



# February 2008 Newsletter

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In this month's newsletter we will preview our upcoming **February 16<sup>th</sup> joint meeting with the Mayor and City Council which will focus on Naperville's Libraries.** In accordance with this focus, **the meeting will be held at the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library.** 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](mailto:rafischer1@aol.com)

## President's Letter

Looking around Naperville, there are many fine organizations and dedicated individuals working to make this a great place to live. For over 25 years the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation has been an integral part of the community. As a voice of our residents, we have been in the forefront of many of the things that makes Naperville great. Here are some highlights and examples:

During the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, NAHC members coordinated residents marching from the four corners of the City to the Municipal Center for the birthday cake ceremony. This symbolic bringing together of our residents was a reminder of how our community is the sum total of many neighborhoods, linked together to create a community of which we are all proud.

On the legislative front, the NAHC works closely with City staff on issues important to our residents. Cooperative efforts that established Naperville as a model for other communities included cable television competition and the improvement of fire alarm monitoring and reporting in multi-family dwellings. A partnership between the City, NAHC, and Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce crafted new ordinance language regulating home based businesses, significantly reducing problems caused by businesses that were not good neighbors. Moving forward, our liaison committees, which are open to all NAHC members, continue to interact with the City, school and park districts.

The NAHC is a conduit bringing knowledge and services to our community. For the last seven years our trade show and homeowners' expo brought together resources, suppliers, and information. Moving forward the NAHC is planning educational forums to assist homeowners associations better serve their members. Our monthly meetings focus on topics as diverse as transportation, social services, and parental responsibility.

Finally, the NAHC is all about people. NAHC "alumni" are found on nearly every Board and Commission in our community including City Council, Plan Commission, TAB, and Park and School Districts. The NAHC provides a place where residents develop their leadership skills to serve our community!

To learn more about the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation, come to our next meeting on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, focusing on the Naperville Public Libraries. The meeting, starting at 8 AM with coffee, donuts, and networking, will be at the **95<sup>th</sup> Street Library**, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr. In addition to an in depth look at the libraries, we will also hear an update on municipal planning including the 75th Street corridor plan. Further details are on our website, [www.napervillehomeowners.com](http://www.napervillehomeowners.com).

See you then!

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## **NAHC February Meeting Focuses on the Naperville Public Library**



The nationally recognized Naperville Public Library is one of the reasons why Naperville ranks among the top places to live in the country. More than just a place to check out the latest books, the Library is an integral part of our community with reading, cultural, and educational programs for all ages, audio, video, print, and on-line resources, and more. For February we want to learn more about what the Library has to offer Naperville area homeowners and how we can better take advantage of the wide-range of offerings and services. As part of this focus, we are heading to the south side of town and will hold this joint meeting with the City Council at the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library.

Beyond the presentations from the Library, we will also hear a report from the Naperville Transportation Engineering and Design team on planning studies with a particular emphasis on the ongoing 75<sup>th</sup> Street Study (see below). Coupling these presentations with the opportunity to interact with our City elected officials and our Open Forum Q&A makes this Saturday morning meeting a must attend for our membership!

We are looking forward to seeing a full house of area residents on Saturday morning, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr. 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](http://www.napervillehomeowners.org).

## **Thefts From Associations**

In its January 28<sup>th</sup> editions the Chicago Tribune reported on complaints associated with the potential loss of millions of dollars in condominium associations' funds for associations managed by the Regent Realty Group. The Tribune article can be found at <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-condo-probe-webjan29,0,5947910.story>.

While the investigation is ongoing, it appears based on this original article that there were some 30 police reports filed covering many of the 40 associations managed by Regent. This story highlights two important considerations. The first is that even with a professional management company, Association Boards need to exercise diligence over financial records and reporting. The second is the importance to Associations of Illinois Public Act 095-0318 which went into effect on January 1, 2008.



This new law (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=095-0318>) requires that Associations have a fidelity bond in place (paid for by the association) in an amount not less than all monies of the association in the custody or control of the community association manager. Please ensure that your association is in compliance, As shown in the Tribune article, there is a definite need for this level of protection.

## **Naperville Circulator Transit Study**



The City of Naperville is conducting a Circulator Transit Study to examine the potential for the successful implementation of a local transit service within the city. The public will have the opportunity to provide input on the need for the proposed transit service, as well as service standards, and the role of transit in Naperville through an online survey that will be available January 21 through February 22, 2008 at [www.naperville.il.us/circulator.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/circulator.aspx).

A circulator transit service is a local service that provides mobility within a defined area, such as within the boundaries of Naperville; and provides connections between the local service area and other regional transit services, such as Metra stations and Pace routes. The Study will analyze the market for a circulator service in Naperville and help identify important locations to serve. It will also address the relationship with existing Metra and Pace service, as well as Ride DuPage.

Through the Circulator Study, the city hopes to determine the characteristics of a circulator transit service that will best meet the needs of Naperville residents, workers, and visitors, and to fully design such a service. In addition, the city would like to develop a feasible plan to effectively implement the designed transit service.

The Circulator Study will result in recommendations concerning service specifications for implementing the transit service, including identification of potential funding sources, a plan for marketing the service, and strategies for monitoring and evaluating the service's performance. A steering committee has also been formed and Confederation Director Bob Fischer and Treasurer Kathy Benson are both members of this group

## **Confederation Meetings – Your Chance to Learn More About Our Community**

The Confederation's January meeting included updates on important developments occurring in Naperville Community Unit School District 203 and Indian Prairie District 204. District 203 Superintendent Alan Leis discussed the upcoming February 5, 2008 referendum on improvements to District facilities. For more information, see the District's [Decision for the Future](http://www.naperville203.org/about/decisionforfuture.asp) webpage (<http://www.naperville203.org/about/decisionforfuture.asp>). District 204 Superintendent Stephen Daeschner discussed the recently announced agreement to purchase land on Eola Road for the District's third high school. Subsequent to the Confederation meeting, [the purchase was approved](http://ipsdweb.ipsd.org/News.aspx?id=17332) by the 204 Board (<http://ipsdweb.ipsd.org/News.aspx?id=17332>). Thank you to both Superintendents for their informative presentations.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars as we have very interesting and informative meetings scheduled over the next few months.

As reported above our February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will focus on the Naperville Public Library system and will be held at the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library.

In March, we will zero in on our legislators. This meeting on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, will be held in the Naperville Municipal Center City Council Chambers. We have invited U.S. Congresswoman Judy Biggert as well as Lieutenant Governor Quinn, State Senators Dillard and Hultgren, and State Representatives Dunn (who has declined to attend) and Meyer. As more details and attendees are confirmed, we will post the information on the Confederation website.

Our April meeting, scheduled for Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>, in the Municipal Center meeting rooms A, B, and C will focus on the various social services available within our community to assist homeowners in need. There are a variety of services available municipally and through the townships and other organizations and we will have speakers address and explain some of these. There will also be information available to take home as a reference. Our educational seminar on Homeowner Association legal requirements and responsibilities will follow this meeting.

The NAHC is committed to providing meeting topics that are valuable to our community. Please contact us if you have ideas for future meetings and keep checking our website for information updates on all future meetings.

## **Parkway Snowplow Damage?**

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



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

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

## **Zoning & Land Use Update**

Patricia Meyer, Associate director, and Toby Hayer of the Confederation Zoning and Land Use Liaison Committee met with Greg Jones of City Staff for our monthly update land use, and construction projects in Naperville. Staff provided the following development reports/status:



- *Kids Sports* (Fort Hill near new Public Works Building) obtaining permit and it is anticipated that ground breaking will occur in the spring.
- *Petsmart* is planned for 111<sup>th</sup> & Rte 59
- *Flat Top Grill* on Washington downtown ran into some delays but will be opening soon.
- *Property between the Ponds of Hobson West*. Crestview Builders are in Final Engineering. The deadline for the “no build” Council direction expires on Jan 30.
- *Caroline Martin Mitchell Bequest realignment*. The discussion/topic remains on hold until after the Feb 5 election due to the District 203 referendum
- *“Attainable Housing”* (This is one of the priorities of Council for the year). Consultant (Daniel Lauber) has been hired to do a study/report on the market cost of housing in Naperville, the income of Napervillians and the gaps between the two. The report is expected to be completed by the end of the summer. Staff intends to have a survey which will be sent to a representative sample of Naperville residents. (see item later in this newsletter on CDBG Block Grants).
- *5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Study*. RFQ is in process for Transportation and Parking Costs. Staff believes it will take until May to select a consultant. A Manager's Memo will be going to Council shortly. Otherwise the study is in a “holding pattern” which is how Staff has and will handle any plans which may come in
- *Edward Hospital*: South Parking Garage is nearing completion. Anticipated that completion will be March or April.
- *Naper Olympic property* on 75<sup>th</sup> Street is being remodeled for medical offices
- *Properties located on Naper and Plank Road* (county zoned) – property cleared for sale purposes.

## **Confederation 2008 Dues and Membership Survey**

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

Member Associations can go to the NAHC website at [www.napervillehomeowners.org](http://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 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!!!***

## **NAHC Assists in Review of SECA Guidelines**

The strength of Naperville flows from a variety of community organizations and opportunities, which provide a well-rounded quality of life. The City encourages celebrations of community and cultural opportunities that focus on the heritage, diversity and character of our residents. In support of these activities, the City of Naperville offers funds, derived from the city-wide 1% Food and Beverage Tax,



for the purpose of aiding eligible organizations in providing new and continued cultural experiences. The Special and Events & Cultural Amenities (SECA) Fund Grant began in 2005 and through the following three years has allocated over \$6.5 Million to grant applicants.

In late 2007, the City formed a SECA Ad Hoc Citizens Committee to review the guidelines being used to determine fund eligibility and to formulate a SECA Master Plan. The Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation was represented on this committee which developed a system for applicant ranking, fund eligibility and funding guidelines. The City Council has now accepted these recommendations and is proceeding with allocation of funds

for 2008. It is anticipated that the Council will also approve the creation of a SECA Cultural Advisory Commission for the purpose of recommending how SECA revenues will be allocated beyond 2008.

## **75<sup>th</sup> 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. If you haven't made your feelings known, 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](http://www.naperville.il.us/75street.aspx).

City of Naperville  
75th Street Corridor Study Area



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.

All members of the public including residents, business owners, and other interested parties are encouraged to provide input and comments throughout the study process. For more information on the 75th Street Corridor Study, visit [www.naperville.il.us/75street.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/75street.aspx). NAHC members will hear an update on the study from Ying Liu of the City TED workgroup at our Saturday, February 16th Membership meeting at 8:30 AM at the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library.

## Use the Confederation Calendar

The Calendar on the Confederation website is your source for what is happening around Naperville. In addition to NAHC meetings and events, we also post municipal meetings and things of interest around town. During the month of December our calendar took over 3000 “hits” with many people using the “print” feature to download more information. To have your organization's event listed on the NAHC Website Calendar, send an email to the Confederation webmaster ([nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com](mailto:nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com)) and include the details of your event for inclusion on the calendar.



*Note: The NAHC reserves the right to edit or reject any notice submitted for the calendar*

## Don't Forget to Vote on February 5th

Illinois is making a pitch to be involved in key choices for 2008 by moving the primary election from its previous March date to February 5<sup>th</sup>. Whether you are a Republican, Democrat, or independent, the ballot may have something of interest to you.



In addition to party primary elections where the slates of candidates for county, state and federal government elections in November will be chosen, voters in District 203 will have the opportunity to vote in the referendum on funding for facility remodeling, enhancements, and expansion. This is an important decision for the future of District 203 and the NAHC urges our members to research and understand the issues associated with this request for funds to be invested in brick and mortar and for the future of education in our community. Information can be found on the District's [Decision for the Future](#) webpage.

DuPage County residents are urged to Vote NO on the **countywide sales tax referendum**. This referendum is no longer needed due to the State's increase of sales taxes for mass transit funding. While the County Board has indicated they will not implement this tax if passed, it is much more prudent to vote “no” so that the temptation to implement is not present.

To vote, residents must present a photo ID such as a driver's license. If the driver's license is not updated with the current address and the resident hasn't received their voter registration card, a checkbook or utility bill is acceptable.

Regular voting for the primary election will take place on Tuesday, February 5 with polling places open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information on polling places, visit the Your Place application on the City of Naperville's Web site at [maps.naperville.il.us/YourPlace](http://maps.naperville.il.us/YourPlace) and enter your home address.

# DuPage Children's MUSEUM

...where learning comes in to play™!



## February 2008

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

**Tiger Scout Presidents' Day Programs:** School's off-time for some scouting! Tiger Scouts will experiment with birdseed, pinecones and other things to **Feed the Birds**; then can stay and play in the Museum, including new exhibits! Bring the whole den or come with a parent. Adults must stay with Scouts.  
Fee: \$8 per Scout; \$4.25 per Adult



Date	Code	Title	Times
Feb. 18	SHP-508	Tiger Scout Feed the Birds	10:00-11:00 a.m.
Feb. 18	SHP-608	Tiger Scout Feed the Birds	11:00 a.m.-Noon
Feb. 18	SHP-708	Tiger Scout Feed the Birds	1:00-2:00 p.m.
Feb. 18	SHP-808	Tiger Scout Feed the Birds	2:00-3:00 p.m.

**THE BAMBOO PRINCESS:** Join this unique exploration of the inspiration for Japanese anime and manga – Kamishibai storytelling. This class combines the building of literacy skills with visual arts expression as children create their own Kamishibai story illustrations to take home. Kid-friendly sushi snack included.  
Fee: Member / Child Partner \$16; Non-member / Child Partner \$20

Date	Ages	Code	Title	Time
Mar. 5	5-8	BB-508	The Bamboo Princess	4:00-5:00 p.m.

### Plan Ahead for Summer Mini-Camps!

Save when you register your children early, by May 30!

**Early Bird Cost:** \$80 Members / \$90 Non-members;  
**Cost after May 30:** \$90 Members / \$100 Non-members

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

**COOL CHEMICAL CONCOCTIONS:** Amaze yourself by making concoctions that change colors, bubble, fizz and ooze. Experience science as fun, learn new terms and see what it's like to be a chemist!

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

Dates	Ages	Code	Title	Times
June 24, 25, 26	7-10	SMC-108	Carpentry	9:00 a.m.-Noon
July 15, 16, 17	7-10	SMC-208	Chemical	9:00 a.m.-Noon
July 22, 23, 24	7-10	SMC-308	Electric	9:00 a.m.-Noon
July 22, 23, 24	7-10	SMC-408	Electric	1:30-4:30 p.m.

**Donations of HAPPY SCRAPS needed:** February 9, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, please bring your donations to the DuPage Children's Museum lobby. For details about what's needed, please visit our web site, call 630-637-8000 x6660 or send an eMail to: [happyscraps@dupagechildrensmuseum.org](mailto:happyscraps@dupagechildrensmuseum.org).



**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:  
**February 9** - Betsey Means, Storytelling  
**February 23** - Lauren Omelson, Ballet

### Good Show! Performance

**Sunday, February 24,** Washington Junior High School will be hosting a benefit performance of *High School Musical*, starting at 2 p.m. Advance tickets (available at the Museum) are just \$4 each. Tickets will also be for sale on performance day, at the school. All proceeds will benefit DuPage Children's Museum, so please show your support by attending this great family-friendly play!  
**When:** Sunday, February 24, 2008, starting at 2:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Washington Junior High School, in Naperville  
**Cost:** Only \$4 per person--bring your friends!

**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

Date	Ages	Code	Title	Times
Feb. 27	2-4	MM-108	Makin' Munchies	9:45-10:15 a.m.
Feb. 27	2-4	MM-208	Makin' Munchies	10:45-11:15 a.m.

**Jumpin' and Jivin'--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 \$12; Non-member / Child Partner \$14

Date	Ages	Code	Title	Time
Feb. 28	2-3	HNB-308	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.

(Please flip this to see other side.)

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

## Confederation Elections

At the Confederation's annual meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>, in accordance with our Bylaws we will elect a portion of the Confederation Board of Directors. Please consider this as notice of the upcoming election. Board members to be elected include Secretary, Treasurer, and two at-large directors. The

incumbents, Kathy Benson, Marilyn Briscoe, Mike Reilly, and Marcia Straub, respectively, are all eligible for re-election. In addition, any person who, at the time of the election, is a member of a homeowners association which is a Confederation member may seek and hold office on the Confederation Board of Directors; except that there shall be no more than one Confederation Officer or a total of two Confederation Board of Directors members from any one Confederation member. A proposed slate of Nominees will be chosen by a nominating committee established by the members of the Confederation at our March general membership meeting. In addition, individuals may be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting.

The roles and responsibilities of the offices to be elected are as follows:

**Secretary:** shall keep the current minutes of all Confederation Board of Directors meetings; shall present a written report of the Confederation's previous year's activities at the Annual meeting; and shall be responsible for all correspondence relating to the business of the Confederation. The confederation Board of directors shall approve all material correspondence of the Confederation and the Confederation Board of Directors. The Secretary shall also keep current a list of Member associations and persons to contact, and shall maintain duplicate copies of the corporate records. The Secretary shall be responsible for all communications with Member associations or others as the President or the Board of Directors direct.

**Treasurer:** Shall collect and receive all monies and assessments and deposit them to the credit of the Confederation in a bank approved by the Confederation Board of Directors; shall render a statement of accounts to the Confederation Board of Directors and to the Confederation membership at regular meetings; shall issue receipts for assessments upon request; shall challenge the right to vote of any Confederation member not in good standing at the time of any vote by reason of being in arrears in its payments of assessments; shall present a financial report in writing at the Annual meeting; and shall keep a list of all Confederation members currently in good standing. The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing the annual budget to be approved by the members at the November meeting of each year. The Treasurer shall disburse funds that are included in the budget line items upon presentation of adequate documentation for such items.

**At-Large Board Members:** shall be the chairpersons of Ad Hoc Committees of the Confederation as formed at the Direction of the Confederation board of Directors. Four persons shall be elected At Large members of the Board of Directors. They shall be eligible to assume the terms and duties of Confederation officers, if such officers resign, refuse, become ineligible, or are otherwise not able to fulfill their terms. At-Large Board Members: shall be empowered to vote in all decisions of the confederation's Board of Directors. In the event any elected Director is not able to complete a term of office, the Board of directors may, by a majority vote of the Directors then serving, appoint an Associate Director to serve as a Director until the next annual election, and any individual so appointed shall be empowered to serve and perform their duties upon appointment.

Any individuals wishing to be considered for one of the offices may contact a member of the Board of Directors or a member of the Nominating Committee (when formed).



## **Naperville Park District Upcoming Events**

For additional details, visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) or call 630-848-5000

### **Golf Rules Seminar - Sat., February 9**

Back after a 4-year hiatus! Participants will join in an engaging discussion about the rules of golf and learn how to navigate the often confusing golf rules book. Lunch will be served and every attendee will receive a copy of the rules book. If you have questions regarding this seminar, please call the Naperbrook golf shop at 630.378.4215. Cost is \$25/residents; \$40/nonresidents. Register online at [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org).

### **Spring Program Guide delivery begins Feb. 16**

Please watch for your copy. If you do not receive one, call 630.848.5000 to request prompt redelivery. Spring Program Guides also will be available at Park District facilities, Naperville library branches and select National City locations Monday, Feb. 19 through Friday, Mar. 14:

### **Register your child for T-Ball and Coach Pitch programs – beginning Wed., Feb. 27 at noon!**

Registration will be accepted via Rec-Enroll, our online registration system, which can be accessed by visiting [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) and clicking on the "Click Here for Online Registration" link. Additionally, hard copy registration forms that are mailed in and dropped off will be accepted concurrently with online registration. Registration forms accompanied by payment can be delivered to:

Naperville Park District's Administrative Office

320 W. Jackson Ave., Naperville, IL 60540

Office hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m.-noon

or

Naperville Park District's South Maintenance Facility

3415 Book Rd., Naperville, IL 60564

Office hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

To use our online registration system, you will need to request a bar code and PIN number and your family account information must be current to register online. You can request this information by calling the Park District at 630-848-5000. If you are a resident new to Naperville, you will need to visit the Park District in person to verify proof of residency by presenting a pre-printed check, a current utility bill, tax bill, or driver's license.

### **Watch for the Naperville Park District Summer Camps Guide!**

We are making our summer camps information and registration available much earlier this year to accommodate the planning of busy summer schedules. Our NEW Summer Camps Guide will be delivered to our residents' doorsteps with the Park District's Spring Program Guide beginning February 16. Information on Summer Camps and Spring Programs also will be available online. *Online registration for Summer Camps and Spring Programs will begin Wed., March 5 at noon!*

### **Park District Preschool Open House**

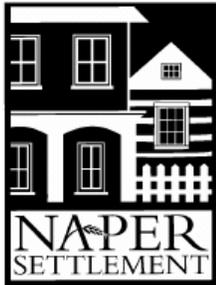
Come find out about our play-based preschool program and how it can help your child learn and grow, on Thurs., Feb. 21 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Riverwalk Community Center (rooms 101 and 119). The RCC is located at 305 W. Jackson Ave. Guests will be able to view the classrooms, meet the teachers and learn more about this wonderful program!

### **2-Ball Basketball Skills Competition – Feb. 23 at Brookdale School Gym**

Two-Ball is an exciting basketball skills competition where two-player teams race the clock and attempt to score baskets from each of several locations on the court. Local winners will advance to the area competition in March. Area winners may qualify for the finals to be held during a Chicago Bulls game in April. This program is presented through a partnership with the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association and the Chicago Bulls. For ages 9-18. There is no fee to enter.

### **Golf Season Reserved Tee-Time Lottery - Sun., March 2**

Springbrook Golf Course hosts a Season Reserved Tee-Time program that gives groups of resident golfers the ability to reserve weekend times from late April to September between the hours of 5:50 a.m. and 1:02 p.m. A lottery, scheduled for Sunday, March 2, will determine groups that can select times for Saturday and Sunday play. Applications for the Season Reserved Tee-Time program are available at Springbrook Golf Course. Completed applications are due back to Springbrook no later than February 25 at 5:00 p.m. Please call Springbrook Golf Course at 630.848.5060 for additional information on this program.



A Historic Museum Village

## Upcoming Happenings at Naper Settlement

523 South Webster Street  
Naperville, Illinois 60540  
(630) 420-6010  
(630) 305-5255-fax

<http://www.napersettlement.org>

### **Manners for Minors - for ages 5-7**

Drop the kids off on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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

### **Victorian Valentines**

Be mine! See valentines that were used more than a century ago on Sunday, February 10 from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn about special messages of love and make your own to give to someone special. For grades K-5, the fee is \$10 per child. Call (630) 420-6010 for reservations.

### **History Speaks Lecture Series**

You will be sure to enjoy this special series on historic topics and events with prominent historical figures that come to life. Pam Welcome presents a powerful first-person portrayal of Harriet Tubman, whose life was a testament to courage and determination, on Sunday, February 10 from 7 to 8 p.m. All lectures are held in Century Memorial Chapel. Tickets are \$6 per person or \$5 for NHSS members. For more information, call (630) 420-6010 or visit [www.napersettlement.museum](http://www.napersettlement.museum).

### **Sweet Indulgence Weekend**

February has long been the month of romance. Discover the history and mystery of chocolate and Valentine's Day during the Sweet Indulgence Weekend from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 16 and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 17. Indulge in sweet treats and activities celebrating such traditions as hearts, flowers, candles, music, poems and love notes. Admission is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors and \$5.50 for youth 4-17.

### **President Lincoln's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial national celebration has begun and Naper Settlement is having a birthday party from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, February 18, to kick-off activities leading to the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. Participants will play games, make crafts and learn about our 16th president. Cake and ice cream will be provided, but participants should bring a sack lunch and drink. This event is geared toward boys and girls in grades 1-5 and the fee is \$45 per child.

### **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 125<sup>th</sup> 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. Saturday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at Naper Settlement. Tickets are \$10. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Make reservations by calling (630) 420-6010.

## **CDBG Public Hearing During February 6 City Council Meeting**

The City of Naperville hold a public hearing to solicit feedback regarding the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as well as input on the CDBG Consolidated Plan at the Naperville City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2008 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street.

The CDBG program is a federal program established by The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to ensure decent, affordable housing for all, provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, create jobs and expand business opportunities.

HUD mandates that all jurisdictions that receive CDBG funding have a five-year plan in place also known as a Consolidated Plan. The City of Naperville's most recent plan expired in 2007 and is now in the process of being updated. The Naperville City Council reviewed the 2008-2012 Consolidated Plan priorities and funding at their October 30, 2007 workshop. The plan is now available for public review and comments.

The 2008-2012 Consolidated Plan is available on the city's Web site at [www.Naperville.il.us/dynamic\\_content.aspx?id=534](http://www.Naperville.il.us/dynamic_content.aspx?id=534) while the complete list of priorities and objectives is available at [www.Naperville.il.us/dynamic\\_content.aspx?id=696](http://www.Naperville.il.us/dynamic_content.aspx?id=696).

For more information about the CDBG, contact Community Grants Coordinator Katie Wernberg at (630) 548-1122 or [wernbergk@Naperville.il.us](mailto:wernbergk@Naperville.il.us).

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

***What is happening around town***

***Please check our website and calendar at***

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

***We're looking forward to seeing you at our***

***Meeting with City Council on February 16<sup>th</sup>***

***At the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library***

***Watch for the next newsletter in early March!!!!***

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