



Naperville Connected

2025 State of the City Address: Building Blocks

What comes after a big lift?

At the City of Naperville, it's translating 2024's ambitious plans into real action in 2025 by building upon past successes. Our goal is to continually improve our world-class city for generations to come, including those we may never meet, who deserve a thriving community like the one our predecessors handed to today's leaders.

Mayor Scott Wehrli discussed the foundational efforts that shaped 2024 – the building blocks of Naperville – and how this work is already guiding decisions regarding our local economy, development, and finances in 2025 at this spring's State of the City Address, hosted by the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce. View the event video and learn more about what's to come at naperville.il.us/stateofthecity.

Spring Priorities Plan Update Focuses on Public Safety, Economy and Mobility

City staff provided updates on the "Naperville 2027: Investing in Our Community" Priorities Plan during the May 6 City Council meeting. These priorities, which include Utilities, Safety, Economy, Mobility, and Natural Environment and Community Design, grew out of a 2023 community survey that provided data about the services and community amenities valued most in Naperville. City departments will accomplish these goals over a two- to five-year time period.

The May 6 presentation focused on three priority areas:

- **Public Safety:** Updates on efforts to expand the recruitment pool while in a nationwide hiring shortage, as well as expanded public safety community engagement opportunities.
- **Economy:** Revenue diversification efforts and continued development of the I-88 corridor.
- **Mobility:** Progress on the Road Improvement Plan and the Bicycle Plan.

Updates to City Council and the community will take place in the fall and spring. Visit the Priorities Plan webpage at naperville.il.us/priorities for more information or to view past presentations.

Fall Smart Driver Session Registration

The Naperville Police Department, in partnership with AARP, offers a "Smart Driver" classroom course designed for drivers aged 50 and older. The curriculum covers driving strategies for mature drivers, understanding the effects of aging on driving, identifying common crash situations, vehicle accessories, local traffic hazards and a Rules of the Road update.

Classes are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 3, and Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Naperville Police Department, 1350 Aurora Ave. There is a \$25 fee for the course (\$20 for AARP members), payable by check on the first day of class. Register by Monday, Aug. 11, at naperville.il.us/aarpsmartdriver or by calling 630-420-8479.

Naperville Introduces Two New Recycling Options

Naperville recently launched two new recycling initiatives: the Food Scrap Composting Program and the Clothing and Textile Recycling Program. Both programs, available to Naperville residents at no cost, will operate from June 2 through Aug. 29.

Food Scrap Composting Program

In collaboration with Groot Industries, this program aims to reduce landfill waste and greenhouse gas emissions. Residents may drop off food scraps at two locations: the CNG Station at 1720 W. Jefferson Ave. and the City-owned Parking Lot at 91st St. and Wolf's Crossing Road. Bins are accessible 24/7.

Acceptable food scraps include fruits, vegetables, pastas, breads, cereals, meats and bones. All items must be free of packaging and produce stickers. Yard waste (e.g., grass clippings) is not permitted, as it skews data collection for the program's evaluation. Residents must use their own containers to transport and deposit scraps into marked bins, which remain onsite. Groot will regularly empty and process materials. For full guidelines and a drop off location map, visit naperville.il.us/food-scrap-compost.

Clothing and Textile Recycling Program

In partnership with DuPage County, eWorks, and RewearAble, the City is collecting textiles for recycling from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays at the Environmental Collection Campus, 156 Fort Hill Drive.

Accepted items include clothing, paired shoes (tied or banded together), sheets, bedding, and towels, even if worn. Items should be placed in loosely closed bags or boxes. Items not able to be reused will be repurposed into cleaning/painting rags, or used in insulation, packing material and/or carpeting. Heavily soiled items, pillows, pet beds, and curtains are not accepted. RewearAble provides sustainable employment for people with developmental disabilities by collecting and recycling unwanted clothing and textiles. For a full list of accepted items and program details, visit naperville.il.us/textile-recycling.

These pilot programs reflect Naperville's commitment to sustainability and will be evaluated for possible continuation.

Register by July 7: National Night Out Events

Naperville will join communities nationwide to promote police-community comradery and enhance neighborhood connections during the City's 29th annual National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Registration is open for local neighborhood events, which in the past have included block parties, parades, ice cream socials and more. Employees from the Naperville Police, Naperville Fire, Electric and Water Utility departments, Public Works, and Naperville Park District will visit many of the registered events. To register your neighborhood, visit naperville.il.us/nno.

Save the Date

The community is invited to a kick-off celebration at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 4, at the Fry Family YMCA, 2120 95th St. Enjoy a bounce house, giveaways, police touch-a-truck, food trucks and other activities, followed by a movie at dusk. Please bring your own chairs. For more information, visit naperville.il.us/nno.

A Safer Naper: Domestic Violence Resources

The Naperville Police Department is committed to fostering a departmental and community-wide understanding of the issues and dynamics surrounding domestic violence. If you feel that you might be a victim of domestic violence or would like more information for a loved one, the resources provided in the police department's June Safer Naper campaign are available to offer support and guidance.

In 2024, the Naperville Police Department responded to nearly 1,400 incidents of domestic trouble, about 500 of which involved physical contact. Visit naperville.il.us/asafnernaper to learn about the warning signs of domestic violence, how to help someone who is being abused, and where to access domestic violence resources.

Stay Aware: View the Public Safety Data Map

The Naperville Police Department Public Safety Data Map is an interactive, online tool that shows many of the calls for service and incidents police are responding to in Naperville. A link to the Public Safety Data Map is available at naperville.il.us/crimedata.

Informed residents are more likely to stay alert, report suspicious activity and avoid becoming victims. The Public Safety Data Map allows users to designate a desired time frame and view the general location of calls and crashes handled by the Naperville Police Department.

The cases shown on the map can be narrowed or broadened depending on the user's interest. No personal or identifying information is provided and certain case types (such as domestic cases and mental health calls for service) are not displayed on the map. In addition, all incident locations have been generalized to the hundredth block to protect the privacy of any individuals involved.

Naperville Police encourage residents to visit the map regularly to see the types of calls for service police are responding to in their area. As a reminder, please report any criminal or suspicious behavior immediately by dialing 911.

2024 Annual Water Quality Report

Please visit bit.ly/naperwater2024 to view the City's annual Water Quality Report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of Naperville's drinking water.

To speak to someone about the report or to have a paper copy mailed to your home, please call 630-420-4180 or email wrigleya@naperville.il.us.

2025 Senior of the Year Award Nominations

Nominations for the Senior Task Force's Senior of the Year Award are being accepted through August. Nomination forms are available at naperville.il.us/seniortaskforce.

The award honors two seniors, one man and one woman, for their community service. Nominees must be 65 or older, live in Naperville, and have a history of community service. The awards will be presented at the Oct. 7 City Council meeting.



Independence Day Closures:

- Curbside garbage and recycling will not be collected on Friday, July 4. Residents whose regular collection occurs on Friday will have their garbage and recycling picked up on Saturday.
- The Electronics Recycling Center will be closed on Friday, July 4.
- All non-emergency City offices will be closed on Friday, July 4.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS: Meeting locations and directions for listening and participating 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, as well



as for information about any changes or meeting cancellations. 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.

How to Spot a Cryptocurrency Investment Scam

In 2024, Naperville residents reported losing more than \$5.5 million to scams, including cryptocurrency investment scams. Cryptocurrency is volatile and largely unregulated. Consumers should always invest with caution. Scammers are showing victims large portfolios to convince them to invest. If a cryptocurrency investment seems too good to be true, it probably is.



Criminals target people through texts, dating sites, social media, and investment groups using fake images and profiles. As they establish trust, they often communicate using private messaging platforms (e.g., WhatsApp or Facebook Messenger).

The con starts when the criminal coaches the victims into investing using fake platforms. The websites look legitimate but are fake and controlled by criminals to show profitable returns. Victims might be able to make small withdrawals to encourage further investing.

The con ends when victims try to withdraw larger sums of money and are told they need to pay a fee or tax. Even if they pay the fee/tax, they can't get their money back and lose everything they invested.



Crypto Scam Warning Signs



- Unexpected contact by an unknown person
- Requests to limit contact with financial institutions or advisors
- New online friends sharing "can't-miss" investment opportunities
- A sense of urgency to invest more money or pay fees
- Misspelled web links

If you have been victimized, stop sending money immediately. Contact your bank and keep any communication and records relating to the scam. Contact the Naperville Police Department at 630-420-6666 with any questions or to make a report.

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