



Our Next Meeting - Saturday - October 15, 2005

Where - Meet at the Naperville Municipal Center, Aurora Avenue and Eagle Street, lower level

When - 8:00a.m. until 10:00a.m. New NAHC Website: www.NapervilleHomeowners.org

~~~~~**Confederation President's Message**~~~~~

The Board of Directors and the entire membership of the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation want to thank our Associate Board member, Rick Strawbridge, for his diligent work for over two years to draft and then complete the new By-Laws which were approved with a vote of 100% in favor at our last meeting on September 17. Our past By-Laws, adopted many, many years ago were too vague and incomplete, and became outdated as NAHC grew larger and more geographically diverse. Also, thanks to Dr. Bob Buckman, NAHC VP, for facilitating our September Meeting.

Many of the new By-law amendments simply put in writing what have actually been the practices that, for so long, have been successful for the Confederation. The amendments will provide a better road map for our members first of all, and also for the many outside entities that have some interest in the business of NAHC. They will now be signed by each BOD and recorded. For any questions about the By-Laws, please e-mail Rick. For complete details as to how the By-Laws read, please see our website [www.NapervilleHomeowners.org](http://www.NapervilleHomeowners.org).

At our Sept 17 General Membership Meeting we spent most of the time reviewing the City of Naperville 2006-2010 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Thanks to Bill Novack and staff from T.E.D. for the preparation of the six C.I.P. books. The NAHC members reviewed and commented, where applicable, on the programs for the Administrative Services, Information Technology, Long Range Communications, Fire, Police, Riverwalk Commission, Naper Settlement, Naperville Public Library, Public Works, Electric, Water, and TED Business Groups. In most cases everyone was in full agreement with what was developed by the City. Without doubt traffic Issues headed the list of concerns for the future.

The Board asks all our members to sign up for the NAHC Phon Tree in your Region (contact Dr. Bob Buckman) and get involved in the upcoming (January 28, 2006), 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Trade Show at the Holiday Inn Select, Naperville (contact June Edlund or Marcia Straub). We will be having some 100 exhibitors and a number of educational seminars, so we encourage all businesses serving the homeowners and their associations to sign up now. Our Theme will follow the City's 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Heritage, Unity, and Vision so plan for an exciting and informative day from 8AM - 3PM.

Our Saturday October 15 Joint NAHC & City Staff & Council meeting starting at 8AM in the lower level of the City Municipal Center will be a blockbuster meeting, with the usual open forum Q & A Session starting the meeting. Then we will be covering hot topics in the City, including but not limited to, the following: the update of the Hobson Road Corridor, the downtown parking study, Route 59 public Opinion Survey results, & how the downtown neighborhood shuttle pilot program worked,

So please mark your calendars for another of our third Saturday of the month meetings, on October 15, 2005 and plan to come for another interesting and informative meeting (with coffee and doughnuts) for all of the individual NAHC Homeowner Associations - officers, directors and homeowners. Be sure to GET INVOLVED this year!

Thanks,

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

### **CANDIDATES / SPEAKERS WANTED**

We will be publicizing the names of political candidates who will be available in the coming months to speak to homeowners groups about their candidacy. If you know of a candidate for any public office who is interested in speaking to groups of homeowners, please let the newsletter editor know. His address is at the end of this newsletter.

### **NAHC BY-LAWS REVISIONS APPROVED**

The NAHC's new By-Laws were approved at the September 17 general meeting. There was discussion on relaxing the proposed wording concerning items on which the NAHC would take a public stance, but a motion to loosen the wording was defeated, and then the By-Laws were approved unanimously by a had vote. See our new web site for the wording of the new By-Laws.

### **CITY MEETING SCHEDULE**

Oct 4 - Naperville City Council - 7 p.m.  
Oct 5 - Naperville Plan Commission - 7 p.m.  
Oct 18 - Naperville City Council - 7 p.m.  
Oct 19 - Naperville Plan Commission - 7 p.m.  
Oct 26 - Naperville Plan Commission - 7 p.m.

### **FUTURE 2005 NAHC MEETINGS**

Our next 2005 meetings will be on Oct 15, Nov 19 and Dec 10. 2006 meetings will be on Jan 28, Feb 18, Mar 18, April 15, May 20 and June 17.

### **NAHC BOARD SELECTS NEW TREASURER**

The NAHC Board of Directors at their regular meeting on Sept 1 named Associate Director June Edlund to the position of NAHC treasurer, replacing Robert Mervis who resigned due to increased personal commitments. Edlund will formally assume the position on September 30.

### **FREE PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTRIC PARADE**

Any subdivision that would like to be a participant in the Jan 1, 2006 Naperville 175th birthday parade should contact Paul Hinterlong at 630-778-8239. It's an electric parade just like the celebration 2000 parade. The only thing is to work Naperville's

heritage theme into the float. There is no entry fee. Act now because the parade will be limited to only 50 entries.

### **175TH ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIRS AVAILABLE**

There are a number of souvenirs available commemorating the 175th anniversary of Naperville's founding. Information is available by calling 630-420-6707 or logging on to: Naper175th@naperville.il.us

### **ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

The NAHC Board is looking for two new associate directors. If you are interested in helping the present Board in its efforts to improve the lives of Naperville residents, please contact Dr. Jim Dorciak, one of the NAHC directors, at 630-904-6442 or 630-904-5424 by October 15.

### **FUTURE NAHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MTGS**

Our next BOD meeting is November 3, 2005. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm at the Naperville Municipal Center at Aurora Ave and Eagle Street. We still need more volunteers for our phone- calling tree. Please contact any member of the Board to volunteer.

### **SEX OFFENDER INFORMATION AVAILABLE**

There are two web sites available for Naperville area residents to check if they want to determine if there are any registered sex offenders living in their neighborhood. The Naperville web site is: [www.naperville.il.us](http://www.naperville.il.us), go to Public Safety, go to Police Services, go to Registered Sex Offenders  
The Illinois Sex Offender Registration web site is: [www.isp.state.il.us/sor](http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor)

### **HOMEOWNERS DIRECTORY UPDATES NEEDED**

We are trying to keep our NAHC directory up to date. If your Homeowners Association has made any changes to its officers, please contact Liz Jesse at 630-922-1405 or Cindy Reitz at 630-904-7752 with the updated information. It is hard to get information out to homeowners if we do not have the correct contact people.

## **FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**

The Board is always planning for future meetings. We have a few open meetings where we can schedule a topic that might be of interest to you and to other homeowners associations. If you have ideas, please let any member of the Board know, or contact our president Chuck Schlabach at 630-983-4661, or our vice-president Dr. Robert Buckman at 630-357-7677 with your suggestions and comments.

## **FREE NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE PUBLICITY**

If your homeowners association is having a neighborhood garage sale, we will be happy to put a small notice in this Newsletter. Deadline is the 25th of the month preceding the sale. Send information to the editor (address at the end of this newsletter) and he will put a blurb in this newsletter.

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA DOCUMENTS ON-LINE**

Residents can access the entire City Council agenda packet online. It contains detailed information on every agenda item that will be considered by the Naperville City Council at its upcoming meeting. Agenda packets are posted on the city's Web site, [www.naperville.il.us](http://www.naperville.il.us), each Friday before a City Council meeting. For more information on City Council meetings, please call the Mayor's Office at 630-420-6018.

## **WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**

This year's event will be held on Wednesday, October 5. For more information on Walk to School Day, please contact the city's Walk to School Day Coordinator Kathy Rendek at (630) 420-6709, visit the city's Web site at [www.naperville.il.us](http://www.naperville.il.us) or visit the Walk to School Day Web site at [www.walktoschool.org](http://www.walktoschool.org).

## **HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION REMINDER**

Individual Homeowners Association officers are reminded to please pick up packets on proposed changes in their neighborhoods when they receive calls to pick them up. Many times this is the best way to find out what changes are being proposed for individual neighborhoods.

## **C.A.P.S. DINNER**

The fourth annual Citizens Appreciate Public Safety (C.A.P.S.) Naperville Fire Department Recognition Dinner will be held on Friday, October 21, at the White Eagle Golf Club, 3400 Club Drive. Social Hour will begin at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and awards at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased in advance from Jeff Fabbri by calling

(630) 961-3600.

## **SPECIAL EVENT AND CULTURAL FUND**

Applications for the Special Event and Cultural Amenities Fund, formally known as the Culture Fund, are now available on the city's Web site. Completed applications for Fiscal Year 2007 must be submitted by Friday, November 18. The application form and the complete policy are available at [www.naperville.il.us](http://www.naperville.il.us). If you have questions, please call the City Manager's Office at (630) 420-6041 or send an e-mail to [culturefund@naperville.il.us](mailto:culturefund@naperville.il.us).

## **FARMERS' MARKET**

The Naperville Farmers' Market will be open for business every Saturday morning from 7 a.m. to noon through the last Saturday in October. Local farmers sell fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, baked goods and other produce in this open-air market located at Fifth Avenue Station. For more information, please contact the Naperville Farmers' Market Association at (630) 369-5638.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Naperville residents, who are looking to get more involved in the community, can volunteer to serve on one of the city's more than 15 boards and commissions. Appointments are typically reserved for Naperville residents and are made by the Mayor and City Council based on experience and interest. Interested residents can submit a letter, a copy of their resume and a completed application for consideration to: Naperville Municipal Center, Mayor's Office, P.O. Box 3020, Naperville, Illinois, 60566. Residents can also complete an application on the city's Web site at [www.naperville.il.us](http://www.naperville.il.us). For more information, please contact the Mayor's Office at (630) 420-6018.

## **OKTOBERFEST**

Celebrate Naperville's German Heritage at Rotary Club's 14th annual Oktoberfest Celebration, October 6-9, in downtown Naperville. Authentic German food and beer will be served along with live entertainment, singing and dancing. Sunday is Family Day with a variety of activities for children provided by the Heritage YMCA. Festivities take place at the Paw Paw parking lot on Van Buren Avenue from 6-10 p.m. on Thursday, noon to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 person. All proceeds benefit local charities and international humanitarian projects. For more details, visit [www.napervillerotary.com](http://www.napervillerotary.com) or call (630) 357-6900.

## **NFD OPEN HOUSE**

The Naperville Fire Department will host its annual Fire Prevention Week Open House on Saturday, October 8, from 12-4 p.m. at Fire Station #7, 1380 Aurora Avenue. Appropriately themed "Use Candles With Care," this year's open house will focus on the increasing number of home fires resulting from burning candles. Open house attendees will be provided with information on a variety of safety topics. Residents will also be able to participate in several exciting demonstrations and training sessions. One unique demonstration will involve firefighters setting a couch on fire in the "flashover room" to demonstrate just how quickly a fire spreads in a home. Naperville's youngest residents can also participate in the Kids Firefighter Challenge, where they will dress up in firefighter gear and go through an obstacle course.

## **SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

The deadline to apply for the City of Naperville's 2006 Sidewalk Replacement Program is October 31. Each spring, the city repairs and replaces damaged sidewalks on a cost-sharing basis. Residential property owners only pay 40 percent of their sidewalk replacement costs, while the city picks up the other 60 percent. For non-residential sidewalks, the cost is split 50-50 between the city and property owner. Last year, more than 10,000 linear feet of sidewalk was repaired or replaced through the cost-sharing program. In order for your sidewalk to qualify for the city's Sidewalk Replacement Program, one of the following conditions must exist:

- Sidewalk must be sunken or risen to a height difference of one inch or more between sections
- Sidewalk must be broken or separated into three or more pieces
- Fifty percent or more of the sidewalk surface must be deteriorated

For more information or to request an inspection, please call (630) 305-5305 or visit the city's Web site at [www.naperville.il.us](http://www.naperville.il.us).

## **NEIGHBORHOOD SHUTTLES**

In an effort to provide Naperville residents with a free and convenient way to visit downtown Naperville, the city will be sponsoring a free neighborhood shuttle service on consecutive Saturdays this fall. As part of the shuttle service program, shuttles will travel between selected Naperville neighborhood locations and downtown between 11 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. on October 1, and

October 8. Residents will be able to catch the shuttles in these five Naperville neighborhoods:

- Thayer J. Hill Middle School- Brookdale Subdivision
- Century Farms Park, located at Sigmund Road and Commons Road
- Scott Elementary School- Carriage Hill and Hunters Woods Subdivisions
- Patterson Elementary School- Ashbury Subdivision
- Clow Elementary School- Brook Crossing Estates –Shuttles will pick-up riders at Clow Elementary at 10 minutes after the hour, instead of on the hour

Shuttles will travel between the five neighborhood pick-up locations and downtown Naperville from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on each Saturday. Shuttles will pick-up residents from the participating neighborhoods every hour on the hour. Return shuttles will pick-up residents in the downtown area every hour on the half hour, with the last shuttle departing downtown at 10:30 p.m. For more information on the free shuttle service, please contact Transportation Planner Bob Dean at (630) 548-1133.

## **PILOT PARKING PROGRAM BEGINS**

Beginning October 3, the City of Naperville will launch a six-month pilot program that will allow daily fee parking after 8 a.m. in 53 yellow-numbered permit parking spaces in the northeast section of the Kroehler Lot. This new pilot program will provide non-permit holders who wish to catch the 8:20 a.m. express train with another parking option in the Kroehler Lot. Non-permit holders must pay a \$2 daily fee to park in these unused spaces after 8 a.m. Payments may be made at the daily fee parking machines located outside the depot. Parking for non-permit holders is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Commuters who park in the 53 designated permit parking spaces before 8 a.m. will be ticketed. For more information on this pilot program, please contact Transportation and Planning Operations Manager Carmen Carruthers at (630) 305-5315 or visit the city's Web site at [www.naperville.il.us](http://www.naperville.il.us).

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