



# Naperville Connected

## Shop the 34th Annual Arbor Day Tree Sale

Beautify your yard and make a sustainable choice — shop Naperville's annual Arbor Day Tree Sale. The online sale begins at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 17, and closes at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, or when all trees are sold, whichever comes first. A drive-thru tree pickup will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 19, at the Public Works Service Center, 180 Fort Hill Dr.

For more information about the sale, visit [naperville.il.us/arbordaytreesale](http://naperville.il.us/arbordaytreesale).

## March 17: Yard Waste Collection Begins

Yard waste collection resumes on March 17 and continues through mid-December. To participate in the program, place grass, weeds, small branches, twigs, leaves and other landscape waste into a 32-gallon paper yard waste bag.

Include a yard waste sticker on each bag or bundle placed at the curb for collection. Yard waste stickers can be purchased at the Finance Department at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St.

Contact Groot Industries at 630-892-9294 with questions about the program. For more details, visit [naperville.il.us/yardwaste](http://naperville.il.us/yardwaste).

## Sharps Disposal Program Returns in 2025

The Sharps Disposal Program is a free and convenient way for Naperville residents to dispose of used medical needles and syringes. These items, known as sharps, can pose a serious health risk if not disposed of properly. The program will run through July 1 and is open to all Naperville residents. To participate:

- 1. Pick up a free sharps container:** Visit the Naperville Fire Department Administration Center, 1380 Aurora Ave., from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, to secure a container. One container per person, please.
- 2. Safely store your sharps:** The quart-sized Stericycle containers hold about 36 one-cc syringes, the most common size. Always insert sharps point-first and secure the lid tightly.
- 3. Drop off your sharps:** Take your sealed container to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, located at 156 Fort Hill Dr. between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. No appointment is required.

For more information, visit [naperville.il.us/sharpsdisposal](http://naperville.il.us/sharpsdisposal).

**Naperville's Household Hazardous Waste Facility** is available to all Illinois residents at no charge. The facility accepts various household waste, including pesticides, oil-based paint, fire extinguishers, household cleaners and more. Items can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. No appointment is necessary. For a full list of accepted items, visit [naperville.il.us/hhw](http://naperville.il.us/hhw).

## Apply to Serve on a Board or Commission

Looking for a way to become more involved in the community? Talented and dedicated volunteers serve on a variety of City boards and commissions and you could be one of them. Due to term limits, multiple seats are expiring at the end of May. Openings are expected on the following boards and commissions:

- Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission.
- Naperville Public Library Board of Trustees.
- Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Riverwalk Commission.
- Transportation Advisory Board.

To see if a board or commission is a good match with your interests and expertise, view the Boards and Commissions Guide at [naperville.il.us/boards](http://naperville.il.us/boards). The guide summarizes the mission of each board/commission, gives more information about the application process, and outlines the expectations of board members and commissioners.

Residents may apply for any board or commission, even if there is not a current vacancy. To apply, visit [naperville.il.us/boards](http://naperville.il.us/boards), select the board/commission name that interests you, and click the "Apply" button. Applications stay on file for 18 months.

### Important Election Dates

General Consolidated Election

Tuesday, April 1

Early Voting for DuPage and Will Counties

Monday, March 17, through Monday, March 31

Early voting will be available at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St. Voters should park in the upper-level parking lot and enter through the main lobby door near the fountain. For more information, visit [naperville.il.us/voting](http://naperville.il.us/voting).

## Register for Spring Smart Driver Session

There's still time to register for "Smart Driver," a program developed for drivers ages 50 and older, offered by the Naperville Police Department in partnership with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). The class covers local traffic hazards, driving strategies for mature drivers, common crash situations and how to avoid them, a Rules of the Road update and more.

Classes are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, and Thursday, March 20, at the Naperville Police Department, 1350 Aurora Ave.

The course costs \$25 (\$20 for AARP members), payable by check on the first day of class. Registration ends on Monday, May 10. Register at [naperville.il.us/aarpsmartdriver](http://naperville.il.us/aarpsmartdriver) or call 630-420-8479.

Can't attend in-person? Visit [aarpsmartdriver.org](http://aarpsmartdriver.org) to register for an online AARP course.

## Safer Naper: Scam Awareness

Every year, millions of people fall victim to various types of scams, losing billions of dollars to criminals. According to Naperville Police, Naperville residents ranging in age from 15 to 91 reported losing nearly \$5.5 million to scams in 2024. The most common scams reported locally were tech support, online resale commerce (e.g., Facebook Marketplace), fake warrants, phishing and investment scams.

Scammers are always changing their tactics and looking for new victims. However, while scams can take many forms, there are red flags that can help alert you.

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

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), here are four common signs of a scam:



Learn more about each of these warning signs and actions you can take to protect yourself at [naperville.il.us/asafernaper](http://naperville.il.us/asafernaper).

## Free Conservation@Home Workshop Series

Interested in learning how to design and develop native plant landscapes? Integrating plants native to Illinois into your landscaping not only adds beauty to your property but also offers several benefits:

- Promotes restoration of local ecosystems.
- Decreases the need for pesticides and fertilizers.
- Reduces water runoff and erosion.
- Stores carbon and helps absorb harmful pollutants.
- Provides nectar, pollen and seeds for native species and pollinators.

To learn more about creating a sustainable native plant landscape, attend The Conservation Foundation's free three-part workshop series. Workshops will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday mornings from March 5 to 19 in the lower-level lunchroom of the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St.

While this series is targeted towards landscape design, installation and maintenance professionals, all enthusiasts are welcome. Participants can register for individual workshops or all three.

Visit [bit.ly/conservation-workshop-series](http://bit.ly/conservation-workshop-series) for more information and to register.

**GOVERNMENT MEETINGS:** Meeting locations and directions for listening and participating are noted on each upcoming meeting's agenda. Please refer to the Government Meetings calendar at [naperville.il.us](http://naperville.il.us) or scan the QR code below to access the calendar directly, as well



as for information about 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](http://naperville.legistar.com/Calendar).

## Drone Usage for Electric Utility Inspections

Beginning in February, residents can expect to see drone activity throughout the area as the City's Electric Utility plans to use drones as part of their ongoing inspections.

A drone is a small, uncrewed aircraft that is guided by remote control and makes a low, continuous humming sound. Drones can be a helpful tool for visual inspections to determine the overall health of electrical equipment, transformers and cables. The aerial views help identify which areas might require attention first, if there are any obstructions (e.g., trees or fences) and enhance the inspection evaluation process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Customer Care Center at 630-420-6060.

## April 24 and 25: Senior Housing Options Expo

The Naperville-Lisle Triad, in conjunction with the City of Naperville and the Village of Lisle presents the ninth annual Senior Housing Options Exposition (SHOE). The event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 25, at Grace Pointe Church, 1320 E. Chicago Ave.

This free informational event features more than 50 agencies committed to helping seniors get the most out of their senior living experience. Learn more about home modifications for safety and convenience, downsizing, relocation, home sharing, assisted and independent living, transportation, property tax programs, and more.

Onsite parking, including accessible spaces, is available. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information on this event, visit [naperville-lisle-triad.org](http://naperville-lisle-triad.org).

## Second Memory Cafe Location Added

The Naperville Senior Task Force and Dementia Friendly Naperville offers free monthly Memory Cafes for people with dementia and their care partners. These gatherings allow the care recipient and caregiver to socialize and connect with others in similar situations. Activities at this event vary, but typically include education, music, games and art.

Participants may now choose from two monthly Memory Cafe options:

- 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr. — offered from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month.
- **New location, Fort Hill Activity Center, 20 Fort Hill Dr.** — offered from 1 to 2:30 p.m., on the first Tuesday of each month.

For details or to register, call Lisa Kirchner at 630-710-7502 or email [dementiafriendlynaperville+info@gmail.com](mailto:dementiafriendlynaperville+info@gmail.com).

**Official City Website:** [naperville.il.us](http://naperville.il.us)

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**Help Center:** Click Help Center at [naperville.il.us](http://naperville.il.us)

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/NapervilleIL](http://facebook.com/NapervilleIL)

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**eNews:** [naperville.il.us/enews](http://naperville.il.us/enews)

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**Non-Emergency Fire:** 630-305-5900

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**Problems:** 630-420-6060

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