

# DUPAGE COUNTY NAACP

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## NINTH EDITION

**“FIGHTING FORWARD!”**

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*Thanksgiving*

# UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

## Upcoming Events



### **“Promoting Equity — Does My Voice Still Count” Town Hall**

on November 29th from 7:00-8:30 P.M. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

### **BMO for Black and Latinx Business**

The DuPage County NAACP Branch Political Action Committee is partnering with BMO Harris Bank on a new program that will expand lending and empowerment possibilities to Black, Latinx, and Women small businesses. The event will include a webinar with BMO Harris executives that will explain the program details on December 9th at 7 pm. BMO Bank is proud to be fueling growth and expanding possibilities for Black and Latinx businesses. Their comprehensive program offers better access to capital, educational resources, and meaningful networking opportunities.

[RSVP: LINK HERE](#)



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## Meetings

You are invited to the DuPage County NAACP Branch meetings. Check out the dates [HERE](#)

If you are a new member of DuPage County NAACP and have not attended an orientation session, please register for the upcoming orientation [HERE!](#)

### **CALL-TO-ACTION - ATTENTION DUPAGE COUNTY NAACP MEMBERS**

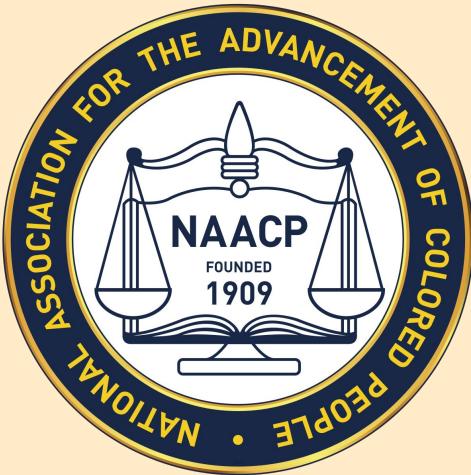
The Communications, Press & Publicity Committee along with all other committees welcomes you to join as a new member.. If you have questions please contact the Chairperson of your preferred committee. Their email can be found on the website [HERE!](#)

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# President's Corner

“We have to show up when it comes to voting”

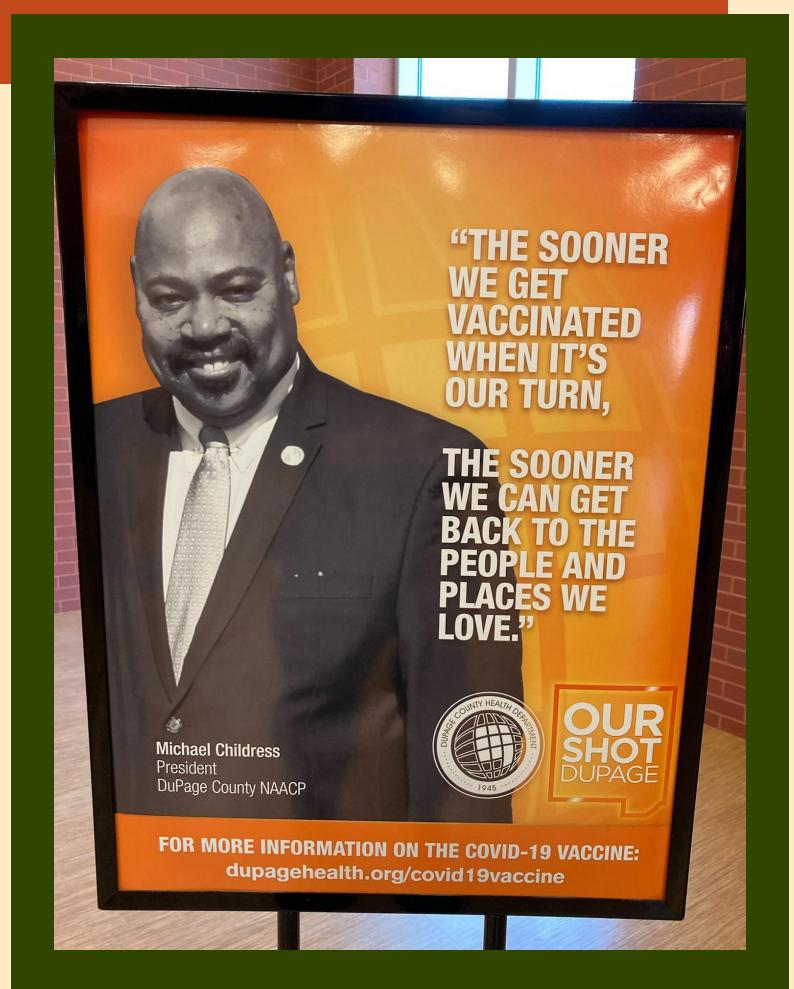
Dupage County NAACP Branch President, Michael Childress, has an extensive agenda planned for the future of the Dupage County NAACP Branch. Recognizing the need for affordable housing, he has been working with Nafia Khan of HOPE Fair Housing to understand the housing disparities prevalent in Dupage County. The vision of HOPE is to create housing opportunities for all members of our communities to rent or buy any home they can afford. President Childress envisions forming a housing committee within the Dupage County NAACP Branch in the near future.



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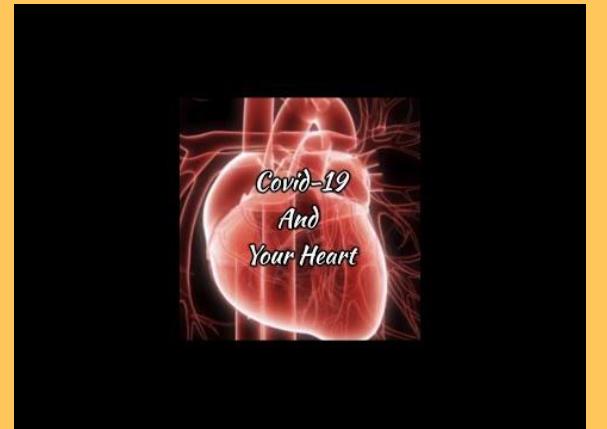
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# Health Committee:

The Health Committee has continued its Good Health Matters, Wellness in the Park series that provides free zumba classes, blood pressure testings, and health literacy opportunities. Take a sneak peek at the event here!



The Health Committee joined forces with the American Cancer Society to participate in a breast cancer walk on October 3rd. To see photos from the event, visit the video to the left.



Scan this QR code to visit the DuPage County Health Committee TikTok!



# Environmental Justice Committee

The Clean Energy Alliance of Naperville (CLEAN), the Act Connect Engage (ACE), and the Indivisible Naperville organizations came together on October 5th at the Free Speech Pavilion in Naperville. They rallied in an effort to have the Naperville City Council “stop the complicity, [and] end coal-powered electricity!” Participants rallied because several years ago the “Naperville council leaders signed a multi-year agreement to purchase their electricity from Prairie State Coal.” Naperville cannot take advantage of clean energy incentives because the bills they pay do not go towards them. However, they are paying for the most polluting energy plant in Illinois and seventh most polluting plant in the country. Because pollution has such a negative impact on health, many people including activists, college professors, and pastors spoke at the rally. After the event, participants walked to the Naperville City Council meeting to speak about coal-powered electricity. For more information or to get involved contact the NAACP Environmental Justice Committee.



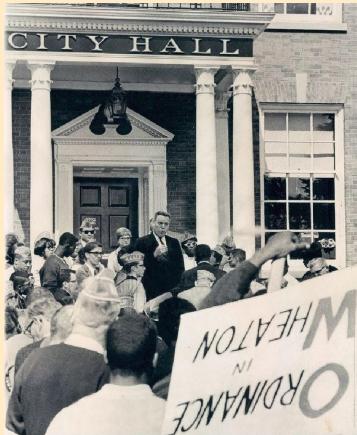
Environmental Justice committee chair with fellow members of the [Sierra Club](#).

## Climate and Equitable Jobs Act

During the month of September the Climate and Equitable Jobs ACT was signed into law by Governor Pritzker in Chicago at the Shedd Aquarium. The environmental justice committee is especially grateful for their local legislators who supported this innovative and groundbreaking law. This bill is the strongest climate bill passed in the nation, establishing Illinois as a leader on climate and generating billions in economic investments in renewable energy. An important aspect of the law is to support communities that are impacted by fossil fuels. Another aspect of this law is that it sets Illinois on the path to 100% clean energy usage by 2050!

Committee Chair: Connie Schmidt.

# Political Action Committee

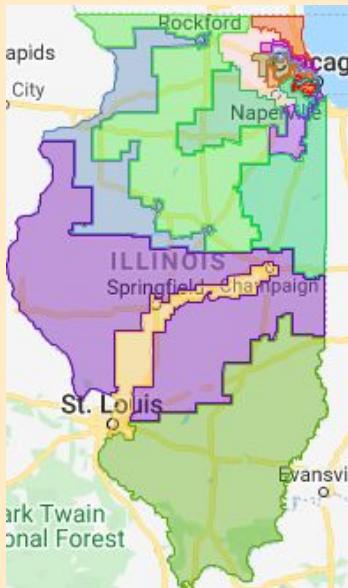


## The First Civil Rights March in Wheaton

Tuesday, Sept. 21  
7 pm • virtual



The DuPage County NAACP Branch also participated in observing the recount election. The recount election is complete and they are waiting on the results. The process showed that the DuPage County Clerk's office ran a fantastic election with minimal errors!



Political Action Committee Chair:  
Patrick Watson

The DuPage County NAACP Co-Hosted and participated in a panel on the first civil rights march in Wheaton! Click [HERE](#) to view.



The Illinois General Assembly approved maps for Congressional redistricting in the veto session, and they are now awaiting Governor Pritzker's signature. These maps will be the congressional districts for the next 10 years. A new majority Latino district was drawn across the northern portion of DuPage County. The new 3rd District will be the 2nd majority Latino district in Illinois along with the 4th Congressional District! The new maps can be found [HERE](#).

# Political Action Committee Education Committee

Check out this amazing opportunity that the Elite Chess Academy (ECA) is offering! The ECA has decided to partner with the DuPage County NAACP Branch, and offer 15 scholarships that include 4 weeks of free chess classes.

Contact Jeff DiOrio  
[@elitechess@gmail.com](mailto:@elitechess@gmail.com) for more information.



You can watch the full video here!  
[Race, Equity, and Education Conversation](#)

Political Action Committee Chair: Patrick Watson  
Education Committee Chair: Kijuana Boulrece



## The Elite Chess Academy (ECA)

The ECA is the premier chess training program in the Midwest. We offer 5 class levels that provide high quality chess instruction to kids of all ages and abilities.

In-person and online options make it easy for all kids to learn chess and reach their academic potential.

## DuPage NAACP/STEAM Camp Offer!!!

Elite Chess is excited to partner with the DuPage NAACP to provide 15 scholarships to kids interested in learning and growing with chess. These students will receive 4 weeks of chess classes for free.

If interested, email Jeff DiOrio at [elitechess@gmail.com](mailto:elitechess@gmail.com)

During the month of September, the DuPage County NAACP was proud to present an in-depth discussion on Race, Culture, and Education the Implications of Culturally Responsive Teaching. Our expert panel explained exactly what is being taught in schools and how this benefits all students.

The panelists also addressed the need to combat misinformation and common misconceptions about this subject.

## Featuring the following panelist:

State Rep. Michelle Mussman - House education committee chair school curriculum policies

Dr. Adrienne Coleman

Dr. Jan Fitzsimmons

Dr. Jessica Lyons

# Naperville Multicultural Day

“Naperville Neighbors United hosted its first annual Multicultural Day today at Rotary Hill in Downtown Naperville. The new event was meant to celebrate the different demographics in Naperville including Asian, Latin, and African American.

‘This is all about our opportunity to really celebrate the great diversity we have in the community,’ said Councilman Benny White who started Naperville Neighbors United. ‘Also to kind of just bring people together and talk about inclusion. And it’s just going to be an awesome time.’

To do that, the event featured dances, singing, and speakers. Speakers included Judge Vincent Cornelius, who is the first African American to be elected as a circuit judge in Will County and Regina Brent.”

Naperville News 17's Aysha Ashley Househ reports.

To learn more, check out NCTV! Link below.

[Naperville Neighbors United Hosts Multicultural Day](#)



**Congratulations** go to [Teresa Haley](#) for being re-elected president of the local branch of the NAACP and the NAACP Illinois State Conference. She was the first female president of the state NAACP!

Pictured middle is [Stanley Franklin](#) NAACP President of the East St. Louis Branch and to his left is [Jennifer Franklin](#).



# Hispanic Heritage Month

According to [History.com](#), “Hispanic Heritage Month is an annual celebration of the history and culture of the U.S. Latinx and Hispanic communities. The event, which spans from September 15 to October 15, commemorates how those communities have influenced and contributed to American society at large.”

## **Fun Facts:**

“Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15 because that date marks the anniversaries of national independence in several Latin American countries. Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua all celebrate September 15 as their Independence Day. Mexico’s independence as a nation is celebrated on September 16, and Chile’s is celebrated on September 18.”

“It may be surprising to learn how many things in American culture trace back to Hispanic culture. For example, cowboy hats and rodeos originated in Spain and Mexico. Many city and state names like San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Colorado, and Montana come from Spanish words. The name “Texas” comes from “tejas,” the Spanish form of a Native American word.”

Source: [5 Facts To Know About National Hispanic Heritage Month | Chase Oaks](#)

## Black Owned Business Corner



### The Collective ←

[Click here to visit their website!](#)

“The Collective is a lifestyle boutique and Makery located in downtown Lisle that opened in 2017. In the boutique, items are carefully curated by artisans, women-owned brands and products with a cause. In the Makery, guests create in the community and can also schedule private workshops.”

**To visit more Black Businesses visit**

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