
ECHO

EAST CENTRAL HOMEOWNERS' ORGANIZATION
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THE SOCIAL SCENE

What: ECHO HOLIDAY EVENT!!!

When: Saturday, December 4, 2010, 2:33 P.M. sharp train departure

Where: Naperville Train Station to Brookfield Zoo!!!

Experience some "Holiday Magic" with your family, friends and neighbors on Saturday, December 4th, as ECHO visits the Brookfield Zoo for our annual holiday event. Each year Brookfield Zoo illuminates more than one million twinkling lights and over 100 animated displays. Enjoy cookies and cocoa as we travel by train to view one of Chicagoland's most festive displays!

Join us at the Naperville train station (5th Ave.) to depart on the 2:33PM train to the Zoo Stop. Brookfield Zoo's event lasts from 4:00-7:00PM, and trains depart for Naperville at 5:01, 6:01 and 7:01PM. Tickets to the Brookfield Zoo can be purchased in advance from www.brookfieldzoo.org.

What: ECHO BEAT THE WINTER BLUES EVENT!!!

When: Saturday, January 22, 2011, 6:15 P.M. for 6:37 train departure

Where: Naperville Train Station to **The Roundhouse** in Aurora

Back by popular demand! Chase away your winter blues and get together with friends, old and new, at **The Roundhouse** Saturday, January 22, 2011! Meet at the Naperville train station (5th Ave.) at 6:15PM and enjoy refreshments as we ride the 6:37PM train to the Roundhouse. Drinks are optional; fun is required!

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SPRING BULB COMPETITION

The ECHO Board plans to run a spring bulb garden display competition through April and/or May of next year (2011).

If you have planted bulbs this fall and would like to have your garden considered for "Best Neighborhood Spring Bulb Garden" then we want to know! We will judge the best, and publicize your success as a gardener! We will accept photos for the website but will judge gardens in person. Judging rules and submission procedures, etc., are expected to be relatively informal, and will be announced in the next newsletter.

## **Chicago Avenue Traffic Study Coming Soon**

At the September 19 City Council meeting, the Council directed City staff to conduct a study with the goal of reducing traffic congestion on Chicago Avenue between Washington Street and Huffman Street.

City staff has indicated that the study will be carried out throughout 2011. Staff will hold a public meeting in the spring to obtain input. Next, an analysis will be performed using the collected data and recommendations will be developed. In fall 2011, another public meeting will be held to receive comments on the study. Finally, staff will present the recommendations to the Transportation Advisory Board and City Council for approval. ECHO will send out meeting notices and opportunities for input as they occur.

### **NEW EPA REQUIREMENTS FOR RENOVATION, REPAIR, AND PAINTING (RRP)**

Common renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition can create hazardous lead dust and chips by disturbing lead-based paint, which can be harmful to adults and children. To protect against this risk the EPA issued a rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices and other actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning. Under the rule, beginning April 22, 2010, contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified and must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. Contractors must use lead-safe work practices and follow these three simple procedures: (1) Contain the work area, (2) Minimize dust, and (3) Clean up thoroughly.

If you are a homeowner performing renovation, repair, or painting work in your own home, EPA's RRP rule does not cover your project. If you are living in a pre-1978 home and planning to do painting or repairs, please read a copy of EPA's lead hazard information pamphlet, "Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools," <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochure.pdf>.

### **ECHO Membership Form**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used exclusively for ECHO business)

**Dues are \$20 per household *per calendar year*. Dues for 2011 may be paid any time after September 1. Please list both heads of household under NAME(S) if applicable. Return the completed form with a \$20 check (payable to ECHO) to Tim Messer, Treasurer, 6 N. Huffman St., Naperville, IL 60540.**

**Your record of ECHO Membership:**

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ For Membership Year \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 20.00

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Notes \_\_\_\_\_

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