



MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: **Naperville City Council**

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A. MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

Source:

1. Jason Arres,
Chief of Police

Subject:

Naperville Police Department's
Blue Envelope Program

Action:

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2. Dick Dublinski,
Director of Public Works

Mosquito Abatement Program
Update

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**CITY OF NAPERVILLE
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: Aug. 21, 2025

TO: Doug Krieger, City Manager

FROM: Jason Arres, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Naperville Police Department's Blue Envelope Program

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information about the Naperville Police Department's new Blue Envelope Program.

DISCUSSION:

The Naperville Police Department is launching a new community initiative, the Blue Envelope Program, aimed at fostering safer and more positive interactions between law enforcement and individuals on the autism spectrum that might require additional accommodations or awareness during a law enforcement encounter. The program provides an identifiable blue envelope for individuals to present upon contact with a Naperville police officer, serving as a visual cue to officers that the driver may have specific communication needs, helping to reduce misunderstandings and anxiety during an encounter.

The Blue Envelope can be used to house copies of the individual's identification, contact information or pertinent vehicle operating documents such as vehicle registration and proof of insurance. It also includes space for communication instructions, such as preferred methods of interaction (verbal, non-verbal), use of specific language, or other accommodations. Participants can also choose to include contact information for a designated support person.

The program equips officers with tools and guidance for respectful, effective communication and offers simple reminders for the participant on how to interact with a Naperville police officer. This initiative is part of the police department's continued commitment to building trust, improving communication, and ensuring equitable treatment for all members of our community.

DISCUSSION:

The Blue Envelope Program is voluntary, free, and does not require participants to register. Individuals do not need to identify or show proof of their condition or disability to participate. The goal of the Blue Envelope Program is to promote assistance and encourage communication with law enforcement officers through proactive self-identification.

The Blue Envelope Program is available to anyone who lives, works, or spends a considerable amount of time in Naperville, as it is intended to assist anyone who may have to identify themselves to a Naperville police officer during an emergency, traffic stop, or other encounter.

Envelopes can be picked up at the Naperville Police Department (1350 Aurora Ave.) or any number of community partners, including Turning Pointe Autism Foundation, all three Naperville Library branches, the Fry Family YMCA, and several township offices. A complete list of participating pick-up locations and additional program information is available at www.naperville.il.us/npd-blue-envelope.

Participation in the Blue Envelope does not make the individual immune to law enforcement action or override safety considerations. Additionally, this program is specific to Naperville, and officers from other jurisdictions may not be aware of the significance or purpose of the Blue Envelope Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Please share this information with the Mayor and City Council through the Aug. 21, 2025, Manager's Memorandum.

CITY OF NAPERVILLE MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 21, 2025

TO: Doug Krieger, City Manager

FROM: Dick Dublinski, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Mosquito Abatement Program Update

Purpose:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding the mosquito abatement program.

Background:

The mosquito abatement program began in May. The City of Naperville employs several strategies to control the mosquito population. The four strategies we employ are listed below:

1. **Source reduction** is the practice of permanently eliminating breeding sites. City crews look for and remove standing water where possible.
2. **Larviciding** targets the mosquito in the larval stage before they mature into adult mosquitos that bite. Safe chemicals are used to treat ponds and marsh areas, as well as all of the 8,000 catch basins throughout the city. Catch basins are treated once per year with larvicide briquettes.
3. **Monitoring** uses weekly trap testing to check the effectiveness of our larval control and to provide an early warning when adult populations are rising. Weekly trap testing for West Nile Virus and mosquito counts determines when spraying is needed.
4. **Spraying** is the method most familiar to the public and sometimes necessary. The city uses safe chemicals at very low volumes and sprays only as needed.

Discussion:

Generally, an increase in the number of positive West Nile mosquitoes is seen later in the summer when the weather is hot and dry.

Earlier this week, positive West Nile mosquitoes were found in two of the City's ten traps (see attached map). The positive cases were located on Oleson Dr. and Jackson Ave.

Since then, City crews have sprayed the areas as a precaution, checked the area for breeding sites and retreated area catch basins. In addition, the area around the Last Fling will be sprayed during the morning of Friday, August 29, before the festival begins.

When a batch of mosquitoes from a certain area test positive for the West Nile Virus for two weeks in a row, the City takes steps to notify the public about the positive tests. A press release was prepared to encourage residents to take precautions to help avoid mosquito bites and remove potential mosquito breeding areas from around their homes. Typically, spraying and retreating catch basins eliminates West Nile Virus in traps the following week. The Park District is also notified of positive tests so that they can alert users of the parks if necessary.

Staff will continue to provide updates on the mosquito abatement program through October during mosquito season.

Recommendation:

Please share with the City Council through the Manager’s Memorandum.

Attachment: Map of Traps with West Nile Positive Mosquitoes

