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# Fun in the Sun ...

Summer breezes at Brookfield Zoo **Naturally**

are much cleaner thanks to the use of natural-gas powered vehicles and air conditioners from Nicor.

When you hop aboard the Brookfield Zoo Motor Safari to take a narrated tour of the zoo, you are riding on a quiet, clean-burning compressed-natural-gas-powered tram. Committed to providing the cleanest environment possible, Brookfield Zoo's two "Snowball Express" tour buses are also powered by natural gas, as are seven trucks and vans. By using natural gas vehicles, the Zoo decreases emissions by 80 percent per vehicle.

Relying on natural gas for energy needs extends beyond zoo vehicles. As you stroll through the zoo's Tropic World exhibit, the cool air you feel is created by an electric chiller that is powered by natural gas. Beyond the conservation advantages, natural gas power provides security to the zoo's inhabitants and savings to the bottom line. During times of peak electricity use throughout the summer months, natural gas will keep vital systems running in the event of a power outage while delivering an estimated energy savings of \$5 million over the next 10 years.

While you're touring the zoo in a comfortable natural gas-powered tram, don't miss the new Hamill Family Play Zoo ... it's a two-acre family adventure!

**Family Fun at**

## **NEW HAMILL FAMILY PLAY ZOO**

**Opening**

**Thursday, June 14**

**Play Opening Special Events**

**June 15-17, 22-24, 29-30, and July 1**

**Expiration 9/30/01**

Play and interact with over 300 animals in this unique two-acre indoor and outdoor exhibit. Designed for family fun and children interaction... the Play Zoo has three major areas: Zoo within a Zoo, Zoo at Home and the Play Gardens.

**GOOD FOR 50¢ OFF ONE TRAM RIDE**





# NICOR'S SPIRIT OF SHARING

## NICOR VOLUNTEER DAY IN THE COMMUNITY -

Each year, on the third Saturday in May, Nicor Gas employees donate their personal time to assist local communities with community service projects. This year, nearly 300 Nicor volunteers donated their energy to nine communities for projects such as sprucing up senior citizens' homes, planting common areas, erecting playgrounds, cleaning up river fronts and raising funds for the Sharing program.

### DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS -

Since 1997, Nicor has partnered with the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America to create Dollars for Scholars programs in the Nicor service area. Dollars for Scholars is a scholarship program run by communities to support local students in their pursuit of higher education. Nicor Gas provides seed money and support for newly created chapters, as well as cash incentives at various fundraising milestones. To learn more, call 1 888 255-9140.

# Credit Reporting and You

Keeping current on your natural gas bills can help you obtain a favorable credit report when you're applying for a new credit card, mortgage or car loan. On the other hand, falling behind on your payments can adversely impact your credit report. To help you maintain a favorable credit report, Nicor offers a variety of payment arrangements to help you keep a positive payment history. Want to know more about credit reporting? Log-on to our website at [www.nicorgas.com](http://www.nicorgas.com) or call 1 888 Nicor4u (1 888 642-6748).



## Summer billing begins this month!

We combine four bills into two to help keep administrative costs down for our customers. Not all our customers receive summer billing. If you have questions to the exceptions, please call 1 888 Nicor4u (1 888 642-6748)



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