



Memorandum

June 11, 2025 Agenda Items

To: Riverwalk Commission

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

Date: June 4, 2025

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

Field Report for May, 2025:

- Earthworks planted 30 trees and 90 shrubs along the shoreline restoration site between the Jaycees playground and the benches overlooking the river in the Sindt Woods. We still need the contractor to plant perennial plugs, but otherwise this project is considered complete. We are using the assistance of a contractor to establish the native plantings and keep the weeds in check.
- We experienced our first summer vandalism Memorial Day weekend – a garbage can was tipped on its side, covers for bollard lights were pulled off, and a tree was pulled out of the ground, dragged to the uncovered bridge and thrown into the river. There was no permanent damage from this incident and all items were replaced, including the tree.
- The Horse Trough and Dandelion Fountains are on for the summer. The horse trough will be shut down and painted black as soon as weather conditions allow, this will require 3 days we will try to do during the week so it can be running on the weekends.
- All of the summer annual flowers have been planted and are now being monitored daily.
- Tree, shrub, and perennial planting continued, weed spraying is in progress and mulching is taking place

Carillon Update

- Carillon tours and recitals are open for the summer.

Other points of interest:

- Paddleboats/kayaks are now open for the season and can be rented daily.
- Centennial Beach is open for the season.





Upcoming Events On or Adjacent to the Riverwalk

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

- **RIVERWALK DUCK RACE** – June 6 – using Amphitheater area and lower walk from Eagle St to approximately 100 feet east of the covered bridge
- **NAPERVILLE WALK FOR NF (NEUROFIBROMATOSIS)** – June 7 – Grand Pavilion – 300 people expected
- **JUNETEENTH** – June 14 – Rotary Hill – 800 people expected
- **APDA (AMERICAN PARKINSON DISEASE ASSOCIATION) OPTIMISM WALK** – June 21 – Grand Pavilion – 450 people expected
- **NAPERVILLE SALUTE** – June 26-28 – Rotary Hill – up to 2500 people expected each day of the event **CANCELLED FOR 2025, expect to return in 2026**
- **LUSTGARTEN WALK (PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH)** – July 13 – Grand Pavilion – 500 people expected
- **FOUNDING FRIENDS PICNIC** – July 26 – Grand Pavilion – 100 people expected

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:

- **DOWNTOWN NAPERVILLE VINTAGE CAR SHOW** – June 14 – Using Jackson Ave from Eagle Street to Main Street
- **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:

- **MILLENIUM 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