



Naperville Connected

Downtown Washington Street Bridge Update

Work to remove the east side of the downtown Washington Street Bridge began the week of May 8. As we await the many benefits this work provides – including improved traffic flow, wider and safer sidewalks and an enhanced look and feel of the surrounding areas – please be aware of the following:

- Until further notice, all traffic has shifted to the west side of the bridge, with one lane open in each direction. Please plan for longer travel times or find alternate routes.
 - Pedestrian access is open on the west side of Washington, but the sidewalk is narrow and close to traffic in some areas. Consider finding alternate routes.
 - Businesses in the area are open and accessible throughout construction.
 - For your safety, access to the DuPage River under the bridge is closed during construction. This means all recreational activities such as boating, canoeing, kayaking and floating are not allowed.
- For details about the project, visit naperville.il.us/dtwashingtonbridge.

Safety Tips for Lithium-Ion Battery Use

Lithium-ion batteries power many common consumer electronics – including smartphones, laptops, smoke alarms, toys and even electric vehicles. In normal use, these batteries are safe, but if damaged or overheated, they can cause fires. Follow these tips from the National Fire Protection Association and Electrical Safety Foundation International to use this type of battery safely.

- Only use manufacturer-provided, authorized batteries certified by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Do not charge electronic devices under a pillow, on a bed or on a couch.
- Remove devices from power once fully charged to prevent overheating.
- Do not store batteries in vehicles or have them in direct sunlight.
- Keep and charge batteries at room temperature. Issues can occur below 32 degrees or above 105 degrees.
- Store batteries away from heat sources and anything that could catch fire.

Utility Assistance Program: The City of Naperville is partnering with Loaves & Fishes Community Services to offer payment assistance for low-income residential utility customers, who may be eligible for a grant of up to \$600 a year. Eligible customers can use this money to pay any past, current or future City utility bills. To apply for utility assistance, call Loaves & Fishes at 630-355-3663 and press 4 to leave a message. For details, visit naperville.il.us/utilityassistance.

Proper Tree Mulching Tips: A common mulching mistake is to mound mulch around a tree trunk. Mulch should be spread out in the shape of a saucer around a tree, since this shape will hold and distribute rainwater to a tree's roots more effectively. Mulch mounded up against a tree's trunk will cause bark rot, which makes the tree vulnerable to disease and results in insect problems. For more information, visit naperville.il.us/mulching.

How to Apply for a Block Party Permit

If you're planning to host a block party this summer – meaning any social gathering that blocks traffic on a public right-of-way – make sure to obtain a block party permit.

To apply, fill out the form at naperville.il.us/blockpartypermit and return it to the Community Services Department at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., or by email to napervilleclerks@naperville.il.us at least 14 days before the party takes place.

Be sure to include the time and date of your scheduled party, as well as a rain date, and the location of the street to be closed off. Applicants must also include the signatures of one adult resident from 75% of the households that abut the portion of the road that will be closed during the event.

If your event requires an amplifier, a separate amplifier permit application, available at naperville.il.us/amplifierpermit, is required. A block party permit costs \$10 per day and an amplifier permit costs \$5 per day.

For details about block party and amplifier regulations, contact the Community Services Department at 630-305-5300 or napervilleclerks@naperville.il.us.

Switch it Off to Reduce Light Pollution

Summer nights are a time for stargazing and catching fireflies. However, leaving outdoor lights on at home throughout the night contributes to light pollution.

This artificial light disrupts wildlife, impacts human health, diminishes night sky views and wastes money and energy. Better lighting design and habits can make a huge difference. Here are a few tips to help keep the skies dark:

- Turn off outdoor lights before going to bed. If security is a concern, turn off all but the necessary light(s).
- Use a motion sensor or set your outdoor lights on a timer to turn off by 11 p.m. or earlier. Doing this will allow you to set and forget your outdoor lighting.
- Install fully shielded light fixtures to keep light on your property instead of on your neighbor's home or shining up into the night sky.
- Avoid using LED lights labeled "bright white" or "daylight white." Instead opt for LED bulbs with a yellow or amber hue, including "soft white" LED bulbs.

Memory Cafes 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 calendar at naperville-lib.org. For details, call Lisa Kirchner at 630-710-7502.

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 or Comcast – Ch. 10) or stream at naperville.legistar.com/Calendar. (Note: WCNC is currently unavailable to AT&T U-verse customers. We encourage these customers to view meetings online.)

City Council: 7 p.m. | June 6 & 20, July 18, Aug. 15
Planning & Zoning Commission: 7 p.m. | June 7 & 21, July 5 & 19, Aug. 2 & 16
Transportation Advisory Board: 7 p.m. | June 1, July 6, Aug. 3

**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: Seasonal Safety

Brush up on seasonal safety tips to ensure this summer is enjoyable and safe for all with the Naperville Police Department's Safer Naper campaign.

Whether you're out enjoying the sunshine in a vehicle, on a bicycle, or on foot, safety is important. Check out naperville.il.us/ASaferNaper for reminders of your responsibilities when sharing the road. For example, bicycles are allowed on the road but must obey all traffic control devices such as traffic lights and stop signs. Drivers must allow three feet when passing bicyclists. Pedestrians should use signaled crosswalks when possible and use extreme caution when crossing at intersections without signals.

Additional seasonal safety tips in this month's campaign include preventing heatstroke deaths in hot cars and keeping track of little ones at a crowded venue, such as a festival or parade. Learn how to set up family guidelines and what-if plans before you head out on your next family outing.

Make summertime safety a priority and learn more at naperville.il.us/ASaferNaper.

Register Your Event for National Night Out

Neighborhood registration is open until July 10 for National Night Out on Aug. 1. Previous neighborhood events have included block parties, parades and ice cream socials. Employees from the Police and Fire Departments, the Electric and Water Utilities, Animal Control and Public Works, as well as the Naperville Park District Police Department, will visit many registered events. To register visit naperville.il.us/nno.

Bring the whole family to kick off National Night Out at 6 p.m. Monday, July 31 at the Fry Family YMCA, 2120 95th St. Enjoy activities, a bounce house and giveaways, followed by popcorn and a movie at sunset during this free community event. Bring your own chairs or watch the movie from your vehicle.

Support the Renewable Energy Program

The Naperville Renewable Energy Program provides grant funding for renewable energy projects in the City – 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 by funding local projects that support clean energy and inspire others to incorporate renewable energy and conservation into their projects.

Utility customers can join 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.

City Boards, Commissions and Task Forces Volunteers Wanted

The following boards, commissions and task forces have openings for new members. To learn about the missions of these and other boards, commissions and task forces, or to apply, visit naperville.il.us/boards.

- Accessible Community Task Force
- Advisory Commission on Disabilities
- Naperville Public Library Board of Trustees
- Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission
- Public Utilities Advisory Board
- Special Events and Community Arts Commission

Adopt a Drain This Summer and Make a Difference

This summer, add cleaning and maintaining your neighborhood storm drain to your outdoor to-do list! By volunteering to clear the drain you adopt, you'll make sure water can flow and drain properly and help lower the chance of street flooding in your neighborhood. When you become a Drain Defender, you'll receive emails to remind you to clear your drain before inclement weather hits. Already a Drain Defender? Visit naperville.il.us/adoptadrain to sign up for a referral code, invite your family and friends to adopt a drain and get rewarded!

Keeping storm drains clear of yard waste, leaves and grass clippings not only reduces standing water, but also keeps our lakes, rivers and ponds pollution-free. Here are a few other tips to help make sure only rain goes down the drains:

- Wash your car on the grass to avoid soapy chemicals running down the drain.
- Use less chemicals on your lawn or garden to keep pesticides out of the waterways.
- Clean up pet waste.
- Never dump anything down a storm drain or drainage ditch.
- Properly dispose of all trash.
- Compost yard and grass clippings.

Learn more about the program and adopt a drain near your home or business at naperville.il.us/adoptadrain.

2022 Annual Water Quality Report

Please visit bit.ly/naperwater2022 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 if you would like a paper copy mailed to your home, please call 630-420-4180 or e-mail wrigleya@naperville.il.us

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