

Hello friends & neighbors,

Yesterday was officially the first day of fall! As the season changes, we can reflect on all the challenges we've faced this past year. While we've certainly faced a great deal of hardship, this time was also an opportunity to reconnect with loved ones and develop new interests. Let's go forth into this new season with a renewed sense of hope and optimism!

Shakespeare in the Park

On September 26th-28th at 7:00, Wheaton College will host "Shakespeare in the Park", at Wheaton College Arena Theater. This production will be performed by professional and student actors. Seating opens at 6pm and the performance begins at 7. Click here to learn more.

We Grow Dreams Fall Festival

On Saturday, September 25th from 10am - 3pm We Grow Dreams will hold their Fall Festival at their Greenhouse at 1055 West Washington Street, West Chicago, IL. One of a Kind, Samoji, Inc, and the District 200 Transition Program are among some of the businesses that will be there to sell their products. We Grow Dreams will be selling their pumpkins, cabbage, kale, strawberries, and fall flowers among other goodies! Stop by if you can.

Harvest Craft Fair

On September 27th-28th from 5pm-9pm, Bartlett Park District will be hosting the Harvest Craft Fair. Here you can enjoy the goods of local vendors and rediscover your fall favorites. The fair will be held in the Bartlett Community Center Gym, yet this may change if depending on the Illinois Guidelines. For more information, click here.

The Autism Hero Project's Gala

This year AHP will host "The 19th Hole" Gala event on Saturday, September 25th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Hawk Country Club in St. Charles. The Gala will have three different meal options including chicken, salmon, and vegetarian. There will also be raffles and silent auction items as well as a live band. This event will raise money for children on the spectrum. Purchase tickets here.

DuPage County Expungement Clinic

On Saturday, October 2nd at 10am, the DuPage County Bar Association will be hosting an Expungement Clinic at the DuPage County Administration Building: 421 N County Farm Rd, Wheaton, IL 60187-3978, United States. The clinic will provide free legal assistance to individuals seeking to clear their criminal record. Click here for more information.

FSA 90th Anniversary

On September 23rd, FSA will be celebrating their 90th anniversary. I am honored to serve as the keynote speaker on this monumental day. FSA is a wonderful resource to constituents in this district. FSA provides a variety of services including counseling to children, adolescents and adults. To learn more about FSA, click here.



What's Next?

Our office partners with State Representative Maura Hirschauer and co-runs four advisory committees: Environmental and Agriculture, Mental Health, Seniors, and Education. These committees are a limited public forum led by volunteer chairs and seek to create compassionate conversation among the voices of the 25th/49th districts.

Today at 7 our office will hold the Environment & Agriculture Advisory Committee where we will be discussing a brief of SB 2408 the clean energy transition bill that was passed and signed into law last week, food composting, and how we can bring it to the schools in district 25. To get that zoom link email environment.49th@gmail.com.

My staff and I look forward to hearing from you! I encourage you to reach out to us at 630-326-9319 (English), 630-326-9419 (Spanish) or

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Stay cool!

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