




Newsletter

Summer Events and Community Resources

Come out to our upcoming events and enjoy the summer sun with my team! This week we have the Youth Financial Fiesta, focusing on financial literacy for high school students. Next week, our Books for Scoops events kick-off for students to enjoy some ice cream and share their summer reading with me. Read about this and additional resources below.

Youth Financial Fiesta

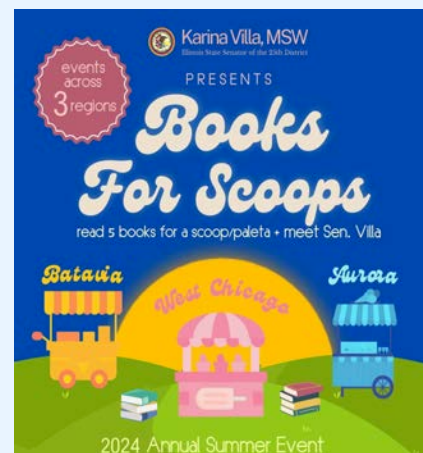
This Friday, July 26, join us and 13 community partners at our first ever Youth Financial Fiesta! At the event, we will have area colleges, banks and local organizations present to connect with students and their families and provide them with resources that focus on financial empowerment. The event will be held at the Prisco Center in Aurora located at 150 W. Illinois Ave. from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call our office at 331-465-9690. A big shout out to our summer interns for developing and helping organize this event!



Books for Scoops

Although National Ice Cream Month is coming to an end, you can still celebrate by coming out to our Books for Scoops events in August! To participate children should read five books, fill out the corresponding form and bring the completed form to their local Books for Scoops event. 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 Paeteria, 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 Paeteria, 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).

To complete their 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!

ICIRR 2024 Annual Celebration

This week, I was honored to attend the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights' 2024 Annual Celebration. We gathered to recognize our achievements and the work yet to be done to secure equity for our immigrant communities. I am thankful for the member organizations that provide immigrant communities across the state critical services, especially in the suburbs.



Redeterminations for HBIA & HBIS

The deadline for completing redeterminations for the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults and Seniors program has been extended to August 15. If you have not completed your paperwork, contact one of the agencies below for assistance.

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

AURORA AREA INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY	331-300-2215 JPEDRAZA@AURORAFOODPANTRY.ORG
FAMILY FOCUS AURORA	630-256-7010 VERONICA.LARA@FAMILY-FOCUS.ORG
COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP OF ILLINOIS	630-256-7013 CVARGAS@FAMILY-FOCUS.ORG
VNA HEALTH CARE BENEFIT HOTLINE	630-668-1002 CARE@VNA.IL.COM
INC BOARD, MENTAL HEALTH ALLIANCE	(630) 892-5456 SALA@INCBOARD.ORG

Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry

331-300-2215

ipedraza@aurorafoodpantry.org

Family Focus Aurora

630-256-7010

veronica.lara@family-focus.org

630-256-7013

cvargas@family-focus.org

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SENATOR KARINA VILLA'S WEST CHICAGO OFFICE (630)-326-9319
848 N NELTNOR BLVD., SUITE 104 WEST CHICAGO, IL 60785

DUPAGE HEALTH COALITION	630-510-8720 EXT. 215 BCHAVEZ@ACCESSDUPAGE.ORG
CASA MICHOCACAN DUPAGE	630-399-8844 MARIACASAMICH.COM
LOAVES & FISHES	(630) 355-3663 MOTEP@LOAVES-FISHES.ORG
STATE REPRESENTATIVE MAURA HIRSCHAUER OFFICE	331-465-9661 OFFICE@MPH04IL.COM

DuPage Health Coalition

630-510-8720 Ext. 215

bchavez@accessdupage.org

Casa Michoacan DuPage

630-399-8844

mariacasamich@gmail.com

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

State and Local Resources

WeGo Together for Kids Back to School Event

The new school year is just around the corner! Join WeGo Together for Kids for their Back to School Event at Cantigny Park located at 1 S, 151 Winfield Rd. in Wheaton on Monday, August 19 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Enjoy music, kid friendly activities and learn about resources available to parents. District 33 students K-8 and Educare preschoolers will receive free backpacks and school supplies. If interested in volunteering or donating supplies, check out the WeGo Together for Kids [Facebook page](#) or visit their [website](#).



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 \(ilsos.gov\)](#) 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.



Summer Safety Tips

Plastic water bottles can become a hazard if left in a hot vehicle. High temperatures can cause chemicals from the plastic to contaminate the water. These chemicals have been found to potentially lead to health problems. If you carry plastic water bottles, try your best to keep them out of strong sunlight and extreme heat. Find more summer safety tips [here](#).



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
- Mental Health / 3rd Tuesday at 6pm / mentalhealth.25th@gmail.com
- Seniors / 2nd Thursday at 10am / 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.

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

Be well!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karina Villa'.

Karina Villa, MSW
State Senator, 25th District