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The Naperville Jaycees name Liz Spencer Grand Marshal of the 2025 Labor Day Parade!

Naperville, IL - Join the Jaycees at 10am, Monday, September 1 as they recognize Liz Spencer, outgoing Executive Director of NCTV17 during the 2025 Labor Day Parade.

Starting with NCTV17 in 2002, Spencer's wealth of experience in broadcasting allowed her to step into the role of Executive Director within 2 years. Following which, the team at NCTV17 introduced a wide range of programming; news, sports, and local election coverage, affirming the station's role as a trusted community voice.

"I've been honored to help tell Naperville's story through decades of growth and change," said Spencer. "As I move into this next chapter, I do so with confidence, knowing that NCTV17 is a vital part of this community and is well-positioned for continued impact and growth."

Spencer's tenure has been defined by growth, innovation, and a deep commitment to community service. Karen Coleman with the Last Fling said, "We Jaycees acknowledge the tremendous work Liz has done in her time at NCTV17. Naming her as Grand Marshal for our parade is a way for us to say THANK YOU for her accomplishments and dedication to organizations like ours and the entire City of Naperville."

Also this year, a bucket brigade comprised of Naperville Jaycees and Volunteers will be collecting money to be donated to Naperville Responds for Veterans; a passionate group of volunteers dedicated to the mission of serving Veterans in need, with critical home repair and modification. Dan Jurjovec President of NRFV says, "Our Board of Directors and Volunteers consider it a privilege to serve those who have served. The men and women who have served in our nation's military are the reason we can live in a wonderful place like Naperville. NRFV is a 501(c)3 supporting our Veterans in over 100 communities surrounding Naperville. We are thrilled to have the support of the Naperville Jaycees to help us fulfill our mission."

The Last Fling Labor Day Parade presented by Paul Gregory Media starts its journey through Downtown Naperville at 10AM on Labor Day Monday, September 1, 2025. For further information, to view a map of the 2024 parade route, review our event map or program, please visit <u>lastfling.org.</u> You can follow along with the parade locally at Xfinity Channel 17 or simulcast & video-on-demand from anywhere in the world via nctv17.org

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The Last Fling is the Naperville Jaycees' largest fundraiser, raising over two million dollars for nonprofit organizations throughout Naperville and DuPage County in the past 20 years. The Jaycees thank you, the volunteers and sponsors who have continued to support the organization. Volunteer and Sponsorship opportunities for the 2025 Last Fling are available by emailing admin@lastfling.org. The Naperville Jaycees is a not-for-profit service organization for young professionals dedicated to offering Naperville-area residents the opportunity to better themselves and to grow personally and professionally while giving through community service and fundraising efforts. The group's annual events include 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 over the past two decades have exceeded \$2M for other nonprofit organizations in Naperville and surrounding communities. Monthly meetings are open to all, and are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Judd Kendall VFW (908 West Jackson Avenue) in Naperville. Please call the chapter's hotline at (630) 961-9375, email jcinfo@naperjaycees.org, or visit their website at naperjaycees.org for more details.

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