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Naperville News Digest: Rotary Club of Naperville gives donations to 43 nonprofit groups; District 203 receives \$1 million grant to buy electric buses; DuPage Credit Union holding recycling, shredding event Friday



Rotary Club of Naperville members Stephanie Jones-Kastelic, far left, and John Norman, far right, join Loaves and Fishes representatives Janet Derrick, center from left, Mike Havala and Nancy Wiersum during a Rotary Club donation presentation. (Rotary Club of Naperville)

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Rotary Club of Naperville gives donations to 43 nonprofit groups

The Rotary Club of Naperville donated \$180,000 to 43 area nonprofit organizations at its annual Community Service Grant Luncheon on June 6.

Area groups receiving financial assistance provide essential humanitarian needs through education, food, shelter and clothing, mental and physical health, senior services and youth services, according to Rotary leaders in a news release.

The luncheon celebrated the contributions these organizations have made to improving the lives of individuals and families within the community, the release said.

Among the grant recipients are 360 Youth Services, the Alive Center, CASA of DuPage County, DuPage Pads, the Dupage Senior Citizens Council, the Edward Foundation, the Hesed House and the Indian Prairie Educational Foundation.

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District 203 receives \$1 million grant to buy electric buses

Naperville School District 203 has been awarded a \$1 million grant from the Clean School Bus Program to replace five diesel buses with new electric buses.

The district is one of 28 districts in Illinois selected for the 2023 Clean School Bus Program rebate, which was launched by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to help transition to zero-emission vehicles into school districts across the country, a district news release said.

The EPA in September announced it would offer at least \$500 million in 2023 Clean School Bus rebates; the application period closed in February. The response from school districts nationwide was so overwhelming that the EPA doubled the available funding to nearly \$1 billion, the release said.

By replacing older diesel buses, the district will help cut down on harmful pollutants leading to cleaner air and a healthier community, the district release said. The grant will buy five clean school buses, charging infrastructure and other eligible expenses.

The Clean School Bus Program is providing \$5 billion from fiscal year 2022 to 2026 to replace existing school buses with zero-emission and clean school buses, according to the EPA's website.

DuPage Credit Union holding recycling, shredding event Friday

The DuPage Credit Union's 11th annual Drive, Drop & Donate event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, June 14, at its 1515 Bond St. office in Naperville.

The cost to have electronics recycled and shredding services provided is a minimum \$10 per service, with proceeds benefitting the credit union's "We've Got Your Back" effort to provide school supplies and backpacks to area students in need, a news release said. Cash and credit cards will be accepted.

Items that will be accepted are desktop computers, circuit boards/cards, laptop computers, computer power supplies, servers and other computer components, paper, bonded letterhead, carbon and carbon-less forms, file folders, Post-It notes, staples and paper clips envelopes (including those with windows, glossy/coated paper (brochures), checks, personal information, bank statements, tax records and invoices.

Additional items that will be accepted can be found at www.dupagecu.com.

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