



# Newsletter

## Resources for Youth and Immigrant Communities, Upcoming Events and more!

I am grateful to be a part of a community that advocates for the needs of one another. Our summer interns have been hard at work to bring you an upcoming youth financial literacy event. Additionally, I encourage all eligible individuals to make the switch from a TVDL to a standard license and take advantage of the resources available to fill out HBIA and HBIS redeterminations. Read about this and more below.

### Update your Driver's License Today!

On July 1, a new law made Temporary Visitor Driver's License (TVDL) holders eligible for a standard driver's license. If you currently have an unexpired TVDL that is within 60 days of expiration, you can apply online to replace your TVDL with a standard license. Visit [TVDL Replacement Card Application \(ilsos.gov\)](https://ilsos.gov) to apply. First-time applicants must visit a DMV. If you have any questions, reach out to our office at 630-326-9319 or 331-465-9690.



### Redeterminations for HBIA & HBIS

If you are currently enrolled in the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults and Seniors program, your redetermination paperwork is due July 15. If you are in need of assistance, contact one of the agencies below for assistance with submitting your paper work.

**URGENT!!!**

**REDETERMINATIONS FOR THE IMMIGRANT HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ADULTS/SENIORS DUE JULY 15TH**

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE HEALTH BENEFITS FOR IMMIGRANT ADULTS AND SENIORS PROGRAM, YOUR REDETERMINATION PAPERWORK IS DUE JULY 15TH. NEED HELP? CONTACT ONE OF THE AGENCIES BELOW FOR ASSISTANCE WITH SUBMITTING YOUR PAPERWORK.

**SENATOR KARINA VILLA'S AURORA OFFICE (331) 465-9690**  
1177 NORTH HIGHLAND AVENUE SUITE 101 AURORA, IL 60506

<b>AURORA AREA INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY</b>	331-300-2215 PEOPLE'S FOODS/FOODBANK ILL
<b>FAMILY FOCUS AURORA</b>	630-256-7010 VERONICA LARA@FAMILY-FOCUS.ORG 630-256-7013 CVARGAS@FAMILY-FOCUS.ORG
<b>COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP OF ILLINOIS</b>	773-458-4450 IMMIGRANT@CHP.ILIO.ORG
<b>VNA HEALTH CARE BENEFIT HOTLINE</b>	630-688-1002 ENROLLMENT@VNA.ILIO.ORG
<b>INC BOARD, MENTAL HEALTH ALLIANCE</b>	(630) 892-5456 CALL@INCBOARD.ORG

### **Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry**

331-300-2215

[ipedraza@aurorafoodpantry.org](mailto:ipedraza@aurorafoodpantry.org)

### **Family Focus Aurora**

630-256-7010

[veronica.lara@family-focus.org](mailto:veronica.lara@family-focus.org)

630-256-7013

[cvargas@family-focus.org](mailto:cvargas@family-focus.org)

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SENATOR KARINA VILLA'S WEST CHICAGO OFFICE (630)-326-9319  
846 N NELTNOR BLVD, SUITE 104 WEST CHICAGO, IL 60615

DUPAGE HEALTH COALITION	630-510-8720 EXT. 215 SCHULZ@ACCESSDUPAGE.ORG
CASA MICHOCAN DUPage	630-399-8844 MARIACASAMICH@GMAIL.COM
LOAVES & FISHES	(630) 355-3663 MORROW@LAVESANDFISHES.COM
STATE REPRESENTATIVE MAURA HIRSCHAUER OFFICE	331-465-9661 OFFICE@HRSCHAUER.COM

**DuPage Health Coalition**  
630-510-8720 Ext. 215  
[bchavez@accessdupage.org](mailto:bchavez@accessdupage.org)

**Casa Michoacan DuPage**  
630-399-8844  
[mariacasamich@gmail.com](mailto:mariacasamich@gmail.com)

Contact our office at 630-326-9319 or 331-465-9690 for information on additional agencies providing assistance for redeterminations.

## Youth Financial Fiesta

Our summer interns have been hard at work to help create our office's very first Youth Financial Fiesta! Come out to the Aurora Prisco Center Friday, July 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. to learn about financial resources available in the area. Local colleges, banks and community organizations will be present to spread the word on financial tips, tricks and resources for high school students and their families. For more information, call our office at 331-465-9690.

## Books for Scoops

Our summer reading program has officially begun! To participate children should read five books, fill out the corresponding form and bring the completed form to their local Books for Scoops event in August. Students who share their summer reading with me will receive a free treat during the event. Books for Scoops is in partnership with three local ice cream shops across the 25th District.

- **Aurora:** La Mary Neveria y Paletteria, 909 S. Union St., Aurora, on Thursday, Aug. 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Participants will receive a free scoop of ice cream.
- **Batavia:** Batavia Creamery, 4 N. Island Ave., Batavia, on Thursday, Aug. 1 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Participants will receive a free junior scoop of ice cream.
- **West Chicago:** Jorge's Paletteria, 110 S. Neltnor Blvd., Suite 4-5, West Chicago, on Thursday, Aug. 8 from 5:30-7 p.m. Participants will receive a free paleta (ice pop).



**Books For Scoops** events across 3 regions

Read and get 1 free scoop of ice cream/ paleta. Plus meet Senator Villa!

**Steps**

1. Grab a book log at your public library
2. Read & log 5 books
3. Bring log to redeem & meet Sen. Villa at your region's ice cream shop

Aug. 1st 3:30-4:30 pm  
Batavia Public Library  
Batavia Creamery

Aug. 8th 5:30-7pm  
West Chicago Public Library  
Jorge's Paletteria Y Neveria

Aug. 1st 5:30-7:30 pm  
Aurora Public Library  
La Mary Neveria y Paletteria

**Batavia** **West Chicago** **Aurora**

 Karina Villa, MSW  
Illinois State Senator of the 25th District

To complete the summer reading, participants are encouraged to visit their local library.

- [Aurora Public Library- Santori](#), 101 S. River St., Aurora
- [Batavia Public Library](#), 10 S. Batavia Ave., Batavia
- [West Chicago Public Library](#), 118 W. Washington St., West Chicago

The Books for Scoops forms are available at each of our district offices or can be downloaded from my [website](#). Make sure to use the correct form if you live in Aurora, Batavia or West Chicago. See you soon!

## Illinois Arts Council Open House

Last week, I hosted an open house alongside the Illinois Arts Council to share grant opportunities available to individual artists and organizations across Illinois. It was great getting to share important information about resources available to promote art in our communities. For those unable to attend, you can learn more about available grants at the Illinois Arts Council's [website](#) or visit our West Chicago Office for physical materials in English and Spanish! The [General Operating Support and Youth Employment in the Arts](#) grants are currently accepting applications until July 19.



## State and Local Resources

### Latin@ Economic Summit

The Office of Minority Economic Empowerment of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is hosting their **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Latin@ Economic Summit** on Thursday, July 18, at Malcolm X College Conference Center located at 1900 W. Jackson Blvd. in Chicago. The summit will go over funding opportunities, building and sustaining business networks, navigating certifications, networking and more. The event is bilingual and free to attend. Lunch will be provided. For more information, visit the Illinois DCEO's [website](#). You can register for the event [here](#).



### WeGo Together for Kids Community Council

WeGo Together for Kids is launching a **WGTK Community Council** to ensure that community voices in West Chicago are part of strategic decisions. The Community Council will provide input to WGTK's goals and programing, bring attention to important issues in West Chicago and encourage participation in WGTK programs, services and events.

A full list of duties can be found on WGTK's [website](#). To apply, fill out this [form](#). Transportation and childcare will be provided as needed. Council members will receive a \$100 gift card for each meeting they attend.



### FAFSA Online Help

There's still time to apply for financial aid for college this fall! ISAC is offering free help with your application from members of the **ISACorps**—recent college grads who are experts in financial aid and college planning. You can make an appointment by visiting:

[illinois.gov/bookings](http://illinois.gov/bookings).

Our office 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 in order to provide effective representation. To join these committees you can email the following for more information and meeting information:

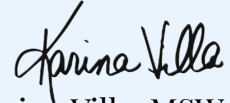
- Environment / 1st Wednesday at 7pm / [environment.25th@gmail.com](mailto:environment.25th@gmail.com)
- Mental Health / 3rd Tuesday at 6pm / [mentalhealth.25th@gmail.com](mailto:mentalhealth.25th@gmail.com)
- Seniors / 2nd Thursday at 10am / [seniors.25th@gmail.com](mailto:seniors.25th@gmail.com)

- Education / 2nd Thursday at 7pm / education.25th@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).

Stay in Touch! Follow us on Social Media: [Facebook: @StateSenatorKVilla](#), [Instagram: @SenatorKarinaVilla](#).

Be well!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karina Villa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karina Villa, MSW  
State Senator, 25th District