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## Madigan Indictment Shows Why Change in Springfield Was Needed

Dear Stephanie,

When the US District Attorney John Lausch announced on Wednesday afternoon the federal indictment charges against former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, many individuals throughout Springfield and across the state were not surprised. I was one of the original 8 House Democrats, that eventually turned into 19 House Democrats, who called for the former Speaker to resign after he was implicated in the ComEd scandal as Public Official A. It was clear to me that the former speaker did not hold the same values as I do, or of what the public expects from a public official. As elected officials, the public deserves that we hold ourselves to the highest standards.

In October of 2020, I stepped up to be the only person to challenge the former Speaker for the Speakership of the Illinois House. Following my announcement, when the votes were in, a total of 22 Democrat House members voted for a change in leadership and did not support former Speaker Madigan's retention.

The membership chose a different person than I for the position of Speaker, and I was proud to cast my vote for Emmanuel "Chris" Welch for House Speaker and I am happy to report that things have changed for the better in our state's capital.

I helped start the ball rolling for change in Springfield. The atmosphere has improved and we are able to work on the people's business by passing legislation that makes a difference in people's lives. After all, that's why I am here. We have accomplished much in the General Assembly after the change in Leadership and for that I am very proud.

At the time I said, "there will never be another Mike Madigan", elected public officials are on notice that they have to hold themselves to a higher standard.

Finally, I have listed some of the many new district updates and events taking place. I'm also excited to see our senior meal drive return with even more dates taking place than in previous years! As always you may contact my office at (630) 585 1308 if you have any questions and to provide you with direction if you are in need of assistance.

Take care and be well,



ANNA DAVLANTES

## State Rep. Stephanie Kifowit on why she's challenging Mike Madigan for Illinois House Speaker: 'We need to have a much higher standard of principle and ethics for those individuals in very high leadership positions in the state'



FILE - In this April 18, 2013, file photo, Illinois state Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit, D-Oswego, speaks to lawmakers while on the House floor during session at the Capitol in Springfield, Ill. Republican members of a committee investigating influence-peddling at the state Capitol insisted Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020, that subpoenas be issued to reluctant witnesses they want to question, including House Speaker Michael Madigan, the focus of the probe. Kifowit, a member of Madigan's caucus, made known her quest to take the gavel from the 78-year-old Madigan when his term expires in January. (AP Photo/Seth Perlman, File)

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P.S. As March is now here, I am optimistic that the worst of the winter weather is behind us. Just a reminder that on March 13th the clocks are adjusted forward an hour giving us an additional hour of daylight and the first day of Spring is March 20th. Enjoy the outside weather as the temperatures improve.

## First Robotics Day Resolution Passed!

A couple weeks ago I had the privilege to visit Bednarcik Jr. High and celebrate the passing of [HR0564](#) which declares the third Friday in March 2021 and March 2022 as "FIRST Robotics Day" in the State of Illinois! It was amazing to see the robots first-hand and all the hard work, dedication and time that the talented students have invested.

Excited to see the students continue to engineer!



## Kane County State Attorney's Cyberparenting-101

Technology can have positive impacts on all our lives, and during the pandemic it helped so many of us stay connected with our family and friends. Unfortunately there can also be negatives that come with the use of social media. Understanding the technology of today and how it impacts our children can help prevent many of those negatives which include cyber bullying.

If you'd like to sign up or look into the different courses available please visit the Cyberparenting -101 website [here](#) !

## Welcome to **Cyberparenting-101**



Cyberparenting 101 is a **ground-breaking and empowering course** designed to educate parents raising children surrounded by technology.

This course is offered to concerned parents, parents going through a divorce, or foster parents. It can be instituted by family court in separation cases or presented as a powerful training tool for foster parents ensuring they are provided the necessary guidance to protect the children in their care.

Cyber Parenting 101's engaging 12 hour class is focused on understanding and navigating the technology challenges today's parent's are confronted with every day:

- **Social Media - Snapchat, Instagram**
- **Online/Phone Gaming**
- **Sexting**
- **Cyber-Bullying**
- **The risks of posting Online**
- **Sextortion**
- **Monitoring Software**
- **Identifying Drug Abuse**
- **Filing A Cyber Crimes Report**
- **Having a Technology Talk**
- **...And SO Much More.**

[www.cyberparenting-101.com](http://www.cyberparenting-101.com)

**Start today** and command a powerful awareness of your child's daily interaction with technology.

Join us and receive the training to guide and protect them from making dangerous choices on their devices.



To begin your journey visit:  
[www.cyberparenting-101.com](http://www.cyberparenting-101.com)

## **Senior Food Drives Returns! First Date is March 14th 11AM-1PM**

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year we are partnering with Representative Wheeler and Representative Hernandez to distribute frozen meals to eligible seniors and Veterans. You must reside in Kane County, 60 years of age or older or a Veteran of any age to participate in this program. Additional particulars are on the flyer below.

# Senior Meal Distribution Drive-Thru



Rep. Barbara Hernandez



Rep. Stephanie Kifowit



Rep. Keith Wheeler

## Mondays from 11am -1pm



- March 14th & 28th
- April 11th & 25th
- May 9th & 23th
- June 13 & 27th
- July 11th & 25th
- Aug 8th & 22nd
- Sept 12th & 26
- Oct 3rd & 24th



St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church, 1855 5th Ave, Aurora, IL 60504

### \*Only Available Via Registration:

To register, call: 630.585.1308 (Kifowit)  
630.270.1848 (Hernandez)  
630.345.3464 (Wheeler)

\*Registration closes the Friday prior at 12:00pm



Adults who are 60+ and reside in Kane county are eligible for 5 frozen meals. Veterans of all ages, residing in Kane County are eligible. You must call to register to be eligible to participate. You are not eligible if currently enrolled in Meals On Wheels

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Meals Provided by the Kane Senior Council. This is a Temporary Service that may conclude at any time. For more information about Kane Senior Council call 630.338.0999 or email [info@kaneseniorcouncil.org](mailto:info@kaneseniorcouncil.org) or visit [kaneseniorcouncil.com](http://kaneseniorcouncil.com)

## Illinois Emergency Homeowner Assistance Fund Opens April 1st, 2022

The Illinois Housing Authority will begin taking applications for homeowners impacted financially by the pandemic. If you or anyone you know is struggling to keep a roof over their heads this is a great program to apply for once they open up.

Please visit [illinoishousing.org](http://illinoishousing.org) for additional info!

## Behind on housing costs due to COVID-19?

Apply for up to \$30,000 in emergency mortgage assistance paid directly to your mortgage servicer.



## Powdered Infant Formula Recall

If you need advice or an alternative formula, please consult your pediatrician. Same-day appointments available at VNA [Here](#).

Read below for more information or click [here](#) to visit the statement from the FDA.




### ALERT: Powdered Infant Formula Recall

Three brands of powdered infant formula were recalled on February 17, 2022, for possible *Cronobacter* contamination. FDA is investigating several consumer complaints about sick infants who were fed powdered formula.

Recalled powdered infant formulas are Similac, Alimentum, and EleCare. Do not use these brands if they meet all 3 of these conditions:

- First two digits are 22 through 37, AND
- Code on the container contains "K8," "SH," or "Z2," AND
- Use-by date is 4-1-2022 (APR 2022) or later

**Do not feed infants recalled powdered formula. Throw it away or return it for a refund. Visit [FDA's website](#)  for more information.**

## COVID-19 Updates

The Covid-19 pandemic has been a long, very trying journey for all of us. Now we are seeing tremendous progress made against of the disease because the majority of our

community has followed the protocols recommended by the medical professionals. I still want to encourage all of you to get your vaccines and booster shots. The shots have been proven to reduce odds of infection and provide great protection against serious illness and hospitalization. Because of the decrease in cases and burden on our hospitals, Illinois is scheduled to lift the indoor mask mandate this Monday, February 28th, a sign that the vaccines and following other protocols has worked!

If you need assistance in obtaining a Covid Vaccine, Booster, or a Flu shot contact my district office for guidance on finding a vaccine clinic near you. Or click on this link [Here](#) to locate a clinic online.

If you are in need of more information on the vaccine, booster shots, and travel guidance please visit [IDPH](#) for information!

## COVID -19 VACCINES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN



### GET THE FACTS: Vaccines for children 5 to 11

- Rigorously tested
- Safe and effective
- 1/3 of the adult dose
- No evidence it affects puberty or fertility
- Provides same immune response as young adults after second dose
- Reduces COVID testing, quarantine, and isolation
- Helps children get back to their everyday activities

Talk to your child's pediatrician about the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information call the COVID-19 hotline at (800) 889-3931.



Facebook Live Mondays at 9 AM

I continue to host Monday Morning Coffee live via Facebook at 9:00am-10:00am where you can post your comments and questions.

I realize not everyone has Facebook. The good news is that you can still participate. If you would like to join us on Monday mornings, you can join in via ZOOM! Once connected via ZOOM, you'll be able to interact just as if you were on Facebook. Don't worry you will not be on live - your video feed and mic will be muted.

The ZOOM link will be emailed to everyone separately for Monday morning participation.

If you would like to join us, please email [Michelle@ILDistrict84.com](mailto:Michelle@ILDistrict84.com) or call the office at 630.585.1308.



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