



March 2013 Newsletter

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The NAHC newsletter is published monthly to provide the news and information Naperville homeowners need. We welcome and appreciate your feedback. Send it to our Vice President and Newsletter Editor, Bob Fischer, at rafischer1@aol.com.

President’s Letter

A highlight for the Confederation is having Naperville’s Director of Finance, Karen DeAngelis, spend a Saturday morning explaining the city budget and all that it means for the residents. What is amazing to all of us is how clearly she explains the “why” behind the line item being described. To do this takes a good chunk of time and although, at the moment, it seemed to be a really easy, trying to replicate her presentation would be really tough to attempt. So, for that alone, this annual visit by Karen is essential for all of us to understand how far we have come, as a City, to overcome the budget crisis.

Our fellow neighbors have been loyal patrons of local businesses enabling sales taxes to return to pre-2007 levels. Essentially all City services benefit from such strong sales tax returns and you and I continue to live in a better community due to these efforts to support the business community. The Confederation and its membership stand shoulder to shoulder with the Chamber of Commerce in being proud of this obvious link to each other equally. If our neighbors did not value the business community all of the buildings would remain vacant. Obviously shoulder to shoulder is the theme, ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE.

This is THE season for demonstrating the Confederation’s excellent education mission to introduce our neighbors to the candidates for the school districts and City Council and assist the community to learn the facts and issues. We accomplish this through our public FORUMS where candidates answer your questions. I would like to thank our Forum committee members for their efforts and huge time commitments to make these FORUMS so successful. Please come and be part of the learning process, either in person in Council Chambers or by watching us live or “on demand”! Information is, as always, on the Confederation’s website.

One final note – the Zoning and Land Use report is **not** part of this month’s newsletter. After doing this for many years, Thom Higgins asked to be relieved of this responsibility. We thank Thom for his efforts and hope someone steps up to take over this function. Let me know if you are interested

Sincerely,

Dr Bob Buckman
President, Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation
drbobbuckman@sbcglobal.net

March Meeting Focuses on Plant Care and Gardening

Our March meeting, held this month on the fourth Saturday of the month so we do not conflict with the Saint Patrick's Day Parade, reflects our Board's desire for warmer weather as we will focus on Gardening and Plant/Tree Care. Joining us will be a representative from the Morton Arboretum Plant Clinic along with Master Gardener (and Naperville Park District commissioner) Ron Ory. With information on how, what, when, and where to plant, our March meeting will provide attendees with what they need to know to be successful in their gardening efforts.

Coffee and networking sponsored by Costco is at 8 AM. Homeowners can use this as an opportunity to learn about Costco and how to become members. Costco will provide refreshments, as well as membership information and assistance. At the meeting you can renew expired memberships, upgrade current memberships or sign up as new members. If you join as a **new Executive Member** at our March meeting, you will **receive a \$20 Costco Cash Card**. Executive Members get paid to shop with an **annual 2% Reward** (up to \$750) on their qualified Costco purchases. **Or, if you join as a Gold Star Member, you will receive a \$10 Costco Cash Card.**

The formal meeting begins at 8:30 and we will adjourn by 10. Keep an eye on www.napervillehomeowners.com for more details. We look forward to seeing you on March 23rd!

NAHC Strives to Inform Voters Prior to the Spring Elections

Part of the Confederation's mission is to create a medium for homeowner concerns and interests while also developing and maintaining relationships with all levels of government. In keeping with this direction, we have scheduled a series of pre-election candidate forums for contested races in the upcoming April general elections that have significant impacts on our property tax bills. Three have been completed and two more forums have been scheduled on:

- March 7 - School District 204
- March 13 - City Council

Forums are held in the City Council Chambers of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street, and will begin at 7:00 PM. NAHC Forums are open to a live audience in Council Chambers, and are broadcast live over both cable television and the Internet with replays also scheduled during the weeks prior to the elections. We encourage community attendance at the live event, as this is the means to get your questions into the discussion.



In March, we will quiz candidates for the Indian Prairie District 204 Board of Education and the Naperville City Council.

Previously, on February 12th, the Confederation took an in depth look into whether or not part of the Naperville City Council should be elected on a district, rather than completely at-large, basis. We also met the candidates for Community School District 203 Board of Education on February 27th.

In January, our Moderator, Kathy Benson, and panelists Superintendents Kathy Birkett and Dan Bridges; Mary Anne Buckman, Dr. Jen Hester, and Kathy Duncan provided their insights on the changes Common Core Standards will make in our schools.

Forums are telecast on the City of Naperville Government Access Channel, WCNC (6-WOW, 10-Comcast, 99 – AT&T) and streamed live and available for on-demand viewing on the City's website at www.naperville.il.us/granicus.html. Check the WCNC schedule for replays or go on line to check them out.

If you are unfamiliar with our forums, our tried and true format includes candidate opening statements followed by answer one or two opening questions posed by the Confederation. Audience questions collected during the forum are then posed by our moderator to the candidates.



Attainable Housing Toolkit

The purpose of the Attainable Housing Toolkit is to create awareness of attainable housing resources available to Naperville senior citizens and the disability community. To view the Attainable Housing Toolkit or for more information on the City's Attainable Housing efforts visit:



www.naperville.il.us/attainablehousing.aspx

For additional information contact the City of Naperville at (630) 420-6100

The Confederation asks that audience members observe and follow a few guidelines when submitting their questions:

1. Frame your questions so that all candidates/participants may have an opportunity to answer, rather than asking directed questions of specific panel members. For example, an acceptable question would be "What is your position on issue XYZ?" Conversely, an unacceptable question may be "Candidate John Jones, is it true that your position on issue XYZ is ...?"

2. Ask questions that can reasonably be answered within 30-45 seconds. That is the time that will be available to ensure as many audience questions as possible.

3. Try to frame questions as simply and directly as possible. While some questions may require an introductory statement, these statements should be as brief as possible. Questions that amount to prolonged speeches may not be asked as presented.

Forums are a big resource commitment by the Confederation. If you are interested in helping with our Forums, please email us at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com.

We will post additional event details on www.napervillehomeowners.com as they become available.

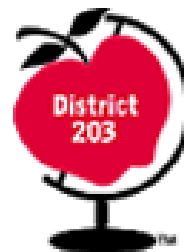
District 203 Announces Major Community Outreach Effort

At the February 19th District 203 Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Dan Bridges announced an extensive community outreach effort to chart the future direction of the District.

It is no exaggeration to say that public education is in a period of massive change. From the implementation of the Common Core and the PERRA assessments, to the new teacher and principal evaluation regime created by the PERA act and SB7, to the ongoing challenges with state and national funding, for District 203 to prosper and improve, the district must come to a clear understanding of where it needs to be in five years and outline the steps it will take to get there. This effort is designed to do just that. The District is interested in hearing from all members of the community, not just parents with children in the system.

You can read more on the District's website here:
<http://www.naperville203.org/community/FutureFocus.asp>

They also have a Facebook page here:
<https://www.facebook.com/FutureFocus203?ref=ts&fref=ts>



The District is looking for these outcomes from the outreach effort:

- Assist the Board of Education and Administration in broadening their understanding of the community's beliefs, aspirations, desires and priorities related to public education, specifically the needs and interests of District 203;

- Invite and engage the community in District planning and decision making;
- Obtain relevant perspectives that build upon, expand and enhance the previous planning initiatives by the District;
- Define priorities and improvement strategies;
- Discover what resources will be needed as the District moves toward continuous improvement;
- Build an ongoing process for strengthening trust, communication and collaborative efforts with the full community.#



Registration Is Now Open!

The 10th Annual Cuisine for a Cause. A benefit for Naperville CARES will be held on **Saturday, April 27, 2013** at Tellabs Global Headquarters.

\$90 per person before March 31
\$100 per person after March 31
Register online at www.napervillecares.org

Do you have an item that you'd be willing to donate for our auction? Would you like to be a sponsor? Please contact our office at 630-369-0200.

A benefit for **Naperville CARES**
ASSISTING FAMILIES IN NEED

Engagement dates and locations:

Tuesday, March 12, 2013 8:30-10:30 AM	State of the District Session 1	Grace United Methodist Church
Wednesday, March 13, 2013 7:00-9:00 PM	State of the District Session 1	Naperville Central High School Cafeteria
Wednesday, April 17, 2013 7:00 – 9:00PM	Community Engagement Session 2	Naperville Central High School Cafeteria
Thursday, April 18, 2013 8:30-10:30 AM	Community Engagement Session 2	Grace United Methodist Church
Wednesday, May 15, 2013 7:00-9:00 PM	Community Engagement Session 3	Naperville Central High School Cafeteria
Thursday, May 16, 2013 8:30-10:30 AM	Community Engagement Session 3	Grace United Methodist Church
Wednesday, June 12, 2013 7:00-9:00 PM	Community Engagement Session 4	Naperville Central High School Cafeteria
Thursday, June 13, 2013 8:30-10:30 AM	Community Engagement Session 4	Grace United Methodist Church
Wednesday, September 18, 2013 7:00-9:00 PM	Community Engagement Session 5	Naperville Central High School Cafeteria

#Grace United Methodist Church is located at 300 E. Gartner Rd.

In order to help us facilitate this process in an effective and efficient manner, The District requests you register your intent to participate by either:

1. Calling the RSVP line at 630-548-4342 and leaving your name, the date of the session(s) you plan to attend at this time, and the number of people attending with you.
2. Emailing your information to: futurefocus@naperville203.org.



**Senator Michael Connelly
and
Representatives Ives, Fortner, & Senger
Invite You To**

**"YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO
CHALLENGE YOUR PROPERTY TAXES.
DON'T OVER PAY!"**

**DuPage County Property Tax Relief
Seminar**

**Saturday March 2nd, 2013
10AM — Noon
The Wheaton Community Center
1777 Blanchard St, Wheaton, IL**



Please call for more information:

**Kathleen Murphy
District Director to Rep Ives
Dist. Office: 630 384.1103
Email: Repjeanneives@gmail.com**



NAHC Briefs – News You Can Use!

NAPERVILLE CRIME STOPPERS are offering up to a \$1,000.00 reward for information leading to the arrest of person(s) responsible for damaging numerous items of property by applying graffiti under the moniker of "snow" throughout the past year. Most recently, several properties in the 200 block of South Main in downtown Naperville were defaced in the same manner.

If anyone witnessed this incident or has any information about it or the suspect involved, they are asked to call CRIME STOPPERS AT 630-420-6006. Your information is important to Crime Stoppers and all callers may remain anonymous. A reward of up to \$1,000.00 is being offered for the information that leads to an arrest in this incident.



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The public is invited to attend an open house to provide comments about traffic concerns related to **Zone 11 of the City's Neighborhood Traffic Study Program**. Zone 11 is bounded by Edward Hospital on the north, Washington Street on the east, 75th Street on the south and West Street on the west and includes Olympic Terrace, West Highlands, Hobson West and Maplebrook I.

The open house will be held from **5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7** in the gym at Elmwood Elementary School, 1024 Magnolia Lane. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the public to provide the City with their questions and concerns related to traffic conditions in Zone 11. This is an open house event; no formal presentation will be provided. For those not able to attend, the exhibits will be posted on the project webpage at www.naperville.il.us/zone11.aspx following the open house. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted via email through 5 p.m. on Monday, March 18.

Beginning this year, the City of Naperville is working with consultants to implement a new Neighborhood Traffic Study Program, which will address traffic conditions within identified neighborhoods in the City in a comprehensive manner rather than on an individual request basis as has been done in the past. Every year, the City receives numerous resident requests to investigate traffic issues such as speeding, cut-through traffic, pedestrian safety and parking concerns.

Through the Neighborhood Traffic Study Program, the City will evaluate and address neighborhood traffic concerns programmatically on a comprehensive neighborhood-wide basis. Using the City's Master Thoroughfare Plan map, the City has identified 33 neighborhood study areas and anticipates completing one to three studies a year until all the study areas are completed. A map of the study areas and more information on the Neighborhood Traffic Study Program can be found at www.naperville.il.us/ntsp.aspx.

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With Spring around the corner and gardening on your mind, remember that once you are ready to start working outdoors, JULIE's Call Center Agents are available 24/7 to receive and process locate requests any time of year. Simply call 8-1-1 or enter your own request online via E-Request.



Also, JULIE's Homeowner's Guide provides safe digging tips. This free brochure is available at http://www.illinois1call.com/free_materials/available_items.htm and is a must-read before planning any type of outdoor project.

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The Naperville Municipal Band is now accepting application letters for **ice cream social sponsors** for



the band concerts in Central Park this summer. Concerts are held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays from June 6 through Aug. 15. Any not-for-profit organization serving the Naperville community is eligible to apply.

The applicant's letter should include the organization's name, a brief explanation of its purpose, and the name, address and telephone number of the organization's president or ice cream social chairperson. Application letters must be received by Monday, March 11 to be eligible for the lottery.

Send the application letter to: Ice Cream Social Chairman
Naperville Municipal Band
P.O. Box 474
Naperville, IL 60566

For more information, call (630) 778-9994 or e-mail info@napervilleband.org.

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On Saturday March 16th, from 9AM-3PM, the WVHS Band Boosters are sponsoring their 8th Annual **Craft Fair and Vendor Showcase** at Waubonsie Valley High School located at 2590 Ogden Avenue, Aurora, IL 60540. There will also be a Raffle and Bake Sale. Admission is: Adults:\$2, Students:\$1, Children under 5 are free. For more information, contact Janette Siemienkowicz at wvbandmom@comcast.net.

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Naperville's Sister Cities Commission is encouraging young artists to submit their artwork into the **2013 Young Artists Showcase** competition. Entries are due by Friday, April 12, with an awards ceremony planned for 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 20 in the lobby at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St.

This year's contest theme is "The Power of Exchange." Entrants are asked to use artwork to express how exchanges of people and ideas facilitate community development and educational opportunities and illustrate the long-term impact that those types of exchanges have had on themselves or their community and changed them for the better.

The Young Artists Showcase is open to Naperville residents as well as Naperville Community Unit School District 203 and Indian Prairie School District 204 students between 13 and 18 years of age by April 30, 2013. Entry deadline is Friday, April 12, at 4 p.m. All completed artwork and entry paperwork should be brought to the Mayor's Office at the Naperville Municipal Center by the deadline.

For more information, visit www.naperville.il.us/sccyashowcase.aspx. One finalist and four semi-finalists will receive awards at the April 20 awards ceremony, with the finalist having his or her artwork submitted to Sister Cities International for national, and potentially international, recognition. In past years, more than 100 Naperville residents have attended the awards ceremony.

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Electronics recycling is available at the City of Naperville's Recycling Drop-Off Center on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Accepted items include personal computers, laptops, all-in-ones, monitors, televisions, large peripherals, copiers, computer cables, keyboards, mice, fax machines, VCRs, DVD players, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, video game consoles and more. For more information, visit www.naperville.il.us/electronicrecycle.aspx.

For more information on the Recycling Drop-Off Center: www.naperville.il.us/recyclecenter.aspx.

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The Rotary Club of Naperville's Community Service committee is now accepting applications for their **2013 Basic Humanitarian Needs Grant**. This grant which is funded by The Rotary Club of Naperville Charities and Naperville Rotary Charities funds programs that provide vulnerable populations with access to basic humanitarian needs which are essential to prevent the threat to the health, safety, security or well being of our community.

Since 1995 Naperville Rotary Charities, the Rotary Community Services Committee, the President's Fund and Four Avenues of Service fund have pooled



resources to fund local agencies through the Basic Humanitarian Needs Grant. Over the 18 year history of this grant, 87 agencies have been awarded over \$1,050,000. Some of the major recipients of this grant have been 360 Youth Services, Families Helping Families, Family Shelter Services, Little Friends, Naperville CARES, Samaritan Interfaith Counseling and the YMCA.

The 2013 application can be downloaded from the Rotary Club of Naperville website at www.napervillerotary.com. Applicants must be a 501(c)3 organization that serves Naperville and the surrounding community. Please see the application for all eligibility requirements and restrictions. Completed applications can be sent to The Rotary Club of Naperville, P.O. Box 2, Naperville, IL 60566 or e-mailed to csggrants@napervillerotary.com and are due by Friday, March 22, 2013. Agencies will be notified of final awards by June 30, 2013.

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Naperville residents once again have the opportunity to learn about the City's form of government, department operations and City services by participating in the **ninth annual Naperville Citizens Academy**. This 11-week program is designed to give residents hands-on experience and unique insight into the City of Naperville.

Classes will meet weekly from 6:30 to 9 p.m. beginning Thursday, April 18. Each week, participants will learn about the many aspects of local government through informative and interactive sessions with elected officials, department directors and representatives from Naper Settlement, the Naperville Public Library and the Naperville Park District. The program will culminate in a graduation ceremony officiated by Mayor A. George Pradel and the City Council.

Space in the program is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. To inquire about registration, contact Community Relations Assistant Janice Bradley at (630) 420-6707. For more information about the program, visit www.naperville.il.us/citizensacademy.aspx.

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The City of Naperville is accepting comments on proposed federal energy standards through March 19, 2013. In the interest of transparency and convenience to utility customers, the City will accept written comments during this time as well as host two public hearings in March 2013.

The proceeding is being conducted in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) to consider proposed federal energy standards and decide whether the City should implement these proposed standards or decline to do so. The proposed federal energy standards include net metering, fuel sources standards, fossil fuel generation efficiency standards, interconnection standards, smart metering (with time-based rate schedules), integrated resource planning, rate design modifications and smart grid information.

The utility staff has its proposed findings on each federal energy standard available for public review at www.naperville.il.us/utilityhearing.aspx as well as in hard copy form at the City Clerk's Office at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St.

Multiple methods are available for the public to comment on these standards. Written comments will be accepted through March 19, 2013, by emailing lafeberp@naperville.il.us. Comments can also be mailed or submitted in person to City Clerk's Office, Attn: Pam LaFeber/PURPA Comments, Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL 60540. Full rules on what written comments should include are available to view at www.naperville.il.us/utilityhearing.aspx.

In addition, two public hearing dates for the public to attend and provide verbal comments are set. The hearings will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2013, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, in Council Chambers at the Municipal Center. Both hearings will be broadcast live on the City's government access TV station WCNC (Ch. 6 – WOW, Ch. 10 – Comcast and Ch. 99 – AT&T) as well as stream live via the City's website at www.naperville.il.us/granicus.html.

Full rules on how public hearings will work and how public participation can occur are available at www.naperville.il.us/utilityhearing.aspx. Members of the public interested in attending the hearing and submitting public comments are encouraged to review the hearing rules in advance. Those customers

wishing to intervene in the proceeding as an “interested party” may provide evidence, rebuttal testimony or cross-examine witnesses must have already filed a notice with the City Clerk’s Office. Members of the public will be allowed to comment at the hearings; however, if not registered as an interested party they cannot provide evidence, rebuttal testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

All written comments and those received at the public hearings will be available for review at www.naperville.il.us/utilityhearing.aspx. Following the hearings, all testimony, comments and evidence will be summarized and make a recommendation to the City Council in the form of a resolution. The resolution will be discussed at a future City Council meeting for final action.

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The City of Naperville is proud to announce that it has received an A+ transparency grade from Sunshine Review, a non-profit organization dedicated to state and local government transparency. This ranking outscored all other major cities in Illinois and the State of Illinois itself.



In looking at the City’s website, the Sunshine Review used its 10-point transparency checklist and determined it contained thorough information on the

budget, meetings, elected officials, administrative officials, building permits and zoning information, audits, contracts, lobbying, public records and taxes. Naperville has information posted on all of these topics at www.naperville.il.us. More information about the Sunshine Review and its transparency checklist are available at <http://sunshinereview.org/core/>.

Recently, the City also put together a webpage solely devoted to government transparency to highlight important information and provide residents with a better idea of how their tax dollars are spent. Available at www.naperville.il.us/transparency.aspx, the page lists contact information for elected officials and City staff, Finance and Human Resources information, including an innovative analysis of the City’s expenditures known as “spotlight on spend” and lobbying contracts.



Mark your calendars: ACTHA's Spring Conference & Trade Show is March 16th. Details and registration information is at:

http://www.actha.org/pages/2013_spring_conference/34.php

March ACTHA Webinars: <http://www.actha.org/pages/webinars/72.php>

Tues., Mar. 7, 12:00 Noon, Association Director and Officer Liability Insurance. Presenter: Kelly Elmore of Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit

For more webinar information and to register go to:

<http://www.actha.org/pages/webinars/72.php>

March Seminars: <http://www.actha.org/pages/seminars/30.php>

Tuesday, Mar. 12: **How to Conduct a One Hour Board Meeting**, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Oak Park Village Hall, 123 W. Madison. Presenters: John Bickley of Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit and Paul Gioia of ACM Community Management. This seminar is free and does not require pre-registration

All seminars require pre-registration of 15 and are free for ACTHA members (\$20 for non-members) unless otherwise noted. For more details go to: <http://www.actha.org/pages/seminars/30.php>

Recycle Non-Working Holiday Lights

Frustrated with “half-dead” strands and tangled balls of holiday lights? Don’t toss them in the trash – recycle them. The City of Naperville has options to get rid of old lights without unnecessarily adding to the “waste stream.”



Residents may also discard lights that no longer work at the Public Works Service Center building, 180 Fort Hill Drive, or the Recycling Drop-Off Center, also located at 180 Fort Hill Drive. The drop-off center’s normal hours of operation are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Accepted lights at the City Drop-Off Center include:



- mini-lights (Italian lights)
- C7
- C9
- LED
- rope
- extension cords

All colors and lengths will be accepted through April 1, 2013. For more information on the City’s Recycling Drop-Off Center, visit www.naperville.il.us/recyclecenter.aspx.

Take Part in Earth Hour

The City of Naperville is encouraging residents and businesses to turn off their non-essential lights and other electronic items as part of the worldwide Earth Hour event taking place on Saturday, March 23, between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. local time.

UNITING PEOPLE TO PROTECT THE PLANET
EARTH HOUR 2013: SATURDAY MARCH 23 8:30PM

Sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund, Earth Hour is a global movement designed to celebrate a commitment to the planet by switching off non-

essential lights for one designated hour. Ultimately, Earth Hour aims to encourage a global community to share the opportunities and challenges of cultivating a sustainable world. In 2012, Earth Hour took place in more than 7,000 cities and towns in 152 countries and territories across the world and involved hundreds of millions of people switching their lights off for the hour. The City will be participating and encourages individuals and area organizations to participate.

“I was so pleased that the City of Naperville has supported Earth Hour in the past and am even more pleased that we are once again showing our support for action on conserving our precious resources,” Mayor A. George Pradel said. “This is a symbolic event in which every single person can participate. Our City prides itself on being environmentally friendly, and this is one more way we can encourage our residents and businesses to care for our planet.”

Tips on energy conservation are available to view on the City’s recently updated Enviroteam webpage at www.naperville.il.us/enviroteam.aspx, which serves as a single, convenient resource portal for Naperville residents and businesses interested in environmental sustainability initiatives. Twitter users are encouraged to join the City in using and following the hashtag #naperearthhour for any Naperville Earth Hour-related news and information.

For more information on Earth Hour, or to sign up as an individual for the event or take Earth Hour’s “I Will if You Will” challenge, visit www.earthhour.org.

KIDSMATTER STUDENT JOB FAIR



WHAT SHOULD I BRING:

- A FIRM HANDSHAKE AND SMILE
- GOOD MANNERS
- A STRONG WORK ETHIC
- A RESUME - IF YOU HAVE ONE

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR:

- BUSINESS APPROPRIATE CLOTHING



HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENTS -- NEED A JOB?

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

5PM - 7:30PM

MERNER FIELD HOUSE AT NORTH
CENTRAL COLLEGE

Connect with local businesses looking for part-time employees at the KidsMatter Student Job Fair! You will have the opportunity to stop by employers' booths, fill out applications and in some cases interview on the spot for open positions that range from weekend, part time and full time summer jobs to internships.

PLUS: PRACTICE INTERVIEW SKILLS – BUILD YOUR RESUME –
LEARN ABOUT INTERNSHIPS – CHECK OUT VOCATIONS!



Coming In May – NAHC Elections

In accordance with our bylaws, the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation will hold elections at the Confederation Annual Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 8:30 AM in Meeting Rooms B&C of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, Illinois. The offices to be voted on are President and Vice President of the Confederation (currently Dr. Bob Buckman and Bob Fischer); and two at large Director Positions (currently held by Allen Panek and Marcia Straub). Marcia Straub is eligible to run again for her current position.



A nominating committee will be formed at the March 23rd General Meeting and will prepare a slate of recommended candidates to be announced at the April meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the General meeting. Any person who, at the time of the election, is a member of a homeowners association which is a Confederation member, or, in accordance with the amended bylaws an individual 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.

Duties of the positions to be elected are as follows:

President – shall be chief executive officer of the Confederation; shall preside at all meetings; shall be the chairperson of the Confederation Board of Directors; and shall be the custodian of the corporate records and seal. All records of Confederation business shall be and remain the property of the Confederation. The President shall also ensure (and may delegate to other Board Members the direct responsibility to see) that all newsletters, notices to member associations, and other Confederation communications, are promptly sent and distributed in a timely and appropriate manner and shall ensure that the Secretary is provided, in a timely and appropriate manner, copies or other adequate information on all such communications.

Vice President – shall assume all duties of the President in the event the office of President becomes vacant for any reason, and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President of the Confederation Board of Directors.

At-Large Board Members – shall be chairpersons of Ad Hoc Committees of the Confederation as formed at the discretion of the BOD. They shall be eligible to assume the terms and duties of Confederation officers, if such officers resign, refuse, become ineligible, or are otherwise unavailable to fulfill their terms. At-Large Board Members shall be empowered to vote in all decisions of the BOD. If any elected Director is not able for any reason to complete a term of office, the BOD may 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.

All member associations in good standing are eligible to cast a vote in this election. To be considered in good standing, member associations are to be current in their annual dues. Other information on the conduct of the elections, or on membership status of associations, can be found in the Confederation Bylaws which are posted at:

<http://www.napervillehomeowners.com/NAHC/NewsDoc/NewsDoc8119.pdf> .



SAVE THE DATE

BEATING BACK BED BUGS

Chicago-area bed bug workshop for managers of Multi-Unit Buildings, Schools, Senior Services, Shelters and Transitional Housing, Hospitals, Social & Emergency Service Providers, Hospitality Industry

APRIL 10, 2013 • 9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Concurrent sessions will be offered for each topic. Go to spcpweb.org/training for agenda updates.

United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 Offices
77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL (12th floor)

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IN COLLABORATION WITH HUD

If you are interested in serving on the Confederation Board, or on the nominating committee, please contact our President, Dr. Bob Buckman. If your association or Board would like to learn more about the NAHC, a Board member will be happy to attend one of your meetings to update your community on what the NAHC can and does do for you. Contact us at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com to schedule a presentation!

Loaves & Fishes

Ending Hunger  Empowering Lives

Effective February 1, Loaves & Fishes moved to a shift model that better accommodates the numbers of

clients and volunteers on site.

The new schedule will be as follows:

- Tuesday 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.
- Wednesday 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.
- Thursday 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m. and 5 – 7 p.m.
- Saturday 8 a.m. – 11: 30 a.m.

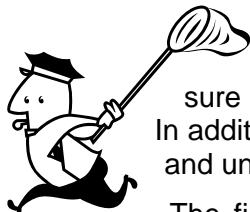
Client parking will open 30 minutes before pickup. A new parking map has been shared with clients and volunteers and is available on the Loaves & Fishes website at <http://www.loaves-fishes.org>.

Tax season has begun and the free **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** is up and running at Loaves & Fishes. Internal Revenue Service-certified volunteers will be on site on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 – 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until noon from now through Saturday, April 13th.

In addition to free routine state and federal income tax preparation, VITA volunteers are trained to inform taxpayers about programs for which they might qualify, including Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or Disabled. It is not necessary to be a Loaves & Fishes client to use this free community service. The VITA program is open to any legal resident of the United States claiming a household income of \$51,000 or less for 2012. Please call 630-355-3663 to schedule an appointment. Learn how to prepare for the tax preparation session by visiting the VITA site at <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Free-Tax-Return-Preparation-for-You-by-Volunteers> .

City Launching New Animal Control eNewsletter

Animal Control's "Paws and Claws News" will be distributed on a quarterly basis and feature information on animal safety, responsible pet ownership and living in harmony with wildlife.



"Many people may not realize that one of Animal Control's main missions is public education," Animal Control Supervisor Joanne Aul said. "We want to make sure our residents understand not only what we do, but how they can care for their pets. In addition, we want people to know more about the wildlife that also calls Naperville home and understand their natural patterns."

The first edition of the newsletter, which will be distributed in March, will focus on an overview of Animal Control, pet licensing, identification tags and microchipping. Future issues will include information on wildlife and their babies, bite prevention and coyote behavior.

To sign up for the Animal Control eNewsletter, visit www.naperville.il.us/enews.aspx.

Additionally, Naperville Animal Control is now posting a list of impounded animals to the web. Check <http://bit.ly/naperanimals> to see if one is yours.

Open until
4:00 p.m.
Monday, March 4 &
Monday, March 25

March 2013

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Except Third Thursday of every month, open until 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: Noon – 5:00 p.m.

The Museum will be closed Sunday, March 31.
Hours are subject to change. Please check the website to plan your visit.



FREE to members or with Museum admission.

Kennedy's Kitchen

Sunday, March 10

Rousing Irish music

2:00 and 2:45 p.m.

Kalapriya

Sunday, March 24

If Peacocks Could Fly

2:00 and 2:45 p.m.

WINTER/SPRING 2013

Pre-registration and pre-payment required.

Classes for 18 months to 10 years!

Train and Time

Wednesday, March 6

Ages 2-3

10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

My Five Senses

Tuesday, March 19

Ages 4-6

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

DCM is open until 8:00 p.m. every Friday night!

March Friday Night Activities

- March 1 Elan Dance Company
 - March 8 Family Science Night, Grant Funded by Motorola Solutions Foundation
 - March 15 Family Math Night, Grant Funded by PNC
 - March 22 School of Rock House Band
- *All activities start at 6:00 p.m.

Register Early!

Wednesday, March 27 & Thursday, March 28

Up, Up & Away!

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(Ages 7-10)

Monday – Friday, March 25 – 29

Play-Well TEKologies

Jedi Engineering with LEGO®

9:00 a.m. – Noon

(Ages 5-6)

Play-Well TEKologies

Jedi Master Engineering with LEGO®

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

(Ages 7-10)

Preschool Summer Camps*

Play-Well TEKologies

Engineering with LEGO® Camps

Summer Mini-Camps*

(Ages 3-5)

(Ages 5-10)

(Ages 7-10)

* Early registration discount for Preschool and Mini-Camps. See website for details.

Check out our
new website!

Visit www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org for a complete program schedule.
Keep up with our latest news! Like us at [facebook.com/DCMFanPage](https://www.facebook.com/DCMFanPage)



DuPage Children's Museum

301 N. Washington St. | Naperville, IL 60540 | 630.637.8000 | www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org

Help the NAHC Achieve Its Mission



The NAHC is looking for new Associate Directors to help us interact with our neighbors. If you have an interest in a local governmental (i.e. tax dollar supported) entity or other quasi-governmental organization, we need liaisons to report back to the Confederation Board on developments and directions from these organizations and how these may impact our neighborhoods.

An immediate need is for someone to research and write the Monthly Zoning and Land Use Report. We also need an Associate Director to help with NAHC publicity duties, including communicating news of our meetings and events to area news outlets, assisting with keeping the web site, www.napervillehomeowners.com current, and helping prepare this newsletter (this is our editor's 80^h consecutive monthly issue and he truly needs a break!)

If you are interested, please drop us an email at nahc-naperhomeowners@wowway.com or speak to President Dr. Bob Buckman or Vice President Bob Fischer for more details

News from Naper Settlement



Chicagoland's Outdoor History Museum

Discover Naperville's history through engaging and unique experiences at Naper Settlement, Chicagoland's outdoor history museum, located in the heart of Naperville. Explore historic homes and businesses throughout the 12-acre site where you'll understand the past and how it connects to the present.

www.napersettlement.museum

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

Preservation is a key component of the museum's mission and Naper Settlement has a reference library and archival collection. Naper Settlement offers special events, such as Civil War Days and All Hallows Eve, programs, classes, camps, architectural walks, group tours and school programs, and rental

Purchase a season pass and save \$\$ all year long	Individual Season Pass \$50	Family Season Pass \$100
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Good for up to two people- Free General Admission- Two tickets to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Civil War Days* Naper Nights (6 concerts)* Oktoberfest* All Hallows Eve- Treasures Magazine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Good for up to four people- Free General Admission- Four tickets to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Civil War Days* Naper Nights (6 concerts)* Oktoberfest* All Hallows Eve- Treasures Magazine
	Valued at \$354	Valued at \$600

opportunities for meetings, weddings, parties and other social occasions.

Naper Settlement's Winter Season Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Admission is \$5.25/adult, \$4.75/senior 62+ and \$4/youth 4-12. Naperville residents are free. The Visitor Center exhibits and exteriors of the buildings are available for touring. Visit www.napersettlement.museum for further information.

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The Naperville Heritage Society, administrator of Naper Settlement, has begun its search for a new President and CEO, who will work with the Naperville Heritage Society Board of Directors and the Naper Settlement Museum Board to provide visionary and strategic leadership.

NAHC Associate Director Steve Grosskopf, Naperville Heritage Society Search Committee Chair, said, "A gifted leader with a dynamic skill set will raise awareness and steward the potential of Naperville's gem, Naper Settlement. The President and CEO will lead a talented staff and impressive venue to create a prominent regional cultural attraction."

This is an exciting time in the museum's history as the new leader will be only the second President and CEO to head the organization in its 44-year history.

Mike Krol, Chairman of the Naperville Heritage Society Board, said, "As the Naperville Heritage Society embarks on its long-range plans, we will choose our second Naper Settlement President and CEO strategically to celebrate our region's rich history and enhance Naper Settlement's bright future."

The Naperville Heritage Society Board noted that it is seeking to hire a President and CEO who desires a long-term commitment, resulting in the executive being rooted in the community as a citizen and leader. The scope of the position includes providing direction and leadership in strategic planning, community engagement and partnerships, capital development and fundraising. There are three major areas of responsibility: strategic leadership, philanthropic development and operational leadership.

For a complete description about the position, interested applicants should visit <http://www.napersettlement.com/jobs.aspx>.

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Congratulations

Laura Russman, a junior at Aurora University, is the recipient of Naper Settlement's inaugural Powell Museum Studies internship. The 16-week internship, offered from January-April, offers practical museum training experience to individuals interested in pursuing a career in the museum field.

Russman is majoring in history with a minor in museum studies, sociology, and American culture and ethnic studies. She brings a broad background of museum experience that includes the Schingoethe Center for Native American Cultures at Aurora University and the American Theatre Architecture Archives in Elmhurst. Her future career plans involve working in a collections management position at a local museum.

During her internship, Russman will work with two departments, Curatorial and Learning Experiences, to gain general knowledge and a broad experience of how the two departments function within the context of a major museum.

Naper Settlement's Chief Curator Louise Howard said since Naper Settlement now collects to present day, the museum's collection has jumped to over 50,000 objects and help is needed with processing these additions.



Powell Museum Studies intern, Laura Russman

The John K. and Judith H. Powell Museum Studies Internship was established in 2012 and offers a \$500 stipend to the recipient. The late Jack Powell was president of the Naperville Heritage Society from 1980-1982 and Judy Powell is a member of the Weed Ladies volunteer floral design group.

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March Events @ Naper Settlement

Maple Sugaring Days



Learn the time-honored method of collecting sap the old-fashioned way during the annual Maple Sugaring Days to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 9 and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 10 at Naper Settlement. Admission is \$12 adults, \$10 seniors 62+ and \$8 youth 4 to 12. Naperville residents and members are free. For more information, call (630) 420-6010 or visit www.napersettlement.com.

History Speaks: Daisy's Girls - Camping with Juliette Gordon Low

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts when Betsey Means of WomanLore portrays Girl Scouts founder Juliette Gordon Low, during this presentation to be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 10. An enthusiastic organizer and fundraiser, Low led the formation of the Girl Scouts of the

USA in 1912. Advance tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for students, youth and Naperville Heritage Society sustaining members. Tickets at the door are \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and youth. For tickets, call (630) 420-6010 or visit www.napersettlement.com.

Camp Naper summer day camp sign up underway

Camp Naper has fun and educational summer day camps that explore history, math and science on our unique 12-acre museum campus. One-day, two-day, three-day and weeklong camps, run by professional staff, are a great value! For grades 1-8. For more information, call (630) 420-6010 or visit www.napersettlement.com.



Happenings at The Morton Arboretum



Grab your friends and co-workers and take in the scenic views of Meadow Lake as we gather in the Ginkgo Restaurant on Wednesdays **through March 27**, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

This is the first time the Arboretum is offering **Wednesdays, Woods & Wine** at this time of year. "We are so excited to bring the energy, fun and entertainment of our summer Wednesdays, Woods & Wine program series indoors," says

Jenelle Hardtke, special events manager. "We have a great music lineup and encourage you to come relax, unwind, and maybe even dance a little."

Our music lineup includes:

- March 6 – 28 Days Acoustic
- March 13 – Jim Gifford Quartet
- March 20 – White Saddle Band
- March 27 – Piano Man

The cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers and includes a glass of wine or beer and a complimentary cheese buffet. In addition, a full tapas menu and cash bar is available. Admission is waived after 5:00 p.m. No advance reservations are necessary. Please note: Wednesdays, Woods & Wine is exclusively for those 21 years of age and older and no outside food or beverages are allowed.

Discover Where Maple Syrup Comes From

Experience maple tapping and the making of maple syrup in all its stages at our annual Maple Tapping & Pancake Breakfast. - Start your adventure with a hike down Thornhill Trail to our tapped sugar maple tree, where you can see for yourself how sap flows from the tree and is collected. "Even parents are impressed to see the sap dripping from the tree," says Jane Warfel, youth and family programs coordinator. You can even taste the sap right there at the tree.

Its taste may surprise you, says Lesley Kolaya, manager of youth and family programs. "The sap is very watery tasting, with a hint of flavor. Tasting the sap gives you an appreciation for the rest of the process." While you're at the maple tree, look for the tree's scars from past tappings.

Next, travel down the trail to the auger demonstration, where you learn how to safely drill into a maple without damaging the tree. It's a favorite stop for many kids, where you can try your own hand at the auger on a fallen log.

Then, head to the Shelter to see how sap is turned into the maple syrup we all know. As you learn about its history and nutrition, you can sample syrup at various points in the process.

Now that you've worked up an appetite, it's time for our pancake picnic. Pick up your four silver dollar pancakes with a side of bacon then grab samples of four different grades of syrup to taste, by themselves or on your pancakes. Find a seat by the roaring fire and enjoy.

Join us for Maple Tapping & Pancake Picnics on Saturdays, March 2, 9, or 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$18 per person for members, \$25 for nonmembers (admission included). Space is limited. For more information or to register, go to:

http://www.mortonarb.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=23058&Itemid=4

Unless otherwise specified, all Arboretum events and destinations including the Children's Garden are free with Arboretum admission. Current rates for non-members are:

- \$12/adult, (\$8 on Wednesday), ages 18-64
- \$11/senior, (\$7 on Wednesday), ages 65 and over
- \$9/child (\$6 on Wednesday), ages 2-17
- Under age 2 is free. Parking is free

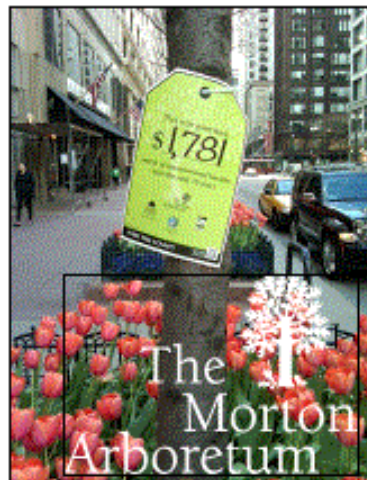
Arbor Day 2013

Friday, April 26, 2013

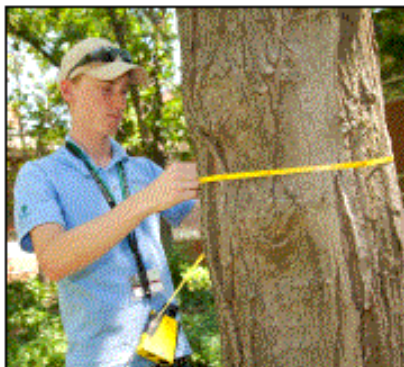
Interactive Learning Opportunity

100 FREE Tree Tagging Kits
Watch for details coming soon -

- Learn about the cool things trees do to make our planet a better place to live
- Identify trees at your school, park or home
- Collect data - STEM, record information
- Calculate scientific measure
- Share the information with your school and community



The Morton Arboretum wants to help communities understand the benefits of the trees around them. This Arbor Day, learn about trees and what they do for us every day. This program developed by the Education and Community Trees Programs at the Morton Arboretum is designed for both school and community groups. The activity incorporates STEM principals, meets curriculum standards and provides an outdoor activity for Earth Day and Arbor Day.



Kit includes:

- 20 Tree Tags (additional available)
- measuring tapes
- black marker
- Twine for hanging tags
- Lesson plans for grades 3-12
- Website links for Tree Identification
- Reproducible "Benefits of Trees" handout

Supplemental information on:

- "Tree careers" including arboriculture, urban forestry and Horticulture
- Links to additional Arbor Day celebration ideas

For additional information please visit: www.mortonarb.org/arborday
Or contact: Beth Corrigan at bcorrigan@mortonarb.org or 630-725-2119



Park District Updates

Stay connected with the Naperville Park District throughout the year by following them on Facebook, Flickr, Twitter, LinkedIn and Park Talk Blog. Sign up for e-news by visiting their homepage at www.napervilleparks.org
Thursday, Feb. 7.

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2013 All-City Dodgeball Champions, Loiter Squad, from Neuqua Valley High School - Team members included J.P. Georganas, Eli Tappin, Alex Teresky, Connor Raridon, Bro Putnal, Jacob Eminger, Kiley Czerwinski, and Kiran Kehal.

The tournament, sponsored by the Naperville Park District Youth Ambassadors, took place on February 24. Eleven teams competed, with Loiter Squad defeating DiFranco four games to three in a best-of-seven final match.

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The Government Finance Officers Association of the U. S. and Canada (GFOA) recently awarded the Park District with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its 2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.



According to GFOA, the Certificate is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. The Naperville Park District has received this Certificate annually since 1991.

The Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting is awarded by an impartial panel “to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive ‘spirit of full disclosure’ to clearly communicate its financial story,” said representatives from the GFOA in a Feb. 6, 2013 press release.

In an effort to make its financial reporting even more accessible to a wider audience, the Naperville Park District recently released a new, eye-catching “Budget Snapshot” available on its website at the following link: <http://www.napervilleparks.org/budgetsnapshot13/>. Those who wish to review the entire 2011, 2012, or 2013 Fiscal Year Budget or the 2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report may find these documents at www.napervilleparks.org under “About Us/Finances.”

Additionally, the NCTV video of the Feb. 9, 2013 State of the Park District address, which reviews key financial data along with goals and accomplishments, can be viewed on the District’s website at <http://www.napervilleparks.org/photosandvideos/videos>.

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The Naperville Park District recently received a report from Shaw Environmental summarizing the results of **soil, groundwater, surface water and sediment testing at Sportsman’s Park**. The Park District then submitted this report to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Site Remediation Program (SRP).

The report, known as a *Focused Site Investigation Report (FSIR)*, was completed in conformance with the IEPA approved Site Investigation Work Plan (dated January 2012) and Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code Part 740. This FSIR seeks IEPA concurrence regarding the delineation of the nature and extent of contamination. The FSIR summarizes the results of 303 soil samples, 9 groundwater samples, 12 surface water samples and 48 sediment samples.

In general, the results of the assessment were consistent with previous investigations. Monitoring wells installed and tested at the Site did not encounter lead at concentrations exceeding IEPA

Groundwater and Drinking Water Standards. Lead was encountered within the trap shooting shot fall deposition zone and gun range at values exceeding the most stringent IEPA Remediation Objectives.

Upon regulatory concurrence of the FSIR, the Naperville Park District will proceed with the SRP required *Remedial Objectives Report* and the *Remedial Action Plan* in order to gain regulatory concurrence on appropriate remedial measures. To proceed with the next phase of the process, Shaw Environmental will submit a change order to the Naperville Park District Board of Commissioners to extend the scope of services.

The report is available for download at the Naperville Park District's website at the following link: <http://www.napervilleparks.org/parks/sportsmans-park>. Additionally, a hard copy is available for public review at the Administration Building at 320 W. Jackson Ave.

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At the February 14 meeting of the Naperville Park District Board of Commissioners, the Board expressed support for the idea to name the driving range at Naperbrook Golf Course the "**Glen Ekey Driving Range.**" Following initial consideration of the naming proposal, the Board's policy requires a 60-day waiting period prior to a final vote to approve the naming.

Glen Ekey was an influential Naperville Park District director serving from 1981-1996 during a period of rapid growth in the community. The 1981 population of approximately 45,000 grew to 118,000 in 1996 with two golf courses and 123 parks encompassing 2,300 acres. Ekey had the vision to purchase on behalf of the District much of the park land that we enjoy today for outdoor recreation.

Once the naming becomes official the Naperville Park District plans to host an event at Naperbrook Golf Course in May 2013 to dedicate the range as the "Glen Ekey Driving Range."

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Opening day for Springbrook and Naperbrook Golf Courses is March 15, weather dependent.

Springbrook Golf Course
2220 W. 83rd Street
Naperville

Naperbrook Golf Course
22204 W. 111th Street/Hassert Boulevard
Plainfield

Experience the best in quality, convenience and value in the Western Suburbs!

Springbrook Golf Course is a challenging 18-hole 72-par championship layout with beautiful, mature trees and foliage and provides an excellent golf experience for players of all levels. Golfers have their choice of playing from one of four sets of tees depending upon age and skill. Springbrook amenities include a natural turf driving range, separate teaching tee, short game practice area, two practice putting greens, private group lessons for adult players at all levels, golf camps, clinics and leagues for kids 7 and up at all levels, clubhouse with food service and outdoor patio and Golf Shop with brand-name golf apparel and equipment. Visit www.springbrookgolfcourse.org or call 630-848-5060 for complete information.

Naperbrook Golf Course is an 18-hole links-style course featuring rolling hills, native prairie grass and an ever-present breeze that tests golfers at all levels. The greens are large and well-protected, while menacing water hazards appear on eleven of the holes. Naperbrook amenities include a natural turn driving range, separate teaching tee, two practice putting greens, private and group lessons for adult players at all levels, golf camps, clinics and leagues for kids 7 and up at all levels, clubhouse with food service and outdoor patio and Golf Shop with brand-name golf apparel and equipment. Visit www.naperbrookgolfcourse.org or call 630-378-4215 for complete information.

Both courses also offer customized golf outing packages. Contact us to create a really memorable outing experience. To reserve an outing date, please contact Mike Lyzun at Springbrook at 630-848-5060 or Tim Dunn at Naperbrook at 630-378-4215.

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Spring Break Camps - Spring Break Camps abound at Naperville Park District. We offer camps for those ages 3-17 including Camp Hip Hip Hooray it's Spring Break, an all-day camp designed for those in grades 1-5. Visit www.napervilleparks.org and make plans to spend spring break with us!

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Volunteer tax preparers in the AARP Tax-Aide Program will provide **free tax filing assistance to seniors** by appointment only at the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, 305 W. Jackson Ave., through April 10, 2013.

Those interested in scheduling a 45-minute appointment for tax assistance may call the Naperville Park District at 630-848-3613. Membership in AARP is not required. Additionally, tax assistance is available to homebound seniors by calling 630-848-3613.

Like thousands of other volunteers across the country, the local AARP Tax-Aide volunteers complete training courses in aspects of tax law with materials supplied by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The volunteers provide free electronic filing services using IRS software that also is used by many paid professionals.

Individuals who register for tax assistance are asked to bring all necessary paperwork to their appointment, including the following:

- Last year's tax return and tax records
- Social security or Tax ID number for self, spouse, and dependents
- Checking account routing number for direct deposit information
- Income documents, including W-2, 1099, K-1, etc.
- Information about tax-deductible items, including dependents, interest, real estate tax bill, state tax bill, charitable donation receipts, etc.

Tax assistance is one of many free and low-cost programs for seniors offered by the Naperville Park District. Details can be found in the District's *Winter Program Guide* or in the new *Senior Program Guide* available online at www.napervilleparks.org or at one of the following Naperville Park District facilities:

- Administration Building, 320 W. Jackson Ave.
- Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, 305 W. Jackson Ave.
- 95th Street Center, 2244 W. 95th St.

Library News



For more information go to <http://www.naperville-lib.org>

The Naperville Public Library will be closed on Friday, March 8 for Staff In-Service Day and staff training. Normal operating hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. will resume on Saturday, March 9.

The Naperville Public Library will also be closed on Sunday, March 31. Normal operating hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. will resume on Monday, April 1.

Drive-up returns for all materials are available 24 hours a day at the Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave.; the Naper Boulevard Library, 2035 S. Naper Blvd.; and the 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr. Materials may also be renewed by calling 630-961-0460. The Library Catalog, www.naperville-lib.org, is also available 24/7 for you to download or renew materials.

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Hours at the Nichols Library on Sundays will be extended starting March 3. This temporary extension will add four more hours, allowing the library to be open from 1 to 9 p.m. The increase in hours is a pilot program, explains John Spears, Naperville Public Library Executive Director. "The public has requested expanded hours for many years, and we will run this program for four months to gauge potential use." Spears explains. "Sunday is our busiest day, and in looking at the experience of other libraries, adding evening hours on Sunday has proven very effective in meeting the public's

demand for more services. Several years ago we shortened Sunday hours due to budget cuts. During budget discussions last fall, City Council asked what it would cost to extend our hours.”

Hourly usage statistics will be carefully examined throughout the process. “We’ll see if it meets the public’s needs. If it does we’ll have the information necessary to decide the appropriate staffing levels to make the extended hours permanent,” Spears said. With Board and Council approval, these figures would then be incorporated into the fiscal year 2015 budget, and the longer hours would be fully implemented in May 2014

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The public can now **scan and fax items** on new equipment that has been installed at all three Naperville Public Library buildings. The Scan Station machines are located in the Computer Lab at the Nichols Library, near the Lower Level Conference Room at the Naper Boulevard Library, and near the upper level copiers at the 95th Street Library

The new machines also make the scanning process more convenient. Since they are standalone machines there is no need to log into the system in the Computer Labs. In addition at the Scan Stations you can scan documents to Google docs, email, a USB drive or even print the scan.

Scanning documents is free, faxes cost \$1/page to the U.S. and Canada, \$2 to other international locations and printing costs 10 cents/page for black & white; color copies are 25 cents/page

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Beginning March 1st: No fee to check out DVDs; DVD fines remain \$1 per day; and an increase in overdue fines for books to 25 cents per day.

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March Program Highlights from the Naperville Public Library

Foreign Language Storytimes Offered by Language Stars - Hola! Bonjour! Ni Hao! Be dazzled as teachers provide a 30-minute interactive program with books, songs and activities conducted entirely in their native language. All storytimes, recommended for ages 1 – 6, but all ages are welcome, are held at 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. 95th Street Library storytimes will be held Monday, March 4, Chinese, Wednesday, March 6, French; and Thursday, March 7, Spanish. Naper Boulevard Library storytimes will be held Wednesday, March 13, French; Thursday, March 14, Spanish; and Friday, March 15, Chinese. Nichols Library storytimes will be held Tuesday, March 19, Spanish; Wednesday, March 20, French; and Friday, March 22, Chinese.

Behind The Doors of Downton Abbey - Join us as we explore behind-the-scenes anecdotes and hidden details of the critically acclaimed series, “Downtown Abbey.” This presentation includes historical context of the aristocratic Crawley family and their servants as well as stories from the first two seasons of this remarkable show. This program on Wednesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Nichols Library, 200 W. Jefferson Ave., is partially funded by a grant from the City of Naperville.

Balancing Hormones Naturally- A Holistic Approach to Women’s Hormone-Related Health Concerns - Over 80 million women in the U.S. currently suffer with PMS and symptoms of menopause. On Thursday, March 7 at 7 p.m., 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., educate yourself about natural alternatives to address problems related to hormone imbalances and menopause. This Healthy, Wealthy & Wise program is presented by Lifetime Health and Wellness.

Stop Motion Movies - All the greats started somewhere! Students in grades 3 to 5, have you ever dreamed of making a movie? Then we have the program for you! Grab those old toys, teddy bears and dolls, and learn how to create animated movies. At the end of the program, parents may view their children’s movies. Program dates are Thursday, March 7, 4 p.m., Nichols Library; Wednesday, March 20, 4 p.m., Naper Boulevard Library; and Thursday, March 28, 11:30 a.m., 95th Street Library. Each program requires advanced registration at www.naperville-lib.org and is limited to 20 movie makers.

Financing Long-Term Care - Kathy Reuter, well-known educator, will discuss the pros and cons of consumer options such as long-term care insurance, savings and investments, reverse mortgages, and home equity loans, along with tips on how to make wise decisions. Disclaimer: The information

provided in this program is unbiased research based information for educational purposes only. The program does not endorse any specific long-term care insurance agencies or products. The program, to be held on Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m., Nichols Library, is part of the Healthy, Wealthy & Wise, a year-long education initiative.

Myths and Legends of Ireland - There is more to Ireland than Leprechauns and clovers. Learn about the heroes, monsters, myths and stories of Ireland and how they impact us today. Stories include: St. Patrick's Day, Finn McCool and how these legends shaped some of our greatest American traditions. Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m., 95th Street Library.

Calling All Teen Improv Performers! - Join us as Chicago comedians and performers, Dan Krall (iO Chicago, The Playground Theater, Ph Productions) and Josh Zagoren (iO Chicago, Hobo Junction Productions, The Paper Machete), teach you the basics of improv performance, introduce you to improv games to hone your skills, and prepare you for a mini performance at the end of the program. This program on Wednesday, March 20, 4:30 p.m., 95th Street Library, requires advanced registration at www.naperville-lib.org.

Job Search Workshop: Job Search @ Your Library - Learn how library resources can enhance and increase the effectiveness of your job search. Library print materials and other resources will be introduced and explained. Training on NPL's databases related to job search will be provided. This program, presented on Wednesday, March 20, 3 p.m. at Nichols Library, requires advanced registration at www.naperville-lib.org. This program is part of the Healthy, Wealthy & Wise, a year-long education initiative.

The next NAHC General Membership meeting will be on Saturday morning, March 23rd at 8:00AM (for coffee, meeting at 8:30) in Meeting Rooms B&C of the Naperville Municipal Center

Until then, keep an eye on www.napervillehomeowners.com for late-breaking news and information

Our next Newsletter will be sent out on or about April 1st

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