



April 2008 Newsletter

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In this month's newsletter there is a preview our upcoming April 19th meeting which will focus on community social services. We'll also look at some of the ordinance revisions being considered and highlight a proposed state law that can have far reaching implications for Associations. 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

Homeowners' Associations are about more than property. They are about neighbors. In today's world it is important to be neighborly as the folks next door or across the street may need some help to make it through the day.

Whether due to the economy, health issues, aging, or something else, people may need assistance. For those who have moved across the country to follow the American Dream, traditional family support structures may no longer be there and they are left to cope on their own. To help identify and provide contacts for help, the April 19th meeting of the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation will focus on available social services. We will zero in on available community resources, what they are, and how to utilize them. We encourage all area homeowners to come to the meeting which will begin at 8 AM with coffee and donuts in meeting rooms A, B, and C of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street. Whether for yourself, or your neighbors, what you can learn in this meeting may literally mean the difference between life and death.

More details can be found later in this newsletter or you can go to our website at www.napervillehomeowners.org.

On behalf the NAHC, I was honored last month with the League of Women Voters of Naperville Rosemary Martin Democracy in Action Award. Since 2006, the League annually has honored a Naperville area resident, group, organization, or governing body for carrying out an initiative or program that furthers the effective participation of citizens in government.

The NAHC was selected based on our ongoing commitment to involve residents in local government, and to create opportunities for education on public issues important to the quality of their lives. Specifically we were recognized for:

- introducing government officials to residents through regular meetings;
- providing speakers who address key issues facing member associations;
- hosting education forums on referenda and candidates;
- and serving as an advocate for homeowners on major issues through position statements, advisory groups, and liaison committees.

Your NAHC Board has made a conscious decision to expand our role through issue advocacy and increased community interaction. On behalf of the Board and members of the NAHC, our sincere thanks go to the League for this honor.

Thank you for your support.

Chuck Schlabach,
President, Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation
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NAHC April Meeting Focuses on Community Services

Is there someone in your neighborhood or family in need? Where can you turn for assistance? At our April meeting the NAHC will be take in depths look at area Social Services including what is available and who to contact for assistance.

This will be our joint meeting with the Mayor and City Council. In addition to hearing from Community Social Worker Mary Voiland, presentations are also scheduled on the new on-line building permit processing system and on Illinois Works, the proposed State Capital Improvements package currently proposed by the Governor in Springfield. As usual we will conclude with our Open Forum, and opportunity for meaningful dialogue with City Council and the Confederation.

The meeting will start 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.

NAHC Wins Rosemary Martin Democracy in Action Award

At the League of Women Voters of Naperville 18th Annual State of the Community Dinner on March 5, the NAHC was the proud recipient of this year's Rosemary Martin Democracy In Action Award.

Pictured at right are Chuck Schlabach, NAHC President, and NAHC Past President Boyd Briscoe accepting the award from Karin Snodgrass of the League. The NAHC was honored for its ongoing commitment to involve and enlighten Naperville residents in local government, and to educate residents on issues important to the quality of life.

We are appreciative of the recognition and commit to continuing to serve our community and members.



NAHC Legislative Update



The Board of the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation has agreed to work with the City of Naperville in support of several of the City's 2008 Legislative Initiatives.

These include:

- City Priority One – Capital Bill
- City Priority Three – Opposition to Canadian National Purchase of EJ&E Railroad
- Tax Relief for Seniors and the Disabled

More information on the City's legislative initiatives can be found on their website, <http://www.naperville.il.us/priorities.aspx>. Over the upcoming months we will be working with the City and our membership to determine the best ways for the Confederation to add its voice to that of the City in support of (or in the case of the railroad, opposition to) these matters which all have direct impacts on our community and quality of life. Support of these items does not indicate our opposition to other areas on the City Agenda, but rather is meant as an indication on where we plan to focus our support.

In addition, the NAHC Board has contacted State Representative Joe Dunn and expressed our opposition to Illinois General Assembly, HB 5189, introduced by Rep. Sandra Phibos of Glen Ellyn that limits the ability of Condominium and Homeowners Associations to regulate leasing of units within their respective associations. While this bill was amended in committee to make it applicable only to new associations formed after the effective date of the legislation, we are still of the opinion that this proposed legislation infringes on the ability of associations to govern themselves by providing arbitrary numerical guidelines. Representative Dunn agreed with our concerns and has opposed the bill but it remains alive in committee. Other associations are welcome to add their voice in opposition.

With the downturn in the Real Estate market it is understandable why there is both a need for and interest in leasing of units, but it may also be questioned as to why legislation is required to force associations to allow leasing, the desirability of a numerical minimum, and what further impacts this legislation may have on the other powers and abilities of associations to manage their environment. The bill is also being supported by advocates of affordable housing.

Another piece of legislation currently making its way through Springfield is SB 2128 which amends the Condominium Property Act and requires licensing of managers of community associations. This proposal creates the Community Association Manager Regulatory Commission, whose members are appointed by the Governor, to administer the licensing. While the NAHC has not taken a position on this proposal, we understand that at least some of the language is supported by the CAI. If passed in its present form it will affect all community associations whether or not they are managed by professional managers.

Locally the Confederation has commented on the proposed changes to the Downtown Noise Ordinance, proposed changes to the Sign Code, and revisions to the PUD framework. More information on Confederation Board positions on legislation and other civic and community matters can be found on our website at www.napervillehomeowners.org. Click on "News & Info" in the left hand navigation bar and then click on "Board Position Papers" or look under a specific topic

Zoning and Land Use Update

The monthly meeting between the NAHC and City TED Staff was held on March 19, 2008. Present were Greg Jones and Suzanne Thorsen of the transportation, Engineering, and Development Team and Toby Hayer and Patricia Meyer representing the Confederation.

Highlights from City Council Meeting on 3/18/08:

- Council discussed the property requirements for vacant lots. Essentially regulating the maintenance and aesthetics of parcels of property which has not yet been developed or torn-down. Items such as grading, black dirt, debris, seeding were mentioned. The matter was continued to 4/1/08
- Council approved language to the Building Code which recognizes new products (i.e. insulation)
- A 5 year extension was granted for the Park-n-Ride at Community Christian Church (Rickert & Ogden)



New Items:

- Bill Jacobs (car dealership) has submitted plans for a car dealership at Aurora & Fort Hill
- Water Street Development Project Phase 1 (south of Water) is in Final PUD and final engineering.
- CIP for 75th & Washington is on track and should commence this summer
- An architectural survey was recently sent to homeowners in the historic district. The survey seeks to confirm the historical status/information/description of the homes. Meetings are scheduled for 3/24/08 and 4/14/08

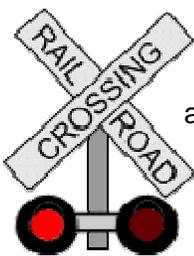
Other Items:

- North Downtown Study/5th Avenue Study was discussed at the 3/18/08 Council meeting. Residents have suggested consideration to join the 2 studies. Options were briefly discussed however Council “tabled” the matter to 4/1/08
- 75th Corridor Study – public meeting set for 4/9/08 at which time draft objectives and actions will be presented.
- Caroline Martin Mitchell – public meeting recently occurred. Staff is preparing the report
- Ogden Avenue – grant money recently received for improvements. Staff is considering options.
- 5th Avenue Study – selection process for residential consultant is nearly completed (by week’s end). The transportation consultant has not been selected. Study remains on track with timeline
- Downtown Plan – scope of study is being finalized. Some factors being considered are height and use (composition of). As more information becomes available NAHC will be notified.
- Central Park Study – going well and on track. Currently in stage of Request for Proposals.
- Planning Team’s work program will be on Council’s agenda on 4/1/08
- Main Street Promenade is scheduled to be on PC’s agenda 4/2/08. This is an addition/expansion to the PUD development.
- One Naperville Plaza is also scheduled to be on PC’s 4/2/08 agenda (this is a continuance date) however it is not certain whether it will proceed at that time

Discussion Items

- NAHC-LC reports were provided to Staff: 75th Corridor Study Progress Report and Planned Unit Development Text Amendment report
- WHOA contact name provided to Staff for the Downtown Studies
- Provided name of NAHC representative for the Sign Ordinance Update (Bob Fischer)
- PUD Text Amendment revisions were briefly discussed. Appreciation of incorporating NAHC-LC suggestions was expressed to Staff. Questions in regards to increasing Major vs. Minor Change threshold to 20%, Uses in regards to the Design Standards and underlying requirements remain an item. Staff was informed of intent to provide copy of the Committee Report to PC for their review. Staff offered to make copies and make available to all PC prior to meeting that evening.

Help Keep Naperville on the Right Side of the Tracks



The Surface Transportation board is awaiting an environmental study on the impacts of the proposed acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad right of way and tracks by the Canadian National Railroad (CN). US Senator Dick Durbin has met with the CN in an attempt to gain concessions and assurances related to this purchase, but, according to news reports, he was rebuffed with no new concessions or promises. The EJ&E was also discussed extensively at the NAHC Legislative Forum in March with all legislators in attendance, from the Federal through State, County, and municipal level, expressing their opposition to the planned deal as presently crafted

It is critical during the study period to keep our legislators apprised of our concerns regarding this proposed purchase and drastic change in use. As mentioned in last month’s newsletter, the Confederation’s concerns center on three key topics:

- The traffic delays and safety concerns from a tripling of the train traffic across the multiple grade level crossings in our area
- The noise and potential impact on property values of increased rail traffic
- The potential loss of the ability to construct the proposed Star Line Commuter Rail system, removing the economic benefits and congestion relief available from this suburb-to-suburb transit system

By contacting elected officials the Confederation hopes that a brighter light will be shone on this proposed acquisition and that efforts will be made to address area residents' needs and requirements. The Confederation has organized a letter writing campaign amongst its members so that they can directly contact their elected representatives. Further details, including the addresses for legislators and a sample letter can be found on the Confederation website, www.napervillehomeowners.org.

Thank You for A Great Meeting in March!



The March NAHC Legislative Forum meeting was a great success. Joining Naperville Mayor George Pradel on the dais were US Congresswoman Judy Biggert, State Senator Randy Hultgren, State Representative Jim Meyer, DuPage County Board member Jim Healy, and Will County Board member Sue Riley. City Manager Pro Tem Bob Marshall and Assistant to the City Manager Dan DiSanto rounded out the panel.

Our thanks go to all of our panelists for getting up early on a Saturday morning and joining us and to Confederation Director Dr. Bob Buckman for organizing the meeting and moderating the panel discussion. If you missed the meeting, it is (or will soon be) available via streaming video on the City of Naperville website at www.naperville.il.us/streamingvideo.aspx.

Need Gardening Help?

Do you have a plant, lawn, or insect question? The University of Illinois Extension DuPage County Garden Help Line has Master Gardeners available Monday through Thursday, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM during the month of April (10:00 – 3:00 starting in May) to answer homeowner's gardening questions. Call (630) 955-1123 and ask to speak with a Master Gardener. Plant and insect samples may be brought to the Extension office at: 1100 E. Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville, during the Help Line hours



In addition, a wide variety of gardening classes geared toward the homeowner are available through the University of Illinois Extension DuPage County office. All classes are held at 1100 E. Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville. Visit the Extension website to view the complete listing and to register at www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage.

Is Communication A Problem Within Your Association?



Property owners and association members often complain about not being kept informed, while boards of directors lament there is insufficient member awareness and participation. A well developed website creatively addresses both complaints by offering multiple means of timely communication to achieve improved awareness.

For fast, effective, and inexpensive association communications there is nothing better than group e-mail generated from an up to date directory database. Group email is an efficient way to announce events, communicate meeting

agendas, remind about deadlines, survey the community, distribute board minutes, and place maintenance and modification requests.

The only way to make a website pay off and achieve the benefits of communication within the community is to keep users coming back consistently. Association websites need to be both useful and timely to attract repeat visits. One way this can be achieved is by building the site on a database. This enables group e-mail to members and allows user organizations to directly control content additions and updates to make content relevant and appealing. This can be achieved through use of documents, calendars, forums, Syndicated feeds and others.

The effective implementation and use of a website can dramatically increase communication with all the people involved in a community association. If your association sees a need for some of these tools or communication problems plague your group, call us to discuss how your association can qualify for a no cost website built on years of experience. As the host of the Confederation website we understand Naperville and the needs of homeowners. I can be reached at 630-205-5023 or at matt.hook@bus-solutions.com.

Keeping up with What's Going on in the City of Naperville



The City of Naperville offers a free, voluntary e-mail service to anyone interested in learning more about city services, activities and events. You decide what type of information you want to receive. You may also choose to unsubscribe at any time using a link within the e-mails.

City Link - Weekly reminders about city services, public meetings, development updates, upcoming special events and more.

Press Releases – Stay up-to-date on the latest city news! The city notifies you whenever we post a new media release.

Commuter Connection – The latest news on public transit for Naperville area commuters. E-mails are sent periodically to announce new developments and programs related to transit options in Naperville.

Van Buren Parking Deck Updates – The latest news on the construction of the Van Buren parking deck addition. E-mails are sent periodically to provide construction updates and other news related to the project.

Ogden Enhancements – The latest news on the Ogden Avenue Corridor Enhancement Initiative. E-mails are sent periodically to provide updates and other news related to the project.

75th Street Study – The latest news on the 75th Street Corridor Study. E-mails are sent periodically to provide updates and other news related to the project.

Meeting Agendas - Sign up to receive notification when agendas are available on the city's Web site for meetings of the City Council, Plan Commission, Sister Cities Commission, Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), among others.

Sign up for one or more of these e-news publications today! For more information, visit <http://www.naperville.il.us/enews.aspx>.

Confederation Meetings – Your Chance to Learn More about Our Community

In May we will hold the Confederation Annual meeting on Saturday, May 17th in the Municipal Center. In addition to electing Confederation Officers and Board members, an interesting program on parental legal responsibility is planned where we will look at some of the legal ramifications of things



that can happen in your household.

For June we are working on a meeting featuring both DuPage and Will County Forest Preserves. We are also discussing with the City a return of the popular homeowners Bus Tour on a “non-meeting” weekend.

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

Is Your Check in the Mail?

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!

All member associations should have received a mailing with a dues invoice and survey form. If your association did not, go to the NAHC website at www.napervillehomeowners.org to download our 2008 membership survey, complete it, and return it to us along with a 2008 Dues check for \$30! Your input will help us do a better job of planning our programs and understanding how we can best help our members. This is our only source of income and is critical to the ongoing operation of the confederation.

If your Association is not a Confederation member, 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.

Thanks for your help!!!

Ready for Severe Weather?

Besides birds and flowers, Spring also can mean storms. Severe weather is a reality in the Midwest and every homeowner should be prepared.

The Illinois Management Emergency and the National Weather Service offer the following tips to help people stay safe during a weather-related emergency:

- Never attempt to drive over a flooded roadway. The speed and depth of the water is not always obvious and portions of the road under the water may have been washed out.
- Never let children play in or near floodwaters, flooded creeks or flood retention ponds.
- Before bad weather occurs, determine the best location in your home and office to seek shelter. A basement or cellar will usually provide the best protection. If not available, identify an interior room or hallway with no windows on the lowest level.
- When a tornado warning has been issued, go at once to your predetermined shelter. In a basement, go under the stairs, under a heavy piece of furniture or a workbench. Stay there until danger has passed.
- Avoid using the telephone or other electrical appliances and delay baths or showers until the storm passes.
- If outdoors, seek shelter immediately. If you can hear thunder, you are probably close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning.



Warning sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. If the steady tone is heard at any other time, it is a signal that an emergency is occurring in the community. The weather siren is

used to alert the public that a tornado has been sighted and is approaching the community. When the steady tone is heard during severe weather, it is imperative to find shelter immediately. Residents should tune in to local cable TV, 89.1 FM or 1610 AM radio for information on the emergency.

Everyday Parenting

Technology does not drive change - it enables change.

*Canadian philosopher
Marshall McLuhan*

Keeping Tabs on Technology

Growing up, most parents today didn't have cell phones, text messaging, or e-mail. But lots of us did have our own phone lines, and made calls to formal or informal hotlines for information on everything from movie times to the location of the best weekend party to crisis counseling. Our own parents had their "new" technologies, too. And none of it was good or bad; it was simply different from that of previous generations.

It's up to us as parents now to figure out how to help our kids navigate their world by being knowledgeable, involved, compassionate, and curious about how they socialize, recreate, and get information through the latest technology.

Here are some examples of what we mean. Try it...

For parents with children ages birth to 5

- Pay attention to the messages you model—stay off the cell phone, personal digital assistant (PDA), and other electronic devices when you're driving or engaged in other activities that deserve your full attention.
- When you're spending time with your kids, turn off the devices. That's what voice mail is for! Your kids need, want, and benefit from your full attention.

For parents with children ages 6 - 9

- Make sure your kids know what your limits are for cell phone, computer, and other device usage. Many, for example, know (or can figure out) how to access the Internet to play games online or on cell phones and PDAs.
- Don't let your kids use the Internet unattended. It's easier and more practical to monitor their usage if you have the family computer set up in a common space in your home. You can "watch from afar" or just regularly glance over to see what they're up to.
- Online social networking communities such as MySpace and Facebook are very popular, even with elementary-age kids. If your kids use these sites, know whom they allow access to on their pages and make sure they know why you've set up limits on this access.

For parents with children ages 10 - 15

- Let your kids know that you will regularly check their e-mail, phone, and text messaging content on both incoming and outgoing lists, and that they should limit those lists to friends and family members, not people they meet online. If you see names you don't recognize, find out who they are and how your child knows them.
- Have rules about when and where your children and you will use handheld communication devices. Suggestions include not using them at mealtimes, when visiting family or friends, when driving or operating other machinery, or when in the middle of another conversation.
- Know the school rules for cell phones in class, and consider limiting their use to before and after school only.

For parents with children ages 16 - 18

- Understand that regardless of the way you use technology, it's part of how young people today build their social networks and their community. Be sure that your teens understand the degree of public and private access that others have to their communications. Talk with them about what's inappropriate to share publicly, and why.
- Keep computers out of teens' bedrooms and in central family areas of your home.
- Let your teen know that some employers and colleges search the Internet for information related to applicants who apply to their institutions. Discuss the kinds of information that may compromise their chances of acceptance.
- Find out what technologies are being used in your teen's school. Do teachers keep blogs? Are student groups organized on MySpace or Facebook? Do teachers use digital whiteboards? If so, check these out periodically.

From information provided by Search Institute's MVPParent (www.MVPParents.com).

www.KidsMatter2us.org



Planned Unit Developments

Patricia Meyer, Associate Director and Chair of the Confederation Zoning and Land Use Liaison Sub-Committee appeared before Plan Commission on March 19th to testify at the Public Hearing on changes to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) ordinance. As PUD's become a bigger portion of development discussions, the NAHC liaison committees will work directly with neighboring homeowners work to include neighborhood input into these discussions and our newsletters will include listings of developments currently under discussion. Patricia's full report can be found at: <http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc9850.doc>. Below are her introductory comments:



PUD is the least understood “Conditional Use” of the homeowner’s zoning and many are unaware of the possibilities associated with PUD’s. Awareness of and a basic general understanding of PUD may prove beneficial to a homeowner.

As Naperville approaches build-out, future developments/re-developments will consist of “in-fill” properties. These areas (which, for whatever reasons were not developed in a manner similar to the surrounding properties or at a similar time) may request processing as PUD. Over the past several decades PUD’s have been utilized in the development of residential neighborhoods, commercial shopping centers, and more recently as mixed-use developments.

All zoning categories (with the exception of Transitional Use) provide for PUD as a “Permitted Conditional Use” which means that in order to develop/redevelop property, the applicant must follow the formal process for approval which includes public notice and a public hearing before Plan Commission. Ultimately it must be approved by the City Council.

PUD is applied for when the proposed development project would not be in strict accordance with underlying zoning (i.e. numerous Variances would be required). PUD allows the applicant to plan a project under “flexible” (negotiable) parameters that might not otherwise be allowed/approved.

PUD, because of this “flexibility” and with an ultimate goal for developments which are “innovative, imaginative, and (have) creative architectural design” thus encouraging a “higher level of design and amenity”, provides/acts as a tool or method to acquire approval in a more efficient manner.

PUD has its own category of zoning within Naperville’s Municipal Code. However, currently there are no areas/sections which list PUD as a Future Land Use zoning designation (FLU). PUD’s currently are requested/processed as a “Conditional Use”. This PUD category of zoning has its own “Standards and Criteria”. Unlike other zoning categories, these standards and criteria are usually more subjective (open to interpretation). Master Plans, Area Plans, Sector Plans, Vision Statements, Studies, and Guidelines would be utilized as the benchmarks by Staff, Plan Commission, and City Council. PUD’s are often regulated by their own development standards and criteria as well as the regulations of the underlying zoning district in which they are located.

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 post Municipal and civic meetings and other things of interest around town. During March our calendar took over 1500 “hits” with many people using the “print” feature to download more information. To have your organization’s event listed, send an email to the Confederation webmaster (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



Naperville Park District Upcoming Events

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

If we missed you during our recent doorstep delivery, you may pick up a copy of the *Spring 2008 Program Guide* and the brand new *Summer Camps Guide* at:

- Administration Building, 320 W. Jackson Ave.
- Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, 305 W. Jackson Ave.
- Barn Recreation Center, 421 W. Martin Ave.
- South Maintenance Facility, 3415 Book Rd.

Park District Garden Plots set to start 2008 season

Organic plots and free gardening classes also available to patrons

The 2008 gardening season is set to begin on Sunday, **Apr. 13** and will run through Sunday, **Oct. 12**. The cost is \$26/residents and \$39/nonresidents; seniors are offered special pricing at a cost of \$21/residents and \$31/nonresidents. Gardeners may register in-person or call the Park District's Administrative Office at 320 W. Jackson Avenue, 630-848-5000, or the South Maintenance Facility at 3415 Book Road, 630-864-3100.

Additionally, the Park District is offering free gardening workshops for new and returning gardeners. These courses, taught by certified Master Gardener Ron Ory, offer valuable tips and tricks in planting selections. To enroll for the Apr. 15 workshop at Sportsman's Clubhouse from 7:00-9:00 p.m, use Registration Code 68829.

Centennial Beach Memberships now available for purchase by returning members

Use our quick and easy online registration system!

Visit us at www.napervilleparks.org to renew your Beach membership for 2008. Beach memberships also may be renewed or purchased in person by visiting the Park District's administration building at 320 W. Jackson Avenue, 630-848-5000 or the South Maintenance Facility at 3415 Book Road, 630-864-3100. Mailed in registration forms will continue to be accepted, but please do not send in your membership card with your registration form. Your Beach identification card will be activated automatically once your registration and payment has been received and processed.

How to Get Healthy With Good Nutrition

Confused about nutrition? Wondering about what and what not to eat? Not sure about which vitamins and minerals to take? Certified nutrition specialist Dr. Nick Dimovski will help you understand the fundamentals of food and nutritional supplements and how you can use them to get healthy and stay healthy. Come with all your nutrition questions and even bring in your vitamins and food labels. Classes, designed for those ages 16 and up, will be held at the ARRCC - Classroom 202 on Tuesdays, Apr. 8-Apr. 22 from 6:30-7:45 p.m. The fee is \$45(R)/\$68(N), Registration Code 68582.

Ceramics: Pottery Parties

Have your next group outing or birthday party at the Park District's pottery studio! Guests will work with clay to create a project especially designed for your group. One of our studio teachers will be your instructor and host. All clay, tools and glazes are included. Groups are responsible for their own project pick up and distribution. Parties must be booked at least two weeks in advance. Additional space will be available for refreshments and present openings. Parties, designed for those ages 4 and up, will be held at Riverwalk - Studio One from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Available dates are Fridays, Apr. 25 (Registration Code 66610), May 2 (Code 66611), May 9 (Code 66612), May 16 (Code 66613) and May 30 (Code 66614). The fee is \$185(R)/\$215(N)/group.

Wanted – Spring Soccer Referees

The Naperville Park District Youth Soccer Program is recruiting new soccer referees for the Spring 2008 season. Come and share your enthusiasm for the game with youth players from grades K-12. The spring season will run for seven Saturdays from April 5-May 17. The Park District will

provide all the training, equipment and support you need. Pay ranges are based on experience. We are hiring both youth (age 14 as of April 1, 2008) and adult referees. These positions offer excellent part-time employment opportunities for college students, at-home parents and retirees. If you are interested, please contact Bob Trivett, Referee Coordinator at 630-848-3550, ext. 2121.

Wanted – Summer Girls Softball Umpires

The Naperville Park District is recruiting new softball umpires for the Summer 2008 season. Share your enthusiasm for the game with youth players from 4th grade through high school and positively influence the youth of our community in an instructive manner. The summer season will run approximately from June 1-August 1. The Park District will provide all the training, equipment and support you need. Pay rates are based on experience. We are hiring both youth (age 14+ as of May 17, 2008) and adult umpires. If you are interested, please contact Bob Trivett,

Wanted – Centennial Beach Lifeguards

Spend your summer as part of Centennial Beach's elite lifeguarding staff earning \$8.00 an hour! Applicants must be strong, hard-working and motivated and at least 16 years old. No experience is necessary; in-house training will be provided beginning on April 28. Centennial Beach opens for the season Memorial Day weekend. Applications are currently being accepted. To learn more about this job opportunity, visit www.napervilleparks.org and click on "careers".

Confederation Elections

At the Confederation's annual meeting on May 17th, in accordance with our Bylaws we will elect a portion of the Confederation Board of Directors. Up for election are the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and two at-large Directors. Incumbents Kathy Benson (Secretary) and Directors Mike Reilly and Marcia Straub are eligible for re-election and have asked to be considered. Treasurer Marilyn Briscoe has chosen not to be considered. Any person who, at the time of the election, is a member of a homeowners association which is a Confederation member in good standing 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 association.



A proposed slate will be chosen by a nominating committee. If you are interested, please contact Confederation Director Bob Fischer or Associate Director Tom Harris who make up this committee. Individuals may also 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; present a written report of the Confederation's previous year's activities at the Annual meeting; and 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 maintain duplicate copies of the corporate records.

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; render a statement of accounts to the Confederation Board of Directors and to the Confederation membership at regular meetings; issue receipts for assessments upon request; 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; present a financial report in writing at the Annual meeting; and 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: 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.



DuPage Children's MUSEUM

...where learning comes in to play™!

April 2008



Fun New Programs!

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

Spring into the Studio for Spring Break!

FREE to Members or with Museum Admission!
 Drop in the Studio from 10:00 a.m. - Noon or 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
 April 1 - Crazy Spring Hats April 4 - Make Your Own Puzzle
 April 2 - Paper Mosaics April 3 - Dabbling Dough
 April 3 - Wheel Painting April 4 - Paper Mosaics (1-3 only)

Plan Ahead for Summer Mini-Camps!

Save when you register your children by May 30!
 Visit our Website for more information.

Check out these Creativity Programs!

Gigantic Sunflowers!

Explore Eric Carle's classic, *The Tiny Seed*, in a brand new way! Create an amazing sunflower mural, eat a theme-related snack and enjoy a dramatic reading!

Member / Child Partner \$16 Nonmember / Child Partner \$30

Date	Age	Code	Title	Times
April 15	3-4	BS-308	Gigantic Sunflowers	9:45-10:30 a.m.

Printmaking: Visiting Artist Series

Come join Kit Sunderland and express your artistic side through the beauty of printmaking! Learn printing techniques such as press, etching, monoprint and lino-cut.

Member / Child Partner \$17; Nonmember / Child Partner \$30

Date	Age	Code	Title	Times
April 12	5-7	AW-308	Printmaking	10:00-11:30 a.m.
April 12	5-7	AW-308	Printmaking	12:00-1:00 p.m.

Donations of HAPPY SCRAPS **weekend: April 12, 9:00 a.m. - Noon**, please bring your donations to lobby at DuPage Children's Museum. For details about what's needed, please visit our web site, call 630-637-8000 x6660 or send an eMail to: happyscraps@dupagechildrensmuseum.org.

Explore our NEW and IMPROVED MATH CONNECTIONS Neighborhood!

Discover through hands-on techniques how math and art relate to world around us at one of the many new classes the Museum is offering!

Art of Math - Start in Art Series

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

Date	Age	Code	Title	Times
April 30, May 7, 14	2-3	SA-708	Art of Math	9:30-10:15 a.m.
April 30, May 7, 14	2-3	SA-808	Art of Math	10:45-11:30 a.m.

Mini Mathematicians

Member / Child Partner \$15; Nonmember / Child Partner \$14

Date	Age	Code	Title	Times
April 22	2-3	SM-108	Mini Mathematicians	9:45-10:30 a.m.

Math in Bloom!

Member / Child Partner \$16; Nonmember / Child Partner \$30

Date	Age	Code	Title	Times
April 24	4-5	SM-708	Math in Bloom!	6:30-7:15 p.m.



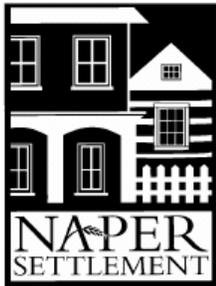
FREE to Members or with Museum Admission!
 Come discover the magic of live family performances from 10:30 am - Noon, in Creativity Connections:

April 8 Chicago Human Rhythm Dance Project
April 19 Betsey Weiss, "Wheels Storytelling"
May 3 Sergeant Major Virgil Wilk, Bagpipes

Cancellation Policies for all MCE 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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A Historic Museum Village

Naper Settlement Happenings

<http://www.napersettlement.org/>

523 South Webster Street
Naperville, Illinois 60540
(630) 420-6010
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Weed Ladies Spring Show And Sale

The Weed Ladies Spring Show and Sale is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12. The sale features creative seasonal arrangements and dried bouquets. Admission is free.

Blacksmith Class

Naper Settlement is offering Blacksmithing 101, a three-session class meant to educate participants on the craft of the blacksmith, on three consecutive Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, 19 and 26 at Naper Settlement's Blacksmith Shop. The class is for adults ages 18 and older and is limited to six participants. The sessions will cover the history of blacksmithing, an introduction to tools, safety and a project to make an iron hook. The fee is \$150 per person and registration is required.

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. Phil Lauricella portrays Thomas Jefferson, the famous author of the Declaration of Independence, the third President of the United States and the proponent of the Louisiana Purchase on Sunday, April 13 from 7 to 8 p.m., at Naper Settlement. All lectures are held in Century Memorial Chapel. Tickets are \$6 per person or \$5 for NHSS members.

Vehicle Show

Partners for Clean Choice is hosting the Cool Ride-Clean Choice vehicle show at Naper Settlement, on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to the opportunity to view and learn about hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles, Partners for Clean Choice seeks to provide attendees with information from consumer-oriented businesses and organizations that provide eco-friendly consumer products, services or education. For more information about Partners for Clean Choice, visit www.cleanchoice-naperville.com.

Sign Up Now For Camp Naper

Wanted: fun-loving, adventure-seeking kids entering grades 1 to 6 for Naper Settlement's summer day camp – Camp Naper. The weekly day camps are held from June 16 through Aug. 8 at Naper Settlement. Featuring the all new "Treasure Hunters" and "Adventures in Time" camps, each day is jam-packed with activities, games and crafts. Sign up early for best availability.

***We're looking forward to seeing you at our
Joint Meeting with City Council on April 19th
Watch for the next newsletter in early May!!!!***

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