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Naperville Park District Acknowledged with Government Transparency Award *Illinois Policy Institute Recognizes District's Website as Best in State for Park Districts*

The Illinois Policy Institute recently evaluated the Naperville Park District's website and has given the District top marks for local government transparency.

"Congratulations to the Naperville Park District's board and staff for earning the highest online transparency score of any park district ever recorded by the Illinois Policy Institute," said Brian Costin, director of government reform for the Illinois Policy Institute. "Proactive online transparency is one of the most important tools we have to help prevent government corruption and to foster educated citizen participation in government. The Naperville Park District is a leader in online transparency and is setting an example for other park districts across the state."

The Park District's website was scored for transparency in ten categories, achieving a 90% score. Categories included elected and administrative officials, meetings, public records, budgets, financial audits, expenditures, salaries, contracts, lobbying and taxes.

Staff worked diligently to bring the District's website up to the standards recommended for maximizing transparency. "We wanted to ensure that information is easy to find on our website, and

the guidelines from the Illinois Policy Institute helped us do that,” said Executive Director Ray McGury.

Brian Costin plans to attend the November 14, 2013 Park Board meeting to present the Sunshine Award to the Park District.

For more information about the Naperville Park District, please visit www.napervilleparks.org.

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About the Naperville Park District: *Created in 1966, the Naperville Park District is an independent, municipal agency serving the recreation needs of its residents. An Illinois Distinguished Agency since 1994, the District is one of only 1% of park districts across the country to be nationally accredited through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). The Naperville Park District’s mission is to provide recreation and park experiences that enrich the quality of life for our community, including benefits such as community health, environmental education, social connections, and personal growth. The District maintains and operates more than 2,500 acres with 140 parks and facilities and provides more than 1,400 recreational, arts and environmental programs and special events annually. Included within the District’s operations are two championship golf courses, a multitude of playgrounds, trails, athletic courts and sports fields, two inline skating and skateboarding facilities, the Millennium Carillon, a paddle boat quarry, historic Centennial Beach, and the beautiful Riverwalk.*