



Naperville Connected

Water Meter Maintenance/Replacement

Naperville's Water Utility is committed to providing its customers with safe, reliable and cost-efficient water services. To help increase the efficiency of the water meter reading process and ensure accurate billing for our customers, the Water Meter Maintenance/Replacement Program routinely replaces older water meters that have outlived their useful life and when maintenance is no longer viable.

This year, customers with eligible meters in areas of the City north of 75th Street will receive notification that their meter needs replacement. If you have already received a letter indicating your meter needs replacement, or if you do in the near future, please make note of the following:

- You will need to schedule an appointment with the City's

contractor HBK Water Meter Service, Inc. for the replacement. This is because water meters are located inside your home, typically in the basement, utility room or crawl space.

- Meter replacement takes 30 minutes to an hour to complete. Water service is turned off during installation and restored upon completion.
- Please ensure the installer can easily access your water meter and that the individual present in your home during the appointment is at least 18 years old. HBK will not enter the home if the only person present is younger than 18.

For more information on this program, including a map of areas identified for meter replacement this year, visit www.naperville.il.us/watermeterreplacement.

Drivers and Riders Needed!

One of the Senior Task Force's major objectives in 2016 is to start a volunteer driver program. To support this effort, a 501(c)(3) has been established to oversee creation, funding and daily operations of the program, which would connect seniors who need rides to and from their medical and dental appointments with a volunteer driver to take them there, wait with them and drive them back home.

If you are interested in giving of your time and talent in the areas of fundraising, non-profits, grant writing, banking, law, accounting or marketing, the non-profit's board of directors needs you! Applications are still available at www.naperville.il.us/seniortaskforce.

The program is also in need of volunteer drivers and riders who wish to utilize this affordable service. Volunteer drivers must be insured and be willing to undergo a background check. This is a very flexible volunteer opportunity – the program works around your schedule. Riders should be mobile (walkers and lightweight wheelchairs are acceptable) and do not have to provide payment at the time of service. All payment will be done through invoices mailed the following month for the number of rides taken the preceding month. Areas covered are anticipated to be Naperville and surrounding hospitals.

For more information or to sign up in any capacity for the program, please email Karen Courney at seniortaskforce@naperville.il.us.

Lock It or Lose It: Prevent Vehicular Burglary

Each summer, the Naperville Police Department sees a spike in the number of motor vehicle burglaries committed in our town. In fact, burglary to motor vehicle is one of the most common crimes in Naperville and occurs when someone unlawfully enters a vehicle to commit a theft.

This felony offense occurs throughout all of Naperville and surrounding areas, but it is also one of the easiest crimes to prevent. Statistics show that over the past two years, nearly 90% of the motor vehicles burglarized in

Naperville were unlocked.

With that information in mind, the Naperville Police Department is asking those who live, work and visit Naperville to "Lock It or Lose It." By increasing awareness of this simple, proactive step anyone can take, we hope to save motorists the hassle and pain of being victimized in this manner and significantly reduce the number of burglaries in Naperville this year.

Please remember to *lock* your car before you *lose* any of your possessions.



Public Safety Open House

The Naperville Police and Fire Departments will be "Partnering for Prevention" during Public Safety Month in October. The purpose of this initiative is to disseminate important crime and fire prevention information to the residents of Naperville and to encourage citizen action regarding crime and fire prevention strategies.

The Public Safety Open House will be held on Naperville's Public Safety Campus located near 1350 Aurora Avenue on Saturday, October 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This must-see event will include a variety of activities and demonstrations, including an auto extrication and simulated DUI arrest along with a helicopter exercise, a K-9 demonstration, a Special Response Team tactical demonstration and a flashover fire demonstration. A large display of Fire and Police vehicles and equipment will also be on-site, including a 1924 Ahrens-Fox, Naperville's second piece of motorized fire apparatus.

Old favorites such as the evidence collection demonstration of fingerprint lifting, fire extinguisher training and visits by Sparky and McGruff will be back again this year, as well.

The Public Safety Open House is an event the entire community will enjoy while gaining valuable safety information for their families, neighborhoods and workplaces.

For more information, visit www.naperville.il.us/psoh.

City Calendar - July/August/September 2016

August 16, September 6 & 20, October 4 & 18: City Council, 7 p.m.

August 3 & 17, September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19: Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

August 6, September 3, October 1: Transportation Advisory Board, 8 a.m.

Monday, August 22: City Council Workshop - SECA Recommendations, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 30: City Council Workshop - Total Compensation, 6 p.m.

The above-listed meetings and workshops are held in Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St. Meetings are broadcast live on the City's government access channel WCNC (Ch. 6 - WOW, Ch. 10 - Comcast and Ch. 99 - AT&T) and can be viewed live or on-demand online at www.naperville.il.us/granicus. Potential workshop dates include August 8, September 12 and 26 and October 10 and 24.

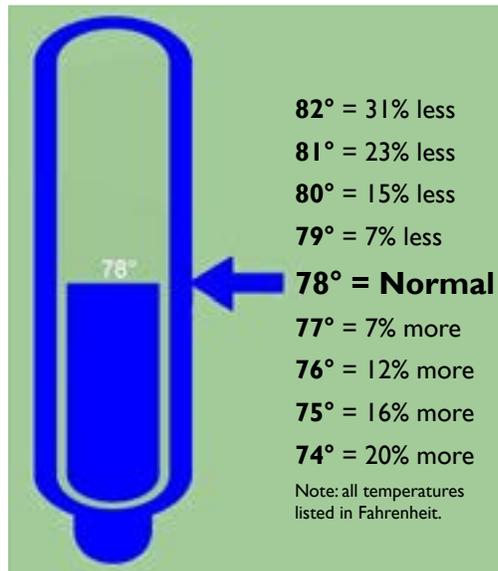
Setting Your Thermostat Saves Energy

Naperville residents can save as much as 10 percent a year on heating and cooling by simply turning their thermostats back 7° to 10°F for eight hours a day from its normal setting. The percentage of savings from setback is greater for buildings in milder climates than for those in more severe climates.

You can easily save energy in the winter by setting the thermostat to 68°F while you're awake and setting it lower while you're asleep or away from home. In the summer, you can follow the same strategy with central air conditioning by keeping your house warmer than normal when you are away, and setting the thermostat to 78°F only when you are at home and need cooling. Set your thermostat at as high a temperature as comfortably possible and ensure humidity control if needed. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be.

The chart at right shows how setting your thermostat up or down a few degrees can save money and energy.

Although thermostats can be adjusted manually, programmable thermostats will avoid any discomfort by returning temperatures to normal before you wake or return home.



Save the Date: 2016 Healthy, Wealthy & Wise Senior Conference

The 2016 Healthy, Wealthy & Wise senior conference is taking place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Friday, September 16 at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St. This engaging and informative free event designed for senior citizens features an entertaining and thought-provoking perspective on couples' management of finances by Karre Parker of Arbor Financial Services, refreshments, exhibits and a tutorial by Microsoft on the use of technology to connect us to friends and family. Peggy Kinst of Ageless Grace will provide an introduction to chair exercises, and Edward Hospital CEO Bill Kottmann will introduce Dr. Zaid Jabber's educational presentation on the necessary steps we must take to preserve our health for longer and happier lives.

Free parking is available at the Municipal Center. Advance reservation is required and begins August 8. To register, call (630) 969-0992 and enter event code 12171. Check-in the morning of the event takes place in the upper level of the Municipal Center from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

For more information, visit www.naperville-lisle-triad.org.

Protect Pets From Rabies

The number of calls to Animal Control regarding bats in homes peaks from late August to mid-September. As bats are the top carrier of rabies in northern Illinois, keeping your pets current on rabies vaccination reduces their risk in case they interact with a bat.

Overmulching Kills Trees

Mulch helps keep roots cool in summer and warm in winter. It keeps weeds down and helps hold in moisture. Proper mulching technique will ensure the survival of your trees for many years.

However, excessive amounts of mulch can cause the root collar (the base area of the tree) to decay and rot. Once this decay begins, disease-laden organisms can enter the plant more readily.

Volcano mulching also creates homes for insects and rodents that chew on the bark and trunk cutting off a vital nutrient pathway.

Proper mulching should distribute the mulch under plants to a recommended depth of three or four inches. Pull mulch away from the base of trees to create what is known as a "donut hole" (see image). The mulched area should cover out to the tree's drip line around, but not touching, the trunk.



For more information about mulching, visit www.naperville.il.us/mulching.

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Official City Website: www.naperville.il.us

Naper Notify: www.napernotify.com

Meetings: www.naperville.il.us/granicus

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Twitter: www.twitter.com/NapervilleLL

YouTube: www.youtube.com/OfficialNapervilleLL

eNews: www.naperville.il.us/enews

General City Phone Number: (630) 420-6111

Office of the Mayor: (630) 420-6018

Office of the City Council: (630) 548-2983

City Manager's Office: (630) 420-6044

Emergency Ambulance, Fire and Police: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Police: (630) 420-6666

Non-Emergency Fire: (630) 420-6142

Electric, Street Light, Water and Sewer

Problems: (630) 420-6187

Naperville Connected Staff: (630) 420-6707

WFPF City Radio: 1610 AM

WCNC Government Access TV:

Ch. 6 - Wide Open West, Ch. 10 - Comcast,

Ch. 99 - AT&T

Mayor: Steve Chirico

City Council: Becky Anderson, Rebecca

Boyd-Obarski, Judith A. Brodhead, Kevin M.

Coyne, Kevin Gallaher, Patricia A. Gustin, Paul J.

Hinterlong and John J. Krummen

City Manager: Doug Krieger