



Memorandum

October 8, 2025 Agenda Items

To: Riverwalk Commission

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

Date: September 25, 2025

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

Field Report for September 2025:

- Staff has spent a lot of time on watering with the drought conditions we are experiencing. As of Sept 25, we have only measured 0.58" of rain for the entire month with no rain predicted for the foreseeable future.
- New plants were planted behind the horse trough fountain area, which completes the 3 projects approved in spring and generously funded by the Riverwalk Foundation.
- 1,100 native plugs were added to the shoreline near the metal bridge on the north side of the river. These plugs were generously donated by a donor through the Conservation Foundation
- The contractor for the Fredenhagen fountain needed to move a large number of pavers for installation of the conduit. Park District staff backfilled the areas and replaced the pavers.
- The Riverwalk downtown area hosted successful Last Fling, 9/11 Ceremony, and Art Fair events
- Some of the summer annuals have been removed and replaced with fall mums and kale. The remainder of the summer flowers will be removed as they fade for the season.

Carillon Update – (NPD)

- Tours are closed for the season, but recitals continue to take place Saturdays at noon and Sundays at 4:00pm through October.

Other points of interest:

- The Park District partnered with Max's Mission to create four murals adjacent to the Rothermel Family Skate Facility at Centennial Park. The murals were completed in September and a Grand Opening is scheduled for October 1. The purpose of these murals is to add beauty to the park, showcase the diversity and creativity of the skate community, and serve as a message of hope for those struggling with their mental health or a loss by suicide.





Upcoming Events On or Adjacent to the Riverwalk

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

- **GHOST STORIES IN THE PARK** – October 3, 4, and 5 – Grand Pavilion
- **EDWARD FOUNDATION, A WALK TO REMEMBER** – October 11 – Grand Pavilion – 900 people expected
- **LIBRARY STORY STROLL** – October 18 – Grand Pavilion – 150 people expected
- **NAPERVILLE HALF MARATHON AND 5k** – October 19 – Admin Parking Lot and Rotary Hill – 3,000 people expected
- **NAPERVILLE PUMPKIN RACE** – October 25 – Carillon driveway and Rotary Hill – 300 people expected
- **HALLOWEEN HAPPENING** – October 26 – Grand Pavilion
- **DIA DE MUERTOS** – November 1 – Grand Pavilion – 1,800 people expected
- **NAPERVILLE HEALING FIELD OF HONOR** – November 6-12, Rotary Hill
- **ROTARY'S HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS** – November 28 – Jackson Ave from Centennial Beach into Downtown at Webster St

Millenium Carillon recitals continue on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the year