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Naperville Jaycees Last Fling Announces 2020 Labor Day Parade Grand Marshal

Naperville, IL -- The Naperville Jaycees proudly names the Naperville Heritage Society as the Grand Marshal of the 2020 Labor Day Parade presented by the City of Naperville and the Naperville Jaycees.

In 1969, the Naperville Heritage Society became the driving force behind the creation of the Naper Settlement and Naperville's history museum campus. The Heritage Society is the guardian of historical buildings, documents and items that preserve the city's past for its current and future residents. With a commitment to the community and a focus to the future, the mission of the Naperville Heritage Society is to collect, document, preserve, and support the history of Naperville, Illinois past and present. The Naperville Heritage Society values stewardship, preservation, education, and community and public trust.

The President and CEO of the Naperville Heritage Society, Rena Tamayo-Calabrese stated: "Naperville Heritage Society is honored to be the Grand Marshall for this year's Last Fling Parade, and proud to be a part of an event that has brought Naperville together for the past 55 years. As we celebrate our community this Labor Day Weekend, it is important to recognize the leaders who have shaped Naperville into the community it is today. Naperville's history is deeply rooted in agriculture, and our farmers and farm families play an important role in our community's development. We are thrilled to be able to share their stories with you, and hope that as you view the Naperville Heritage Society's Thresher down the parade route that it will teach and inspire you to connect our farming story with the nations."

The Labor Day Parade, now in its 55th year, originated thanks to the inspiration of Rick Motta, Owner of Rick Motta Barber Shop in Naperville. What began as a parade and day of merriment at Centennial Beach in 1966 has grown to a day-to-night, 4-day full-scale festival which aids the Naperville Jaycees in its philanthropic mission.

Beth DeGeeter, President of the Naperville Jaycees said "Parades have always been a way for towns to come together and celebrate their community. Naperville has always come out for all their parades especially Labor Day! The Labor Day parade has been integral in the culmination of the Last Fling and summer, all while celebrating local businesses and community. We are happy to be working with Naperville Heritage Society this year to celebrate Naperville's past while moving into the future."

The 2020 Labor Day Parade presented by the City of Naperville and the Naperville Jaycees will begin promptly at 10am on Monday, September 7, and will start at Naperville North High School, then proceed south on Mill Street, east onto Jefferson Avenue, south on Main Street, west on Porter until its conclusion at Naperville Central High School. Sponsor registration for the parade is now open.

Last Fling Parade registration, information and details are at lastfling.org/parade.

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The Naperville Jaycees is a not-for-profit service organization with more than 100 young persons dedicated to providing Naperville area residents with the opportunity to better themselves and to grow personally and professionally while giving through community service and fundraising efforts. Annual events include: Rock the Mic, East Egg Hunt, Lobster Day and countless other worthwhile projects that positively impact the community. The group also organizes and staffs the Last Fling in close cooperation with the City of Naperville, the Naperville Park District, numerous Naperville community organizations and hundreds of volunteers. Proceeds from the Last Fling are given to other nonprofit organizations in Naperville and surrounding communities. Over the past two decades, the Naperville Jaycees have raised and donated more than two million dollars to various organizations in the surrounding communities. Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Judd Kendall VFW located at 908 West Jackson Avenue in Naperville. Please call the chapter's hotline at (630) 961-9375 or visit their website at napervillejaycees.org for more details.

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