



Naperville Connected

New and Returning City Council Members Elected

Naperville residents elected four City Council members in the March Consolidated General Election.

Of the eight City Council candidates vying for seats, voters re-elected incumbents Dr. Benjamin M. White and Ian Holzhauser, as well as new members Mary Gibson and Ashfaq Syed. All will serve four-year terms.

The City Council inauguration is Sunday, May 4. You can watch a recording of the event on the City's website or on government access TV station WCNC (Ch. 6 – Astound, Ch. 10 – Comcast, Ch. 99 – AT&T U-verse).

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

Please join the City in extending a special thanks to outgoing City Council members Jennifer Bruzan Taylor and Paul Leong for their dedicated service to the community over the past four years.

Final Phase of North Aurora Road Project

The second and final phase of the North Aurora Road Improvement Project to improve traffic flow west of Route 59 is tentatively scheduled to begin this summer.

The final phase will be demolishing and replacing the roughly 110-year-old railroad bridge with a new bridge that will span the newly expanded five traffic lanes. Additional improvements include a multi-use trail and sidewalk, upgraded roadway lighting, a new pump station to mitigate localized flooding, and increased height clearance for taller vehicles.

Due to the nature of the work, intermittent lane closures and traffic disruptions are expected throughout the duration of the project. Once a contractor is selected and a construction schedule finalized, more information, including traffic impacts and detour routes, will be available on the City's website: naperville.il.us/north-aurora-improvements.

May is Electrical Safety Month

Spring storms can result in downed power lines. If you encounter a downed power line, protect yourself and others with these tips from Safe Electricity:

- Never touch a downed power line. While downed power lines can sometimes show they are live by arcing or sparking with electricity, this is not always the case.
- A downed power line can energize things around it, such as tree limbs, debris or standing water. Be alert and cautious after a storm has passed.
- If your car comes in contact with a downed power line, stay in your vehicle and call 911.

If you see a downed power line, call Naperville's Customer Care Center at 630-420-6060 to report it. For more information about downed power lines, visit safeelectricity.org.

Reminder: It's Bulk Brush Collection Season

The City provides an annual free curbside residential bulk brush collection for tree and shrub branches from May through early June. City neighborhoods are divided into five collection areas, determined by regular garbage collection day (see table below). Brush collection in each area begins on Monday and takes one week to complete, pending weather and unforeseen circumstances.

2025 Curbside Bulk Brush Collection Schedule

Homes with garbage collection on this day	Must put branches by the curb no later than	Branches will be collected once during the week of
Monday	Sunday, May 4	May 5-9
Tuesday	Sunday, May 11	May 12-16
Wednesday	Sunday, May 18	May 19-23
Thursday	Monday, May 26	May 27-30
Friday	Sunday, June 1	June 2-6

Brush must be placed on the parkway (the grassy area between the sidewalk and the street) on the Sunday before collection in your area begins. **Crews will make one pass through each neighborhood. Brush placed at the curb after crews have passed will not be collected.**

Here are the participation guidelines:

- Stack branches neatly on the parkway with cut ends facing toward the street.
- Branches must measure between 3 and 8 feet long and no greater than 6 inches in diameter.
- Remove all roots, stumps and dirt.
- Ensure brush piles do not contain nails, metal, stones, vines, small twigs, willow whips, lumber, railroad ties, or anything other than branches.
- Brush will not be picked up from the rear of homes or along busy roadways. Busy roadways are considered four-lane roads with speed limits over 30 mph.
- Brush piles should not be badly tangled.
- Shorter lengths of brush may be bagged or bundled and placed out as part of the Yard Waste Collection program. Please attach a sticker to the bags or bundles.

When crews cannot accept a pile, they'll attach a tag explaining why it was not collected. Crews may occasionally place large piles of brush temporarily in courts, cul-de-sacs and vacant properties for collection within 48 hours.

To view brush collection progress, visit naperville.il.us/brushcollection for an interactive map. Sign up for the Brush and Leaf Collection community notification category at napernotify.com to receive updates.

Holiday Schedule for Garbage and Recycling: Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be no garbage or recycling collection on Monday, May 26. Garbage and recycling collection will take place one day later than usual for the remainder of the week. Additionally, the Electronics Recycling Center, located at 156 Fort Hill Drive, will be closed on Monday, May 26.

A Safer Naper: Share the Road

Warmer weather and longer days provide the perfect opportunity for residents to walk outside, go for a run, take a bike ride, or drive with the windows down. As more people head outdoors, it's also the perfect time to remind the community that sharing the road is a commitment that requires everyone's attention.

This month, the Naperville Police Department's Safer Naper campaign focuses on tips to keep drivers, cyclists and pedestrians safe. For example, drivers should obey the speed limit, yield to pedestrians and cyclists, and allow access to crosswalks. Cyclists should also obey traffic signals, ride with the traffic flow, and actively look and listen when riding. Similarly, pedestrians should use signaled crosswalks when possible, walk on sidewalks when available, and wear reflective clothing at night.

Find these and other reminders at [naperville.il.us/asafernaper](http://naperville.il.us/asafnernaper), and help make everyone's warm weather activities safer and more enjoyable!

Grass and Weed Height Restriction Reminder. According to the City of Naperville Municipal Code, grass and weeds may not be taller than 8 inches in the right-of-way and on private property. Please note: During the No Mow 'til Mother's Day program, registered participants will be exempt from ordinances governing grass height. For information about property maintenance standards, visit naperville.il.us/codeenforcement.

Waste and Recycling Reminders

Styrofoam Recycling - One Day May 10 Event

Styrofoam is not accepted through the City's regular recycling program. However, residents can participate in a special one-day recycling event on Saturday, May 10, hosted by the City of Naperville in partnership with the Naperville Environment and Sustainability Taskforce (NEST), Naperville Noon Lions and Dart Container.

The drive-thru event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at Route 59 Station, 475 Fairway Drive. The event is a great way to give life to old material and support a more sustainable future.

Missed the event? Dart Container has foam recycling drop-off locations that are open to the public. Find a list at bit.ly/dart-container-drop-off.

Composting

Consider composting your food scraps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, decrease the volume of waste in landfills and enrich your garden soil. Buy an upcycled backyard composter from The Conservation Foundation at bit.ly/the-conservation-foundation-compost.

Curbside Recycling

When recycling your plastic, paper, cans, and glass jars, remember that plastic #6 is not accepted (look for the chasing arrows symbol to identify what type of plastic is being used). All recycling materials should be clean and dry, plastic bags are not accepted, and broken glass should not be recycled.

For more information about these programs, visit naperville.il.us/wasterecycling.

Connected Correction. There was an error in the April/early May issue. The May 10 Styrofoam recycling event will take place at Route 59 Station, 475 Fairway Drive, not 3501 S. Route 59. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

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.

Register Your Neighborhood: National Night Out

National Night Out is back! Aug. 5 will be the City of Naperville's 29th annual National Night Out. Naperville will join communities nationwide to participate in this national event that promotes police-community comradery and enhances neighborhood connections. National Night Out is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and City personnel.

Registration is open for local neighborhood events. Previous neighborhood events 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 National Night Out 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 sunset. Please bring your own chairs. For more information, visit naperville.il.us/nno.

Stay Safe Around Rivers and Waterways

Rivers can be beautiful and relaxing places to visit, but they also have hidden dangers. Follow these tips from the Naperville Fire Department to stay safe in and around rivers this spring and summer:

- Check the speed and temperature of the water before entering. Rivers that appear calm on the surface can have strong undercurrents. Bodies of water can be very cold even in warm weather. Sudden exposure to cold water can cause shock, muscle cramps or hypothermia.
- Riverbanks can be slippery or unstable, and there may be submerged debris that can pose a risk to swimmers or boaters. Avoid diving into unknown waters and stick to designated swimming or boating areas when possible.
- Make sure you have a personal flotation device (PFD). Verify that it is approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and appropriate for your weight and size. Wearing a life jacket is a simple but effective way to increase safety, especially for children who are not strong swimmers.
- Alcohol and drugs significantly increase the risk of accidents around water. Judgment, balance, and reaction times are all affected, making it easier to get into dangerous situations. Staying sober is best when spending time near or in a river.
- When boating, always use the proper safety equipment and ensure your boat is in good condition. If you're going out alone, carry a whistle and a waterproof phone case.

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Non-Emergency Police: 630-420-6666

Non-Emergency Fire: 630-305-5900

Electric, Street Light, Water & Sewer

Problems: 630-420-6060

WCNC Government Access TV:

Astound – Ch. 6, Comcast – Ch. 10, AT&T U-verse – Ch. 99

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City Manager: Doug Krieger