



# IL State Senator Karina Villa



IL 25TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

JULY 1, 2021

Hello friends & neighbors,  
I hope you have all been taking advantage of the warm weather. Even last week's rains can't dampen my mood, although I hope we have nothing but sunshine for the 4th of July!

## In District

I was so happy to attend Sugar Grove Township tax assessor Curt Karas township assessment appeal seminar. His office works hard to assist you with tax assessments and answer questions and concerns present within their township. This event was highly informative in the tax assessment process and learning more about what is important to Sugar Grove residents and what's happening within the community. Also, thanks to Shannon for stopping in to teach me more about the [Sugar Grove Public Library](#)!

## ILRPP

If your landlord has not started an application for Illinois's 2021 Rental Program, you may still apply. An additional application period for tenants applying directly for rental assistance will open at *9 am on Monday, June 28*. Tenants have until *11:59 pm on Sunday, July 18* to complete their portion of the application.

- Starting Monday, June 14 – Friday, June 25, the Call Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- On Monday, June 28 and going forward, the Call Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information visit [IHDA](#) and find a [Housing Stability Service \(HSS\) Provider here](#).

## IDES Phishing

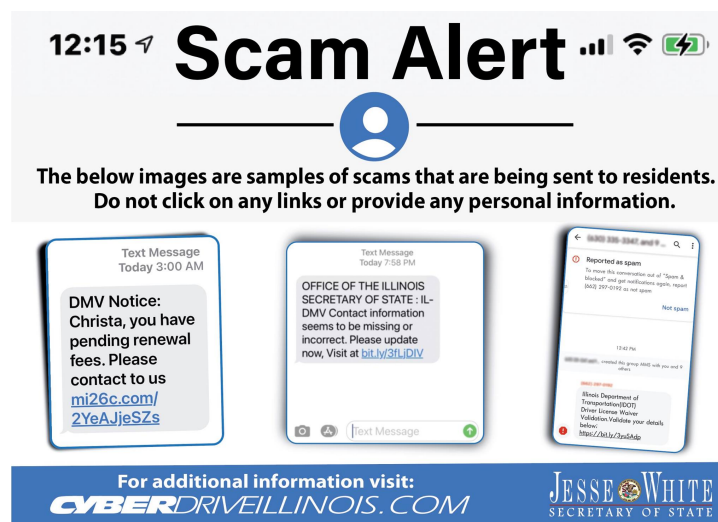
The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) continues to monitor new phishing schemes targeting individuals. People posing as IDES representatives are trying to trick individuals into disclosing their personal information through text, email, and social media messages.

It is critical for claimants and the public to remain vigilant to detect fraudulent correspondence. Follow [steps from the FTC](#) to recognize and avoid phishing scams and report any fraudulent activity with [IDES](#).



## Beware of Texts Soliciting Information

Along that note, over the last several weeks, people across Illinois and the country have reported an uptick in scammers claiming to be from state agencies to steal personal information. Protect yourself from fraud: Never give out your Social Security number or banking information via text or email, and don't click links contained in suspicious messages. If you have questions about phishing scams or identity theft, call the Illinois Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 800-386-5438 or visit [FTC.gov/consumer](https://www.ftc.gov/consumer).



**12:15** **Scam Alert**

The below images are samples of scams that are being sent to residents. Do not click on any links or provide any personal information.

Text Message Today 3:00 AM  
DMV Notice: Christa, you have pending renewal fees. Please contact to us [mi26c.com/2YeAJjeSZs](https://mi26c.com/2YeAJjeSZs)

Text Message Today 7:58 PM  
OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE: IL-DMV Contact information seems to be missing or incorrect. Please update now. Visit at [bit.ly/3fUdQY](https://bit.ly/3fUdQY)

Reported as spam  
To avoid the inconvenience of "Spam & blocked" and get notifications again, report 800-386-5438 or not spam.

For additional information visit: [CYBERDRIVEILLINOIS.COM](https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)

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## Fee-Based Suspensions to be Lifted July 1st

Starting July 1, Illinois will no longer suspend a license for any ticket debt, fines or fees, including parking tickets, red-light camera tickets and abandoned vehicle fees. If your license is currently suspended or revoked due to a failure to pay a fee, it will be reinstated automatically for free by July 1. However, if there were multiple reasons for the hold on your record, your license may still be invalid—call the secretary of state's hotline at 217-212-6212 to check.

## STARTING JULY 1, 2021, ILLINOIS WILL NO LONGER SUSPEND LICENSES FOR ANY TICKET DEBT, FINES, OR FEES.

Your driver's license can NO LONGER be suspended for:

- Failure to pay parking tickets
- Failure to pay traffic tickets
- Failure to pay red-light camera tickets
- Failure to pay vehicle compliance tickets
- Failure to pay automatic speed camera tickets
- Failure to pay abandoned vehicle fees

## What's Next?

My staff and I are ready to help you navigate these programs, as well as address any other questions or concerns you may have about issues facing our community. I encourage you to reach out to us at 630-326-9319 (English), 630-326-9419 (Spanish) or [constituentservices@senatorvilla.com](mailto:constituentservices@senatorvilla.com).

Stay cool!



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