

NAPER SETTLEMENT

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Thursday June 13, 2019

8:00 AM

Naper Settlement creates community by connecting visitors to Naperville's history through engaging and unique experiences.

Any individual with a disability requesting a reasonable accommodation to participate in a public meeting should contact the Communications Department at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting. The Communications Department can be reached in person at 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, IL via telephone at 630-420-6707 or 630-305-5205 (TDD) or via e-mail at info@naperville.il.us. Every effort will be made to allow for meeting participation.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order — *Mayor Steve Chirico*
- II. New Business
 - A. Case Dairy Farm Milk House – Donna Sack
- III. Next **NSMB Meeting is August 9, 2019** in the Mayor's Conference Room, Municipal Center
- IV. Adjournment

RSVP attendance to Kim Grazulis at 630-420-6011 or email at grazulisk@naperville.il.us

Maple Knoll / Case Dairy Farm Milk House



Case Dairy Farm, Circa 1930s-1940s
Photo Credit, Case Family



Milk House, circa 1914
Photo Credit NS/NHS 2018

Naper Settlement was offered a donation of a small dairy farm milk house. Milk houses were used to store milk on dairy farms prior to transportation to a creamery. This structure was originally part of the Maple Knoll Dairy Farm, owned by the Bauer family and established in 1900 and later owned as the Case Dairy Farm. The farm was in Naperville, bounded by Ogden Avenue and Washington Street and I-88.

The milk house will serve the museum's mission and its current initiative to collect and interpret the community's agricultural history. Maple Knoll Farm and Case Dairy Farm were important dairy producers and are historically significant as the first farm in the area to pasteurize its own milk on site. The Case family, who owned and operated the farm from 1938 through the 1970s, were leaders in the transformation of the dairy and hybrid seed industries. The building is a tangible example of the importance of the dairy production era of Naperville's history when, for 50 years, cows outnumbered people.

This building measures 8.5' X 10' and will be sited on a concrete slab, adjacent to the Halfway House. The structure will enhance the museum's existing agricultural interpretation and will become part of the future expansion of Naperville's farming story.