



# Naperville Seniors in Action

Affordable transportation for Naperville Senior Citizens

February 2020

## Thanks

Thank you for participating in Naperville's only transportation option for seniors where the drivers wait for the seniors during their medical appointment.

Thank you to *Coldwell Banker - Leavenworth Team* of Naperville for their continued support of RAN.

## Donate

Your donations help us continue this necessary service to Naperville senior citizens.

If you include a donation with your payment, we appreciate it. Every little bit helps ensure that we stay on the road, providing rides for seniors in Naperville. **Thank you!**

## RAN to Date

- 379 Active Riders
- 46 Volunteer Drivers
- Over 4,540 One-Way Rides Completed
- Over 160 Medical Destinations

## Volunteers Needed

Do you know someone who might be a good fit as a volunteer RAN driver? Please send them our way!

Volunteering with us is flexible and rewarding. We are always in search of qualified volunteers to help.

## Shakou Cares

Every second Tuesday of the month, Shakou of Naperville hosts their *Shakou Cares* event where they donate 10% of their daily proceeds to a local charity. Ride Assist Naperville will be the charity on **March 10<sup>th</sup>**. Mark your calendars for this exciting day and we hope to see you there! Shakou is one of Naperville's most gorgeous restaurants. They specialize in modern Japanese cuisine featuring sushi as well as cooked dishes. Call Shakou at (331) 472-4955. to set up a reservation or visit <https://www.shakourestaurants.com/Reservations/>.

**When: Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Time: 11:00am – 10:00pm

Where: Shakou, 22 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville IL 60540

## Seniors Give Advice to their Younger Selves



An article on Buzzfeed shows 15 senior citizens who offer a piece of advice to their younger selves, and in turn give a wealth of knowledge to many young people around the world who have seen the article.

Our riders here at RAN are at least 60 years old or better. What advice would you give your younger self if given the chance? We would LOVE to hear it! Fill out the added advice form and mail it back to us, call our office and let us know, or e-mail [info@rideassistnaperville](mailto:info@rideassistnaperville). You can sign your name or leave it blank. We will showcase a new piece of advice on our Facebook page and in our next few newsletters.

To see the original article from Buzzfeed visit <https://bzfd.it/37As1W>.

## Ride Requests

We are currently experiencing extremely high volumes of ride requests. Your driver will call you the day prior to your ride to confirm. Please try to answer your phone so there is no confusion on the day of your ride.

## Ride Cancellations

We realize cancellations happen, and please try your best only to give us rides you know you will need to avoid last minute cancellations. Winter months mean snow and ice. Our office keeps a close eye on bad weather. If you feel like to want to cancel a ride due to inclement weather, don't worry because you will never be charged for a weather-related cancellation.

## What Our Passengers Say About US

"Thank you for help. I am so glad I don't have to rely on a taxicab for my rides to the doctor. You are more reliable and friendly, and I look forward to using RAN."  
~ RAN Rider

## Contact Us

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## Illinois Primary Election



2020 is an election year and the primary is right around the corner. Illinois has our **primary election day on March 17<sup>th</sup>** this year (St. Patrick's Day!) Have you thought about how you will get to the polls? Now is a good time to ask neighbors or friends for help.

Most assisted living and other group facilities will have transportation on Election Day. You can also visit your county's website for more information on being able to vote early or by mail.

Need help finding out who is on your ballot for the upcoming primary? Visit [www.ballotpedia.org](http://www.ballotpedia.org) for your sample ballot. Ballotpedia.org is the digital encyclopedia of American politics and elections. Their goal is to inform people about politics by providing accurate and objective information about politics at all levels of government. They are non-partisan and committed to neutrality in their content.

Not sure if you are registered? You can check your registration status and polling location here: <https://ova.elections.il.gov/>.

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## Free Tax Filing Assistance for Seniors

Happy new year! In other words, tax season is coming. If you are looking for some help filing your taxes this year, the Naperville Park District offers free tax filing assistance for seniors, 50 years and older. They have volunteers trained through the AARP tax-aid program to help in the upcoming months. You must register for a 45-minute appointment time and will be asked to bring all your paperwork with you. Visit the park district for a program guide or visit their website, <https://napervilleparks.org/seniors>. You can sign up for this tax assistance appointment online or call them directly for more information at (630) 848-5000.

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## Senior Home Fire Safety Survey

To keep Naperville seniors safe, the Naperville Fire Department provides no-cost Senior Home Fire Safety surveys to seniors living independently who request a visit.

These surveys identify home features that might make your residence susceptible to fire or injuries due to falls and will also advise on ways to eliminate or reduce hazards. Every home visit includes a written home safety survey with smoke detectors (if needed), a carbon monoxide detector, kitchen fire extinguisher, and other goodies.

To schedule a visit, please contact Soraya McLaughlin, Public Education Specialist, at (630) 305-7055 or EMAIL: [mclaughlins@naperville.il.us](mailto:mclaughlins@naperville.il.us).