



# Newsletter

## Upcoming Events in the 25th

Dear Friend,

As the days, get longer, and temperatures rise higher, look below to figure out events you can attend to get out into the community with us. We look forward to using this time to connect with our new constituents and to maintain our connection with those I've already had the privilege of keeping.

### Cook County Tax Exemption Seminar

**Cook County Property Tax Exemption Seminar**

**Date/Time:** April 12th from 6-8pm

**Location:** Hanover Township Senior Center  
Address: 240 S Route 59, Bartlett, IL 60103

Join us to learn about Homeowner and Senior exemptions, eligibility requirements, and how to apply. There will be a Q & A following the presentation.

On April 12th from 6-8pm our office will be hosting the Cook County Assessor's office at the Hanover Township Senior Center in partnership with Representative Hirschauer's Office and Hanover Township. The seminar will go over what property tax exemptions exist, eligibility and how to apply and also allow for a question and answer period following the conclusion of the seminar. We hope you can join us to learn what exemptions exist to save money on your property tax bill. The address for the Senior Center is: 240 S Route 59, Bartlett, IL, 60103.

### Sustainable Clothing Drive

Our office is collecting clothing donations from March 20th until April 24th with the goal increasing awareness around sustainable fashion and how to donate clothes to prevent them ending up in landfills. Clothing donations will be accepted at our office in West Chicago (946 N Neltnor Blvd, Suite 108, West Chicago, IL, 60185) from 9am-7pm. West Chicago High School students will also be engaging in the drive, Their Environmental Club will be creating a box at the school for students to use. All donations will go to Mutual Ground, and anything they are unable to use will be donated to Wayside Cross Ministries.

**SUSTAINABLE CLOTHING DRIVE**  
Collecting gently used clothing & shoes

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO MUTUAL GROUND

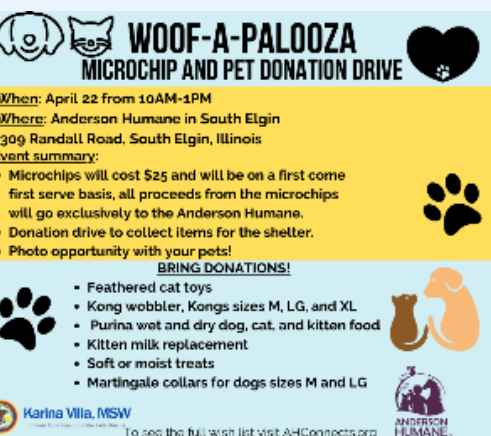
COLLECTING FROM MARCH 20TH - APRIL 21ST

Collection Box is located at:  
West Chicago Office: 946 Neltnor Blvd., #108  
West Chicago, IL 60185

West Chicago Students - Keep an eye out for a collection box in your school!

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MUTUAL GROUND

# Woof-A-Palooza



**WOOF-A-PALOOZA**  
MICROCHIP AND PET DONATION DRIVE

**When:** April 22 from 10AM-1PM  
**Where:** Anderson Humane in South Elgin  
309 Randall Road, South Elgin, Illinois

**Event summary:**  
Microchips will cost \$25 and will be on a first come first serve basis, all proceeds from the microchips will go exclusively to the Anderson Humane. Donation drive to collect items for the shelter. Photo opportunity with your pets!

**BRING DONATIONS!**

- Feathered cat toys
- Kong wobbler, Kongs sizes M, LG, and XL
- Purina wet and dry dog, cat, and kitten food
- Kitten milk replacement
- Soft or moist treats
- Martingale collars for dogs sizes M and LG

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To see the full wish list visit [AHConnects.org](http://AHConnects.org)

ANDERSON HUMANE

Our office is partnering with Anderson Humane Society in South Elgin to throw a Woof-A-Palooza event. This event will offer microchips for a \$25 fee, collect donations for the shelter, and will feature a photo opportunity for you and your furry friend! The event will take place April 22nd from 10am-1pm at 1000 S La Fox St, South Elgin, IL, 60177. Microchips will be performed on a first-come, first-serve basis, and money for the microchip will go directly back to the shelter. The donations they're looking for are feathered cat toys, kong wobbler, kongs sizes M, LG, and XL, wet and dry dog, cat, and kitten food, kitten milk replacement, soft or moist treats and martingale collars for dogs in sizes M and LG. A full list can be found here: [ahconnects.org](http://ahconnects.org). We hope to see you and your furry friend there!

## Medicaid Redeterminations: Update Your Address

Attention Medicaid Members! Make sure that your current address is updated, so that you don't risk losing Medicaid coverage. Call (877)805-5312 to update your address via phone or log onto your portal [here](#). Redeterminations for Medicaid have been reenacted following the termination of the public health emergency where redeterminations were halted to ensure continued access. Information will go out via mail starting May 2023 on the benefit redetermination process. This first round will be due by June 1st, 2023. For more information visit the Illinois Healthcare and Family Services website [here](#).



**MEDICAID MEMBER!**  
Updating your address is *easy, fast and free*

CALL 877.805.5312 OR TTY: 877.204.1012  
MON-FRI 7:45AM - 4:30PM

MEDICAID.ILLINOIS.GOV

**DON'T RISK LOSING YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE**

## Scholarships!



**Scholarship Opportunities**

Take advantage of these scholarship opportunities to take off some of the financial stress associated with pursuing the education and career of your dreams.

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Illinois Healthcare and Family Services

- Illinois Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship: The Illinois Student Assistance Commission scholarship opportunity offers up to \$7,500 in tuition coverage for minority teachers that commit to serving in a school district that is composed of a 30% or greater body of minority students. The deadline to apply is March 31st, 2023 and more information on eligibility and how to apply can be found [here!](#)
- Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation Scholarship: The Illinois Legislative Black Caucus is offering scholarships for African American high school seniors or undergraduate students in order to help them prosper in their academic successes. This year they will give out a total of \$100k between all scholarship recipients. The application deadline is May 31st. To learn more and apply click [here](#).

➤ DCFS Scholarship: A reminder the DCFS scholarship program closes on March 31st. The scholarship covers tuition and provides a monthly stipend for living costs to youth that have aged out of the foster care system or been adopted/ found guardianship. A reminder to click the following hyperlinks for

## Use Your Voice, Take Our District Survey!

To better acquaint ourselves with the needs of our new district, we encourage those within it to take our [District Survey](#). My office has crafted this tool to hear from you regarding your views on the needs of the community you live in, as you serve as the expert of this experience. Our office will in turn use the responses we receive to best formulate a plan tailored to your needs from the feedback we receive from you. You can access the full survey [Here!](#)



Looking for Grant Opportunities? Visit [here](#).

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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 give effective representation. To join these committees you can email the following for more information and meeting information:

- Environment/ 4th Thursday at 7pm / [environment.49th@gmail.com](mailto:environment.49th@gmail.com)
- Mental Health / 3rd Tuesday at 6pm / [mentalhealth.25th@gmail.com](mailto:mentalhealth.25th@gmail.com)
- Seniors / 2nd Friday at 10am / [seniors.25th@gmail.com](mailto:seniors.25th@gmail.com)
- Education / 2nd Thursday at 7pm / [education.49th@gmail.com](mailto:education.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](mailto:constituentservices@senatorvilla.com). Textline is (331)465-9690.

Be well!

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State Senator, 25th District