



# State Senator Karina Villa

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Hello friends & neighbors,  
October is Manufacturing Month! Individuals who work in manufacturing are some of the hardest working and most dedicated people that I've come across. I'm proud to say that my district is home to a bevy of manufacturers.

### 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.

### A Nightmare At West Main

On October 15th and the 22nd from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Batavia Park District is hosting A Nightmare At West Main. Guests will partake in a spooky hike through the haunted trails of West Main Community Park. Tickets can be purchased [here](#) or day-of.

### 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](#).

### Know Your Rights: On U-Visas

Today, 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

### **Halloween Hustle 5k & 1 Mile Fun Walk**

On October 17th from 9:00am to 5:00pm, United Way will be hosting this spooktacular race! This event will be held at Phillips Park in Aurora. Funds from the race will ensure that young children have access to opportunities and resources available in their community. Click [here](#) for more information!

### **Workforce Fair**

Keep your schedule clear! Our office will be hosting a Workforce Fair on November 6th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. The event will have over twenty-five trade-based employers. No previous education or training is needed to attend. The Workforce Fair will be held at West Chicago High School.

### **Reverence for Diversity in Illinois**

The IL Muslim Civic Coalition and Senator Laura Ellman have introduced this Amendment. The Amendment states that all elected officials in Illinois taking the oath of office will now also recite the phrase: "I swear to protect and honor the diversity of the people of this great state". Keep an eye out for subject matter hearings on this amendment. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **Fall Trout Fishing Season**

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources stated that the 2021 Illinois Trout Fishing Season begins on Saturday, October 16th. This will take place at over 50 lakes, ponds, and streams throughout the state. For more information and a list of locations, click [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.

Our office is hosting our Mental Health Committee on October 19th at 6:00pm. To join via Zoom, email [mentalhealth.49th@gmail.com](mailto:mentalhealth.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).

Stay cool!



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