

PENNCROSS KNOLL

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The Newsletter of the Penncross Knoll Homeowners Association

LEAF it to ME!

A humorous look at Naperville life by British journalist and Naperville resident, Hilary Decent

September marks the beginning of my favorite time of year here in Naperville. The weather is still beautiful and the leaves are just beginning to turn from bright green to warm golds and bronzes. It still feels like summer, but there is the expectation of walks in the crisp air, the chill of the evening nipping at your nose and the spirit of Halloween just around the corner.

Before long, my hair will stop resembling a scarecrow's because the humidity will begin to fall, while pumpkins and chrysanthemums will be popping up on porches and in window boxes.

As I look at the beautiful trees that surround my house, I look in wonder how many leaves each one hosts? \$20,000? A million? Just how many trees exactly are we blessed with? Too many to count. Which brings me to my point. If I could invent a machine to suck all the leaves off the trees before they fall on the ground, I could make a fortune. I would wait for them to change color, then the day before the entire load dumps itself on the ground, I would suck them all up and have them taken away.

Perhaps someone could come up with a spray that would make the leaves disintegrate as soon as they touched the ground. Or another that would glue them to the branches so they couldn't fall off. True a bunch of dead leaves may not be as attractive as living ones, but if they were covered by new growth in the spring, who would even notice?

Alternatively, could we fit giant nets under the branches to catch the leaves? Then all we'd have to do is tie them up and leave them out to be collected by the city.

Have you seen that fake grass that has been placed along some sidewalks in downtown Naperville? Much as I don't like the look of it, I can see its practicality. Will fake trees be next, I wonder? Huge wooden structures with fabric leaves sewn on with a switch that causes them to light up during the holiday season?

Since last spring I have been looking at the leaves in dread. Every one that grows means more work scraping, raking and shoveling through the autumn. If we didn't do this, we'd be thigh high in them every time we left the house. My only hope is for an early winter. Once the leaves are buried under the snow, we won't have to worry about them until next spring.

CITY OF NAPERVILLE LEAF COLLECTION 2019

The city bulk curbside leaf collection program for 2019 will include 3 neighborhood pick up cycle dates on October 21, November 4 and November 18.

Rake leaves into street next to curb in front of house at the start of each cycle. Snow, rain, or freezing weather may delay or permanently halt the curbside collection.

Leaves and yard waste may be disposed using 32-gallon paper yard waste bags, clearly labeled 32-gallon trash cans or clearly labeled two-wheeled carts. Prior to November 4, yard waste stickers are required for a bag, bundle or container.

From November 4, through December 13, 2019, the City offers free collection of leaf and yard waste in bags and containers without stickers for pick up on our regular trash day.

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Fall
Begins
September 23



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School Bus Rules for Stopping

Classes are now in session around Illinois as a new school year gets under way. That means drivers need to remember to follow a few rules of the road. Forgetting those rules — and being caught doing so — could carry stiff penalties for motorists or, even worse, cause a serious accident.

Per the NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration), the school bus is the safest vehicle on the road. However, the most dangerous part of the bus ride is the bus stop. Kids can dart out across the road or unexpectedly walk out from the back of the bus and drivers need to be careful!



SCHOOL BUSES WITH OVERHEAD Red and Yellow Lights (With or Without Bus Stop Signs)

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Stop no closer than 20 feet from bus.
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Stop no closer than 20 feet from bus.
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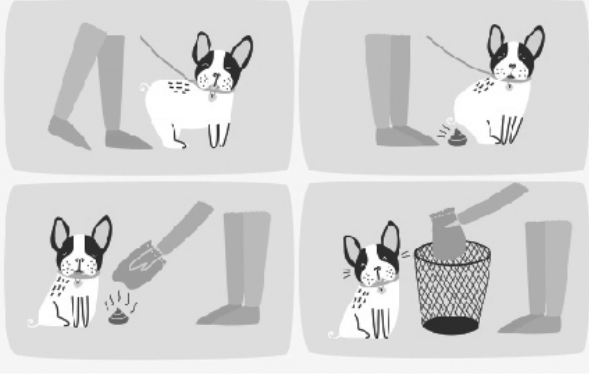
ALL SCHOOL BUSES YELLOW Lights

- Yellow hazard warning light are flashing:
Proceed with caution.



Please proceed with CAUTION when passing a school bus with yellow flashing lights operating!!!

Please Remember:



1. Dogs must be on a leash

Pets are to be controlled and held securely on a leash.

2. Pick up your pet's waste

People have reported seeing pet waste left on lawns and around the park. Be courteous and pick up after your pet.

3. Dispose of your pet waste in **YOUR** trash bin or a **PUBLIC** bin

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There are many websites that give great ideas for creative and healthy packable school lunches. A good healthy lunch is an essential learning tool for our children. Keep them fueled during the day with the most nutritious foods, and they will be able to do their best in everything they encounter.

1. Arm yourself with the right supplies — An insulated lunch bag/pack, small ice packs, insulated stainless steel thermos and reusable containers. 2. Have a meal-planning day with everyone and make lists of the foods they prefer to eat, including one veggie and one fruit at each meal. Include leftovers, quesadillas, wraps and “pinwheels”, salads, hummus, yogurt, soup, etc. 3. Enlist the children’s help in preparing and packing. The process of planning and preparing meals is a great educational experience and gives plenty of opportunity for math skills, task planning and organization. Older children can prepare tuna or

chicken salad, or wraps, while younger children can count out fruit, veggies or pretzels into containers. 4. Have a good reusable water bottle so that they can stay hydrated and don’t gravitate toward the vending machine.

CAESAR SALAD PITA POCKET

- 1/3 cup cooked and chopped chicken breast
- 1/2 cup (packed) cleaned and chopped romaine
- 2 1/2 Tbps. shredded parmesan cheese
- 2 Tbps. Healthy Caesar Dressing
- 1/2 of a pita pocket

In a bowl, mix together the chicken, romaine, Parmesan, Caesar dressing. Stuff it into the pita and enjoy!

TORTELLINI SALAD

- Cooked tortellini, left over from a dinner
- Chopped up veggies (carrots, broccoli, peppers, celery)
- Shredded cheese
- Leftover sauce or mayo mixed with Italian herbs

In a bowl, mix together all of the above ingredients, leaving the cheese to sprinkle on top.

A photograph of two women, one with curly brown hair and a yellow shirt, and another with short dark hair and a green shirt, smiling and talking while loading a car trunk. The trunk is filled with various items including a laptop, a basketball, and bags of groceries. The background shows a parking lot with other cars.

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