



Naperville Connected

Leaf Collection and Yard Waste Updates

It's the season for falling leaves – and for two convenient City programs to help dispose of them: bulk curbside leaf collection and free bagged leaf and yard waste collection. Find out more about these programs below:

Bulk Curbside Leaf Collection

The curbside leaf collection season runs from Oct. 16 through Nov. 22, pending unforeseen circumstances or early winter weather. Collection cycles begin on Oct. 16, Oct. 30 and Nov. 13.

To participate, rake leaves into the street by 6 a.m. on the first day of each collection cycle. Crews will collect leaves in front of each home once during each cycle. Please rake leaves away from storm drains to prevent flooding, and do not place anything other than leaves in the piles.

For details, visit naperville.il.us/leafcollection.

Free Bagged Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

There's no need to place yard waste stickers on your bagged leaves and yard waste between Nov. 6 and Dec. 15 during the annual free bagged leaf and yard waste collection period. Simply put bags of yard waste at the curb on your regular garbage day, and crews will collect them. If you're putting out branches or other yard waste tied into bundles, these always require a sticker.

All yard waste collection ends for the season on Dec. 15, 2023 and will resume on March 13, 2024. Yard waste stickers will be required again on all bagged and bundled yard waste at that time. The City encourages residents to mulch and compost their leaves as a sustainable way to improve the health of their lawns, gardens and the environment.

For details, visit naperville.il.us/yardwaste.

Smash – Don't Trash – Your Pumpkins This Fall

Go green this Halloween and compost your pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns at the annual Naperville Park District Pumpkin Smash from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Ron Ory Community Garden Plots, 811 S. West St.

Last year, Naperville residents participating in this event diverted more than 11,000 pounds of pumpkins from the landfill, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating a natural fertilizer for soil.

To participate, first remove all candles, stickers, metal and decorations from your pumpkins. Then, submit the pumpkins for weighing and drop them off to be smashed – or do the smashing yourself!

For details, visit napervilleparks.org/calendar and navigate to Nov. 4 to see the Pumpkin Smash entry.

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 residents can get involved and provide input.

Vacancies can occur due to resignations and when terms conclude, so the City encourages residents to apply at any time for positions that fit their interests and expertise.

Before applying, view the new Boards and Commissions Guide to learn about the mission of each advisory panel, the application process and the expectations of serving as a board member or commissioner.

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

Embrace Naperville Youth Forum is Oct. 25

The City invites high school and college students to our third event in the Embrace Naperville series, The Power of a Generation: Community Coming Together.

This youth forum is set for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25 in the Neuqua Valley High School library, 2360 95th St. It will give students a voice to share their experiences and offer ideas to advance Naperville's mission of creating an inclusive community that values diversity.

Join with peers to hear a panel discussion among a diverse and intergenerational group, then participate in a breakout session centered on stories, experiences and inclusion. Drop by early for refreshments from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and stay for the chance to help make our community even stronger.

Registration is required for this free event. For details or to register, visit naperville.il.us/embracenaperville.

Embrace Naperville events aim to create space for conversations that foster a sense of belonging.

The previous events in the series, which launched in November 2022, focused on the power of inclusion and connection and highlighted the Asian American Pacific Islander community during AAPI Heritage Month.

Eco-Friendly Yard Care Event on Oct. 19

Join the City and The Conservation Foundation for a free public event showcasing eco-friendly strategies to care for your yard this fall and winter – all while protecting watersheds and wildlife. The event is scheduled for 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19 in Council Chambers at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St.

Unable to attend? Check out naperville.il.us/naturalresources for sustainable yard care ideas and resources.

Prepare Your Mailbox for Winter

The City's snowplow drivers and contractors are careful to avoid damaging mailboxes; however, with limited space to pile snow, heavy snows and thousands of miles of roadway to plow, sometimes drivers cannot avoid pushing snow near mailboxes.

Installation guidelines that can help avoid having your mailbox damaged by a snowplow are available at naperville.il.us/mailboxes. Here are additional tips to secure your mailbox now before winter weather strikes:

- Check that your mailbox post is straight and the box is not leaning over the curb.
- Replace damaged or rotting posts.
- Check the connection point between the box and the post to ensure the box is securely fastened.

If your mailbox is damaged during a snow event, report it to Public Works by submitting a request at naperville.il.us/mailboxes. A City crew will respond, weather permitting, typically within three business days to assess the mailbox damage. Please note that the City is not responsible for mailboxes damaged during snow plowing if the mailboxes do not adhere to City code requirements.

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. 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. | Oct. 3 & 17, Nov. 7 & 21, Dec. 5 & 19

City Council Community Survey Results & Ethics Workshop: 6 p.m. | Oct. 9

City Council Budget Workshops: 6 p.m. | Oct. 24, Nov. 14

Planning & Zoning Commission: 7 p.m. | Oct. 4 & 18, Nov. 1 & 15, Dec. 6 & 20

Transportation Advisory Board: 7 p.m. | Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7

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: Crime Prevention Month

Naperville is routinely named one of the safest communities of its size in America, but it's not a crime-free community. In recognition of National Crime Prevention Month, the Naperville Police Department's Safer Naper topic for October emphasizes ways residents can stay informed about the types of crime occurring in Naperville and the strategies they can utilize to prevent becoming a victim.

Although crime tactics may change, preventing crime often comes down to simply "removing the opportunity" for a crime to occur. This includes remembering to lock your vehicle, even if it is parked in the garage, closing your garage door and ensuring your home is secure by locking your doors and windows.

In the first six months of 2023, 80% of Naperville's residential motor vehicle burglaries and 87% of residential burglaries were no-force, meaning they were to unlocked cars and residences. Using locks takes away the "opportunity."

Other crime prevention strategies include situational awareness, utilizing the 9 p.m. Routine to secure homes and vehicles and recognizing the red flags and common denominators of frauds and scams. Trusting your instincts and reporting suspicious people and incidents are also helpful in preventing crime.

Learn more ways to safeguard your family, home and community by visiting naperville.il.us/asafnernaper.

Memory Cafés for Dementia Community

Dementia Friendly Naperville and the Naperville Senior Task Force offer free monthly Memory Cafés for people with dementia and their care partners.

These gatherings – which take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Drive – allow both care recipient and caregiver to socialize and connect with others in similar situations. For upcoming dates, visit the events calendar at naperville-lib.org. For details, call Lisa Kirchner at 630-710-7502.

Animal Control Tip. The holidays are fast approaching, and with this season comes gatherings with food, sweets and alcohol – all of which can be harmful for your pets. During holiday get-togethers, provide pets with a safe place to stay calm (and away from open doors). Offer only pet-safe food and treats, and never give your pets any alcohol, as it can cause serious injury or death. Naperville Animal Control wishes everyone a safe and festive holiday season!

Trick-or-Treating Tips for a Safe Halloween

This year, Halloween falls on Tuesday, Oct. 31. There is no City ordinance in Naperville designating official trick-or-treating hours, but the Naperville Police Department recommends that young children end trick-or-treating when it begins to get dark and older children stop trick-or-treating by 8 p.m. In addition, Naperville Police offer these tips to ensure Halloween is a safe, fun and festive time for all.

For Adults

- If you welcome trick-or-treaters, turn on your porch or exterior lights.
- Avoid giving homemade or unwrapped treats to children.
- Inspect all candy and discard any homemade or unwrapped treats.
- Call 9-1-1 immediately to report suspicious activity.
- Visit naperville.il.us/npdinvestigations for a registered sex offender list.

For Kids and Teens

- Make sure costumes are flame retardant and short to prevent tripping.
- Try makeup instead of a mask and avoid "terrorist-type" costumes and those requiring weapons.
- Wear light colors or put reflective tape on costumes.
- Stay on the porch and don't go inside anyone's home.
- Don't accept rides from anyone, including people you know, without checking first with a trusted adult.
- Look both ways before crossing the street and cross at corners only.
- Avoid taking shortcuts through backyards, alleys or parks.
- Wait to eat any treats until an adult has inspected them.

Finance Counter Hours Reminder. The Finance Department front counter at the Naperville Municipal Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding City holidays. Residents can visit the counter, located on the west side of the first floor at 400 S. Eagle St., to pay utility bills or permit fees or conduct other transactions in-person.

Smart Driver Training for Seniors: Nov. 8 & 9

The Naperville Police Department is partnering with AARP to offer a Smart Driver program. This classroom driver refresher course – designed for drivers ages 50 and older – has assisted millions of mature drivers to stay safe. Topics include understanding the effects of aging on driving and how to compensate, identifying the most common crash situations, and updates on the Illinois Rules of the Road, vehicle accessories and local traffic hazards.

Classes will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8 and Thursday, Nov. 9 at the Naperville Police Department, 1350 Aurora Ave. Participants must attend both days. The class costs \$25 (\$20 for AARP members), payable by check to AARP on the first day.

Space is limited. Please register by Monday, Oct. 30. To register, visit naperville.il.us/aarpsmartdriver or call 630-420-8479.

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