



Naperville Connected

Due to COVID-19, information and dates in this issue are subject to change. Please visit www.naperville.il.us for the most up-to-date information.

Yard Waste Collection Resumes in March

All bagged, bundled and cart yard waste collection will resume on March 15.

Place grass, weeds, small branches, twigs and leaves in 32-gallon paper yard waste bags. Branches less than 3" in diameter may be tied in bundles up to four feet long and two feet wide. Secure each bundle with biodegradable twine.

A yard waste sticker is required on each bag or bundle placed at the curb for collection on garbage day. Yard waste stickers are **\$2.50 each** and may be purchased at Naperville hardware and grocery stores or from the Finance Department in the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St. To view a list of local retailers that sell yard waste stickers, visit www.naperville.il.us/yardwaste.

Residents with greater yard waste needs and/or an interest in recycling organics such as food scraps can choose between two yard waste cart sizes. In lieu of purchasing paper yard waste bags and stickers, residents may rent a **65-gallon** cart that holds approximately 3 bags a week, or a **95-gallon** cart that holds approximately 4 bags a week. The 2021 fee to rent a 65-gallon cart is \$185 and a 95-gallon cart is \$225.

Residents choosing to utilize this convenient service can place all of their yard waste in the provided cart as well as certain types of food waste. Please note: food waste composting will only be available to residents who subscribe to the yard waste cart option to avoid animal pilferage.

To sign up for the yard waste cart program and order your cart, please call Groot at (630) 892-9294. For more information, visit www.naperville.il.us/yardwaste.

Did you know? Groot Industries offers roll-off dumpster rentals for individuals and businesses in the Naperville community. For more information about container sizes and pricing, visit <https://naperville.groot.com/residential-dumpster-rental> or call Groot at (630) 892-9294.

City Council Speaker Sign-Up Changes

Beginning with the March 2, 2021 Naperville City Council meeting, online speaker sign-up for City Council meetings will close at 4 p.m. the day of the meeting, at which time no other speakers, comments or submissions will be accepted.

In addition, written comments and the names of those who submit a position in support or opposition will no longer be read aloud during meetings. All comments and names will be compiled and presented to council members to be reviewed prior to the meeting as well as posted to the City's website as part of the formal minutes. During the meeting, the number of comments and position statements (for and against) received will be read after the title of the particular agenda item.

To learn more about the speaker sign-up system, visit www.naperville.il.us/speakersignup.

City Shares Trusted COVID-19 Resources

As COVID-19 vaccination efforts ramp up and State-mandated mitigations change, the City continues to serve as a connection to trusted sources for pandemic information.

The City's COVID-19 Resources & Information webpage at www.naperville.il.us/corona-virus-resources now includes links to vaccination information for both DuPage County and Will County residents, as well as vaccine FAQs from the Illinois Department of Public Health and vaccine safety information from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Resources for seniors who need help registering to receive the vaccine are available as well. The DuPage County COVID hotline is (630) 221-7030. The Will County Senior Services number for help with vaccine registration is (815) 723-9713.

The City's COVID-19 webpage also provides links to find testing sites, view State mitigations, and learn about any changes to City services. The City Services Guide, available at www.naperville.il.us/corona-virus-resources/city-service-impacts, offers up-to-date information on how to conduct business with the City during this time.

General Municipal Election Voting

The General Municipal Election will take place on Tuesday, April 6. Early voting will be available in Naperville for residents of DuPage and Will counties from Feb. 25 to April 5.

Residents are encouraged to visit www.naperville.il.us/voting in advance of voting in Naperville to learn more about specifics, such as locations, COVID-19 safety measures, and hours and parking guidelines that may have changed from previous years.

While voting, residents are reminded to wear a mask, practice social distancing and follow any other precautions put in place by their designated polling location.

Vaccination Buddy Program Helping Seniors

Naperville and Lisle Townships TRIAD and the Naperville Senior Task Force and have launched a program called Vaccination Buddy to help seniors obtain an appointment to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Seniors who need help navigating the technology to book an appointment can call Jim Hill at (630) 640-0804 to be paired up with a Vaccination Buddy. This buddy will schedule the senior for a vaccination appointment and also can provide transportation to the appointment if needed.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help seniors schedule vaccination appointments should email Jim Hill at jamesdhill1975@gmail.com or Rick Graffagna at rgraaffagna@seniorsolutions3.com. Prospective volunteers are asked to indicate whether they are comfortable providing transportation to appointments. Volunteers who are not comfortable providing transportation will be paired only with participants who do not need a ride.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS: All meetings are currently being held virtually using Zoom webinar technology. Specific meeting details, such as how to listen and participate, will be shared on the agenda of each upcoming meeting. Please refer to the City's Government Meetings calendar at www.naperville.il.us for more information. City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission and Transportation Advisory Board meetings will be broadcast on WCNC (Ch. 6 – WOW, Ch. 10 – Comcast and Ch. 99 – AT&T) and streamed as normal through the Granicus platform at <https://naperville.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

March 2 & 16, April 7 & 20, May 4 & 18 : City Council, 7 p.m.

March 3 & 17, April 8 & 21, May 5 & 19 : Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

March 4, April 1, May 6: Transportation Advisory Board, 7 p.m.

April 26: City Council Workshop: New City Council Orientation, 6 p.m.

Social Services for 'A Safer Naper'

The Naperville Police Department understands that the well-being of our city depends on how safe we keep our community. This is precisely why NPD partners with businesses, government agencies, community organizations, schools and residents – to make, and keep, Naperville 'a Safer Naper.' One such partnership is our in-house Social Services Unit.

Recognizing early on that some incidents reported to our agency required more than the involvement of police officers, the Naperville Police Department has had social services professionals on staff for more than two decades. By having social services available to follow up with people, NPD has been able to provide a comprehensive level of service that the residents of Naperville deserve.

Over time, we have been fortunate to add to our social services team and currently have three, full-time Masters level, licensed social workers/counselors on shift working with officers and detectives. In addition to their overall skills and knowledge, all three have specialized concentrations that help address the needs of community. Their areas of expertise include substance abuse and addiction, mental health, and domestic violence, among others. Meet each of our social workers and learn a little more about our plans to expand our social services unit in 2021 at www.naperville.il.us/asafernaper.

An additional benefit to having a social services team at the police department is the connections to the community it brings. Our team collaborates with outside groups (medical, religious, not-for-profit, etc.) to help deliver even more services to our community. Through these connections, NPD is stronger and better able to support the residents of Naperville. After all, the absence of crime is not the final goal of law enforcement. Rather, it is the promotion and protection of public safety while respecting the dignity and rights of all.

Become a #DrainDefender

While melting snow tends to find its way to the storm inlets by channeling under snow drifts, there is still a risk for ponding water if a drain is blocked by ice or debris. Clearing drains near your home or business reduces this potential and prevents ponding water from re-freezing and causing dangerous conditions if temperatures drop again. In addition to snow and ice blockages, spring thaws and rain can create similar problems if storm drains are blocked by leaves and debris.

With the winter thaw and spring on the horizon, now is the perfect time to consider joining Naperville's Adopt A Drain program to adopt and commit to regularly inspecting and cleaning a nearby storm drain.

After you join the program, considering sharing your love of clean drains and flood-free neighborhoods! The process is simple – sign up for a unique referral code, send it to your family, friends and neighbors and form a stronger bond through your commitment to a cleaner and safer Naperville. For more information about the program, including an interactive map of available drains and more information about how to adopt a drain or refer a friend, visit www.naperville.il.us/adoptadrain.

2020 Crime Statistics

Awareness is a key factor in the overall safety of a community. Residents who are aware of the types of crimes happening in their city are more likely to practice situational awareness, report suspicious activity to police and take proactive steps to avoid victimization.

For that reason, the Naperville Police Department has placed an increased emphasis on transparency in recent years. While Naperville is a safe city, it is not a crime-free city. Learn more about the types of crimes happening in Naperville in a 2020 Crime and Incident Data overview at www.naperville.il.us/NPD.

Senior Task Force Seeks New Members

The Naperville Senior Task Force is seeking new members! This group works to address the needs of Naperville's growing senior population. Members focus on coordination among senior service providers and development of recommendations to address service gaps related to transportation, housing and health care. The group also works to increase awareness of available resources. Members serve a three-year term and are limited to two consecutive terms.

Members should live or work in the Naperville area and have an awareness of senior services and a willingness to make a difference in the lives of seniors. To apply to join the Senior Task Force, visit www.naperville.il.us/seniortaskforce or email seniortaskforce@naperville.il.us.

NEW Online Mailbox Reimbursement Form

During the City's snow and ice control operations, there is a potential for mailboxes to be damaged by a passing snowplow. In the unfortunate event that your mailbox is damaged during a snow event, you can now report it with ease using the City's new online Mailbox Damage Report Form.

Learn more about the reimbursement process, as well as how to prepare your mailbox for the winter at www.naperville.il.us/mailboxes.

Naperville Park District Spring 2021 Program

The Naperville Park District's Spring 2021 Program Guide is now available to view online only at www.napervilleparks.org/programguides.

Resident registration begins March 8 at 8:30 a.m. Additionally, T-ball and Coach Pitch program registration begins March 16, and Garden Plots registration starts the week of March 15.

Visit www.napervilleparks.org for more information, subscribe to enews at napervilleparks.org/enews, or follow on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or Instagram to stay up to date with Naperville Park District happenings.

Official City Website: www.naperville.il.us
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Office of the City Council: (630) 548-2983
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Non-Emergency Police: (630) 420-6666
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