benefits of landscaping along arterial roadways. Landscaping can greatly enhance the appearance of a roadway, have a calming affect on traffic, and provide many environmental benefits, including reduced storm water runoff and improved to air and water quality.

In 2008, landscape medians will be constructed along Naper Boulevard, between Chicago Avenue and Ogden Avenue, and along Rickert Drive, between Book Road and Ogden Avenue. The landscape enhancements will be added to these medians during spring 2009. In spring 2008, landscape enhancements will be installed in the medians along Washington Street,

between Naper Boulevard and the DuPage River, and between Robin Hill Drive and Sycamore Drive. Medians along 87th Street between Book Road and Illinois Route 59, and between Modaff Road and Washington Street will also receive landscape enhancements.

The results of the survey will be posted on the city's Web site in early 2008.

Support Little Friends this Holiday Season by Purchasing Your Very Own Leon Bear

Downtown Naperville's windows are getting fancied up this holiday season as part of the first annual Winter Window Walk, sponsored by the Downtown Naperville Alliance (DNA). Windows at more than 40 locations throughout the downtown, including Little Friends' very own Serendipity Resale Shop, are beautifully decorated. Adding to the excitement, shoppers should keep an eye out for a special holiday polar bear, affectionately named *Leon*, who will be hidden in the storefront window displays.

Several downtown merchants are selling a limited number of Leon Bears as a fundraiser for Little Friends, Inc. Leon Bears are available for \$10, with proceeds benefiting the programs of Little Friends.

Sporting a festive blue hat and scarf, Leon makes the perfect stocking stuffer. Each Leon Bear also features a dated commemorative tag. Handmade by the adult clients of Little Friends' Spectrum Vocational Services, the commemorative tags are in the shape of a coffee cup, and remind all families who welcome Leon into their homes of their contribution to Little Friends.

Leon Bears are available for \$10 at the following downtown Naperville locations:

- Artistic Creations Salon, 22 W. Jefferson Avenue
- Bella Mia, 120 S. Webster Street
- The Canterbury Shoppe, 175 W. Jackson Avenue
- Costello Jewelry Co., 33 W. Jefferson Avenue
- Creating Your Style, 116 S. Webster Street
- Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, 22 E. Chicago Avenue
- Roseland Draperies & Interiors, 204 S. Washington Street
- Serendipity Resale Shop, 12 W. Jefferson Avenue
- tracyAccessory, 118 S. Webster Street
- Two Bostons, 232 S. Washington Street



Naperville Development Update

During November the monthly meeting between Naperville TED Staff and the NAHC Liaison Committee for Zoning and Land Use occurred. Confederation Associate Directors Patricia Meyer and Dan Bulley with Park Addition President Thom Higgins represented the NAHC while Greg Jones, Anastasia Urban, and Nick Trujillo represented the City.

The following projects were discussed:

- **Riverwoods Office Campus** (on River Road): medical offices will be going in. Received preliminary approval and earthwork is expected within a month.



- **Carillon** (248th & 95th): Phase 3 paperwork being submitted. Single Family residences intended although multi (townhomes) may be consideration. Staff is in process of reviewing.
- **127 West Ogden**: This is a home-to-office conversation. Will be before Plan Commission and then City Council. Staff believes this is a non-controversial issue.
- **Northeast corner of 75th & Wehrli (Chinese religious facility)**: Revised plat regarding the site plan. Owners asking to keep the fill on the site.
- **Springbrook Prairie Market** (75th & approx Fort Hill): Bank of America is to be sited near the property near Home Depot
- Under the **CIP** for utilities: Hillside/Main area to update electric. Staff is reviewing and will be starting the bidding process.
- **Property on Ogden which China Buffet is on**: property sold and plans for multi-tenant commercial. There is expected to be an issue as to the shared parking agreement.
- **Frontier Park**: will be undergoing regrading
- **River Run**: West Suburban Bank will be before Council on 12/4/07 for PUD Final Approval.
- **River Run**: Lot 2 Office in final engineering. Council approved PUD.
- **1800 South Washington**: plans for new cell tower are being reviewed. This new tower will be next to the existing cell tower. The existing cell tower is screened and staff will be requesting the same for any new tower.
- **Design Pointe**: Chase Bank is undergoing staff review.
- **Jefferson/Fort Hill**: Staff reviewing for multi commercial
- **BP Amoco Naperville**: shed to be added to property
- **BP station (Book/95th)**: BP would like to redo. In concept stage although not yet submitted.
- **Nike Park**: Lighting upgrade is in final engineering stage. In addition, the Park District has purchased additional property adjacent to Nike Park. No annexation requested as of yet.
- **Winding Creek Park**: Park District is requesting annexation so improvements may be made to the park.
- **Islamic Center (Route 59 near FCC Flooring and WalMart)**: owner requesting building expansion, parking expansion. Intention to have classes on temporary basis.
- **North Central College**: renderings regarding the new dormitory have been submitted. Staff has reviewed. Will be before Plan Commission on Dec 5, 2007.
- Miscellaneous teardowns occurring throughout city and staff is reviewing the resubdivision associated with these teardowns.
- **Health Services District Text Amendment**: revised recommendations provided by Staff. Public Meetings being held. Will be before Council on 12/4/07

Additionally, the NAHC is assisting with the new 75th Street Corridor Study (75th from Washington East to Palomino) by identifying HOA stakeholders. Interested Associations should contact the Confederation at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com if they are interested in being part of this process. This study will identify potential land use and zoning requirements for this corridor. Stakeholder interviews are currently being planned.

DuPage Children's MUSEUM

...where learning comes in to play~!

December 2007



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

School's out, so what can you do during

Winter Break?

Bring the family to explore our new *Wheel Works of Art* exhibit. Just in time for the Holidays, the Museum is open from 9:00-5:00 on Mondays for Winter Break! Please call for December hours.

Lots to choose from and all free with admission!

10:00 a.m. - Noon & 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Art Studio

Dec. 23 Snowflake Patterns (1-3 only)	Jan. 2 Paper Mosaics
Dec. 26 Wire Mobiles	Jan. 3 Wheel Painting
Dec. 27 Debbling Dough	Jan. 4 Snowflake Patterns
Dec. 28 Geomobiles	Jan. 5 Debbling Dough
Dec. 29 Bendable Wire Sculptures	Jan. 5 Debbling Dough
Dec. 30 Celebration Shakers (1-3 only)	

Dec. 31 Bubble Bash Blast! (Please call 630-896-6666--tickets required.)

Huge Box Sculpture: Hey, 5- to 8-year-olds! Participate in a dramatic reading, create your own inspiration box art piece to take home and share it over a themed snack. This 60-minute class combines the inspiration of a good book, *Christina Katerina and the Box* by Doris Burn, with creative visual arts expression. Build your creativity as you build your own structure.

Fee: Member / Child Partner \$16; Nonmember / Child Partner \$20

Code	Ages	Title	Date	Time
BB-707	5-8	Books and Beyond	Dec. 6	4:00-5:00 p.m.

A Fish Tale: This is like a book group for 3-4 year-olds!

We bring the classic tale *Swimmy* to life with a dramatic reading, fish-like movements, artistic interpretation and more! You can work together to act it out, create some art and take a Polaroid picture to bring home.

Member / Child Partner \$16; Nonmember / Child Partner \$20

Code	Ages	Title	Date	Time
BB-807	3-4	Jr. Books and Beyond	Dec. 4	9:45-10:30 a.m.

Makin' Munchies™: Do your petite chefs have the munchies?

Whip up some tasty snacks from around the world while learning about healthy snack choices, proper use of kitchen implements and the steps and stages in a simple recipe.

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

Code	Ages	Title	Date	Times
MM-007	2-4	Makin' Munchies	Dec. 12	9:45-10:15 a.m.
MM-1007	2-4	Makin' Munchies	Dec. 12	10:45-11:15 a.m.

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Free to Members or with Museum Admission:

Come discover the magic of live performance in these family performances from 10:30 - Noon, in Creativity Connections:

December 1 - Dayna Malow, country music

December 15 - Manu Walton African Drumming

December 29 - Paul Abella Trio, jazz

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	Ages	Title	Date	Time
HNB-807	15-24 mos.	Hop 'n' Bop	Dec. 15	10:00-10:30 a.m.

3rd Thursday at DCM is December 20

Third Thursday is a special time (5-7 p.m.) each month for families with children who have autism spectrum disorders, visual and/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.

Donations of HAPPY SCRAPS needed: December 8, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, please bring your donations to the Museum lobby. For details about what's needed, please visit, call 630-637-8000 x6660 or send us an email to: happyscraps@dupagechildrensmuseum.org.

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 who withdraw prior to the week before classes begin will be charged a 25% administrative fee.

Distribution of information and materials through the schools does not imply District 203 or 204 endorsement of them.

Regional Household Waste Facility Remains Open with Operating Hours and Staff Reductions

As a result of the imminent end to DuPage County's financial support of the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) regional facility, the City of Naperville will be making a number of operating budget cuts in order to keep the facility open.



The cuts include decreasing the number of fire department technicians present on Saturdays from four to two and reducing the hours of operation from 12 to 10 hours per weekend. Effective December 1, the HHW regional facility, located at Naperville Fire Station 4, will operate between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday through April 30, 2008.

The budget reductions will, based on historical usage, adequately serve the demand for the HHW regional facility through the remainder of the City of Naperville's fiscal year. They do not violate any of the agreements the city has entered into with either the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) or any of the funding partners. Users of the facility may experience a slightly longer wait for material to be removed from their vehicle. This wait will not jeopardize the safety of anyone involved in the collection activities.

Keep Your Sidewalks Clear!

With winter now a fact of life, residents are reminded to maintain the sidewalks in front of their property and keep them free of obstructions so your neighbors can walk safely. If you've got a fire hydrant adjacent to your property, do everyone a favor and keep it visible by clearing the snow from around it.

The Naperville Municipal Code contains several regulations that are aimed to ensure that sidewalks, and other public rights-of-way, are maintained in a manner to provide safe and unobstructed passage for pedestrians. Following are a few tips for keeping your sidewalks safe:



SNOW and/or ICE – Snow and ice are considered to be obstructions. As such, property owners and/or residents are required to clear sidewalks adjacent to their property within forty-eight (48) hours after a snow/ice weather event. Sidewalks that are used by children to walk to and from school, or where children wait for their school bus, should be cleared immediately. Ref: Section 9-1H-2.

Please aim your snow blower discharge at the parkway or lawn, not into the street! Also, State law protects property owners from any added liability if they shovel their sidewalks, so don't use fear of potential liability as an excuse to not be a good neighbor.

SUMP PUMP DISCHARGES – Sump pumps shall not be directed as to flow over a sidewalk or into a street. Often times, slippery residue and ice from sump discharges build up on the sidewalk creating a dangerous condition. Ref: Section 9-1H-2

PARKING - It is unlawful to park a vehicle over a sidewalk. Furthermore, no part of a parked vehicle may extend over the sidewalk. Doing so makes pedestrians walk into the street to negotiate around the vehicle. This is especially difficult for persons with disabilities. Ref: Sections 11-2A-1 & 11-2A-11

For more information on this or any other Code Enforcement issue, please contact the Code Team by phone at (630) 420-6693



Naperville Park District Notes

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

Winter 2008 program registration

Winter 2008 online program registration begins on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at noon. Visit www.napervilleparks.org for more information.

Santa House

Take a magical trip to visit Santa right on the Naperville Riverwalk at Jackson Avenue and Webster Street where his little house will reside for the holidays. Music and holiday activities will enhance your visit. Admission is free. Photos can be purchased for \$10 each (cash or checks only, please).

Nov. 30-Dec. 16, Fridays: 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Saturdays & Sundays: Noon-6:00 p.m.

December 17-21, Monday-Friday: 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Special Needs Day at Santa House: Thursday, December 6

Pet Day at Santa House: Thursday, December 13

Reservations required for Dec. 6 & 13 only. Call 630-848-3571.

Breakfast with Santa (*registration in progress*)

Spend time with your family enjoying a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, and more while awaiting a visit from Santa Claus. Each registered child will receive a small gift. Don't forget a camera. Registration deadline is Dec. 5.

Times: 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. (Code: 62791) or 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Code: 62792)

Fee: \$14/resident adult; \$21/nonresident adult; \$12/resident child; \$18/nonresident child

Candy Cane Hunt (*registration in progress*)

Join in the fun of a holiday hunt and special seasonal activities in this popular, annual parent/child event! We'll start by making a craft and enjoying refreshments inside the Barn. Later, we'll venture outside to Knoch Park where candy canes big and small will be hidden for the little ones. Prizes will be awarded to the children who find the largest ones. Participants must pre-register for this event no later than Dec. 12. Times: 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (Code: 62793); 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Code: 62794)

Fee: \$12/residents; \$18/nonresidents

Winter Break Camps

It's not too early to think about what your child will be doing over their winter break. The Park District has several camps to keep them entertained. Choose from: Holiday Baseball Camp, Holiday Bowling Camp, Holiday Basketball Camp, Holiday Football Camp, and Rock Climbing Winter Break Camp. Visit www.napervilleparks.org for more details on these and other programs.

Santa's Hotline (forms due Dec. 7)

Would your child like to receive a special telephone call from Santa Claus? If so, please download the Santa's Hotline form at www.napervilleparks.org. Completed forms must be received by the Park District by December 7. Santa will call on Wed., December 12 between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Indian Prairie School District 204

Substitute Teachers & Substitute Teaching Assistants Needed



Be a part of an outstanding school district and serve as an active partner in preparing all District 204 students to succeed. Substitute assignments are available every day and accessible 24/7 via the phone or Internet. Work full-time or on an on-call basis for District 204's permanent teachers and teaching assistants. Take advantage of the numerous locations and flexible days.

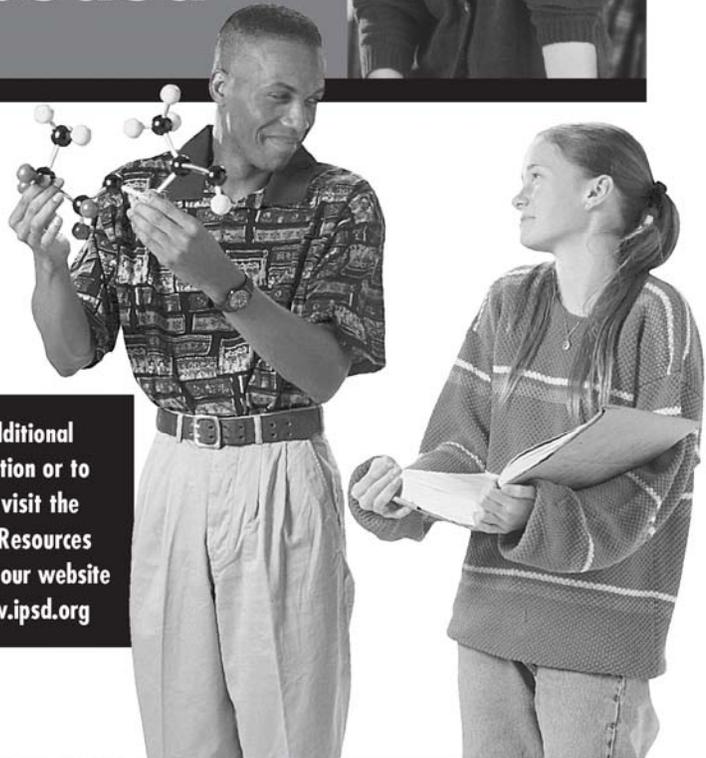
Substitute employment opportunities are perfect for:

- Individuals needing flexible schedules
- Retired teachers
- Job searching college graduates
- Students working on teaching degrees

Qualified substitute teacher candidates must have a valid Illinois teaching certificate or Type 39 substitute certificate (bachelor's degree required).

Qualified substitute teaching assistant candidates must have a valid Paraprofessional Approval.

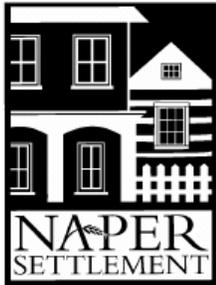
For additional
information or to
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section of our website
at www.ipisd.org



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<http://www.napersettlement.org>

Christmas Memories 2007

Step back in time to a picture-perfect 19th century holiday during Christmas Memories, complete with carolers, festive decorations, reindeer, musical entertainment, the Gingerbread Village Contest, horse-drawn rides and more at Naper Settlement. Hours are from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14-15, and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16. Admission is \$9 adults, \$8 seniors 62+ and \$6.50 youth 4-17. Naperville Heritage Society members receive free admission. One dollar off advance tickets are available at Naper Settlement or these Naperville retailers including Anderson's Bookshop, Canterbury Shoppe, Country Curtains, Just Ducky of Naperville and Oswald's Pharmacy

Breakfast with Mrs. Claus

Santa's youngest fans will love to have breakfast with his cheery wife, Mrs. Claus, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 or Saturday, Dec. 22 at Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Activities, stories, songs and a continental breakfast are included. For children ages 2 to 8 with adult, up to three children per adult. Bring your camera for a memorable moment. Tickets are \$10 per child and \$5 per adult. Reservations are required, call (630) 420-6010.

Gingerbread Village Contest

Flour up the pans and find your best recipe to enter the Gingerbread Village Contest that will be held during Christmas Memories, Dec. 14-16 at Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Last year, more than 30 creative bakers entered the contest. The beautifully decorated confections will be sold to benefit education and preservation programs at Naper Settlement. For an application and a complete set of guidelines for building your gingerbread house, visit www.napersettlement.museum or call (630) 420-6010.

Survivor: Prairie

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a contestant on a reality show? This is your chance! "Survivor: Prairie" will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 27-28 at Naper Settlement. Your challenge will transport you back in time to the American frontier of the 1800s. Participants will use team and problem-solving skills to pack a wagon, bake cornbread, make butter and play like a pioneer. Each day will bring fun and different activities. For boys and girls in grades 1 to 5, the fee is \$45 per day per child. Participate in one or both days. Bring a sack lunch and a drink; snacks are provided. Reserve your spot by calling (630) 420-6010.

Hidden Treasures

Join us for exciting treasure-hunting adventures during "Hidden Treasures," a School's Out program for boys and girls in grades 1 to 5. Seek and find clues, locations and hidden items using maps, compasses, puzzles, secret codes and high-tech GPS devices. Hide your own treasure and make a map for others to find. The program will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. over winter break Jan. 2, 3 and 4 at Naper Settlement. Each day is different. Bring a sack lunch and a drink, snacks are provided. The fee is \$45 per day per child. Make your reservations by calling (630) 420-6010.

Bridal Showcase

The complex job of planning a wedding is made easier with opportunities for one-on-one discussions with 35 vendors at the Bridal Showcase, an annual event that also showcases the charming Century Memorial Chapel at Naper Settlement. Hours are from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11 and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12. Admission is free.

History Speaks Lecture Series: Henry Ford

Join veteran actor Terry Lynch as he provides a first-person interpretation of Henry Ford, a man who hoped to be as big a success in politics as he was in running the Ford Motor Company. The performance is part of the History Speaks Lecture Series, which will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13 in Century Memorial Chapel at Naper Settlement. Admission is \$6 adults, \$5 students and Naperville Heritage Society Sustaining Members. Call (630) 420-6010 for more information.

Grand Tour: Celebrating 125 Years of the Martin Mitchell Mansion

Take an in-depth "Grand Tour" of the award-winning Martin Mitchell Mansion, a Victorian home listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Considered the crown jewel of Naper Settlement, the mansion has been the City's museum since 1939. While celebrating the 125th anniversary of the mansion's construction, learn about the family, the renovations and the building's history in this revealing tour, which will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20 at Naper Settlement. Tickets are \$10. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Make reservations by calling (630) 420-6010.

Dig This!

Dig into the fun of archeology during this School's Out program for boys and girls in grades 1 to 5 to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21 at Naper Settlement. You never know what mysteries from the past you will find. Go behind the scenes and examine items found during the dig at Joe Naper's homestead and uncover your very own artifact! Bring a sack lunch and a drink, snacks are provided. The fee is \$45 per day per child. Make your reservations by calling (630) 420-6010.

Volunteer Open House for teens and adults

Adults and teens in eighth grade and up who are interested in becoming costumed interpreters at Naper Settlement, a historic museum village, are invited to attend one of two open houses that will be held, either from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 or from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30 in the Pre-Emption House Visitor Center at Naper Settlement. Costumed adult and teen volunteers interpret the life and daily work of townspeople from the settlers who came to the area in 1831 to those who lived in the early 1900s. They wear period-appropriate clothing, receive training about the history of Naperville and are provided other information to help them interpret their building assignments. Call Naper Settlement's Volunteer Coordinator at (630) 305-5256 for more information.

Community Comments on Martin-Mitchell Property

On Saturday, November 10th, more than 50 Naperville residents were involved in a "visioning" exercise co-sponsored by the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation and the Naperville League of Women Voters. This exercise asked residents to place themselves in the year 2020 and look back on what Naperville had become with a special emphasis on the land uses surrounding the Martin-Mitchell bequest near downtown Naperville.

Comments from attendees were placed on post-it notes, flip charts, and response cards during the meeting. To read these comments please go to the Confederation website at www.napervillehomeowners.org.

The next step seems to be meetings coordinated by the City after the first of the year. Further developments impacting this topic include the proposed District 203 Naperville Central campus

reconfiguration. The NAHC will continue to monitor this important community development and periodically will post more documents to this topic on our website. To learn more please click on [News & Info](#) in the left hand navigation menu and go to the section on Martin Mitchell property. Additional information can be found on the City of Naperville [website](#)

***For up-to-date information on upcoming meetings or
What is happening around town***

***Please check our website and calendar at
www.napervillehomeowners.org***

***We're looking forward to seeing you at our
Transportation Forum
on December 15th***

***In the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Center
Watch for the next newsletter in early January!!!!***

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