

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ 84TH DISTRICT

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## Happy New Years!

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I hope everyone's holiday season was festive and enjoyable and you were able to spend time with loved ones and friends. Though we didn't get a white Christmas, I was happy to spend time with my family and especially my son who was able to secure time off from the Navy. We had a joyous holiday and it was wonderful seeing him. He was also excited to snack on some Nutella, something that is hard to come by when you're stationed at a Naval Facility!

As I've mentioned before, please keep all our active duty service members in your thoughts as they continue to serve without being able to come home. Many are still out continuing to defend and serve our country even through the holidays.

Though we're all excited to enter the New Year, I wanted to take step back and go over some impactful legislation and events that were accomplished in District 84! I have highlighted these successes below for your reading.

Below are also many state programs and resources to help assist you or someone in your life who may need the extra hand. Now more than ever, it's important to check in on our family, friends, and neighbors to spread generosity, and make a positive impact in someone's life. Illinois offers many solutions to help those in need; please contact my district office at (630) 585 1308 for any extra assistance.

I still can't believe it's already a new year! I am honored to still be serving everyone after all these years and to be apart of such an amazing community. With session resuming, I am excited to introduce meaningful legislation to better off all Illinoisans and continue providing a leading voice in my committees. This is the second year we will be under the leadership of Speaker Welch, and I hope to work closely with my colleagues on important Illinois policy.

Wherever or whoever you are, I hope 2022 treats all of you with new opportunities, new beginnings, and nothing short of happiness and good health.

Take care and be well,

Stephanie



P.S. I know the winter months can be difficult for many individuals. If you need someone to talk to or if you are feeling depressed please call a friend, a family member or even our office. The Depression help hotline is 866-903-3787 and [you can click here for more information.](#)

## Recognizing Student Talent

One of my favorite parts of being District 84's Representative is being able to shine a spotlight on/and recognize talent. Last month I was able to meet Jeremy Sullivan. Jeremy is a current student at Waubensee Community College enrolled in their Automotive Technology Program.

Recently, Jeremy was able to participate in the National Hot Road Association (NHRA) U.S. Nationals Internship. At this internship, he was able to work alongside the Randy Meyers Racing Team and gain hands on experience at one of the largest drag racing events in the world!

I was happy to recognize Jeremy's hard work ethic and accomplishments with a Certificate of Recognition from the Illinois House. I'm excited to see where Jeremy's academics and passions take him in his career!



State Representative Kifowit with WCC Student Jeremy Sullivan

## 84th District Accomplishments (2021 Recap)

So much was achieved in the 84th district this past year, and I am looking forward to accomplishing even more in 2022. If you are curious on events we might host or on the legislation mentioned you can always contact my district office at (630) 585 1308 where a member of my staff will be happy to answer any questions. Let's get to recapping!

### ***2021 Legislation Passed***

This year, I was able to help pass 14 total bills in the Illinois General Assembly with a few highlighted below. Click [here](#) to see all the bills I helped sponsor that Governor Pritzker signed into law as well as House Resolutions. If you have an idea on a bill for the upcoming session please email me at [stephanie.kifowit@att.net](mailto:stephanie.kifowit@att.net).

- **HB 0355**: Allows State of Illinois to cost-effectively negotiate lease contracts that it currently has.
- **HB 0307**: DCFS is to provide replacement travel or tote bags to all foster youth instead of giving out garbage bags.
- **HB 0588**: Helps victims of human trafficking by connecting them to the National Hotline.
- **HB 1815**: Veterans' ailment task force will meet regularly to identify Veterans with service related ailments in addition to evaluate the claims process for Veterans in IL
- **HB 0592**: Radio-chemistry Lab Program.requires the IL Emergency Management Agency's scientists to regulate nuclear energy.
- **SB 0514**: Landlords can not restrict tenants from owning pets as long as certain conditions are met
- **SB 0346**: Those under the Medical Assistance Program qualify for dental care

### ***2021 Community Events***

My district office works with the neighboring cities and organizations to provide meaningful and important district events for everyone to take part in. I hope to once again help host these events in 2022 and much more!



- **Recycling and Shred Event July 2021:** Over 300 cars came and dropped off thousands of pounds of old technology, books, papers, and other items to help keep their homes and communities clean.
- **Senior Food Drive 2021:** There were over 6 Senior Food drives where we helped give free food to our senior citizens in the area. Hundreds of meals were donated as a result helping feed our elderly population.
- **Vaccine Drives 2021:** We hosted numerous vaccine clinics with VNA and helped administer around 100 flu shots and plenty of Covid-19 vaccines as well.
- **Veterans Day 2021:** Local high school students from all over the area came together and helped us hand over 250 hand drawn cards to honor and thank our Veterans who have served to protect our nation.
- **Toys for Tots 2021:** Thanks to the generous donations of all of you, we filled 3 large boxes of toys, games, and more! These donations go directly to a child in need for the holiday season.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our events and for attending as well!



## Secretary of State Offices Closing January 3rd - 17th

Due to an increase in COVID-19 cases statewide, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is announcing that all Secretary of State departments will not conduct in-person transactions – including Driver Services facilities – from Jan. 3, 2022, through Jan. 17, 2022. All departments and Driver Services facilities will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Visit <https://www.ilsos.gov/> for more information or click on the image below.

# NOTICE

**Due to an increase in COVID-19 cases, all Secretary of State departments and Driver Services facilities will be **CLOSED FOR IN-PERSON TRANSACTIONS FROM JAN. 3 – 17.****

**Expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards have been extended until March 31, 2022. CDL holders are excluded.**

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Online services remain available at [ilsos.gov](https://ilsos.gov) for transactions such as:

- Renewing a license plate sticker;
- Renewing a driver's license or ID card for qualifying individuals;
- Obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card;
- Filing Business Services documents, such as incorporations and annual reports.

[ilsos.gov](https://ilsos.gov)

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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## Vaccine Clinic January 5th 2-6 PM

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On January 5th from 2:00-6:00 PM I am partnering with Alderwoman Patty Smith of Aurora and VNA to provide everyone another opportunity to get vaccinated. VNA will be offering the Moderna and Phfizer Vaccines, Booster shots, and Flu Shots.

With the recent holiday travels, and the increase in omicron cases now is the best time to get your vaccine or your booster shots if you're eligible. These vaccinations not only protect you but everyone around including friends and family! Let's all do our part in getting vaccinated for your own health and everyone else.

Click on this link [HERE](#) to make a reservation for the event this Wednesday. Walk ins are also welcomed. Please see below for more information or call my district office at (630) 585 1308.

# COVID-19



For inquiries and concerns, please call 630-585-1308 for assistance.

## Vaccine and Flu Shot Clinic

Presented by:



State Rep  
Stephanie Kifowit



Alderwoman  
Patty Smith

When: Jan 5th 2-6pm

Where: Aurora Public Library  
(Eola Road Branch)

555 S Eola Rd, Aurora, IL  
Meeting Room 108



VNA Health Care



- Ages 17 and under must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian
- Moderna , Pfizer , and Johnson & Johnson available
- Second dose and booster patients bring your vaccination card
- Walk Ins Welcomed
- Registration preferred visit :  
[ILDistrict84.com/events](http://ILDistrict84.com/events)

*Event is being held at the Eola Community Center in Room 108*

## Illinois Rental Payment Program Open Until Jan. 9th

Tenants behind on rent due to Covid-19 can apply for up to \$25,000 in rental assistance through the Illinois Rental Payment Program between December 6th and January 9th!



# WILL COUNTY COMEBACK

GRANTS & ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



## ILLINOIS RENTAL PAYMENT PROGRAM

The Illinois Rental Payment Program provides assistance to eligible Illinois renters impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Tenants whose application is approved will receive a one-time grant of up to \$25,000 paid directly to their landlord to cover missed rent payments beginning June 2020 and prepay payment through April 2022, or until the grant is exhausted, whichever comes first. Both landlords and tenants participate in the joint application process.

ILRPP is designed to help tens of thousands of Illinois renters avoid eviction and stay safe and in place during this public health crisis. Please note: an application is not a guarantee of assistance.

Will County tenants can apply for assistance at [www.willcountyillinois.org](http://www.willcountyillinois.org) or call **1-866-454-3571** if you have any questions.

## Health Coverage Enrollment Runs until January 15 2022

# YOUR HEALTH COVERAGE ENROLLMENT STARTS HERE

Open Enrollment for the  
ACA Marketplace Begins Nov. 1



**GetCoveredIllinois.gov**  
The Official Health Marketplace

Open Enrollment for the ACA Health Insurance Marketplace started on Nov. 1, 2021.

Don't forget to review and compare your health plan options before you choose or renew for 2022. Free assistance is available to help you enroll and you may qualify for financial help. Visit: <https://GetCoveredIllinois.gov>

## Veteran Peer Supporter Training January 13th, 14th, 15th 2022

Any Veterans looking to serve and assist their fellow Veterans with mental and social health training please see below for more info! Email [info@illinoisjoiningforces.org](mailto:info@illinoisjoiningforces.org) or call Jim Dolan at (630)-750-5522 with any questions or additional information.

Apply for the Supporter Training Online by [Completing the Application Here](#).



### COMMUNITY VETERAN PEER SUPPORTER TRAINING for Aurora Region Veterans

**NEW DATES: January 13, 14, 15 2022**

#### Who:

All Aurora Region Veterans willing to serve other Veterans

#### What:

Free Community Veteran Peer Training (Limited #)

#### Where:

Online Training

#### When: **NEW DATES**

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>

#### How: Apply online –

<https://forms.gle/KqvkSZFFb5NKL4ov9>

#### Why:

To provide you with the knowledge, skills and training to support fellow Veterans in your community.

Questions or want more information, please contact:

Illinois Joining Forces by email at:

[info@illinoisjoiningforces.org](mailto:info@illinoisjoiningforces.org)

Subject line:  
PEER TRAINING

Or, contact:

Jim Dolan at 630-750-5522

TO APPLY, GO ONLINE TO:

<https://forms.gle/KqvkSZFFb5NKL4ov9>

The **Community Veteran Peer Training** is available at no cost to veterans willing to serve their fellow veterans in the Aurora Region. Veterans must be willing to complete a 3-day virtual peer training course, plus one additional day (TBD) of *Mental Health First Aid Training*.

#### PURPOSE

The goal of the Community Veteran Peer Supporter course is to prepare Veterans with the skills to assist other Veterans who are going through difficult transitions as it relates to social determinants of health.

#### OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the course:

1. Veterans will be well versed in the use of problem-solving tools such as motivational interviewing and SMART goals to assist another Veteran to develop their own goals.
2. Create strategies for self-empowerment, and take concrete steps towards building fulfilling, self-determined lives for themselves.
3. Peer supporter ethics will instruct on setting appropriate peer to peer boundaries and strategies to implement them.
4. **Mental Health First Aid** will reinforce the role of the Community Veteran Peer Supporter as a lay person lacking clinical expertise and insight and to clearly define the role as one of a peer providing support.

#### COMMITMENT

1. 30 hours of Virtual Peer Training.\*
2. Must be available for training on **January 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 2022**. And, one addition day of training. TBD.
3. Agree to serve other Aurora Region Veterans for up to 10 hours a month for a minimum period of 12 months after completion of the

#### Sponsored by:

Special thanks to the [Dunham Foundation](#) for their generous financial support.

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#### In Partnership with:

[Illinois Joining Forces](#) is proud to bring this important training to the Aurora Region veterans in partnership with the

[Kane County Veterans Assistance Commission](#)

&

[Roosevelt/Aurora American Legion Post #84](#)

*\*The course work is designed to provide the flexibility of distance learning while creating a focused learning environment that allows skill development through interpersonal interaction.*



Illinois Joining Forces [www.illinoisjoiningforces.org](http://www.illinoisjoiningforces.org) 833-INFO-IJF (463-6453)

## Drivers License and ID Card Expiration Dates



# Extended Until March 31st, 2022

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that the expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID Cards have been extended an additional three months from Jan. 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022. This extension does not apply to commercial driver's licenses (CDL) and CDL learner's permits. This will be the final extension.

Please visit the Secretary of State's website for more information by clicking [HERE](#).

## EXTENSION

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card expiration dates  
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March 31, 2022.**

Please visit [ilsos.gov](https://ilsos.gov)  
for additional information.

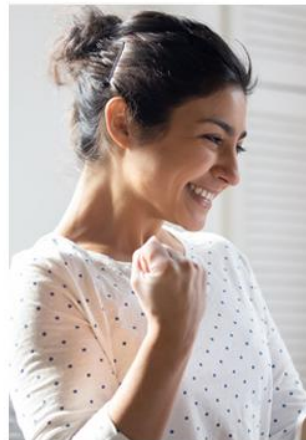
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## Energy Assistance for Winter Applications Open until May 31st 2022

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the Citizens Utility Board are reminding residents to apply for \$200 million remaining in utility assistance under Gov. JB Pritzker's Help Illinois Families initiative, an expansion of the Low-Income Household Energy Assistance Program under the American Rescue Plan.

Designed to support Illinois' most vulnerable families, the program will help cover the cost of heating and energy bills, including expanded benefits provided this year from \$750 to \$1,000, on average per household. Last day to apply **online** with the Request for Services form is **April 15**. After that date you can still apply through your local administering agency through May 31 2022.

To learn more and to fill out a new application, visit [helpillinoisfamilies.com](https://helpillinoisfamilies.com)



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## COVID-19 Updates

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I'm excited COVID-19 booster shots are becoming more and more available and I urge everyone to get one. Thank you for doing your part in getting the vaccine or a booster, wearing a mask when needed, hand sanitizing, and keeping your distance to stop the spread.

Getting your vaccines not only keeps you healthy and safe, but everyone else around you as well. The best protection against the recently emerged Omicron variant is getting fully vaccinated and getting a booster shot.

If you need assistance in obtaining a Covid Vaccine or a Flu shot contact my district office and we can find 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 for the new year please visit [IDPH](#) for information!

State Representative

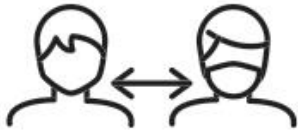


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**LIKE A SEATBELT**  
**A MASK ONLY WORKS IF YOU WEAR IT**

*Keep up the fight to defeat Coronavirus!*



**Watch your  
distance**



**Wash your  
hands**



**Wear face  
coverings**

*For more information, please visit the IDPH website ([dph.illinois.gov](http://dph.illinois.gov)).*

## FB Lives 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.



**Monday  
mornings at  
9:00am**

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**Coffee with  
Rep. Kifowit**

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