



# Naperville Seniors in Action

Affordable transportation for Naperville Senior Citizens

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## 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

- 385 Active Riders
- 44 Volunteer Drivers
- Over 5,060 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.

## You Matter to Us

We know the last 5-6 months has been a rollercoaster ride to say the least. All of us here at RAN want you to know we appreciate all your patience as we go through this together. We also want to hear from you! Let us know if you are needing anything that we could help your day be maybe a little bit brighter. You matter to us; we care for all our RAN community and want to give you the best amount of assistance we can offer. Currently we are seeing a surge of new COVID-19 cases at many hospitals in our area and all over the country. This is a good time to speak with your doctors about the ability to do virtual doctor visits if it fits your health care needs. This way you can keep yourself & anyone else you encounter safe & healthy!

## Radio Station by Seniors For Seniors



While many seniors have been forced to wait out the COVID-19 outbreaks in isolation, these retirees have managed to find connection and comfort through the airwaves. **Radio Recliner** is an online pirate radio station that is hosted exclusively by elderly DJs from assisted

living communities across the United States.

The project was launched back in April as a means of keeping lonely seniors entertained and optimistic during the pandemic. Radio Recliner has attracted a team of 18 senior DJs to continue recording new segments. In addition to new shows being aired every day at noon, the station now streams a continuous loop of old content to keep its fanbase entertained. On the Radio Recliner website, listeners can also submit song requests and ask the hosts to broadcast audio messages and shoutouts to friends and family members.

“For this generation, radio was the original social media,” said Luckie chief creative officer Mitch Bennett. “Dedicating a song to someone you love, and having them hear it along with everyone else, is a special way of connecting. It’s a great time to bring that feeling back.” For the full story and a link to the Radio Recliner station, visit <https://bit.ly/33KoAxp>

## Ride Requests

Many doctors are only offering appointments if they are essential. Please inquire with your medical team if you can do a phone or video call with your doctors to avoid unnecessarily visiting the doctor's office. Always check with your doctors before making a ride request with us. If we can find a volunteer driver, we will make every effort in getting you to your medical appointments.

## Ride Cancellations

During this change of pace, please don't feel bad about cancelling any scheduled appointments. We may be continuing to offer limited services for longer than we expected. Things are changing daily so please call us if you have any questions.

## What Our Passengers Say About US

"Thank you so much for your resiliency during this trying time. To know you will be available when I need to go to my doctor appointments again gives me some semblance of normalcy when I need it again."  
~ RAN Rider

## Contact Us

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## Essential Rides Only

We are doing our best to assist our riders during this crazy time, and we are constantly preparing for changes in the upcoming months. We are constrained by the limited number of available volunteers. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our country and community, Ride Assist Naperville does not have the manpower of volunteers we need to give many rides right now. We will continue to prioritize essential rides such as chemo treatments and dialysis. If you have a medical appointment, please call us and we will do our best to get you a ride.

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## Contact Us

If you or someone you have been in close contact with have tested positive for **COVID-19** and recently taken a ride with RAN, **please let us know**. We would need to be able to inform our drivers so they can get tested and use proper quarantine protocols in case they have possibly been exposed. We are doing our best to keep our RAN community safe during these times.

Our office staff will be working remotely for the foreseeable future so please leave a detailed message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. You can also email us anytime at [info@rideassistnaperville.org](mailto:info@rideassistnaperville.org).

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## We Need Volunteers

Now more than ever we need volunteer drivers! As a non-profit, we rely on volunteers and donations to provide our community with this much needed service. Right now, we are trying everything to find drivers willing and able to volunteer for RAN.

If you are one of our riders, please ask around! Do you have any family or friends in Naperville or nearby who might be willing to give back to our community? We would LOVE to chat with them about it.

Driving for RAN is such a rewarding experience. Our drivers love being able to choose their own schedule. And many of them have forged some great friendships with our riders. Please visit our website for more information on volunteering as a driver with us <https://www.rideassistnaperville.org/home/drivers/>.