



State Senator Karina Villa

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Hello friends & neighbors,
October is Mental Health Awareness Month. This month provides an opportunity for individuals to reflect on their mental health and seek out resources if needed. Our district is home to a number of wonderful mental health resources for constituents! Feel free to reach out to our office anytime, we'd be happy to assist with any needs you may have!

Pumpkin Fest at Cosley Zoo

From October 1st to October 31st Cosley Zoo is hosting their annual Pumpkin Fest from 9:00am until 5:00pm. Individuals are welcome to come visit the animals and see thousands of pumpkins scattered throughout the zoo's lawn.

Apples, pumpkins, cider, cornstalks, and many more are available to purchase with proceeds benefiting Cosley Zoo. Pumpkin Fest is included in general admission entry tickets. Regular admission rates apply. Click [here](#) for more information.

Scarecrow Fest

From October 8th to October 10th the St. Charles Business Alliance is hosting their annual Scarecrow Fest. Scarecrows crafted by locals and businesses will be spread out through downtown. The event will also feature a professional pumpkin carver and a craft show. You may stumble across a scarecrow crafted by our office! Click [here](#) for more information.

Know Your Rights: On U-Visas

On October 14th, our office will be hosting an informational seminar on U-Visas. Rocio Becerril, an immigration attorney will be the night's speaker. The topics discussed will provide guests with a great deal of knowledge and information. To learn more, click [here](#).



Speaker: Rocio Becerril
Immigration Attorney



Organized by:
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Part 1: What is the U Visa & Who qualifies for the U Visa
Part 2: Requirements & Documents that are required for U-Visa
Part 3: Process & Updates

LOCATION: ST ANDREW CHURCH, WEST CHICAGO
DATES: OCTOBER 14TH, 21ST, AND 28TH
TIME: 6-7PM

Batavia Mystery Tours

Batavia Mystery Tours are back! Join the Batavia Depot Museum this October on a one-mile trail and see the city through a different lens. The tours will focus on the creepy history and eerie happenings of Batavia's past. The guided tour ends at River Street, perfect for thirsty and hungry guests. The trail is accessible; dress for the weather. Pre-registration is required. Register [here](#).

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.

Tomorrow at 10am we will hold our Senior Advisory committee. To get the zoom link email seniors.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.

Stay cool!



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