

Hello friends & neighbors,

Today is Veteran's Day! I'm so grateful for all of the wonderful men and women who are serving or have served our country. Let us come together to celebrate our United States service members for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. We must also honor the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The men and women who serve in our military are nothing short of American heroes, and they deserve our utmost respect and gratitude.

District Wide Library Tours

Last week, I toured the St. Charles, Town and Country and Yorkville Public Libraries. While there, I learned about a variety of services they offer our constituents and explored their newly renovated building. It's a great place to connect with others or grab a great cup of coffee.



Workforce Fair

Last Saturday, our office hosted our Workforce Fair. Thank you to all of the amazing employers who attended and the wonderful members of our community who participated in the event!



Menstrual Product Drive

We are hosting a Menstrual Product Drive in partnership with Representative Hirschauer and Go With the Flow! We will be collecting menstrual hygiene products from November 1st until November 28th. For more information regarding drop off locations, click here.

Snow Pants & Snow Boot Drive

Our office is partnering with DuPage County Board Member Sheila Rutledge to collect Snow Pants and Snow Boots from November 2nd to December 2nd for WeGo Together for Kids. We will be accepting snow boots and snow pants at our office, Daniel & Associates, and the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce.

Smoke Detector Protection Press Conference

On Wednesday I attended a press conference with the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance to share the importance of the Illinois Smoke Detector Act. I encourage everyone to install functioning smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in their homes.

Reverence for Diversity in Illinois

The IL Muslim Civic Coalition and Senator Laura Ellman have introduced this Amendment. The Amendment states that all elected officials in Illinois taking the oath of office will now also recite the phrase: "I swear to protect and honor the diversity of the people of this great state". Keep an eye out for subject matter hearings on this amendment. Click here for more information.

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 in order to help build our legislative agenda and grow our knowledge in these areas.

On November 12th from 10:00am-11:00am, our office will be co-hosting our Senior Advisory Committee. To join via Zoom email, seniors.49th@gmail.com.

On November 16th at 6pm our office will be co-hosting our Mental Health Advisory Committee. To join via Zoom email mentalhealth.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 constituentservices@senatorvilla.com.

Be well!

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