




# Newsletter

## Summer Events Happening in the 25th District

Dear Friend,

School is out for the Summer! Here are some events in the district to enjoy the sunshine for yourself and your family! Be sure to read on for some resources to stay cool throughout the summer, as well as precautionary measures to protect yourself from the rise of tick-borne illnesses across Illinois. Be safe and make sure to enjoy all summer has to offer.

### Upcoming Events

#### Know Your Labor Rights

Join us at the Aurora Santori Library ( 101 S River St, Aurora, IL, 60506 ) on June 16th from 2:30-4:30 pm for a presentation on your rights as a worker. Following the presentation Q&A will be available with a bilingual worker's rights lawyer. Questions can be answered on injuries, pay, and other rights you may have questions about. Light refreshments will be served. For any questions regarding the event please call us at (331)465-9690 or (630)326-9319.

### Books for Scoops

Our office has a summer reading program available to youth in the district! Youth throughout the district can enjoy ice cream with the Senator for reading 5 books this summer. Bring in a list with a parent signature to the event or pick up our flyer at the following libraries: West Chicago Public Library, Aurora Santori Public Library, or Batavia Public Library. Then meet the Senator to discuss your summer reading and get a sweet treat on the following dates and locations.

- Batavia Creamery (4 N Island Ave, Batavia, IL, 60510) on August 3rd from 3:30-4:30pm
- La Garrafa (733 Aurora Ave, Aurora, IL, 60505) on August 3rd from 5:30-6:30pm
- Jorge's Paeteria y Neveria (110 S Neltnor Blvd, West Chicago, IL, 60185) on August 10th from 5:30-7pm

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## Mobile DMV Event



Our office is partnering with Alderwoman Juany Garza and Representative Hernandez to bring a Mobile DMV to Simard Hall at Sacred Heart Church (769 Fulton Aurora, IL 60505) on August 15th from 10am-2pm. Services include: renewing or receiving a State ID, renewing a Driver's License, and renewing your License Plate.

The following services will not be available: no Real ID services will be offered, driving tests cannot be conducted therefore everyone 75+ or looking to newly get a driver's license cannot be serviced at this event, and TVDL holders will not be able to be serviced.

## Utility Bill Assistance Despite the Closing of LIHEAP

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) ended on May 31st, 2023. Our office realizes that despite the ending of the program, residents in our district still may need assistance with their utility bills to keep the lights on and stay cool in their homes.

We encourage those in need to contact their provider as they may have programs to assist based on your situation. ComEd has the following programs available: Catch Up and Save, Fresh Start Services, Your Neighborhood Fund, Supplemental Arrearage Reduction, Flexible Deferred Payment, Budget Billing, Flexible Payment Options, etc. For a full list and explanation of programs [click here](#). Customers can sign up for services through the [Smart Assistance Manager Assistance \(SAM\)](#) or by calling 1-888-806-2273.

For further assistance with utility bills, we encourage those struggling to call **211** to be connected with a financial assistance provider in your area.



## Precaution Instructions with Tick-borne Illnesses on the Rise



The tick population in Illinois continues to grow and with it so does the individuals contracting tick-borne illnesses. Ensure you and your family are safe this summer by taking the necessary preventative steps to keep them from claiming you as their host. Whenever going out into natural areas ensure that you 1. Cover your skin and head as much as possible. 2. Wear bug repellent and 3. Conduct a full body tick check after exiting the area and shower to rinse off ticks that have yet to attach.

To see data captured from 2012-2021 tick-borne illness contraction cases in Illinois by County, visit the [Human Tick-borne Disease Incidence Map provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health](#).

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## Summertime Community Events

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- [Juneteenth](#): June 17th from 3:30-7:30 pm at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park
  - Free to the public with entertainment, food, and more, check out the flyer for more on how to celebrate African American Independence Day
- [River Rhapsody Concert Series](#): Every Wednesday 7-8:30pm at the Peg Bond Center
  - Free admission with live music on the riverwalk
- [Puerto Rican Heritage Festival](#): July 30th from 1-9pm in Downtown Aurora
  - Celebrate Puerto Rican culture, food, live music, vendors and special presentations.



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## Dupage:



- [Railroad Days](#): June 22nd–25th (see link for time details) at Pioneer Park
  - Carnival, live entertainment and fireworks on Saturday.
- [Free Family Summer Event List](#): View the list to see all of the family activities available for free in West Chicago provided by WeGoTogetherforKids partners.

## Suburban Cook:



- [North Ave Car Show](#): June 17th from 8am–4pm at Bartlett Park
  - Free event with live entertainment, registration fee required for cars participating
- [4th of July Festival & Fireworks](#): June 30th–July 4th at Apple Orchard Park
  - Carnival, live entertainment, fireworks, and free entry.

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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 (331)465-9690 [constituentservices@senatorvilla.com](mailto:constituentservices@senatorvilla.com).

Be well!

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