

TAMARACK *Turf*

From the President

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Summer officially begins on June 21. Are you ready?

We held our first 2026 HOA General Meeting on April 21, 2026. We did not have a quorum of twentyfive homeowners at the meeting, only sixteen homeowners were in attendance. We reviewed the HOA's financials, which are in excellent condition. We also reviewed the status of our annual assessment process, which is not in good condition. As of June 1, 2026, we have a total of forty-four homeowners with outstanding balances. We have eleven homeowners with multiple-year balances due of which four have been turned over for collections. We have twelve homeowners with balance due for the current year that include late fees. There are twenty-one other homeowners with a balance due mainly to unpaid late fees. I really do not understand why homeowners cannot pay their assessment fee by February 15th and avoid the additional cost.

Planned social activities were reviewed. A Murder Mystery Dinner was held on May 2, Cinema Night was held on May 28, and Garage Sale from May 28 to May 30. In early September we plan to have a golf outing, free for homeowners, will be held followed by a dinner for both adults and children. More details will be coming.

We reviewed the status of the HOA Board project to hire an accounting firm that focused on selfmanaged HOA's. We have identified three firms that have provided proposals for their services and have also provided demonstrations for the board. The board has reviewed the details and the comparisons of the three and have ranked them. The board's next step will be to determine the actual annual costs of each firm. We have concluded these firms will prove many benefits to the homeowners. They support the homeowners much better than we are able to do right now as they have the tools in place. They accept all forms of credit cards and ACH. They can provide access to each homeowner's account. Portals will be set up for all the HOA official documents. The HOA directories will be available online. If the Board makes a final decision we will likely avoid mid-year implementation and focus on the end of the year.

I assume everyone has noticed the e-bikes and e-shooters in the area. They are on the streets, sidewalks (which is a current law violation) and golf course cart paths (which is private property). The Illinois Senate on April 15, 2026, unanimously passed an E-Bike Bill. If the bill is signed into law, it will take effect on January 1, 2027. About time.

If your contact information is incorrect or changed, please complete an online form located on our website at: <https://tamarackfairways.org/communications/>. The online form is named, "Update Contact Info & Preferences".

This newsletter and our website contain contact information for the members of your Board. Please feel free to contact any of the Board members with your ideas, issues, and concerns. Copies of recent newsletters, official general meeting minutes and notices of future events are all on our website: <https://tamarackfairways.org>.

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A BIG Shout out goes to Kathryn Peters for the planning of a VERY fun and VERY entertaining evening at our MURDER MYSTERY DINNER!!

The Italian buffet from Traversos did not disappoint! Nor did the entertainment! It was well attended and very much enjoyed! Thanks for putting all the details together, Kathryn!!



Submitted by Debbie Weber

Please donate golf balls so that we can continue to raise money for the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry! In 2025 the neighborhood donated \$12,960.00 and since 2021, when this endeavor began, we've donated a total of \$54,667.00. This year we're already doing very well and received 3 - \$100.00 bills in the past 2 weeks! There are some very generous golfers that play Tamarack Golf Course!



Loaves & Fishes
Community Services

We Need Your Help

LOCAL EVENTS

JUNE 19 - 20 Gates open at 5 PM @ Naper Settlement **Naper Nights - Summer Concert Series**

Get ready to rock! Grab your lawn chair and get ready for a one-of-a-kind concert experience. Tickets \$15-25

Friday June 19

R-E-S-P-E-C-T: A Tribute to Aretha Franklin - 6:00-7:30 PM
Get ready for the ultimate tribute to the Queen of Soul starring LaShera Moore Ellis and backed by a dynamic 10-piece band.
Sly & The Family Stone Tribute by Bumpus - 8:00-10:00 PM
Channel the uplifting energy of Sly & The Family Stone with Bumpus, a dynamic 9-piece funk & soul group from Chicago.

Saturday June 20

AC/DC Tribute by DOWN/POUR - 6:00-7:30 PM
Rock out to the ultimate AC/DC concert experience - explosive energy, powerhouse vocals, and electrifying guitar riffs.
Ozzy Osbourne Tribute by Crazy Train - 8:00-10:00 PM
Don't miss Crazy Train™ The Ultimate Touring Ozzy Osbourne Tribute Show. Hosted by Vinny Cormier, North America's #1 Ozzy Osbourne tribute artist.

JUNE 19-28 7:30-10 PM Naperville Central H.S.

Summer Place Theatre presents: Guys and Dolls

Summer Place Theatre opens its 60th season with Guys and Dolls, the beloved Broadway musical comedy filled with gamblers, missionaries, showgirls, romance, and unforgettable songs.

JUNE 20 9 AM - NOON @ Downtown Naperville **Downtown Naperville Vintage Car Show**

Kick off Father's Day Weekend in Downtown Naperville with a FREE Car Show along Jackson Avenue. Enjoy the looks of up to 100 vehicles in all makes and models!

JUNE 26 1 PM @ 2186 University Drive **Petals, Ponds & Pathways, A Garden Walk to Benefit Mental Wellness**

This unique, self-guided garden walk will feature five to six exceptional private gardens throughout Naperville, offering attendees the opportunity to explore inspiring outdoor spaces at their own pace. Proceeds from the event will directly benefit the Grow Wellness Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding access to mental health care for individuals and families in the community. Funds raised help remove financial barriers to therapy and support local mental wellness initiatives.

JUNE 27-28 10 AM - 5 PM @ Naper settlement **Naperville Woman's Club 66th Fine Art & Artisan Fair**

The longest running art fair in the state featuring over 100 juried artists from around the country. Family friendly activities including an 8x12' interactive mural, kids art projects, musical entertainment, food and adult beverages on the beautiful grounds of Naper Settlement. Free to the public, free and convenient parking.



JULY 4

Fireworks Display

For the fourth year in a row, Naperville will host a free fireworks show in celebration of Independence Day at the Frontier Sports Complex, 3380 Cedar Glade Dr. Fireworks will begin at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 4, 2026. There is no charge for admission or parking. Those attending can watch from a field within the park or from their vehicles. The complex has 906 parking spaces, with an additional 1,000 parking spaces at Neuqua Valley High School, 2360 95th St. Before the fireworks show, the Naperville Municipal Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. under the Wagner Pavilion at 95th Street Community Plaza located next to 95th Street Library. The Naperville Municipal Band is partnering with the Naperville Park District to celebrate the Fourth of July with performances of patriotic classics.

Every Thursday at 7:30 PM in Central Park

Naperville Municipal Band Summer Concert Series 2026

June 4 – "Welcome Back"

June 11 – "Kids Concert!" (7PM Start)

June 18 – "Big Band Concert"

June 25 – "Creature Features"

July 2 – "Happy 250th America," featuring cannons with the 1812 Overture

July 4 – "Fireworks Concert" – Special Date & Location (Wagner Pavilion at Frontier Park in South Naperville)

July 9 – "Dance Party in Central Park"

July 16 – "Dianne Hutchinson's 50th Anniversary"

July 23 – "Royalty" with the DuPage Symphony Orchestra (6:30PM Start)

July 30 – "Celebration of the Big Band"

August 6 – "The Sound of Movies"

August 13 – "Until Next Time"



THE GOOD NEIGHBOR REPORT

Submitted by Kathryn Peters

A We had 3 events planned for May and they all went well. First there was the Murder Mystery Dinner where 50 of our 150 households were represented and participated in the interactive whodunnit. Dinner was catered by Traverso's, a local gem and it was spectacular. Congratulations to Heather O and her guest for winning the contest and figuring out who the murderers were! Next was the Annual Garage Sale weekend May 28-31. 8 homes participated in conjunction with Tamarack West neighborhood. Last was the Disney movie Golf Cart Cinema on Thursday May 28th. 12 carts were filled with kids, parents, sweatshirts and blankets, chips and sodas. The Golf Course managers loved it and want to show an adult movie this summer! They are thinking a golf comedy like Caddyshack... We will show another Disney movie on **August 14th, 8 PM**, (rain make-up 8/15) before school starts.

Email me with reservations at TFHOAholidayvote@gmail.com. We are planning a 9- hole golf outing and family picnic behind the Clubhouse for homeowners in September. Watch the August newsletter for firm date & further information.

Sidewalk Clearance

Submitted by Larry Weber

WHAT IS SIDEWALK CLEARANCE?

Let's start simple. **Sidewalk clearance** is the open, obstacle-free space along a sidewalk that lets pedestrians move comfortably and safely. It includes both the **width** of the sidewalk and the **height clearance** above it (think tree branches, signs, or overgrown hedges).

Sidewalk clearance = freedom to walk without feeling like you're in a jungle gym.

WHY IT MATTERS

- **It's a safety issue** : If sidewalks are blocked or too narrow, people end up walking in the street. That's dangerous—especially for kids, seniors, or people with mobility issues.
- **It's an accessibility issue** : For someone using a wheelchair, walker, or pushing a stroller, obstructions can be more than annoying—they can be impossible to get around.
- **It's about comfort and dignity** : A clear sidewalk makes a walk enjoyable. No ducking under branches or dodging trash cans.

How wide is wide enough? Let's talk sidewalk width standards

- So, how much space should we have to walk safely? According to **sidewalk width standards** across the U.S., the sweet spot is at least **5 feet** wide, with **6-8 feet** being ideal in busy areas. If you're in a high-traffic city zone or business district, wider sidewalks are even more critical.

IT DEPENDS ON THE AREA.

- **Residential neighborhoods** : 5 feet is typically the bare minimum.
- **Commercial or downtown areas** : 8-12 feet is more realistic to support foot traffic, outdoor seating, and accessibility.
- **Near transit stops** : Wider sidewalks are crucial here to prevent crowding.

And don't forget—those measurements are for clear space only. Planters, utility poles, and mailboxes don't count.

The Unsung Hero: The Sidewalk Buffer

Ever notice that little space between the sidewalk and the road? That's the **sidewalk buffer**, and it's a game-changer. This space, often filled with grass, trees, or bike racks, helps separate walkers from moving cars.

WHY BUFFERS MATTER

- They protect pedestrians : A few extra feet between you and a speeding car? Yes, please.
- They beautify the street : Trees and landscaping can make the whole area feel more pleasant and walkable.
- They prevent splash zones : Rainy day? A buffer helps you avoid getting soaked by passing cars.

For homeowners, keeping that buffer tidy and trimmed is part of good sidewalk maintenance. And cities love it too—it helps with drainage and reduces pavement wear.

WHO'S IN CHARGE OF SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE?

Short answer: it depends.

In most places across the U.S., property owners are responsible for the sidewalk in front of their home or business. That means trimming trees, clearing snow, fixing trip hazards, and making sure things like trash bins or decorative signs aren't blocking the way.

MAINTENANCE TIPS:

- **Keep it clear** : Trim overhanging branches to at least 7 feet above the sidewalk.
- **Fix cracks or buckles** : Tree roots or freeze-thaw cycles can damage pavement fast.
- **Mind your landscaping** : Bushes and hedges should be trimmed back at least 1 foot from the edge.

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NON-LIFE THREATENING NUMBERS	
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REAL ESTATE WISDOM

The Real Reason Some People Are Still Moving Right Now

Submitted by Jan Mackey

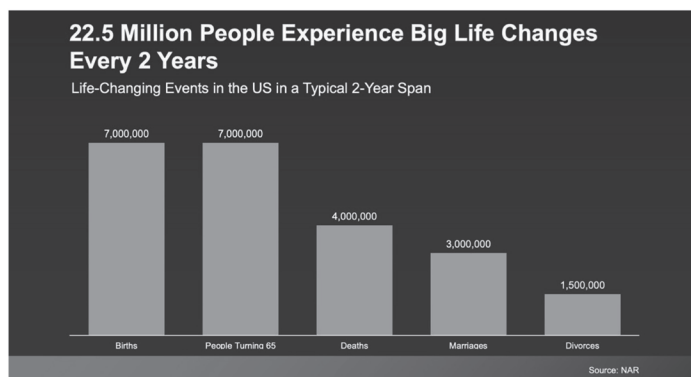
You may be telling yourself you're going to wait to move – maybe you're hoping mortgage rates will come down, prices will fall, or the market will feel a little easier. And honestly? A lot of people feel that way right now. But here's what some are starting to realize.

Waiting doesn't usually fix the thing that made you want to move in the first place. Your family still desperately needs more room. Your empty nest still feels too... empty. Your parents or grandparents still need you to live closer. You just got married... or divorced. Your vision of retirement has you living somewhere else. Eventually, life can reach a point where waiting feels harder than moving.

That's why some people are still deciding to buy right now, even in today's market. Not because conditions are perfect. But because the life changes behind their move never really went away. And maybe that's exactly where you are too. If so, you're certainly not alone.

The Real Reasons People Move

Data from the National Association of Realtors (NAR) shows 1 in 5 buyers last year said they felt like they had to purchase a home at that time, no matter the market. That's an important reminder right now. Sure, the dollars and cents of your move have to make sense for you. But big life changes happen whether mortgage rates and home prices are high, low, or somewhere in between. And those big life events happen more than you may think. NAR says roughly 22.5 million people experience major life changes in a typical two-year span (*see graph below*):



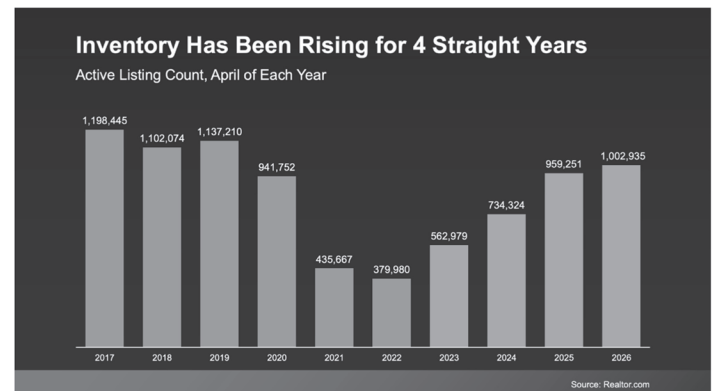
These are exactly the kinds of things that can change how much space you need, where you want to live, or what kind of lifestyle makes sense now. Chen Zhao, Head of Economics Research at Redfin, explains:

"Life doesn't stand still—people get new jobs, grow their families, downsize after retirement, or simply want to live in a different neighborhood."

And that's what makes waiting so hard. Every month you spend hoping the market changes is another month living in a house that no longer works for your life. It's stressful to feel stuck. And that feeling usually doesn't disappear.

There May Be More Opportunity Than You Think

But while affordability is still a challenge, there may still be a way for you to make your move. The number of homes for sale has been growing for 4 straight years (see graph below). That means more homes to choose from and, in some markets, more room to negotiate than buyers had just a few years ago.



That doesn't mean moving is suddenly easy. But it does mean some buyers are finding ways to make a move work. So, if you've been putting your plans on hold, maybe the question isn't just:

"What's the market doing?" or "When will it get better?" Maybe ask yourself this, too: "Can I still live where I'm at right now and make it work?" If the answer to that second question is "no," it may be worth having a conversation about what your options look like today – despite where rates or prices are. You could find your move is still possible after all. With more homes for sale, there's a better chance to find one that fits your life (and your budget) right now.

Bottom Line

Life changes. Priorities shift. Families grow. Kids move out. Careers evolve. And eventually, the house you're in may stop fitting the life you're living. If that's been weighing on you lately, let's talk through what your options could realistically look like today, no matter where rates or prices are. Life can't always wait for perfect market conditions. Maybe you don't have to either.

If you'd like to discuss the Real Estate market or your personal home needs with a licensed local Realtor, contact me directly at 312.342.4624.
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THE MONEY MINUTE

Why Should I Invest?

Submitted by Matthew L. Gill

Investing plays an important role in helping individuals work toward long-term financial goals. However, the simplest reason why people invest is to try and make money. Investing can provide opportunities for growth to build wealth over time, outpace inflation, let you retire comfortably, and prepare for future you want.

For the most part, everyone likes money because it provides security, comfort, safety, fun, nice items, vacations, freedom, and more. All these things cost money and due to inflation, they will most likely continue to increase. As time goes on and purchasing power erodes, each dollar purchases less and less. This is a large reason why it is important for the money you save today to grow for your future, because investing can provide the opportunities for growth that help address the negative long-term effects of inflation.

People take risks and invest their money with the goal of making more than they had before. If you do not make money through investing, you must make it by working, and most people do not want to spend their entire lives working. Some very successful investors have been able to replace a majority of their income just from returns on investments. Reducing your dependency on income through work becomes increasingly important as people age when they may not have the energy, effort, health, or ability to keep working.

There are many types of investments that offer the potential for higher long-term returns compared to holding cash alone. Investing in assets such as stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, have the opportunity to grow money over time. While all investments carry risks, fluctuate in value, and involve the possible loss of principal, thoughtful and dedicated long-term investing has historically provided opportunities for growth that helped investors pursue financial objectives more effectively than saving alone.

Using a hypothetical example, if you invest \$500 per month in an investment that earns an average of 10% per year, it will take less than 30 years to become a millionaire. However, if you just save \$500 per month and earn 0% return per year, it will take over 167 years to become a millionaire! (While a 10% return may or may not be realistic, for simplicity, round numbers were used in this example.) Traditional savings are certainly important to one's finances, however, relying solely on traditional savings accounts will likely not provide enough growth potential to support long-term goals.



Finally, you should invest because it is ultimately your responsibility, even if you need expert help to do so. Though no one can predict the future, government programs such as Social Security could play a lesser role for younger generations than they did for previous ones. Additionally, corporations are moving to 401k plans that require you to make contributions and choose investments. The better you manage your dollars, the more likely it is that you'll have the money to create the future what you want.

Ultimately, investing is about putting money to work with the goal of making more and using that money to enjoy your life. While investing cannot guarantee money will be made, starting early and establishing a consistent/well-informed investment approach may improve the likelihood of long-term financial success and could be one of the smartest decisions you make.

As a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ (CFP®) in Naperville, my firm and I tailor personal solutions and financial plans that align with your unique needs, helping you reach your goals effectively. If you would like guidance with your investments, financial planning, or have any questions, please reach out. I would love the opportunity to get together.

While investing may provide opportunities for long-term growth, all investments involve risk, including fluctuations in value and possible loss of principal. Different investment types involve varying levels of risk, and past market performance does not guarantee future results.

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The Best Foods to Grill: A Complete Guide for Flavor-Packed Outdoor Cooking

Submitted by Brad Culen

Whether you're hosting a summer barbecue or just cooking dinner outside, choosing the right foods to grill can transform an ordinary meal into an unforgettable experience. From juicy meats to vibrant vegetables and even sweet desserts, the possibilities are nearly endless.

Top Meats to Grill

1. Steak

Steak is a grilling classic for a reason. Cuts like ribeye and sirloin thrive over high heat, developing a beautiful sear while staying juicy inside. The grill adds a smoky depth that enhances the natural richness of the meat.

2. Chicken

Chicken is versatile, easy to season, and perfect for grilling. Whether it's marinated chicken breasts, wings, or thighs, the grill brings out bold flavors and helps lock in moisture.

3. Burgers and Sausages

Burgers and sausages are staples at any cookout. The grill caramelizes the outer layer, creating a flavorful crust while keeping the inside tender.

4. Ribs and Pork Chops

Pork cooks beautifully on the grill. Marinated ribs and pork chops develop a delicious crust and smoky flavor, especially when cooked slowly over indirect heat.

5. Seafood

Seafood is often overlooked, but it's one of the best categories for grilling.

- **Salmon:** Rich and fatty, it holds up well and stays moist.
- **Shrimp:** Cooks quickly and absorbs marinades easily.
- **Tuna and Swordfish:** Firm textures make these ideal for high heat.

Grilling seafood adds a smoky dimension while preserving its natural sweetness and delicate texture.



Vegetables That Shine on the Grill

Grilled vegetables bring color, texture, and balance to any meal. The grill caramelizes their natural sugars, creating a sweet and slightly smoky flavor. Popular choices include zucchini, bell peppers, eggplant, corn on the cob, and mushrooms. These vegetables not only taste great, but they also complement heavier meats and create a well-rounded meal.

Creative Grilling Ideas

Today's grilling trends go far beyond burgers and hot dogs. Many people are experimenting with more creative dishes, including:

- Kabobs and skewers: Customizable with meat and veggies
- Grilled pizza: Crispy crust with smoky flavor
- Plant-based options: Tofu or veggie burgers
- Stuffed mushrooms and vegetable dishes

Don't Forget Fruits and Desserts

One of the most underrated grilling categories is fruit. Grilling fruit enhances its natural sweetness and adds a unique charred flavor. Great options include pineapple, peaches, watermelon, and bananas. These can be served alone, paired with ice cream, or used as toppings for savory dishes.

Final Thoughts

Ultimately, great grilling is about experimenting and finding combinations that suit your taste. Whether you're cooking a quick weeknight meal or hosting a weekend barbecue, the right ingredients—and a little creativity—can elevate your grilling game to the next level.



A Safer
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Sharing timely crime prevention information relevant to residents to improve awareness and crime prevention efforts throughout the City of Naperville. Please pass this information on to your fellow neighbors through your HOA's newsletter, email distribution list or social media sites.

Breaking the Myths of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence can unfortunately touch anyone and impacts residents in our own community daily. In 2025, the Naperville Police responded to nearly 1,200 incidents of domestic trouble. 450 of those incidents involved physical contact. There are also several myths surrounding domestic violence. Here are just a few:

MYTH: Domestic violence is only physical abuse.

FACT: Domestic abuse can be physical, but it also can be sexual, emotional, economic or psychological. It can be actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, injure, or wound someone.

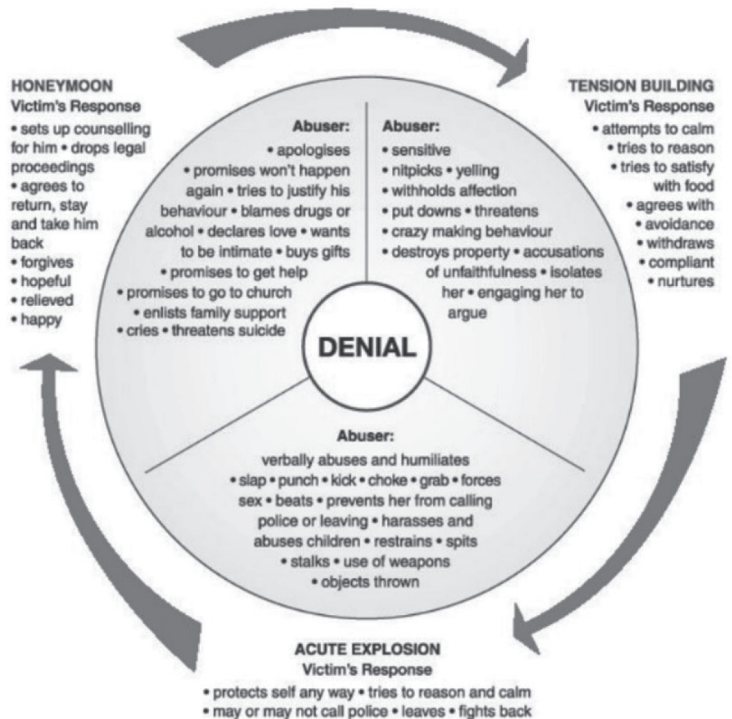
MYTH: Domestic violence does not affect many people.

FACT: Abuse can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic background, education level, or gender. It can occur within a range of relationships including people who are married, living together or dating. Victims of domestic violence may also include a child or other relative, or any other household member.

MYTH: Victims can easily leave.

FACT: People stay in abusive relationships for many different reasons: fear, threats, economic dependence, confusion, religious beliefs, children, belief that the abuser needs their help or will change, belief that the abuse is their fault, isolation, or pressure from friends and family to stay in the relationship.

Remember, no one deserves to experience abuse of any kind, for ANY reason.



SCAM ALERT

Beware of scammers trying to steal your jewelry!

Customers have been targeted for jewelry thefts in parking lots. Scammers try to get close to you and swap your real jewelry with fake jewelry under the ruse of a gift, prayer or blessing.

Do not accept gifts from strangers.

Please call 911 to report any suspicious activity.



If you feel that you might be a victim of domestic violence or would like more information for a loved one or friend, the Naperville Police Department is available to offer support, information and guidance.

For more information, visit www.naperville.il.us/DomesticViolence.

SAFETY REPORT

Use of E-Bikes in the Neighborhood

Submitted by Kathryn Peters

Because Illinois law treats e-bikes as bicycles, every traffic rule that applies to a bicycle applies to your e-bike. That means riding with the flow of traffic, obeying traffic signals and signs, signaling turns, and yielding to pedestrians and other vehicles when appropriate. You have the same rights as any other vehicle on the road, and you're subject to the same responsibilities. Illinois has no state helmet requirement for any class of e-bike rider. Wearing a helmet is still a very good idea — particularly at Class 3 speeds approaching 28 mph — but the state won't fine you for going without one. (1)

Illinois treats e-bikes as bicycles rather than motor vehicles, so you don't need a driver's license, registration, or insurance to ride one. The state divides e-bikes into three classes based on speed and motor behavior, and the class of your bike determines where you can legally ride it and whether age restrictions apply. (1)

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website has a helpful video about Bike Safety when riding and sharing the road with cars & trucks (3). <https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/bicycle-safety>

Definitions

Illinois e-bike laws 2026 groups e-bikes into three types:

Class 1: These bikes have pedal-assist only, with motor help stopping at 20 mph. While there's no strict age limit, it's recommended riders be at least 13 years old.

Class 2: These bikes have a throttle, allowing motor power without pedaling. Maximum speed is also 20 mph. Age recommendations are the same as Class 1.

Class 3: These faster bikes offer pedal-assist only (no throttle) but can reach 28 mph. Riders must be at least 16 years old, with younger people limited to passenger status only. (2)

Sources:

(1) <https://legalclarity.org/illinois-e-bike-laws-definitions-requirements-penalties/>

(2) <https://qiolor.com/blogs/news/illinois-ebike-laws-2025>

(3) <https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/bicycle-safety>

Sharing the Road: E-Bike & E-Scooter Rules

A local ordinance regulating the use of electric bicycles (e-bikes), electric scooters (e-scooters), and other electric personal mobility devices in Naperville went into effect on Jan. 1, 2026. Residents can visit www.naperville.il.us/ebikes to find a summary of the rules as well as a link to the full text of the ordinance. Residents are encouraged to read the ordinance in its entirety to determine what kinds of electric devices are permitted and prohibited in town, where these devices can be legally operated, and what penalties exist for violating the ordinance.

Please be aware that e-bikes and e-scooters, as defined by the ordinance, are not permitted on any public sidewalk or the Riverwalk. Varying rules exist for bike lanes, roadways, and multi-use paths depending on the type of electric device. Additionally, riders must be 16+ to operate an e-bike or 18+ to operate an e-scooter.

NAPERVILLE E-BIKE RULES




Generally allowed on

- Bike Lanes
- Roadways
- Multi-use Paths (Class 1 & 2)
- Private Property
(with the property owner's permission)

Generally NOT allowed on

- Sidewalks
- Multi-use Paths (Class 3)
- Riverwalk

More info
naperville.il.us/ebikes

16+
- age requirement -

Must have pedals & motor < 750 watts

Important note:



Dirt bikes and similar off-road vehicles, as well as any device with a motor over 750 watts, are NOT e-bikes and are not allowed on Naperville's public roads, sidewalks, etc.

E-SCOOTERS IN NAPERVILLE




Generally allowed on

- Bike Lanes
- Roadways (35 mph & under)
- Multi-use Paths
- Private Property
(with the property owner's permission)

Generally NOT allowed on

- Sidewalks
- Roadways (over 35 mph)
- Riverwalk

More info
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