

Good evening neighbors. Thank you for this opportunity to address you. My name is Calvin Roesner and I have been a Napervillian since 1973. Over these 50 years my wife and I have raised our family and are now enjoying our "Golden Years" here, as they say. Naperville is home to us and it holds a special place in our hearts. When we came here a half century ago Edward Hospital did not enjoy the reputation it has today as a first rate medical and health promoting facility. It took decades of progressive leadership to improve that status including the introduction of a healthy driven approach with the opening of first one then another fitness center. My wife and I joined the Naperville campus 25 years ago and I even worked there part-time for 15 years.

Beginning with the merger with Elmhurst Hospital and more notably with Northshore I have seen a decline in the hours and amenities of the fitness centers. Yet they carry on. The Naperville center is part of the fabric of our community. An important thread that Northshore now wishes to rip out of what is so vital to so many of us in the heart of town. Why? They say they need space. There is plenty of space just east of Linden Oaks. They say membership dropped during the pandemic. Membership is picking back up. Just as the whole world is coming back to life after Covid.

Here are some really rough numbers. Total enrollment in the fitness centers is about 14,000. Divided in half that's about 7,000 at each facility. If Naperville closes that displaces those 7,000. Let's say even half of them transfer to Seven Bridges. Can that facility handle an influx of 3,500 people? I don't think so. It also means that 3,500 members are cut loose to do what? Look for another place or just give it up. A drop in enrollment of 3,500 translates, roughly again, into a loss of about \$2M in revenue annually.

There is something up that is not being revealed. What could it be? To spring this decision on the community so suddenly is curious. It must be more profitable to treat the sick than it is to keep the healthy fit. It's a move from Healthy Driven to Wealthy Driven.

What might be next for our town? Shall we close Saints Peter and Paul? Why not? There are other churches near enough. Shall we close one of the high schools? Why not? We have two. How about Centennial Beach? What the heck, there are beaches in nearby Chicago, just go there. Or to use a medical example, we have two kidneys, let's just dispose of one of them. The other can do the job — maybe.

I'm not sure what authority, if any, the City Council has to intercede on behalf of the community, our community, but I believe it could be substantial — and influential. Please step in and step up for our town and convince Northshore Elmhurst to not abandon the Naperville portion of their conglomerate.

I appreciate your attention and look forward to your positive response.