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**At the time of printing, the City of Naperville was in the midst of responding to the worldwide prolific spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Due to the ever changing situation, all information and dates in this issue are subject to change. Residents are encouraged to visit [www.naperville.il.us](http://www.naperville.il.us) for the most up-to-date information.**

## The Path Forward: Monitoring the City's Finances During COVID-19

As the City continues to experience the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, more information is becoming available regarding this event's potential duration and impact on the City of Naperville's finances.

Over the past five years, the City has developed a strong financial foundation to work from during this time. This included replenishing the City's cash reserves and reducing debt levels. These actions allowed the City to provide immediate relief to residents and businesses in the initial weeks of the pandemic, including waiving utility bill payment late fees, extending the deadline for businesses to send tax payments to the City, and reducing third quarter parking permit fees for commuters.

City staff remains mindful about expenses during this time; as of late May, the City has spent almost \$4 million below what it had budgeted for by this point in the year. These savings in the areas of healthcare, overtime, special events, travel and training, fuel costs and more will continue to be monitored and are expected to yield continued savings.

## Municipal Center Reopening to Public on June 1

The Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., will re-open to the public at 8 a.m. on June 1. General hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The building is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Visitors are asked to enter the building through the doors adjacent to the upper-level parking deck near the fountain, to wear a face covering and to use available hand sanitizer stations during their visit. Visitors will check-in at a desk near the doors, where they will provide their name and purpose for their visit and have their temperature taken. Visitors who have a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher after one opportunity for retesting will be asked to conduct their business remotely.

The public may visit the Transportation, Engineering and Development (TED) permit counter, the Finance Department or the City Clerk's office. Other departments are available by advance appointment only. Meeting rooms are not available to the public at this time.

Community members are encouraged to do business with the City online to the greatest extent possible while the COVID-19 pandemic continues. To keep the community and City staff safe, visits to the Municipal Center should be reserved for business that must be done in person. For a complete guide to accessing City services remotely, please visit the City Services Guide at [www.naperville.il.us/coronavirus-resources](http://www.naperville.il.us/coronavirus-resources).

From a revenue perspective, the City has a strong mix of revenue sources to help fund its operations and capital projects, in addition to its Water and Electric utilities, which are funded by user fees. Many of the state taxes that may be most heavily impacted by the pandemic will not be received by the City until this month. City staff continues to work on controlling expenses, monitoring these upcoming revenue trends and seeking out grant funding.

You can view the full May financial report to the City Council, along with a presentation made at the May 19 City Council meeting, at [www.naperville.il.us/budget](http://www.naperville.il.us/budget). In the near future, a public dashboard will be launched on the City's website to track financial metrics moving forward so that the community can be kept informed about Naperville's ongoing financial response.

## June 22 Adult Use Marijuana Zoning Workshop

At the May 5 City Council meeting, Council members approved a staff-proposed roadmap which outlines the required steps, input process, and timing related to the creation of zoning regulations for adult-use recreational marijuana dispensaries in the City of Naperville.

Under the first step in the process, Council members will hold a City Council Workshop on June 22 at 7 p.m. to provide input and direction on possible locations for dispensaries, parking requirements, and how many dispensaries could operate in the city if council members vote to approve the sales.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the June 22 workshop will be conducted using Zoom Webinar technology. Members of the public will be given an opportunity to provide comment via an online survey, as well as provide public comment during the workshop via Zoom or to submit a comment to be read into public record via the City's online speaker sign-up form. For more information about the survey and online sign-up, visit [www.naperville.il.us/cannabis](http://www.naperville.il.us/cannabis).

For more information about the June 22 City Council Workshop, and subsequent steps of the zoning roadmap, visit [www.naperville.il.us/cannabis](http://www.naperville.il.us/cannabis).

**Naperville National Night Out Event Canceled.** Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Naperville's National Night Out event, originally scheduled for August 4, has been canceled. The Naperville Police Department looks forward to celebrating police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie at next year's event on August 3, 2021.

City staff has been working on virtual solutions for government meetings in accordance with the Governor's stay-at-home order and executive order suspending certain portions of the Open Meetings Act. 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](http://www.naperville.il.us) for upcoming meeting dates and agenda links.

## Partnership for A Safer Naper

The City of Naperville consistently ranks among the safest cities to live. This type of recognition doesn't happen by accident. It's based on a strong community partnership between residents and law enforcement working toward a common goal. This month, the Naperville Police Department encourages you to join the partnership by learning about some of the neighborhood safety programs and campaigns you could get involved in to help make our community A Safer Naper.

**9 PM Routine:** Make your residence and your vehicle tougher targets for crime by making crime prevention a habit. Every night at 9 p.m., turn on your exterior lights, remove valuables from your vehicle, lock your vehicle doors, and close and lock all your home's windows and exterior doors.

**Paws on Patrol:** The Paws on Patrol dog walker watch program encourages you to help reduce crime while out "on patrol" in your neighborhood with your four-legged friend. This program empowers you and your canine to enhance neighborhood safety by training you to properly identify and report suspicious activity to police.

**Crime Stoppers:** Have a tip on a crime? Call the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (630) 420-6006, and you may be eligible for a cash reward up to \$1,000 if the tip results in an arrest!

For more information about these and many more neighborhood safety programs, visit [www.naperville.il.us/asafernaper](http://www.naperville.il.us/asafernaper). With so many opportunities, there is sure to be a way for everyone to join the partnership to make our community A Safer Naper.

Also, keep up with the Safer Naper campaign and our focus on existing programs and services throughout the year online ([www.naperville.il.us/asafernaper](http://www.naperville.il.us/asafernaper)) on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/napervillepd](http://www.facebook.com/napervillepd)) and on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/napervillepd](http://www.twitter.com/napervillepd)).

## 2020 Senior of the Year Nominations

The Senior Task Force is now accepting nominations for the 2020 Senior of the Year. Nominees should have a history of community service, give back selflessly, be 65 or older and be a Naperville resident.

Nominations are due by July 31, 2020, by emailing the nomination form and any supporting documentation such as newspaper articles, letters of support, etc., to Senior Task Force member Nancy de la Hoz at [nrdelahoz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nrdelahoz@sbcglobal.net) or Jim Hill, 714 Celtic Ash Court, Naperville, IL 60540. Please call Nancy de la Hoz with questions at (630) 220-3692.

The winner will be announced on Senior Citizens Day on August 21. The winner will also be honored at a Naperville City Council meeting in September as social gathering guidelines allow. Visit [www.naperville.il.us/seniortaskforce](http://www.naperville.il.us/seniortaskforce) for more information and to download the nomination form.

## 2020 State of the City Address

Last month, Mayor Steve Chirico presented his fifth State of the City address virtually. With a theme of "Reinvesting in our Resilient Community," Mayor Chirico looks at five areas – our infrastructure, our economy, the City as an organization, our values and our community – that the City is reinvesting time and effort into. The Mayor also discusses the impact of COVID-19 on Naperville and what's to come in the year ahead. Thanks to the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce for hosting this annual presentation, which you can watch at [www.naperville.il.us/chirico](http://www.naperville.il.us/chirico).

## Save Energy This Summer

Here are some strategies from the Department of Energy to help you save energy during the spring and summer when the weather is warm and you are trying to keep your home cool.

- Install and set up a programmable thermostat. It could help you save up to 10 percent on heating and cooling costs per year.
- Don't heat your home with appliances. On hot days, consider using an outdoor grill instead of your oven.
- Use a fan. Ceiling fans will allow you to raise the thermostat setting about 4 degrees without impacting your comfort.
- Insulate your attic and walls. Seal cracks and openings to prevent warm air from leaking into your home.
- Insulate and seal ducts. Air loss through ducts accounts for about 30 percent of a cooling system's energy consumption.
- Install energy-efficient window coverings that let natural light in and prevent solar heat gain.
- Buy an Energy Star-qualified air conditioning unit. On average, they are up to 15 percent more efficient than standard models.
- Use the bathroom fan when taking a shower or bath and a range hood when cooking. This helps remove heat and humidity from your home.

For more information about rebates offered by the City of Naperville on smart thermostats, energy-efficient central air conditioners, replacement windows and attic insulation, visit [www.naperville.il.us/energygrants](http://www.naperville.il.us/energygrants). For more energy saving tips, visit [www.energy.gov/energysaver](http://www.energy.gov/energysaver).

## 2019 Water Quality Report

Please visit <http://bit.ly/naperwater2019> to view your 2019 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. For a translation of the water quality report, to speak to someone about the report, or if you would like a paper copy mailed to your home, please call (630) 420-4180.

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