



Naperville Connected

2024 State of the City: The Big Lift

This spring, Mayor Scott Wehrli gave his first State of the City speech at the annual event hosted by the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce. With the theme of “The Big Lift,” Wehrli tied the lessons he learned about teamwork as a child watching the Webster Street Riverwalk footbridge be placed into the challenges and opportunities Naperville faces today.

You can view the event video and learn more about the City’s health, economy, safety and government achievements at naperville.il.us/stateofthecity.

Adopt a Drain This Summer

Consider adding adopting and cleaning a neighborhood storm drain to your outdoor to-do list this summer! By adopting a drain and volunteering to clean it, you’ll help water flow and drain properly, reduce the chance of street flooding and prevent pollution in our local waterways.

Program participants, known as #DrainDefenders, regularly inspect their drain and the area around it, remove leaves and other debris from both the drain grate and the surrounding area, and dispose of any leaves and debris in an appropriate waste bin throughout the year and before a predicted storm.

Along with routinely clearing a neighborhood storm drain, here are a few other friendly actions to help make sure only rain goes down the drains.

- Properly dispose of all trash and clean up pet waste.
- Compost yard and grass clippings.
- Use less chemicals on your lawn or garden to keep pesticides out of the waterways.
- Never dump anything down a storm drain or drainage ditch.
- Repair car and outdoor irrigation water leaks ASAP.

Learn more about the program and adopt a drain in your neighborhood at naperville.il.us/adoptadrain.

Added Service on Metra's BNSF Line

Metra expanded its service on the BNSF line just in time for summer. With six added trains on Saturdays and 16 on Sundays, riders can explore everything Chicagoland offers without the stress of traffic or parking.

On the weekends, inbound hourly service will begin at 5 a.m. and run until noon, then from 2 to 7 p.m. Outbound hourly service will run from 10 a.m. to midnight. Now riders can hike, wine, or dine and get where they’re going quickly and safely. Metra is convenient and cost-effective with Weekend Passes for \$10 (Ventra app only) and Weekend Day Passes for \$7. For information on tickets and where to purchase, visit metra.com/fares.

Explore the new BNSF schedule today: bit.ly/metrabnsf.

Empower 2.0 — Water Usage Now Available

In 2019, Naperville’s Electric Utility developed Empower, an online dashboard that allows customers to view their energy usage. This summer, we’re excited to announce the launch of Empower 2.0, which now includes water!

This feature will allow customers to view their consumption usage and make cost-saving decisions based on this information. Rather than waiting for your monthly bill, users can evaluate usage more often and make data-driven decisions about their consumption. Empower 2.0 receives data from the water meters hourly and updates daily.

If you are already enrolled in Empower, your water data will be available to you starting this summer. If you’re not enrolled, sign up today at empowernaperville.com to become one of the almost 13,000 utility customers now using this useful tool.

2023 Annual Water Quality Report

Please visit bit.ly/naperwater2023 to view your annual Water Quality Report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

To speak to someone about the report or to have a paper copy mailed to your home, please call 630-420-4180 or e-mail wrigleya@naperville.il.us.

A Sustainable Yard: Join Conservation@Home

Want to have a garden that’s not only beautiful but also eco-friendly? Get involved with Conservation@Home! This unique program by The Conservation Foundation helps you design stunning and sustainable landscapes. By incorporating practices that support the environment, your yard will help manage stormwater while attracting birds, butterflies and other beneficial wildlife.

A Conservation Foundation expert will visit your residence and offer personalized advice on plants, maintenance practices and design elements that boost biodiversity. If you meet the criteria, your home will earn a certification, and you’ll receive a sign to showcase your eco-friendly status — perfect for raising awareness in your neighborhood.

Here’s some great news for Naperville residents: The City will cover the cost of on-site consultations and certification fees for 2024! This is a fantastic opportunity to create a more resilient ecosystem in your backyard. Your landscape can be beautiful, functional and a haven for wildlife.

Get started by visiting theconservationfoundation.org/conservation-home.

Garbage and Recycling: Due to the Independence Day holiday, there will be no garbage or recycling collection on Thursday, July 4. Collection will be one day later for the remainder of the week. Electronics recycling at the Naperville Environmental Collection Campus will also be closed on Thursday, July 4. Please contact Public Works at 630-420-6095 with questions.

A Safer Naper: Seasonal Safety

The Naperville Police Department wants to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer by highlighting some seasonal safety tips as part of this month's "A Safer Naper" campaign.

Keeping track of young children in crowded venues can be a challenge. So, as you head outdoors for festivals, carnivals, zoo trips and other events, set up family guidelines and "what-if" plans. The amount of freedom you give your children will be influenced by their age and maturity. Learn tips for all ages in this month's campaign.

Also, with temperatures rising, you are encouraged to always check the back seat before leaving your vehicle. Each year, children and pets die because they were left in a vehicle, where the temperature can rise dramatically in a short time. The temperature inside your vehicle can rise almost 30 degrees Fahrenheit in just 20 minutes. The longer you wait, the higher it goes. At one hour, your vehicle's interior temperature can be more than 40 degrees higher than the outside temperature. On a 70-degree day, that's 110 degrees inside your vehicle! When you park, always look in the back seat before locking up and leaving your vehicle.

Make summertime safety a priority by learning more about these and other seasonal topics at naperville.il.us/asafernaper.

National Night Out Updates

National Night Out is Tuesday, Aug. 6, and neighborhood registration is open until July 15. There are many ways to participate in National Night Out; previous neighborhood events have included block parties, parades and ice cream socials.

Since its mention in the May/early June issue of *Connected*, the start time of the free citywide Aug. 5 National Night Out kick-off event has changed from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The event will still take place at the Fry Family YMCA, 2120 95th St.

Several family-friendly activities will be held, including giveaways and a movie at sunset. For additional information or to register your neighborhood, visit naperville.il.us/nno.

Apply to Serve on a Board or Commission

The City always seeks talented, dedicated residents to fill volunteer positions on its boards and commissions. Join your neighbors in serving on one of these advisory groups and make a real impact on issues you care about.

Multiple seats are open, so now is the time to apply for the board or commission that fits your interests and expertise.

Before applying, the City encourages potential applicants to attend at least one meeting of the board/commission they intend to apply for, to help assess whether the volunteer opportunity is a good fit. The City also encourages potential applicants to view the 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.

Downtown Washington Street Bridge. Traffic has shifted to the east side of the bridge while the west side is removed and replaced. One lane of traffic is open in each direction over the bridge. Visit naperville.il.us/dtwashingtonbridge for updates.

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 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.

Accepting Nominations: 2024 Senior of the Year

The Naperville Senior Task Force is accepting nominations until Aug. 31 for the 2024 Senior of the Year award. Nominees must be 65 or older and residents of Naperville. The task force wants to recognize two seniors, one man and one woman, for their community service.

To nominate a deserving senior, fill out the nomination form at naperville.il.us/seniortaskforce. Please include the nominee's volunteer and community activities and any positions held in civic and charitable organizations. Forms can be emailed to jjmg4423@comcast.net or mailed to John Gallagher, 23W271 Creek Court, Naperville, IL, 60540-9430.

The Senior of the Year award will be presented at the City Council meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15. For more information, contact John Gallagher at 630-362-5105.

Animal Control Tip. Naperville Animal Control receives frequent requests for assistance with pet food, vaccinations and low-cost spay and neuter options. While the unit may be able to assist individuals on a case-by-case basis, please contact the following local pantries for ongoing pet food assistance: Loaves and Fishes in Naperville, Bruno's Pet Pantry in Aurora and the Fox Valley Animal Welfare League in North Aurora. For a complete list, visit bit.ly/ILpetfoodpantries. Low-cost vaccinations and spay or neuter surgeries can be scheduled through the Adopt Pet Shelter Clinic in Naperville, Spay Illinois in Lisle or the Fox Valley Animal Welfare League in North Aurora. If further assistance is needed, contact Naperville Animal Control at 630-420-6178 or animalcontrol@naperville.il.us.

Help for Alzheimer's Caregivers

Are you caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's? Help is here. Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's can be difficult. Dementia Friendly Naperville and the Senior Task Force host a Memory Café on the second Tuesday of every month from 2 to 3:30 p.m. This is a social gathering of individuals living with dementia and their care partners. Register online at naperville-lib.org.

In addition, caregiver support group is now available on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m. To attend, register at DementiaFriendlyNaperville+info@gmail.com.

Both events are held at the 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Drive. For more information, contact Lisa Kirchner at 630-710-7502.

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