



# NAPERVILLE SENIORS IN ACTION

*Keeping Naperville seniors connected by providing affordable and dependable transportation to area medical appointments.*

## 2024 RAN STATISTICS 1/1/2024 - CURRENT

Round -Trip Rides Given:	<b>4152</b>
Number of Active Riders:	<b>582</b>
Volunteer Drivers:	<b>86</b>
Total Volunteer Hours:	<b>1851.25</b>
Reported Miles Driven:	<b>20,290.70</b>

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR RAN WILL BE CLOSED ON

Thursday, November 28:	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 28:	Day after Thanksgiving
Tuesday, December 24:	Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 25:	Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 31:	New Year's Eve
Wednesday, January 1:	New Years Day

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy Autumn! The leaves are finally starting to change, and the smell of pumpkin spice has permeated every coffee shop I walk into. Autumn also means my anniversary at RAN is coming up! As of October 2024, I have been working with RAN for 7 years. In that time, I've seen RAN grow exponentially, expand, continue service through a global pandemic, and now we are seeing strong and steady growth again.

We currently have more volunteer drivers than ever before. However, our service is in high demand. I feel like we are constantly looking for new volunteers because the need is always very high. Please know we are doing our best to give as many rides as possible. We wish we could fulfill every ride requested, but unfortunately, that is not the case currently.

As soon as you know you need a ride with RAN, call us to request it. We will now schedule rides up to 6 months in advance. If you know of any friend, neighbor, or family member who has been wanting a flexible and rewarding volunteer position, please urge them to reach out. We would love to sit down with them and discuss being a volunteer driver. The more drivers we have, the more rides we can give.

Have a wonderful and safe Autumn!

~Ashley Abraham, RAN Executive Director

## WAYS TO SUPPORT RAN

### DONATE

By supporting Ride Assist Naperville you have the means to enhance the quality of life and social connectivity for older adults. Every donation, no matter the amount, can make a meaningful impact on RAN. You can contribute by mailing a check, visiting our website, or contacting RAN to make a payment by credit card.



### BECOME A VOLUNTEER DRIVER

Did you know one of the main issues facing senior citizens today is lack of transportation? RAN volunteers help fill the gap by driving Naperville seniors to medical appointments like their annual check-ups, lab work, physical therapy, eye appointments, dental, and more!

The contribution of our volunteer drivers is invaluable to RAN's mission.

### THIS QUARTER, RAN WELCOMED THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS

**Monica J. | Ashwin K. | Sharon L. | Bob P. | Diane S. | Peggy W.**

## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

We are so thankful for the volunteers who shared their volunteer experience with others at the *KidsMatter Volunteer Fair*, *Heroes & Helicopters Event*, *Naper Pride Resource Fair*, and the *Tabor Hills Supportive Living Senior Resource Fair*. More opportunities will be available throughout the year.



**HELP RIDE ASSIST NAPERVILLE GROW!***Leave a review on Facebook or Google*

We want to showcase RAN's greatness and attract new riders and drivers!

Your review is essential in helping us understand what we are doing right and in assisting others in making confident decisions about either using RAN as a rider or becoming a volunteer driver.

Riders and drivers can leave a review about our transportation services, on either Facebook or Google, helping us to continue providing the best experience possible for everyone. Please take a couple of minutes to visit either of the following links and share your positive experiences.

**Google Link** (you must sign in with a Google account):

<https://g.page/r/CWiCbD0qOO16EBM/review>

**Facebook Link** (you must have a Facebook account):

1. Go to the Ride Assist Naperville home page at <https://www.facebook.com/RideAssistNaperville/>
2. Select REVIEW, located towards the top of the page, below the RAN logo
3. Write your review

*\*\* If you do not have a computer, we'd still love to hear from you. Please mail us your comments to the address below.*

## FUN FACT...

**13.9%**

"The most recent U.S. Census Bureau data shows 13.9 % of Naperville's population is age 65 or older!"



This information was provided from the City of Naperville's, Senior Services website  
<https://www.naperville.il.us/services/senior-services-and-resources>

## NAPERVILLE SENIOR RESOURCES

The City of Naperville embraces its seniors and provides many programs supported by the Naperville Police Department, Naperville Senior Task Force, and the DuPage Senior Citizens Council.

### **Dementia Friendly Naperville**

Naperville was designated as a Dementia Friendly City in late 2020. This means Naperville is a community that "fosters the ability of people living with dementia to remain in the community and engage and thrive in day-to-day living."

### **Memory Café**

Sponsored by the Senior Task Force and Dementia

Friendly Naperville, whose mission is to provide a social gathering for individuals with dementia and their care partners to connect with others in similar situations. Contact Lisa Kirchner at (630) 710-7502.

**When:** Second Tuesday of each month at the 95th Street Library | 3015 Cedar Glade Drive

**Time:** 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

### **Naper Senior Safety Programs**

#### **Silver CPR Classes**

Senior Citizens are encouraged to take the Silver CPR classes, to learn the lifesaving skills of basic CPR, the use of an automatic external defibrillator, and choking intervention. These FREE classes are taught by Naperville Fire Department paramedics in a relaxed setting. The next class is **November 20th from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Contact 630-848-5000 if you have questions or to register.

#### **AARP Smart Driver Class**

The Naperville Police Department has teamed up with AARP to present the "Smart Driver" program. This is a classroom refresher course designed for drivers aged 50 +. The course aims to assist participants in driving more safely and maintaining their licenses for a longer period.

Topics include:

- Understanding the normal effects of aging on driving and practical ways to compensate for those changes
- Driving strategies for older drivers
- Identifying the most common crash situations and how to avoid them

- An update on the rules of the road, vehicle accessories, and local traffic hazards.

Contact Julie Smith, Crime Prevention Specialist (630) 420-8479 for upcoming dates.

#### **Fast Track Program**

Clients who are part of this program wear a personalized wristband that emits a continual silent tracking signal. The signal can be tracked on the ground or in the air over several miles within City limits. When caregivers notify the Naperville Police Department that a client is missing, a search and rescue team responds and begins tracking the client .

#### **Naperville Township Loan Closet**

Loans an assortment of medical supplies such as walkers, wheelchairs, etc. Contact (630) 355-2786 ext. 4403 for more details.

### **ADDITIONAL NAPERVILLE SENIOR PROGRAMS & CONTACTS**

For more information regarding emergency financial assistance, food, health care, and more, visit the following websites to connect with available resources.

- **City of Naperville:** 630-420-6111
- **DuPage Township:** 630-759-3411
- **Loaves & Fishes Community Services CARES Programs:** 630-355-3663
- **Naperville Township:** 630-355-2786 ext. 4406
- **Wheatland Township:** 331-229-3917

Additional information can be found at  
<https://www.naperville.il.us/services/senior-services-and-resources/life-safety/>



## NAPERVILLE PARK DISTRICT

The Naperville Park District offers many activities for active adults and seniors including: exercise classes, trips, Bingo, and more. Learn more at <https://www.napervilleparks.org/> or call 630-848- 5000.

### MEANINGFUL MESSAGE...

"By appreciating the wisdom and stories of senior citizens, we not only honor their lives but also create a meaningful and enriching experience for both parties."



"Let us take the time to listen, learn, and show our appreciation for the incredible individuals who have shaped our world."

~ Unknown

## BECOME A BUSINESS SPONSOR

Would you like to become a RAN business sponsor and gain brand awareness within our key demographics? For more information, send us an email at [info@rideassistnaperville.org](mailto:info@rideassistnaperville.org) or call 331-330-2257.



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## LOCAL EVENTS

**Oktoberfest** - October 4-5, 5:00 - 10:00 PM | Naper Settlement • 523 S. Webster St.

**Farmer's Market** - Saturdays, 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM, through October | Fifth Avenue Station • 200 East 5th Ave

**Chicago A Cappella - Lamentation** - October 6, 4:00 PM | Wentz Concert Hall • 171 E. Chicago Ave.

**All Hallows Eve** - October 18-19, 6:30 - 10 PM | Naper Settlement • 523 S Webster St.

**Howlin' At The Moon** - October 25-26 | Naper Settlement • 523 S Webster Street

**Witches Night Out** - October 17, 5:00 - 10:30 PM | The Matrix • 808 S. Rt. 59

**Naperville Trolley Halloween Lights Tour** - October 18 - 31 | 1566 W. Ogden Ave. | Contact (630) 355-2242 for times

**Brightside Theatre - Dracula** - October 18 - November 3 | Meiley - Swallow Hall • 31 S Ellsworth St.



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