



Naperville Connected

Welcome, Mayor Wehrli and New Council Members

Naperville residents recently voted for several local offices in the 2023 Consolidated Election. At the City of Naperville, the Mayor's seat and four City Council positions were up for election.

Congratulations to Scott Wehrli, who was elected Mayor out of the three candidates running for office. Mayor Wehrli has served on the Liquor Commission for almost three decades, owns Dukane Precast in Naperville and is a part-time Naperville Park District police officer.

Of the 11 City Council candidates, incumbent Patrick Kelly was re-elected to his seat, along with newcomers Allison Longenbaugh, Josh McBroom and Nate Wilson. All were elected to four-year terms.

The inauguration of the Mayor and new City Council members took place on Sunday, April 30. You can watch the inauguration at naperville.legistar.com or on government access TV station WCNC (Astound – Ch. 6, Comcast – Ch. 10).

Find details about Mayor Wehrli and the City Council members at naperville.il.us/citycouncil.

Please join the City in extending a special thanks to outgoing Mayor Steve Chirico and City Council members Paul Hinterlong and Theresa Sullivan for their dedicated service to the community over the past several years.

City Boards, Commissions and Task Forces Volunteers Wanted

The following boards, commissions and task forces currently 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
- Senior Task Force
- Special Events and Community Arts Commission

Downtown Washington Street Bridge Update

Drivers should be alert for changing traffic patterns in the coming months as crews begin to replace the over-40-year-old bridge that carries traffic on Washington Street over the West Branch of the DuPage River.

The project includes replacement of the bridge and improvements to the intersection of Washington Street and Aurora Avenue.

Lane shifts, rolling lane closures and flagging operations are likely to accommodate utility work and preparations before the first phase of reconstruction begins this spring.

During the first stage, traffic will move to the west side of the bridge, with one lane maintained in each direction, while crews demolish and replace the east side.

For traffic pattern updates, visit naperville.il.us/dtwashingtonbridge.

Sustainable Landscaping for Summer

As you develop plans for summer landscaping projects, consider the tips below to achieve a beautiful yard while also caring for the environment.

- **Replace turf grass with native plants.** Native plants support pollinators such as bees and butterflies. Once established, native plants require less watering than ornamental plants and do not need pesticides or fertilizers to thrive.
- **Participate in No Mow May.** Voluntarily delay mowing to allow pollinators to safely emerge and early flowering plants to grow. This may result in ground cover exceeding the City's allowable height for grass and weeds, which is why enforcement of the height ordinance is suspended in May.
- **Reduce or eliminate fertilizers and weed treatments.** Handpick weeds instead, or, only when needed, apply the recommended amount of chemicals, using them as sparingly as possible. Doing so reduces pollution in our waterways and protects animals on land and in the water.
- **Put yard waste to work by composting it.** Leaves, grass clippings, prunings, dead flowers and even ash from burned wood can be composted. These materials provide nutrients for plants and help build healthy soil.

Visit naperville.il.us/naturalresources for details on these and other sustainable landscaping ideas.

An Update from NEST

The Naperville Environment & Sustainability Task Force (NEST) is an all-volunteer group that advises the City of Naperville and its residents and businesses on sustainability.

NEST's committees have been busy working on the following initiatives:

- **The Youth team** created and distributed a sustainable schools survey in districts 203 and 204, finding widespread support for solar schools and electric school buses. The team shared results at school board and City Council meetings in April.
- **The Energy and Building & Development teams** continue to educate the community about the benefits of energy efficiency, building electrification and solar. Businesses and residents can participate in the Naperville Renewable Energy Program and receive rebates for energy-efficient upgrades, including replacement of single-pane windows and installation of an air-source heat pump, solar panels or attic insulation. For details, visit naperville.il.us/renewable. Additional discounts and incentives are available from the federal government, with details and resources at sustainnaperville.org. With these incentives, there has never been a better time to reduce energy use and save money.
- **The Transportation team** has been working with the Transportation Advisory Board and City staff on planning for safe walking and biking routes and creating a pedestrian and bicycle survey.
- **NEST also continues to support policies** to reduce our community's dependence on coal-generated electricity. For details and to volunteer, visit sustainnaperville.org.

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. | **May 2 & 16, June 6 & 20, July 18**
Planning & Zoning Commission: 7 p.m. | **May 3 & 17, June 7 & 21, July 5 & 19**
Transportation Advisory Board: 7 p.m. | **May 4, June 1, July 6**

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: Drug and Alcohol Education

This month, the Naperville Police Department turns the focus of its Safer Naper campaign to the dangers of impaired driving and other drug- and alcohol-related topics.

Every day, about 32 people in the United States die in drunken driving crashes. That is one death every 45 minutes. Recent reports from the National Transportation Safety Board find that alcohol and cannabis are the primary substances detected in impaired drivers.

Visit naperville.il.us/ASaferNaper this May to learn more about the laws involving alcohol and marijuana consumption, making good choices and other drug- and alcohol-related topics.

Reminder: It's Brush Collection Season

The City provides one free curbside collection of tree and shrub branches for each residential property during the annual Bulk Curbside Brush Collection program.

Brush collection takes place in five districts, identified by your garbage collection day. Collection in each district begins on Monday and takes one full work week to complete. To participate, place brush neatly on the parkway with cut ends toward the street on the Sunday before collection in your area begins.

For details about preparing your brush for collection and to view progress on an interactive map, visit naperville.il.us/brushcollection. For updates from Naper Notify, visit napernotify.com and sign up for the Brush and Leaf Collection category under community notifications.

Residents also may dispose of bagged or bundled brush each week until Dec. 15 using the yard waste collection program.

2023 Bulk Curbside Brush Collection Schedule		
Homes with garbage collection this day	Must put branches by the curb no later than	Branches will be collected once during
Monday	May 7	May 8 - 12
Tuesday	May 14	May 15 - 19
Wednesday	May 21	May 22 - 26
Thursday	May 28	May 30 - June 2
Friday	June 4	June 5 - 9

New Dementia Resource Guide Available

Members of Dementia Friendly Naperville recently created a new directory of support services to benefit people with dementia and their caregivers.

The updated Dementia Friendly Naperville Resource guide lists 133 agencies and organizations that help with topics including home care, memory care, adult day services, mental health and financial or legal assistance. View the guide at naperville.il.us/dementiafriendly.

Garbage and Recycling Reminders

The City of Naperville contracts with Groot Industries for residential garbage and recycling collection. As of May 1, 2023, residents pay a \$14.45 monthly fee on their utility bills for these services.

In addition to items that fit inside a garbage or recycling cart, residents may discard two bulk items each week at no additional cost. Examples include furniture, crates, barrels and similar things that do not fit into a garbage cart but can be lifted by one driver without assistance. Please call Groot at 630-892-9294 to notify the company of bulk items placed out for collection.

For details, including regular and holiday pick-up schedules, yard waste carts, e-waste collection, special household collection services and acceptable recycling materials, visit naperville.groot.com. To order a garbage or recycling cart or check your collection day, visit naperville.il.us/garbagerecycling.

Stay Informed: Follow Us on Social Media

The City provides information to residents in many convenient ways, including on social media.

For residents who use social media, following these official City accounts can be a great way to keep up with timely programs, services, events and information throughout the year.

Facebook

- facebook.com/NapervilleIL
- facebook.com/NapervillePD
- facebook.com/NapervilleFireDepartment

Twitter

- twitter.com/NapervilleIL
- twitter.com/NapervillePD

Instagram

- [napervillefiredept](https://instagram.com/napervillefiredept)

YouTube

- youtube.com/OfficialNapervilleIL

Animal Control Tip: If you encounter wildlife babies, it's best to leave them alone. Do not touch any wild animals unless they are in immediate danger from dogs, cats or cars. The best solution to a dog or cat threatening a baby wild animal is not to remove the wild animal, but to keep the pet restrained while any baby animals are in the area. As a reminder, it is illegal to keep wild animals without a license, even for very short periods of time. For questions about wildlife babies, contact Naperville Animal Control at 630-420-6178 or animalcontrol@naperville.il.us.

Official City Website: naperville.il.us
Naper Notify: napernotify.com
Meetings: naperville.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
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Twitter: twitter.com/NapervilleIL
YouTube: youtube.com/OfficialNapervilleIL
eNews: naperville.il.us/enews
Naperville Connected Editor: 630-420-6093

General City Phone Number: 630-420-6111
Office of the Mayor: 630-420-6018
Office of the City Council: 630-548-2983
City Manager's Office: 630-420-6031
Emergency Ambulance, Fire and Police: 9-1-1
Non-Emergency Police: 630-420-6666
Non-Emergency Fire: 630-305-5900
Electric, Street Light, Water & Sewer Problems: 630-420-6187

WCNC Government Access TV: Astound - Ch. 6, Comcast - Ch. 10
Mayor: Scott Wehrli
City Council: Jennifer Bruzan Taylor, Ian Holzauer, Patrick Kelly, Paul Leong, Allison Longenbaugh, Josh McBroom, Dr. Benjamin M. White and Nate Wilson
City Manager: Doug Krieger