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Get Vaccinated and Stay Warm!

Happy January

I can't believe we're already only about a week away from February. We have been lucky (so far) that there hasn't been as much snowfall as in other years, but being Midwesterners we know February can pack a potent winter punch. Regardless if there is snow coming or not, since being an official "empty nester" we have been watching my daughter's puppy and it's always fun to see the dogs playing in the backyard.

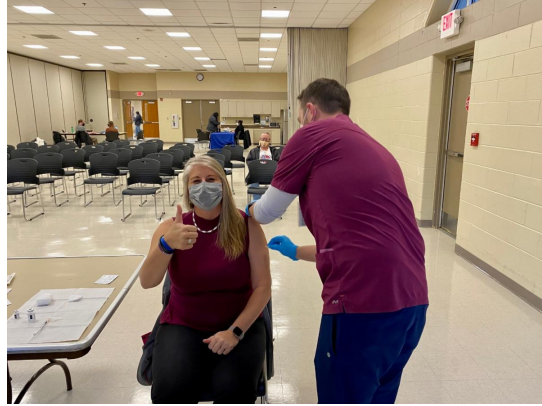
However, any dangerously low temperatures always makes me worry about those individuals who are working outside, having heating issues, and family pets that might be left outside. Please be careful when the temperatures dive down below freezing, and always feel free to contact my district office if you or someone you know needs heat.

The Illinois General Assembly has been virtual for most of January due to an increase in COVID-19 cases among Representatives. I continue to lead as the Chairwoman of the Veterans Affairs Committee, the State Government Administration Committee, and three other House Committees. With the deadline to propose legislation last Friday, I successfully submitted many proposals that help individuals, Veterans and others in our community. I have been re-appointed to be a member of the Budget Working Group and I will work towards a truly balanced budget for the third year in a row and continue to improve the state's finances.

Make sure you get vaccinated and get your booster shot! With the Omicron Variant, it's also important to continue masking up, keeping your distance, and staying healthy overall. See below for an upcoming Vaccine Clinic in Aurora which will take place on January 27th from 9-11p.m. and 12-2 p.m. at two separate locations. In addition, every family is eligible for up to 4 FREE Covid-19 testing kits by clicking [Here](#). You can always contact my district office at (630) 585-1308 with any questions or assistance.

Finally, below are state programs and resources to help assist you or someone in your life who may need an extra hand. Please spread some kindness and let a friend, family member, or neighbor know about these state resources! A seemingly simple gesture can make a big difference in someone's life.

Take care and be well,



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.](#)

Covid & Flu Shot Vaccine Clinic January 27th 9-11 AM + 12-2 PM

On January 27th I am partnering with Aurora Officials, VNA, and the Neighbor Project to bring another vaccine event to 2 locations. With cases rising, I urge everyone to get vaccinated. If you received your initial Covid-19 Vaccine in the first half of 2021, now is the time to get your booster. Getting vaccinated is the best way to stay healthy, and keep your family, friends, and community disease free.

Please choose whichever location and time slot works and call my district office at **(630)-585-1308** with any questions. See below for more info and visit <https://www.vnahealth.com/> for additional info!

If you can't make this event, we are having another vaccination event on February 9th at the Eola Library again - save the date!



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GET YOUR
COVID-19
VACCINE
SHOT OR
BOOSTER
AND/OR
FLU SHOT
FREE



Moderna, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson Available

27 JANUARY
Thursday

**NO APPOINTMENT
NECESSARY**

NEW COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

900 East New York Street

9:00am - 11:00am

MAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

814 East Galena

12:00pm - 2:00pm

If you can't attend, visit vnahealth.com
for additional hours and locations

COVID VACCINES

Age 5 yrs and Up,
children must be
accompanied by a
parent/legal guardian

Bring your vaccination
card if you need your
second dose or third
dose/booster shot

2nd dose appointments
will be at VNA Health
Care - 400 N. Highland
Ave. Aurora and will be
made at the time of the
first dose

FLU SHOTS

Age 4 yrs and Up

Age 4 - 17 must be
accompanied by a
parent/legal guardian



VNA Health Care

**The
Neighbor
Project.**



FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL (630) 585-1308

Celebrating Community Investments

Last week I attended a celebratory groundbreaking for our new Outdoor Educational & Event Facility at Lippold Park, adjacent to the Red Oak Nature Center. The 4,500-square-foot, three-season facility (with restrooms) will expand educational opportunities for our pre-schoolers, campers, and scout groups. Set for completion later this year, the \$2.35 million facility will also be available to rent for weddings, company picnics, and other celebratory events.

I was happy to gather with my House and Senate Colleague(s) as well as other Aurora Officials and Fox Valley Park District staff. A special thank you to Executive Director Jim

Pilmer for the invitation and for his dedication to making our parks vibrant and accessible to all. I'm excited to see how the facility will look and the amazing impacts it will have on the community.

Learn more about Lippold Park and access the Fox Valley Park District's Website [Here](#).



(From Left to Right): Rep Kifowit, Senator Holmes, Rep Hernandez, Rep Hirschauer, and Director Pilmer

Kane County Recycle Guide 2022

Kane County has released their 2022 Green Guide with information on where and how to recycle hundreds of items. You can download the guide [Here!](#)

You can also visit the Kane County Recycles [Here](#) to see a full, and searchable list of items you can rethink, reuse, refuse, and recycle!

Contact the Kane County Recycling Coordinator with any questions at recycle@countyofkane.org or call **(630)-208-3841**.

KANE COUNTY RECYCLES GREEN GUIDE 2022

RECYCLING CENTERS

OPEN YEAR-ROUND

North - West Dundee Public Works

Location: 900 Angle Tarn, West Dundee, IL 60118
Hours: M-F 7am-3pm

Central - Fabyan Parkway

Location: 517 E. Fabyan Parkway, Batavia, IL 60510
Hours: M-F 8am-4pm & Sat 8am-12pm (seasonally)

South - Aurora, VetTech (old textile building)

Location: 911 N Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506
(down driveway on east side of Lake)
Hours: M-F 8am-4pm

West - Elburn, Electronic Waste Center

(independently operated by LRS)

Location: 1N138 Linlar Drive, Elburn, IL 60119
Hours: M-F 8:30am-2:30pm
Accepts: Electronics Only. Registration Required before drop off, for this location only, via phone: 844-633-3577

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING FOR BUSINESSES



As an added service, we now accept the delivery of electronic equipment from businesses, organizations, institutions, libraries, and municipalities at the Kane County Recycling Centers. Please identify your business to staff or bring a business card, for record keeping purposes.

CONTACT

Kane County Recycling Coordinator
at recycle@countyofkane.org or 630-208-3841.



Unloading: These sites are staffed, so you will have assistance unloading your equipment.

Data Security: All data on computer hard drives, printers, and cell phones will be completely destroyed (meeting all FACTA privacy protection requirements).

Holiday Closures: Drop-off sites are closed on most public holidays, but not all. Please check online for the current list of holiday closures.

THINGS CHANGE: Please visit countyofkane.org/recycling to confirm before visiting.

COST FOR TVS AND MONITORS

- \$25 (for screens under 21" measured diagonally) or
- \$35 (for screens 21" and over).
- Pay onsite with CASH or CARD, or online with card and bring a printed receipt.
- This consumer-based fee is paid directly to the County's contracted electronics recycler, eWorks, a non-profit that employs people with developmental disabilities.



ITEMS ACCEPTED AT KANE COUNTY RECYCLING CENTERS:

All items are FREE to drop off (except for TVs and Monitors, which do have a cost as outlined above).

Electronics: TVs*, Computers, Monitors*, Laptops, Phones, Cords, Cables, Servers, Printers, Scanners, Keyboards, Stereos, Speakers, Battery backups, Gaming consoles, Power tools, Holiday lights, and more.

*See "Costs" above for TVs and monitors.

Books: Hard cover or paperback books of any age, in any condition, for reuse or recycling.

Paper: Magazines, periodicals, brochures, office paper, newspaper, packing paper.

Clothing & Shoes: Clothing items of any kind. Paired shoes of any kind. Accessories, like hats, purses, belts, scarves. Textiles, like sheets, towels, curtains, blankets. These items can be in any condition, even if worn or torn, as long as they are clean. All will be reused or recycled.

Scrap Metal: Anything made of metal, like lawn furniture, BBQs, fire pits, pots and pans, hot water tanks, hardware, metal fencing, bed frames.

Cardboard: Corrugated cardboard (flattened).

Shredded Paper: Shredded paper (in paper bags, stapled shut).

Appliances: Household appliances, like washers, dryers, toasters, blenders, vacuums. We do not take freon-containing devices like refrigerators or air-conditioners.

Note: The Elburn location only accepts electronics!



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Veteran Health Resources

The US department of Veterans Affairs continues to offer amazing health benefits to our all our service members. With the new year starting, let's make sure we're all staying healthy and ensuring our veterans receive the best care possible. If you qualify for VA health care, you'll receive coverage for the services you need to help you get—and stay—healthy. Learn more on the Veterans Affairs website [here](#).

YOU HAVE IT IN YOU.

*Talk with your VA provider
about how to rediscover
your best health.*



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

**Driver's license and ID
card expiration dates
have been extended until
March 31, 2022.**

Please visit ilsos.gov
for additional information.

JESSE WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE

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



LIHWAP Applications Open Until August 31, 2023

Do you or someone you know need help paying their water bill? The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Plan (LIHWAP). This plan will help families in need of paying their water and sewage bills.

Applications will be accepted through August 31, 2023 or until funds run out. You can apply online [here](#) or call the hotline at 1-(833)-711-0374.

ANNOUNCING: \$40M Water Assistance Program for Shut-off Avoidance

Low-Income Household Water Assistance Plan (LIHWAP)



Illinois
Department of Commerce
& Economic Opportunity
JB Pritzker, Governor



COVID-19 Updates

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



Stephanie Kifowit



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).

FB 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 or call the office at 630.585.1308.

**Monday
mornings at
9:00am**

@ILDISTRICT84



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