



Memorandum

July 9, 2025 Agenda Items

To: Riverwalk Commission

From: Tiffani Picco, Riverwalk Operations Manager, 630-848-3590

Date: July 1, 2025

Re: **Naperville Park District's Monthly Field Report for the Riverwalk Commission Regular Meeting**

Field Report for June, 2025:

- Staff focused on routine maintenance tasks including watering, weeding, pruning, and hedge-trimming
- 2 of the 3 picnic tables at the Free Speech pavilion were sanded and refinished, and over 70 benches have been pressure washed, sanded and stained (see pictures)
- Staff had to repair an irrigation valve that was located under the yews along Jackson Ave east of the Dandelion Fountain, which required removing some of the yews. New ones will be planted to fill in the gap.
- Earthworks planted perennial plugs in the shoreline restoration project area, which completed the installation of the project. A contractor will continue to assist with maintenance to get the new plants established and keep invasive weeds in check.
- The black-eyed Susans in the Prairie Nature Garden are putting on quite a show! (see picture)

Carillon Update – (NPD)

- Carillon tours and recitals are scheduled through the summer.

Other points of interest:

- The Duck Race on June 6 was a success and was well-attended
- The parking lot at the Park District Administration Building is scheduled for renovation in spring 2026







July and August Upcoming Events On or Adjacent to the Riverwalk

The following are upcoming events the Park District is permitting to use the Riverwalk:

- **LUSTGARTEN WALK (PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH)** – July 13 – Grand Pavilion – 500 people expected
- **FOUNDING FRIENDS PICNIC** – July 26 – Grand Pavilion – 100 people expected
- **NAPERVILLE SPRINT TRIATHLON** – August 3 – Uses Centennial Beach, City Streets and ends at the Grand Pavilion – 2,000 people expected
- **WESTERN SUBURBS LUPUS WALK** – August 9 – Grand Pavilion – 400 people expected
- **INDIA DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION** – August 10 – Parade on Mill St from Naperville North to the Park District Administration building on Jackson – **ROTARY HILL CELEBRATION CANCELLED FOR 2025** (Usually 8,000 people expected)
- **NAPERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY STORY STROLL** – August 16 – Grand Pavilion – 150 people expected
- **LAST FLING** – August 29 through September 1 – Jackson Ave from Ewing to Main St, Park District Administration Building parking lot, Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center parking lot, Riverwalk parking lot at Main St, and Riverwalk Amphitheater (set up begins August 27) – up to 100,000 attendees expected (20,000 – 25,000 per day)

The following are known upcoming events adjacent to the Riverwalk, but the Park District does not permit because they are not actually using the Riverwalk:

- **WATER STREET ART FAIR** – July 13 – Water Street and Jaycees Park

The following are repeating events taking place a certain day of the week for more than one week:

- **MILLENNIUM CARILLON RECITALS** – most Saturdays and Sundays throughout the year, and Tuesdays from June 3 through August 19 – Rotary Hill (visit napervilleparks.org/carillonrecitalseries for schedule)
- **LIBRARY STORYTIME ON THE RIVERWALK** – Tuesdays from June 3 to August 5 and Wednesdays June 4 to August 6 – Riverwalk Amphitheater
- **RIVER SOUNDS** – Tuesdays June 17 through July 29 – Jaycees Park and River
- **CHILDREN'S LUNCH HOUR ENTERTAINMENT** – June 17, July 1, July 15 – Grand Pavilion