



Naperville Connected

Arbor Day Tree Sale Begins Online March 20

Naperville's annual Arbor Day Tree Sale takes place online for four weeks beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, March 20. The sale link closes at 5 p.m. Friday, April 14 or when all trees are sold, whichever comes first. A drive-through tree pickup will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 22 at the Public Works Service Center, 180 Fort Hill Drive.

Residents must place orders at naperville.il.us/arbordaytreesale. Trees are categorized by price, and residents may purchase multiple tree types through PayPal in one transaction.

Residents are limited to purchasing six trees. Once an online order is complete, the website will direct shoppers to use an online calendar to schedule a time to pick up their tree(s).

For safety purposes, participants must stay in their vehicles while City staff members load the trees during their pre-scheduled pickup timeslot.

All tree sales are final, and trees must be picked up on April 22. Payment will be forfeited for trees that are not picked up on April 22. No refunds will be given.

For details and to shop the sale beginning March 20, visit naperville.il.us/arbordaytreesale.

Reminder: Survey Replies Help Protect Water Supply

All Naperville water customers should have received a postcard in January about a brief, free online water use survey. The postcard contains instructions for how to respond to the survey by visiting TrackMyBackflow.com, clicking on Water Use Survey and entering the unique Site ID from the postcard. The survey aims to help protect the water supply by identifying potential sources of cross contamination between drinking water and non-drinking water systems.

Aqua Backflow, the City's backflow protection program administrator, requests water customers complete the survey by March 15. If you have questions or cannot complete the survey online, contact Aqua Backflow at 847-742-2296 or info@aquabackflow.com.

To learn how Naperville's Cross Connection Control Program helps prevent water contamination, visit naperville.il.us/ccprogram.

February is Responsible Pet Ownership Month

This month is a great time to ensure that your pets are current on vaccines and microchipped and that your leash and pet carriers are in good working condition. It's also a great time to consider adopting a homeless pet at your local shelter!

For details about these services, contact Naperville Animal Control at 630-305-5996 or animalcontrol@naperville.il.us. Find a list of regional animal service agencies at naperville.il.us/animalservices.

Join the Renewable Energy Program in 2023

The Naperville Renewable Energy Program provides grant funding for renewable energy projects in Naperville – and you can help for as little as an additional \$5 a month on your utility bill.

For almost two decades, this program has supported renewable energy solutions in Naperville by funding local projects that support clean energy and inspire others to incorporate renewable energy and conservation into their business model.

Utility customers can sign up to contribute to this program by visiting the Help Center link at the top left of naperville.il.us. Once in the Help Center, click "Submit a Request" and fill out the Renewable Energy Program registration form. For details, contact the Finance Department at 630-420-6059.

Yard Waste Collection Resuming in March

Yard waste collection resumes for the year on March 13 and will take place weekly on your regular garbage and recycling day. Landscape waste can be placed in paper yard waste bags, in clearly labeled cans or carts or in bundles. A yard waste sticker must be attached to each bag, can, cart or bundle. Stickers are available for \$2.50 each from the Finance Department at the Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., or from several Naperville grocers and hardware stores. For details and a list of retailers that sell yard waste stickers, visit naperville.il.us/yardwaste.

Electric Lawn Equipment Rebate

After a successful pilot of the Electric Lawn Equipment Rebate Program in 2022, the program will be back in 2023!

Residents who purchase a battery-powered electric lawn mower, snow blower, leaf blower, trimmer, edger or manually powered reel lawn mower on or after Jan. 1, 2023, will be able to apply to the City of Naperville for a \$50 rebate.

The program is expected to open in early spring. Once the 2023 program begins, interested residents can complete the application form, which requires a copy of the purchase receipt.

Applications will be accepted until all funds are allocated. Visit naperville.il.us/sustainability for details.

Electric lawn equipment supported through this incentive is cleaner and quieter than gas-powered models. These items will help decrease harmful air pollution and prevent spilled oil and gas from seeping into groundwater, polluting rivers and streams or damaging lawns and paved surfaces.

Senior Task Force Seeks New Members

The Naperville Senior Task Force seeks volunteers to serve our community's growing senior population as part of Naperville's continued effort to celebrate diversity.

Four seats are currently available on the task force, which aims to address challenges in transportation, housing and health care and increase awareness about resources.

The Senior Task Force was established at the direction of the 2014 City Council and has worked to increase affordable senior housing, connect seniors to vaccination opportunities and support those with dementia, among other initiatives.

For details and an application to join, visit naperville.il.us/seniortaskforce or email seniortaskforce@naperville.il.us.



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. | Feb. 7 and 21, March 7 and 21, April 5 and 18
Planning & Zoning Commission: 7 p.m. | Feb. 1 & 15, March 1 & 15, April 6 & 19
Transportation Advisory Board: 7 p.m. | Feb. 2, March 2, May 4

**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: Exposing Romance Scams

Millions of people use online dating apps or social networking sites to meet other people. Instead of finding romance, however, many find a scammer trying to trick them out of their hard-earned money.

In 2021, the FBI reported approximately \$1 billion in losses related to these types of scams. Here in Naperville, we have seen monetary losses in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Romance scams occur when a criminal adopts a fake online identity to gain a victim's affection and trust. The scammer then uses the illusion of a romantic or close relationship to manipulate and/or steal from the victim.

This February, as part of its Safer Naper campaign, the Naperville Police Department will shine a light on romance scams and expose many tactics con artists use to deceive and steal from their victims. Visit naperville.il.us/ASaferNaper to learn more, including ways to protect yourself or a loved one from falling victim to a romance scam.

Request a Police Program or Training

Awareness through education is one of the best ways residents can protect themselves against crime and assist in making Naperville a safe community.

For this reason, the Naperville Police Department has made it easier than ever to request a free presentation, training or other partnership opportunities.

Visit naperville.il.us/policepresentations to submit an online request to have a member of the Police Department talk to your group about current crime trends, crime prevention or other law enforcement-related topics. You can also request an officer friendly visit for kids or a police appearance at your community event.

Please check out the workshops, presentations and other opportunities the Police Department offers and fill out the online request form to schedule your free event with our staff.

Washington St. Night Work Through March

A City contractor will be performing rehabilitation on sanitary sewer lines along Washington Street from Benton to Jackson Avenues through the end of March.

The work, which is being completed in preparation for the next stage of the Downtown: Progress in Progress streetscape improvements, will take place overnight from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday to minimize traffic disruption. The project may require lane reductions at times.

Sanitary sewers are located under parkways, streets and sidewalks. Sanitary sewer rehabilitation helps prevent inconvenient and costly backups by reducing storm- and groundwater infiltration into the sanitary sewer pipe network.

AARP Offering Smart Driving Refresher Course

The Naperville Police Department is partnering with AARP to offer a Smart Driver program.

With an updated curriculum, 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, strategies for the mature driver, 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. Monday, April 10 and Tuesday, April 11 at the Naperville Police Department, 1350 Aurora Ave. Participants must attend both days.

A \$25 fee for the course (\$20 for AARP members) is payable by check to AARP on the first day of class. Space is limited. Please register by Monday, April 3.

To register, or for details visit naperville.il.us/aarpsmartdriver or call Crime Prevention Specialist Julie Smith at 630-420-8479.

Groot App: For All Your Garbage Needs

The Groot Recycling & Waste mobile app, brought to you by the City's waste hauling contractor, Groot Industries, has all the information you need about your garbage, recycling and yard waste pickups – all in one easy-to-use place.

- **Sign up for collection reminders.** Subscribe to receive a weekly reminder and never forget to take out the trash again.
- **Plan for pickup day changes.** Use the Collection Calendar to keep track of your normal collection day and changes in your pickup day due to holidays.
- **Receive service alerts.** Receive push notifications regarding holiday collection schedules and delays in collection due to weather events or other reasons.
- **Plan an e-waste pickup.** Use the Contact Us section to request a curbside e-waste collection.
- **Search how to properly dispose of materials.** Use the Waste Wizard to quickly find out how to properly dispose of certain items.

The Groot Recycling & Waste mobile app is available for free download on the Google Play Store and Apple App Store. For details, visit naperville.groot.com.

Check the City Calendar

Stay up-to-date on various Naperville events by visiting the City's online community calendar at naperville.il.us/eventlisting. Bookmark the calendar and check back frequently to stay in the know as events are added in 2023!

Official City Website: naperville.il.us

Naper Notify: napernotify.com

Meetings: naperville.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

Facebook: facebook.com/NapervilleIL

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Non-Emergency Fire: 630-305-5900

Electric, Street Light, Water & Sewer

Problems: 630-420-6187

WCNC Government Access TV: Ch. 6 -

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