



January 2008 Newsletter

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Happy New Year and Welcome to our first newsletter of 2008! In this month's newsletter we will preview our upcoming **January 19th General meeting which will focus on School Districts 203 and 204**. We'll also 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

One of the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation's commitments is to be an information conduit between governments and our members. Our December meeting brought together representatives from Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Tollway Authority, PACE, Wheatland and Naperville Townships, and the City to answer our members' questions about the state of transportation in our region.

That session, hosted in cooperation with the City of Naperville, offered insights into the transportation puzzle including an in depth look at how funding shortfalls may lead to a literal shutdown of PACE service to our train stations in January. The advice given during our meeting was that commuters should get to know their neighbors and form carpools as State Government cannot be counted on to fix the problem. In retrospect, and even in the absence of the transit funding crisis, this is an excellent idea as carpooling will help reduce congestion and pollution!

It was heartening to hear how the various departments reach out across jurisdictional boundaries to cooperate. With road funding from the gas tax limited to a fixed amount per gallon, increasing oil prices have led to tighter road budgets as less driving coupled with improved fuel economy means fewer motor fuel tax dollars to build and maintain our roads.

I would like to thank our meeting guests as well as the audience members who provided excellent questions. I would also like to thank Naperville's Community Relations and Transportation, Engineering, and Design (TED) groups for their assistance in putting together the session.

Looking ahead to our January meeting, we will once again bring representatives from local taxing bodies in front of our membership with a focus on area School Districts. While still finalizing the agenda, plans are to look at the upcoming 203 referendum, get an update on 204's planned new high school, and provide an opportunity for our members to question the entities that represent the bulk of our property tax dollars.

For those of you wondering about our annual tradeshow, held in January for the past seven years, the NAHC Board has decided to step back in 2008 and review the structure, format, and timing of the tradeshow. The show has become an important part of our mission within the Naperville community, and I anticipate this one year hiatus will allow it to return even stronger in 2009.

We look forward to seeing all area homeowners on Saturday, January 19th, in Naperville Municipal Center meeting rooms A, B, and C for our meeting focused on Public Schools. As usual, we will start at 8 AM with coffee, donuts, and networking; begin the formal meeting at 8:30; and end with our Open Forum, allowing everyone to get on with their day following our 10:30 AM adjournment. For more details please check our website at www.napervillehomeowners.com.

See you then!

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

NAHC January Meeting Focuses on Education

As homeowners are well aware, the lion's share of our property tax dollars goes to education. In Naperville Township in 2005, homes within School District 203 saw 73% of their tax dollars earmarked for primary and secondary education. With annual budgets each in excess of \$200 million dollars, both Districts 203 and 204 could rank among the 200 largest public companies in the Chicago area. Our return on this investment is substantial as reflected by highly ranked national test scores, student achievement, and excellent extracurricular programs in athletics, music, arts, and sciences. This investment is also reflected in our property values as part of what makes the Naperville area desirable, are the excellent educational opportunities available within the community.

The school districts are also regularly in the news. 203 is proposing a referendum question to voters in February to address facility issues while 204 continues to pursue a third high school site. The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation wants to help residents learn more about our schools. To this end we will focus on education at our next regular monthly meeting on January 19th. Invitations have been extended to administrators and Board members to come to our meeting, talk about their Districts, and answer questions from our homeowners.

Beyond the focus on education there will also be Confederation business including a review of our 2008 budget and our regular Open Forum of Homeowner Issues and Concerns.

We are looking forward to seeing many area residents on Saturday morning, January 19th, in the Naperville Municipal Center meeting rooms A, B, and C. The formal meeting will start sharply at 8:30 AM, but please come early for coffee, donuts, and the opportunity to meet, greet, and settle in. More details will be posted on the Confederation website at www.napervillehomeowners.org.

75th Street Corridor Study

The City of Naperville is looking to the public for input on the strengths, constraints and future opportunities for the 75th Street Corridor. A public meeting will be held on January 8, 2008 at 7 p.m. in meeting rooms A, B, and C of the Municipal Center, located at 400 S. Eagle Street. In addition, an online survey regarding the Corridor is available through February 4, 2008 on the city's Web site at www.naperville.il.us/75street.aspx.

City of Naperville
75th Street Corridor Study Area



The public meeting and survey are part of the 75th Street Corridor Study, which encompasses the area located between the city's municipal boundary on the east and the intersection of 75th Street and Washington Street on the west. In addition to serving as a gateway to Naperville, 75th Street supports significant volumes of traffic and utility infrastructure. The character of the corridor varies greatly from east to west, and, although largely developed, it includes several parcels that may be subject to future development or consolidation and redevelopment activity.

The study will help to provide guidance for the future development of the 75th Street Corridor. It will focus on an analysis of market conditions; land use; transportation and access; utilities; corridor

enhancements; and implementation strategies. When completed, the 75th Street Corridor Study will be adopted as an update to the 1998 East Sector Plan.

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.

All members of the public including residents, business owners, and other interested parties are encouraged to provide input and comments throughout the study process. Representatives from the City of Naperville will be available at the public meeting to discuss the project and answer questions on an individual basis. For more information on the 75th Street Corridor Study, visit www.naperville.il.us/75street.aspx.

Confederation 2008 Dues and Membership Survey

With the New Year, the NAHC is once again collecting annual dues from our association members, in addition to your dues payment; the NAHC would also like feedback from you about how well we serve your association!

Member Associations can go to the NAHC website at www.napervillehomeowners.org to download our 2008 membership survey, complete it, and return it to us! Your input will help us do a better job of planning our programs and understanding how we can best help our members.

Please return a 2008 Dues check for \$30 along with your completed survey.

If your Association is not currently a Confederation member, you can also go to the website to download and complete the Membership Application (which also includes the survey) and send it to us along with your 2008 dues.

In the event your association overlooked their 2007 dues, we would appreciate receiving them as well. Dues are the primary form of income for the Confederation and support our activities including meetings, issue and candidate forums, and the "legal requirements" that need to be funded to stay in operation and serve our members.

Thanks for your help!!!

Voting Information for February Election

Tuesday, January 8, 2008, is the last day an individual may register and be eligible to vote in the February 5, 2008, General Primary Election. Voter registration is available for both DuPage and Will County residents at the Naperville City Clerk's Office, located in the Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street. Hours for registration are Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM, and Saturday, January 5, from 9 AM to noon. To register to vote you must produce two pieces of identification, one of which must show your current address; the other must be a photo ID.

Absentee voting is available to those who are registered and will be:

- Absent from the county
- College or university students temporarily residing away from their home precincts
- Temporarily absent from the country
- Serving as a judge of election outside his/her precinct
- Observing a religious holiday
- Performing official election duties
- Performing election law enforcement duties



- Physically incapacitated (temporarily incapacitated)
- Pre-trial detainee or called for jury duty

The last day the county can mail an absentee ballot to a voter is the Thursday (5 days) prior to the election. The voted ballot must be postmarked by the day before the election in order to be counted.

Full details about absentee voting are available on the internet. For information concerning DuPage County, visit <http://cms.dupageelections.com/pages.asp?pageid=229> .

Will County residents please see:

<http://www.willclrk.com/votingabsentee.htm#Absentee%20in%20Person>

Early "in-person" voting for the February 5, 2008, General Primary Election is available January 14-31, 2008. Unlike absentee voting, early voting does not require a reason for submitting a ballot before Election Day. Early voting information for DuPage County can be found at: <http://cms.dupageelections.com/pages.asp?pageid=1130>
For Will County at: <http://www.willclrk.com/earlyvoting.htm>

Winter Gardening Tips from University of Illinois Extension DuPage County

- Indoors, it is important to keep holiday plants fresh and blooming. Most of the blooming holiday plants prefer to be in a cool room. This keeps the plant in flower longer. Most holiday plants also need a bright room (some do well with direct sun, others do not). Keep these plants out of drafts to keep them in good health.
- Order seeds from catalogs by the end of January. Early orders help ensure that you get the seeds you want and that you have them in time to start them indoors if you want.
- Some insects come into the house looking for a place to rest for the winter. Common nuisance pests are box elder bugs, house flies, squash bugs, and the multi-colored Asian ladybeetles. As you encounter these insects, just vacuum them up. Avoid smashing them as some leave stains or odors when smashed.
- It is important not to store firewood in the house. Insects can come in with firewood. Leave the wood outside until you are ready to build a fire. Firewood should never be treated with insecticides.
- Attend a gardening class at the University of Illinois Extension DuPage County, see our "Ready, Set, Grow" list of Winter/Spring classes on our website at www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage . (There is a \$10. fee for some classes.)



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DuPage Children's MUSEUM

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January 2008

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 and drop in our Studio for extra fun. DuPage Children's Museum is open on the following days during Winter Break!

Lots to choose from and all free with admission!
10:00 a.m. - Noon & 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Studio

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| Jan. 2 Paper Mosaics | Jan. 4 Snowflake Patterns |
| Jan. 3 Wheel Painting | Jan. 5 Dabbling Dough |

Huge Box Sculpture: This class for ages 5-8 combines the inspiration of a good book, *Christina Katerina and the Box*, with creative visual arts expression. Participate in a dramatic reading, then create your own box art and share your creation over a story-themed snack. You'll build literacy and creativity!
Fee: Member / Child Partner \$16; Non-member / Child Partner \$20

Date	Ages	Code	Title	Time
Jan. 8	5-8	BB-108	Books and Beyond	4:00-5:00 p.m.

Cupcake Creations: Discover your artistic talent and learn real decorating techniques in our cupcake decorating class! Each child will take home new skills, 3 decorated cupcakes (including one edible "potted plant") and more!
Fee: Member / Child Partner \$24; Non-member / Child Partner \$26

Date	Ages	Code	Title	Time
Feb. 7	5-10	AW-108	Cake Decorating	4:00-5:30 p.m.



Emotional Intelligence and Children's Learning
Parents, professionals and caregivers are invited to attend this thought-provoking workshop about emotional intelligence and how it impacts early childhood learning. Instructor Ann Felt is a speech pathologist, author, parent-educator and life coach. Her book, *Loving the Children* will be available for signing. Call now to register! (1.5 CPDUs) More information about this and other Just for Grown Ups programs is available online, at www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org/programs_JFG.html.
DCM Member \$15; Non-member \$20

Jan. 10	JFG-108	Emotional Intelligence	7:00 - 8:30 p.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.

January 12 - Steven Keefe, Family Jug Band

January 26 - DuPage Symphony Orchestra, music



Bear Scout Martin Luther King Day Programs: School's off-time for some scouting! Bring the whole den or come with a parent. Bear scouts will experiment with electricity, make an electromagnet, then can stay and enjoy the new *Wheel Works of Art* exhibit, and play in the Museum! Adults must stay with Scouts.
Fee: \$8 per Scout; \$4.25 per Adult

Date	Code	Title	Times
Jan. 21	SHP-108	Bear Scout Electricity	10:00-11:00 a.m.
Jan. 21	SHP-208	Bear Scout Electricity	11:00-Noon
Jan. 21	SHP-308	Bear Scout Electricity	1:00-2:00 p.m.
Jan. 21	SHP-408	Bear Scout Electricity	2:00-3:00 p.m.

Start in Art®: Starting in art helps 2-3 year-olds discover its basics. Art and literacy go together when you sculpt, paint and create colorful collages. You'll invent stories about paintings and make powerful connections between images and written words. Classes include 3 sessions (see below).

Date	Ages	Code	Title	Times
Jan. 9, 16 & 23	2-3	SIA-108	Art Tells A Story	9:30-10:15 a.m.
Jan. 9, 16 & 23	2-3	SIA-208	Art Tells A Story	10:45-11:30 a.m.

Jumpin' and Jvin'--Hop 'n' Bop®: Step up to the next sequence in dancing and rhythm. Learn simple steps and use visual choreography patterns to plan and dance your own dance.
Member / Child Partner \$19; Non-member / Child Partner \$14

Date	Ages	Code	Title	Time
Jan. 19	2-3	HNB-208	Hop 'n' Bop	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 who withdraw prior to the week before classes begin will be charged a 25% administrative fee.

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

Illinois Radon Awareness Act is set to take effect Jan. 1



Beginning January 1, homebuyers must be provided with two pieces of information: the “Radon Testing Guidelines for Real Estate Transactions” and a “Disclosure of Information on Radon Hazards.” The new law doesn’t require that homes be tested for radon prior to the sale or that radon remediation work be conducted if test results show high levels of radon. However, under the new law, if a radon test has been conducted on the home those results must be provided to the buyer.

Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless radioactive gas that comes from the radioactive decay of naturally occurring uranium in the soil. It can enter homes and buildings through small cracks in the foundation, sump pumps or soil in crawlspaces. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has determined that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the nation, but the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers. The National Academy of Sciences and the Surgeon General estimate that 21,000 radon-related lung cancer deaths occur annually in the United States, as many as 1,160 of those in Illinois.

To help real estate agents and private sellers of residential property comply with the new law, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) developed the “Radon Testing Guidelines for Real Estate Transactions” brochure, which provides information for the homebuyer including test options for real estate transactions, recommendations on who should conduct a radon test related to a home sale, guidelines on proper testing and information about what to do if the test results show elevated levels of radon.

The “Radon Testing Guidelines for Real Estate Transactions” brochure, a sample “Disclosure of Information on Radon Hazards,” several other radon publications, results from a statewide radon study, lists of licensed radon measurement and mitigation professionals and requests for free home test kits are all available on the IEMA website at www.radon.illinois.gov. Radon information and free home test kits are also available through the radon hotline at 1-800-325- 1245.

Brick Paver Patio Permits

Effective January 1, 2008, the City of Naperville will require permits for the construction of brick paver patios. Under the new regulations, brick paver patios greater than 150 square feet are considered an accessory structure; and therefore required to comply with the accessory structure regulations. A drainage and grading plan will be required if the patio exceeds 500 square feet in area, or is closer than 15 feet to the lot line, or is closer than 5 feet to an easement.

It is the responsibility of the homeowner or contractor to secure the required permit prior to beginning any construction.

CERT Trained Volunteers Ready to Assist In Emergency

What would happen if a major disaster were to strike this area? Who could members of the community turn to in the hours and days following a crisis? Recent events have shown that immediately following a disaster, emergency personnel must prioritize, by severity, the huge number of calls they receive. A response to lower priority calls can sometimes take 72 hours during a major disaster or county-wide emergency. One way to become better prepared is by attending training classes for CERT, Community Emergency Response Team. The role of a CERT volunteer is to help others until the first responders can arrive on scene and then assist them as needed.

Sessions, which require 20 hours to complete, consist of classroom instruction and hands-on exercises. A series of four evening classes culminate in an all-day disaster simulation where trainees can practice what they have learned. For more information on CERT training, contact John Flannery at (630) 305-5215 or flanneryj@naperville.il.us



Naperville Park District Notes

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

Winter 2008 program registration

Winter 2008 program registration is already underway. To register for a Park District program, please visit www.napervilleparks.org or call 630-848-5000.

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.

Culinary: Winter Grilling - January 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

We will warm your palate with some very creative grilling methods including an indoor smoker box. You will help prepare and enjoy a Caribbean menu including grilled shrimp with mango-mint marinade, pan-grilled pork tenderloin with maple-chili glaze and stovetop smoked salmon with corn and pepper succotash. Top it off with grilled pineapple with coconut snowballs. Designed for those 16 and up. Registration required. Two Kitchens, 2035 S. Washington St., Naperville, IL www.napervilleparks.org \$53(R)/\$80(N)

Bye Bye Birdie (Magical Starlight Theatre)

Performances for this classic will be held on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at Naperville Central High School Theatre from January 11-27. Matinee and evening shows are available. Purchase tickets for \$8/person online at www.napervilleparks.org or at the door on the day of the performance. No refunds on advance purchase of tickets. More information at www.napervilleparks.org .

Know Your Retirement Number - January 15, 7:15-9:00 p.m.

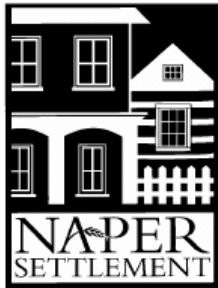
How much do you need to have a comfortable and secure life in retirement? If you would like to know the answer, this is the program for you. You will learn about the different investment choices available, the higher limits for retirement plans, catch up numbers for people age 50+ and tax deductible as well as tax deferred investments that can help you save taxes today and have more retirement income tomorrow. Designed for those 18 and up. Registration required. Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center – Classroom 206, 305 W. Jackson Ave. 630-848-5000 www.napervilleparks.org \$9(R)/\$18(N)

The Lorax dance performance – 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. January 19

Watch the Naperville Park District's dance students as they present their adaptation of the Dr. Seuss story, *The Lorax*. This children's story brings to life the plight of the environment by way of the Lorax, a character of Seuss's creation. The performance, which will be held at the Naperville North High School auditorium, features Park District dance students of all ages and dance levels telling the story. Tickets are \$6 per person. No refunds on advance purchase tickets.

It's time for winter fun!

When the snow flies and the temperature dips way down low, it's time for sledding and ice skating at the Naperville Park District! The Park District has seven neighborhood sled hills, including the Riverwalk Sled Hill. And, there's even a snowboarding-only hill at Weigand Riverfront Park. For more information on sledding locations, conditions and rules, please visit www.napervilleparks.org. Additionally, the Park District operates a community ice skating rink at Gartner Park and three rinks at Centennial Park along the Riverwalk. For locations, current ice conditions, and skating rules, please visit www.napervilleparks.org



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Upcoming Happenings at Naper Settlement

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<http://www.napersettlement.org>

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.

Manners for Minors - for ages 5-7

Drop the kids off on Saturday, February 2nd, for this class in modern manners with an old-fashioned twist. Learn appropriate greetings, pet etiquette, telephone manners, how to set the table and proper ways to write thank you cards. Kids also practice table manners while eating a hot lunch. There will be some great take home reminders, too. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Ages 8-12: \$45/child, \$40/NHSS member



CAI Illinois Presents its 26th Annual Trade Show

"Community Living - A Thrilling Ride!"

January 19, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare
9300 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Rosemont, IL

The CAI Annual Trade Show and Conference is rapidly approaching! As the Trade Show grows larger each year, CAI's need for volunteers grows as well. This year CAI-IL is looking for interested parties willing to donate their time to help with various duties at the Trade Show.

Individuals that volunteer 2+ hours on this day will be eligible to attend the full trade show and conference for \$40! (Regular rate is \$50 Member/ \$70 Non-Member). This **VOLUNTEER PRICE** includes educational sessions, catered lunch, free parking, session handouts and a Trade Show book

If you are interested in volunteering your time and services for the 2008 CAI Trade Show whether or not you wish to attend the full trade show, please download the Volunteer form and return it to the Illinois Chapter office as soon as possible. THANK YOU!

If you are planning to attend the show, download a registration form from the CAI website at www.cai-illinois.org

For more information, please contact the Chapter office at 847-301-7505 or email the CAI at info@cai-illinois.org.

Martin-Mitchell Property Update

The City of Naperville will begin the public input process for the Caroline Martin-Mitchell properties in early 2008. The public process will follow the School District 203 referendum vote on February 5, 2008 that will determine the future plans for Naperville Central High School.

In December, the District 203 School Board approved the recommendation to expand and renovate Naperville Central High School, rather than construct a new facility. However, a referendum is required to ask voters to approve the issuance of building bonds to cover the construction costs. The decision regarding the future plans for the high school is essential in determining the proposed use of the Martin-Mitchell properties.

In her Last Will and Testament, Caroline Martin-Mitchell, one of the earliest settlers in DuPage County, conveyed four parcels of land to the City of Naperville for park, municipal and public purposes. This land is now occupied by a number of groups, including Edward Hospital, Naper Settlement, the Garden Plots, the Sportsman's Club and the Von Oven Estate. Through intergovernmental cooperation, the hope is that improvements can be coordinated and facilities may even be shared in an effort to provide an efficient land use pattern for this area.

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. 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 NAHC will continue to monitor this important community development and periodically will post documents on this topic to our website. To learn more please go to www.napervillehomeowners.org and click on News & Info in the left hand navigation menu to go to the section on the Martin Mitchell property. Additional information can also be found on the City of Naperville website at www.naperville.il.us/mitchell.aspx.

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

Meeting on January 19th

In meeting rooms A, B, and C of the Municipal Center

Watch for the next newsletter in early February!!!!

***Bob Fischer
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Director - NAHC***