

CENTENNIAL BEACH HISTORY

Over the course of a summer, Centennial Beach charms more than 135,000 visitors from Memorial Day through Labor Day, who enjoy a day of swimming, sunning, picnicking and playing with family and friends. However, few are aware of the rich history of the facility and its standing as an important part of the community in which it resides.

Naperville was a century old in 1931 when the former quarry property was purchased for \$16,500 as a part of the city's centennial celebration. Thirty-nine local citizens personally underwrote the cost of the land, though at the time, the Great Depression was having an unprecedented impact on the economy everywhere. Each member of the citizen group contributed \$500 to purchase the 45-acre site in downtown Naperville near the West Branch of the DuPage River. The property purchase, which commemorated a century of progress, was dedicated as a permanent memorial on June 6, 1931. Development of the Beach as a swimming facility began in 1932.

In 1934, the limestone bathhouse was completed and the first Beach water show – an “Aquathon” – was hosted to honor the structure's completion. Re-creations of the Aquathon, which included water skiing, diving, comedy water ballet and more, were held in the 1940s and 50s. The most recent Aquathon was hosted in 2006 as part of Centennial Beach's 75th birthday celebration.

In later years, the original double-quarry was divided, and one part of the quarry remained the swimming facility, while the other portion was gradually filled in and is now the site of the Naperville Park District Administration Building. The Paddleboat Quarry was opened to the public in the 1980s as part of the Riverwalk in celebration of Naperville's 150th birthday - the Sesquicentennial.



ACCOLADES:

NAMED ONE OF THE 150 GREAT PLACES IN ILLINOIS BY THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS - 2007

NAMED “BEST PUBLIC PLACE TO SWIM” BY FOX NEWS CHICAGO VIEWERS IN AN ONLINE POLL - 2008

RECIPIENT OF THE JEFF ELLIS & ASSOCIATES, INC. PRESTIGIOUS SILVER INTERNATIONAL AQUATIC SAFETY AWARD - 2009



CENTENNIAL BEACH BATHHOUSE CONSTRUCTION 2011

Centennial Beach guests can look forward to many exciting changes when they pay us a visit in 2011. The facility will undergo construction beginning at the close of the 2010 swimming season and will continue throughout the off-season. Construction is expected to be complete in time for the Memorial Day weekend opening of Centennial Beach. Here are some of the highlights of the upcoming construction project:

- New locker rooms
- Addition of family changing rooms
- New concessions building
- Improved drop-off/pick-up area and front entrance

It's important to note that the project has been specially tailored to maintain the historical integrity of the bathhouse while improving the overall operations and customer experience. We can't wait for you to visit our new and improved Centennial Beach in 2011!

To receive ongoing updates and information regarding Centennial Beach and the renovations, we invite you to become our “fan” on Facebook and sign-up at www.napervilleparks.org to receive our e-newsletter.



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BATHHOUSE CONSTRUCTION 2011:
HONORING THE PAST . . .
EMBRACING THE FUTURE



CENTENNIAL
BEACH
Since 1931

Jump into summer fun at Centennial Beach! Featuring four acres of grass and trees, a sand beach, water play features and an NCAA/USS-approved diving complex, this historic beach is a place the whole family can enjoy. With water depths ranging from zero to 15’, the facility caters to swimmers of all skill levels. Combined with a playground, shallow-end slide and concessions, "The Beach" is the perfect place to beat the summer heat!

CENTENNIAL BEACH ACTIVITIES

WEEKEND ADULT FLOAT

Float your cares away during this most relaxing time of day! On Saturday and Sunday mornings, from 9:00-10:55 a.m., adults age 18 and older can swim, sun or paddle around the Beach on an inner tube. No one under age 18 will be permitted inside the Beach until 11:00 a.m. Adult Float begins June 5.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Families with individuals who have special needs are welcome to come and enjoy a quiet, relaxing evening outside of the normal operating hours of Centennial Beach. The shallow end/slide will be open from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 27, July 18 and August 1. No registration is required. Cost is \$3.00/person at the door or you may apply your membership towards entry.

NOODLE NIGHT

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

D.J. ON THE DECK *Presented by 95.9 The River*
Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

OPEN WATER POLO PLAY

Tuesday and Friday Evenings from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

AQUATIC FITNESS PROGRAMS

Jun. 7-Jul. 16 and Jul. 19-Aug. 27 from 11:00-11:50 a.m.

SPRINGBOARD DIVING PROGRAMS

Jun. 21-Jun. 30, Jul. 5-Jul. 14 and Jul. 19-Jul. 28 from 9:00-9:50 a.m.

STARFISH SWIM LESSONS PROGRAMS

Multiple sessions in June and July for ages 6 months-adult
Visit www.napervilleparks.org for details.

DEEP WATER AND DIVING BOARDS

As the safety of our patrons is our number one priority, we do have strict swimming requirements for our participants who wish to swim in the deep end and use the diving boards. Any swimmer who has not graduated from 8th grade will be required to pass the Deep Water Swim Test before they will be allowed in the deep end or use the diving boards. Swimmers are required to successfully swim a total distance of 100 meters (two lengths of the lap lanes) using the front crawl stroke.

The Deep Water Swim Test is offered at 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily. Due to staffing requirements, we are able to test patrons daily during these three times only.

Centennial Beach staff reserves the right to remove any swimmer, regardless of age, from the deep end if he or she appears to be tired or struggling while swimming.

PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES

For the safety of our patrons, only US Coast Guard-approved floatation devices are permitted to be used at Centennial Beach. Water wings, tubes, or inflatables are not allowed in the water. Centennial Beach does offer a limited number of approved floatation devices for use by all patrons.

SUPERVISION

Children age 7 and younger must be supervised at all times by a parent or guardian (age 18+) during their visit to Centennial Beach.

RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

A complete listing of all Centennial Beach Safety Rules can be found on the Naperville Park District website or at the entrances into Centennial Beach. We require all of our guests to abide by the rules of our facility.

GROUP RENTALS

Looking for a unique venue to host your next special occasion? Let Centennial Beach be the backdrop to a memorable and fun-filled day of swimming and relaxing. Groups of 25 or more guests are welcome to bring their own picnics (no glass or bottles, please), grills or catering. Fees vary depending upon group size. Please call for more information, to check availability or reserve your date!

2010 SWIM SCHEDULE

May 29	11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Open Swim
May 30, 31	11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Open Swim
June 1-Aug. 22		
Weekdays	11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Open Swim
Weekends	9:00 - 10:55 a.m.	Adult Float
Saturdays	11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Open Swim
Sundays	11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Open Swim
July 4	11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Open Swim
Aug. 28, 29	9:00 - 10:55 a.m. 11:00 a.m. - Dusk	Adult Float Open Swim
Sep. 4	9:30 - 10:55 a.m. 11:00 a.m. - Dusk	Adult Float Open Swim
Sep. 5, 6	11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Open Swim

In the event of inclement weather, poor conditions, low attendance or insufficient staffing, the manager may close the Beach or certain sections of the Beach. Beginning mid-August, the Beach will close earlier due to the earlier darkness. See closing information at www.napervilleparks.org.

EXPERIENCE A BIG WAVE OF FUN FOR A SPLASH OF A PRICE!



DAILY FEES

Daily Admission Fee

Resident Daily Admission\$6
Resident Admission (after 5:00 p.m.)\$3
Nonresident Daily Admission\$10
Nonresident Admission (after 5:00 p.m.)\$3

Guest Pass Admission Fee

(Must be the guest of a member)

Daily Admission\$6
Guest Punch Card (5 guests per card)\$24

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Courtesy of Naperville Park District.

MEMBERSHIPS

If you'll be a frequent Beach visitor this season, purchasing a membership is a great value.

- All membership renewals may be completed online.
- Photo identification is required for all new members. Please visit us at the Naperville Park District Administration Building, 320 W. Jackson Ave., or South Maintenance Facility, 3415 Book Rd., to purchase your membership.
- No refunds for memberships will be issued after May 28.

PRE-SEASON MEMBERSHIPS FOR RESIDENTS

ON SALE THROUGH MAY 8 AT NOON

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	CODE	AGE	FEE
Resident Youth	85512	3 -17	\$32.00
Resident Adult	85511	18-59	\$42.00
Resident Senior	85513	60 and up	\$32.00
Resident Family	85510	All	\$142.00

MEMBERSHIP FEES

AVAILABLE AFTER NOON ON MAY 8

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	CODE	AGE	FEE
Resident Youth	85504	3 -17	\$40.00
Resident Adult	85503	18-59	\$50.00
Resident Senior	85505	60 and up	\$40.00
Resident Family	85502	All	\$170.00

Nonresident Youth	85508	3 -17	\$66.00
Nonresident Adult	85507	18-59	\$78.00
Nonresident Senior	85509	60 and up	\$66.00
Nonresident Family	85506	All	\$244.00

FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

Only immediate family members residing in the same household can be included on a family membership. Each individual family member will receive their own photo identification card so please include all individual names when registering. The family membership also includes two free guest passes and one, 20-minute paddleboat ride. Passes can be picked up at Centennial Beach after May 28.

A great value!