



# IL State Senator Karina Villa



IL 25TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Hello friends & neighbors,  
It's shark week! This longstanding summer tradition brought to us by the Discovery Channel always reminds me to treasure earth's majestic creatures.

### Environmental Groups in our District

We must all do our part in protecting not only endangered species but also our world in general. [The Illinois Department of Natural Resources](#) is a conservation/ preservation organization whose website has great resources including a list of our great state parks. I also encourage you to volunteer with [The Sierra Club](#), they do amazing environmental work. Finally, you can email [enviroment.49th@gmail.com](mailto:enviroment.49th@gmail.com) to ask about joining our environment advisory committee! We co host these meetings along with State Representative Maura Hirschauer, they take place every 4th Thursday of the month.

### Frida Friday

In honor of the Frida Kahlo: Timeless exhibit, downtown Wheaton welcomes you to [the ultimate Frida Celebration](#), as 40+ windows transform with Kahlo-inspired artwork, the air is filled with the music of mariachi bands, special performances by folklore dancers and more. Tomorrow, July 9th from 6pm to 10pm. Can't make this one? Another Frida Friday will take place on August 6<sup>th</sup>!



### In District

Last week I attended the Association for Individual Development's (AID) groundbreaking celebration for their new West Chicago Main Street Lofts! This will be a fantastic addition to West Chicago, we welcome the soon to be residents of these lofts with open arms.

### Illinois Credit Rating Upgrade

Moody Investors has officially upgraded Illinois's Credit Rating for the first time in the past 20 years! Illinois has been upgraded a full step from Baa3 up to Baa2. Moody cites the reasoning for the upgrade is Illinois' increased spending plan which "increases pension contributions, repays emergency Federal Reserve borrowings and keeps a backlog of bills in check with only constrained use of federal aid from the American Rescue Plan Act." This upgrade gives Illinois a better reputation and allows for us to better manage our debt, noting a step in the right direction for Illinois!

# Illinois Credit Rating Upgrade

Moody Investors has given Illinois it's first credit score upgrade in 20 years upgrading it a full step from Baa3 to Baa2.

## Moody's Credit Score Rating

Highest Grade Credit	Aaa	Investment grades determine the risk of issuing a loan or bond.
Very High Grade Credit	Aa1, Aa2, Aa3	
High Grade Credit	A1, A2, A3	
Good Grade Credit	Baa1, Baa2, Baa3, Baa4	NEIU was Baa3 in 2016
Speculative Grade Credit	Ba1, Ba2, Ba3	NEIU is now a B1 rating
Very Speculative Grade Credit	B1, B2, B3	
Substantial Risks	Caa1, Caa2, Caa3, Ca	

Source: Moody's Investors Service, April 17, 2017

My staff and I look forward to hearing from you!  
I encourage you to reach out to us at  
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Stay cool!



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