



Naperville Connected

City Council Speaker Sign-Up Changes

New City Council speaker sign-up guidelines went into effect this January. The new timelines, along with ways the public may address the City Council during a meeting, are outlined below:

Sign up to speak during the live meeting in person in City Council Chambers. The public may sign up at naperville.il.us/speakersignup to speak in person or add their name to the speaker list by calling the Community Services Department at (630) 305-5300. The deadline for online sign-ups and phone call requests is **6:30 p.m.** on the day of the meeting (or 30 minutes before the beginning of the meeting when it does not begin at 7 p.m.). Please note the start of the meeting to ensure you do not miss the deadline. No on-site speaker sign-up is permitted.

Submit a written comment or a position of support or opposition for a specific agenda item. The public may submit a written comment or position (for or against) statement online until **4 p.m.** on the day of the meeting (or 2.5 hours before the beginning of the meeting when it is not scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.).

All comments and names will be compiled and presented to council members for review before the meeting and posted to the City's meeting management system at naperville.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx as part of the formal minutes. During the meeting, the number of comments and position statements received will be read after an agenda item's title. All viewpoints are welcome; positive comments and constructive criticism are encouraged.

To learn more, visit naperville.il.us/speakersignup.

Naperville Launches Sharps Disposal Program

Naperville recently launched a new Sharps Disposal Program as a free and convenient way for Naperville residents to dispose of used medical needles and syringes. These items, known as sharps, are often critical to managing chronic conditions at home; however, used sharps pose a serious health risk if not disposed of properly.

Help prevent accidental needle sticks to household members and sanitation workers and protect the environment by taking part in this Illinois Environmental Protection Agency grant-funded initiative through June 30. To participate:

- 1. Pick up free sharps containers:** Residents can visit the Naperville Fire Department Administration Center at 1380 Aurora Ave., from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, to pick up free sharps containers. Businesses are ineligible to participate.
- 2. Securely store your sharps:** The quart-sized Stericycle containers can hold about 36 one-cc syringes, the most common size. Always insert sharps point-first and secure the lid tightly.
- 3. Drop off at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHW):** Take your sealed container to the HHW at 156 Fort Hill Drive between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on weekends. No appointment is necessary. HHW workers can only accept properly sealed Stericycle sharps containers for disposal.

This effort supplements the City's Prescription Drug Drop Box Program.

For more information, visit naperville.il.us/sharpsdisposal.

Yard Waste Collection Resumes March 18

2024 yard waste collection begins on March 18 and takes place weekly on your regular garbage and recycling day. Residents can place landscape waste in paper yard waste bags, in clearly labeled cans or carts or in bundles. A yard waste sticker must be attached to each bag, container or bundle. Stickers are available for \$2.75 each from the Finance Department at the Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., or from several Naperville grocers and hardware stores. For details and a list of retailers that sell yard waste stickers, visit naperville.il.us/yardwaste.

Residents with greater yard waste needs and/or an interest in recycling organics such as food scraps, can rent a yard waste cart directly from Groot. Contact Groot at 630-892-9294 for program information or to sign up.

Arbor Day Tree Sale Begins Online March 18

Promote a greener, more sustainable Naperville and beautify your yard during Naperville's annual Arbor Day Tree Sale, which takes place online for four weeks starting at 8 a.m. Monday, March 18. The sale closes at 5 p.m. Friday, April 17, or when all trees are sold, whichever comes first. A drive-through tree pickup will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Public Works Service Center, 180 Fort Hill Drive.

To make your shopping experience a smooth one, please note these sale details:

- Orders must be placed at naperville.il.us/arbordaytreesale. Trees are categorized by price, and residents may purchase multiple types of trees in one transaction using PayPal.
 - Residents are limited to purchasing six trees. All tree sales are final.
 - Once an online purchase is complete, residents will be directed to an online calendar to schedule their pick-up time on April 20. Pick-up times must be prescheduled.
 - During pick-up, residents will stay in their vehicles while trees are loaded to ensure everyone's safety. All trees must be picked up on April 20. If trees are not picked up that day, payment will be forfeited, and no refunds will be issued.
- For details and to shop the sale beginning March 18, visit naperville.il.us/arbordaytreesale.

Apply to Serve on a Board or Commission

The City always seeks talented, dedicated residents to fill volunteer positions on City boards and commissions. Serving on a board or commission is one of the most valuable ways to get involved and provide input about your community!

With multiple seats expiring at the end of May due to term limits, now is the time to apply for the board or commission that fits your interests and expertise.

Before applying, view the new Boards and Commissions Guide to learn about each advisory panel's mission, the application process and the expectations of board members and commissioners.

Find the guide and links to each board and commission's webpage at naperville.il.us/boards.

Sustainability Event. Join North Central College for a screening of *Mussel Matters: Saving Freshwater Mussels in DuPage County* on Friday, March 22. Learn how a community of watershed professionals and residents is determined to save our streams and the incredible mussels that call them home. Visit naperville.il.us/naturalresources for more details as they become available!

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS: Meeting locations and how to listen and participate are noted on each upcoming meeting's agenda. Please refer to the Government Meetings calendar at naperville.il.us or scan the QR code below to access the calendar directly and for any changes or meeting cancellations. Watch City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission and Transportation Advisory Board meetings on WCNC (Astound – Ch. 6, AT&T U-verse – Ch. 99, or Comcast – Ch. 10) or stream at naperville.legistar.com/Calendar.

City Council: 7 p.m. | Feb. 6 & 20, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16
Planning & Zoning Commission: 7 p.m. | Feb. 21, March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17
Transportation Advisory Board: 7 p.m. | Feb. 1, March 7, April 4

**Government Meetings
At-a-Glance:**
Point your phone's camera at this QR code to go straight to our board and commissions meeting calendar!



A Safer Naper: Scam Awareness

Every year, millions of people fall victim to various types of scams, losing billions of dollars to criminals. Consumers reported losing almost \$8.8 billion to scams and fraud in 2022, up 30% over 2021's losses, according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

This month, the Naperville Police Department aims to make Naperville "A Safer Naper" by educating residents about warning signs of some common scams and how to avoid falling for them.

1. Scammers constantly change their tactics and look for new victims. However, while scams can take many forms, there are red flags that can help alert you to a scam, including these from the FTC.
Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know.
Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE.
2. Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately.
3. Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way.

Learn more about each of these warning signs and specific actions you can take to protect yourself from scams at naperville.il.us/ASaferNaper.

Update Your Naper Notify Information

Are you a subscriber to the City of Naperville's notification system, Naper Notify? Please make sure your account is up to date! Manage your notification preferences, contact information and locations of interest by logging into your account through napernotify.com.

Not a subscriber yet? Sign up for Naper Notify at napernotify.com to receive emergency and community notifications through a cell phone, work phone, home phone, text message, or email. You can also specify locations you'd like to be contacted about (e.g., your home, a relative's home, your child's school, or any other location of importance to you) as long as those locations are within Naperville.

Senior Housing Options Expo on April 11 & 12

The Naperville-Lisle Township TRIAD, in conjunction with the City of Naperville and the Village of Lisle, is pleased to present the eighth annual Senior Housing Options Expo (SHOE) for those interested in learning how to make the most of their senior living experience. This year's event has extended evening hours from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11, and from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 12, at Grace Pointe Church, 1320 Chicago Ave.

Older adults, their caregivers and their family members are invited to this free informational event featuring more than 50 agencies committed to helping seniors evaluate their housing opportunities. Learn more about home modifications for safety and convenience, downsizing, home sharing, transportation, relocation, assisted and independent living, senior agencies, property tax programs and more.

Onsite parking, including accessible spaces, is available. For more information, visit naperville-lisle-triad.org.

Coming Soon: Electric Lawn Equipment Rebate

The Electric Lawn Equipment Rebate Program is returning in 2024! Residents who purchase a battery-powered electric lawn mower, snow blower, leaf blower, trimmer, edger or manually powered reel lawn mower on or after Jan. 1 of this year can apply to the City for a \$50 rebate.

Electric lawn equipment supported through this incentive is cleaner and quieter than gas-powered models. These items help decrease harmful air and noise pollution while preventing spilled oil and gas from seeping into groundwater, polluting rivers and streams or damaging lawns and paved surfaces.

The program is expected to open on April 1. Once open, interested residents can complete the application form, which requires a copy of the purchase receipt. The City will accept applications until May 31, 2024, or until all funds are allocated (whichever comes first), so don't delay!

Visit naperville.il.us/sustainabilityincentives for details.

AARP Smart Driver Program Registration Open

The Naperville Police Department is partnering with AARP to offer a Smart Driver program. With a newly updated curriculum, this classroom driver refresher course, designed for drivers ages 50 and older, has assisted millions of drivers in staying safe.

Program topics include understanding the effects of aging on driving and how to compensate, driving strategies for the mature driver, identifying the most common crash situations, and updates on the rules of the road, vehicle accessories and local traffic hazards.

Classes are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 and 28 at the Naperville Police Department, 1350 Aurora Ave. Participants must attend both days. A \$25 fee for the course (\$20 for AARP members) is payable to AARP by check on the first day of class. Space is limited. Please register online by Feb. 23 at naperville.il.us/aarpsmartdriver or by calling (630) 420-8479.

Free Shred Event on April 20

The Naperville Police Department, in partnership with the Naperville Park District, is sponsoring a free shred event from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, at the Centennial Beach parking lot, 500 W. Jackson Ave. Attendees are limited to two banker-size boxes or bags per person. Boxes and bags cannot weigh more than 15 pounds. Please remove metal and plastic binder rings/clips; staples and paper clips are permitted. Volunteers will unload your boxes while attendees remain in their vehicles. Crews will shred onsite; the service is available until the trucks are filled.

February is National Wild Bird-Feeding Month. Young birds can become dependent on a feeder if it's the only food source they learn to use, so it's good practice to put feeders away from April through October when natural foods are plentiful. Instead, plant flowers, shrubs and trees that produce seeds or fruits.

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