

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ 84TH DISTRICT

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## Busy Week In Springfield

Happy Friday Stephanie,,

I hope that you had a great first week of Spring. Spring is my most favorite season, when the weather begins to be warmer, and the flowers begins to bloom.

I didn't get outside much this week because I had a busy week in Springfield. This week was third reading deadline week, which means by today all the bills, with the exception of a few, need to be sent to the Senate for consideration. This week, I passed several bills that expands protections for victims of military sexual assault, defines what a state charter is under the Military Veterans Assistance Act, and a few other technical bills. As I listed below, I also was the chief Co-sponsor on many bills and helped my fellow House members pass those bills.

**On Wednesday, March 15** I was honored to welcome **Major General Rodney Boyd** to the Illinois State House in celebration of his promotion in the Illinois National Guard.

Upon his promotion earlier this year, General Boyd became the highest-ranking Black and officer of color in the Illinois National Guard's history and he is a resident of the 84th District.

[View my full remarks here →](#)



Many groups are starting to come and visit us in Springfield. They are here to discuss the legislation that is important to them. I always enjoy the individuals who make the drive down, and please let me know if you plan to come down ahead of time.

**This Week I had the pleasure to welcome ABATE Illinois** to the State Capitol and took time on the House floor to recognize their organization for their hard work ensuring that concern for the safety of all travelers, including motorcyclists, is a part of the planning for Illinois'

transportation future.

Just a reminder that early voting is still possible and that our local elections are in a few weeks, April 4th. It is so important to vote.

Have a wonderful weekend.



P.S. Please reach out to our office if you need assistance at (630)-585-1308 or send me an email.

## Early Voting is Now Open

Early voting is now open for the April 4 consolidated general election! Click the links below to access sample ballots and voting information.

[Kane County](#)  
[Kendall County](#)  
[DuPage County](#)  
[Will County](#)



## Springfield Update for this Week

**Today, March 24, is the House deadline for moving Bills to the Senate.** Once a bill has been passed by both houses, it will be sent to the Governor for his signature. As of 2:30 PM Wednesday Afternoon, seven (7) of my chief sponsored or co-sponsored Bills have passed the house and moved to the Senate:

**HB 2805 - Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day**

Provides that June 27 of each year is to be recognized as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Day to bring awareness to the brave men and women who received post-traumatic stress injuries while risking their lives to protect our freedom, health, and welfare and to recognize those who have suffered post-traumatic stress injuries for their gallantry, commitment, devotion, and sacrifice for our communities.

[ilga.gov](http://ilga.gov)

**HB 2231 - Transportation Common Carriers**

Categorizes transportation network companies, such as ride-shares Lyft and Uber,

**HB 1371 - Junior Color Guard Program**

Provides that subject to the availability of local resources, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, each public middle school, junior high school, and high school shall establish a junior color guard program to promote the value of and honor military personnel. [ilga.gov](http://ilga.gov)

**HB 2789 - Right to Read**

Would make State funds eligible to Illinois libraries only if they demonstrate they either: adhere to the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights indicating reading materials should not be removed or restricted because of partisan or personal disapproval; or issue a statement complying with the policies

as "common carriers," opening them up to the same level of passenger safety liability as other forms of public transportation. [ilga.gov](http://ilga.gov)

#### **HB 2582 - Motorcycle Operators**

Amends Illinois Vehicle Code to remove duplicative testing requirement for motorcycle operators who are under the age of 18.  
[ilga.gov](http://ilga.gov)

#### **HB 2100 - Elder Abuse and Exploitation**

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012 to expand the class of individuals protected against abuse, criminal neglect, or exploitation.  
[ilga.gov](http://ilga.gov)

Take care,

of the State Library or one prohibiting the practice of banning books or resources.  
[ilga.gov](http://ilga.gov)

#### **HB 2475 - Illinois State Police Office Requirement**

Amends the State Police Officer collegiate educational requirements to have been satisfied if the person has been honorably discharged by the United States Armed Forces and has been awarded a specified medal as a result of honorable service during deployment on active duty, or has had at least 3 years active and continuous U.S. Armed Forces duty, including a period of active duty with the State of Illinois, and received an honorable discharge before hiring. [ilga.gov](http://ilga.gov)

## Cleaner Air For Illinois Kids

**The Illinois Department of Public Health will distribute more than 60,000 HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) purifiers to Illinois schools, thanks to federal grant.**

Air purifiers are proven to reduce the transmission of respiratory viruses, including COVID-19, the flu, and RSV. **Studies show that cleaner air** can reduce absentee rates, and improve students' abilities to think, learn, read and solve math problems.

IDPH is launching an enrollment process in coordination with ISBE. Questions from school administrators should be directed to the IDPH Air Purifier Project Inbox at [DPH.AirPurify@illinois.gov](mailto:DPH.AirPurify@illinois.gov)



## NEW Aurora Business Grants

**Aurora, IL** - A second round of grant funding is now open, with \$700,000 available in the City's Finish Line Grant and Re-Start Retention Grant programs. Apply by **Monday, April 3, 2023**

- The Finish Line Grant program assists property owners and tenants in completing rehabilitation projects that will enhance the economic viability of Aurora.
- The Re-Start Retention Grant program assists small businesses with operational and business expenses to prevent business closures and the loss of jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **APPLY TODAY**

**\$700,000**

**IN GRANTS AVAILABLE!**

Applications are now open for Finish Line Grants and Re-Start Retention Grants.

**\*Deadline: Monday, April 3\***

[www.aurora-il.org/MOEDGrants](http://www.aurora-il.org/MOEDGrants)

# Got Medicaid? Get ready to renew!

Got Medicaid? Illinois is checking if are still eligible for Medicaid. Click Manage My Case at [abe.illinois.gov](http://abe.illinois.gov) or call 1-800-843-6154 to verify your address and find your due date (redetermination date).

If you are no longer eligible for Medicaid, connect to coverage at work or through the official Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace for Illinois, [GetCoveredIllinois.gov](http://GetCoveredIllinois.gov).



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Illinois Department of  
Healthcare and Family Services

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

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## SNAP Benefits & Local Food Assistance

**This month many Illinoisans saw SNAP benefits sharply decrease as temporary pandemic benefit increases came to an end.** SNAP participants should make sure that all of their information is complete and accurate to ensure they receive the maximum SNAP/Link benefits they are eligible for.

**If you have experienced certain changes, you may be eligible for more in benefits:**

- The number of people in your household increased
- Your income went down
- Your housing, medical, or child care expenses went up
- You pay child support expenses for a child not in your home

**If you experienced one of these changes**, the Illinois Department of Human Services is also here to help. **Visit [abe.illinois.gov](http://abe.illinois.gov) or call the hotline at 1-800-843-6154.**

**If your SNAP benefits don't last you through the month**, use these resources to locate a food pantry in your area.

- [aurorafoodpantry.org](http://aurorafoodpantry.org)
- [foodpantries.org](http://foodpantries.org)
- [solvehungertoday.org](http://solvehungertoday.org)
- [loaves-fishes.org](http://loaves-fishes.org)

If you are able, please consider donating to your local food pantry.

## Social Work Job Fair - April 11

State of Illinois  
**Social Work Job  
Fair & Hiring Event**

**APRIL 11, 2023  
10AM - 12PM**

UIC Jane Addams College of Social Work  
1040 W. Harrison St, 4th Floor, Room 4013  
Chicago, IL 60607

**Register here to join virtually:**  
<http://bit.ly/3Fv5kpK>

**Participating Agencies:**



**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY:  
CURRY SUMMER INTERNSHIP**



College juniors, seniors,  
and graduate students  
in all disciplines can  
apply online

**Apply for  
Internship  
Today!**



For questions: [DCFS.Employment@illinois.gov](mailto:DCFS.Employment@illinois.gov)

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## Pritzker Administration Awards \$38.7 Million to Improve Housing Accessibility and Stability

**Pritzker Administration Awards \$38.7 Million to Improve Housing Accessibility and Stability for Vulnerable Illinoisans** -- The Permanent Supportive Housing Development Program was created to support Illinois' efforts increase the community-based housing options available to vulnerable populations and those leaving institutional settings.

One development will specifically help our Veterans in need.

### **Be Neighbors Veterans Community (Springfield):**

The development consists of a two-pronged program to combat homelessness, mental health issues, and unemployment among our nation's veteran population in Springfield. The first phase consists of the construction of 18 one-bedroom "small houses" to be leased to veterans. The second phase consists of the creation of a state-of-the-art Learning, Technology & Resource Center that will provide classroom and computer/technology training lab, on site offices and in-kind space for collaborative partnerships to offer onsite health, wellness, and employment services for veterans.



Learn about other Approved Developments [Here](#)

# NEW Back-to-Business Grants: \$175 M

Gov. Pritzker Announces \$175 Million Available in B2B Grants for Restaurants, Hotels and Creative Arts Businesses. [Applications are open](#) from April 5 through May 10, 2023. DCEO will be hosting statewide [information kick-off sessions](#) in the coming weeks. Find more information at [dceo.illinois.gov](http://dceo.illinois.gov).

## NEED TO KNOW

- Must have 50 or fewer employees
- Must have established business by March 12, 2020
- Must have experienced a financial loss in 2021 and, or 2022
- Need business owner identification, tax forms from 2019, 2020, and 2021 and any applicable licenses
- Businesses are ineligible if they have received prior state relief funding

	Restaurants	Hotels	Arts
Award Range	\$5,000-\$50,000	Up to \$1,500 per room	\$5,000-\$250,000
Spending Guidelines	Flexible spending to support losses	80% for payroll related costs; 20% flexible spending	Flexible spending to support losses

## For Students

### My Office is Looking For Summer & Fall Interns! - [Apply Today](#)

We are always looking for energetic and professional students to intern in our District Office located in Aurora, IL throughout the school year and summer. Internship responsibilities include acting as a liaison between constituents and the State of Illinois, assisting community outreach programs, and attending community meetings.

### The Kendall County Internship Program - [More Information](#)

Qualified interns will work alongside Kendall County professionals on exciting projects benefiting our community while gaining hands on experience.

### Michelle LaFrey Fregoso Scholarship - [More Information](#)

The Michelle LaFrey Fregoso Scholarship Program awards annual scholarships to high school seniors who reside in the Naperville Community School District 203 or Indian Prairie School District 204. The deadline to submit applications is **March 25**.

### DCFS Scholarships for Current & Former Youth In Care - [More Info](#)

The Department of Children and Family Services is currently accepting applications for the 2023 DCFS Scholarship Program for current and former youth in care. The scholarship package includes a full tuition and mandatory fee waiver to any community college, university or college maintained by the state, a monthly grant payment, start-up grant and a medical card. Applications are due by **March 31**.

Application: [\(1\)](#) [\(2\)](#)

**Naperville Park District will hold a Hiring Event at Fort Hill Activity Center on **March 27**.** They are looking for Camp Counselors, Lifeguards, Concessions workers, Personal Trainers, and more. [More Info](#)

# Secretary of State Mobile DMV Coming to Aurora on May 6th

I am hosting the Secretary of State's Mobile Driver Services Facility at the Fox Valley Mall on May 6th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Come get your license or ID renewed, plus other services!

## SECRETARY OF STATE Mobile Driver Services Facility

State Representative Stephanie Kifowit  
Fox Valley Mall  
195 Fox Valley Center Dr, Aurora, IL 60504  
Mall Entrance #1  
Northwest side of the mall by Macy's  
Saturday May 6, 2023  
10 AM – 2 PM

- Vision Screening
- Driver's License/State ID Card (Renewal, Replacement, Correction)
- License Plate Renewal Stickers
- Organ/Tissue Donor Registry
- Motor Voter Registration
- Seniors age 65 and older (no charge for state ID)
- Seniors age 75 and older must visit a Secretary of State Driver Services facility to renew driver's license.
- Due to enhanced Security requirements, REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and ID cards must be processed at a Driver Services facility and are not available at mobile events.



To renew a current Illinois driver's license or ID card, a valid driver's license or ID card must be presented. To apply for a duplicate or corrected driver's license or ID card, two forms of identification must be presented. For information about acceptable forms of identification, please call 217-782-7044 or visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

**All payments must be made by check, credit card, debit card or money order. NO CASH ACCEPTED.**



Alexi Giannoulas  
Secretary of State

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[WWW.CYBERDRIVEILLINOIS.COM](http://WWW.CYBERDRIVEILLINOIS.COM)

Website: [www.ildistrict84.com](http://www.ildistrict84.com)



## Upcoming Community Events

This Saturday, March 25 - Art and Market Aurora - [Details Here](#)

**Saturday, April 1** - Downtown Oswego's Annual Bunny Hop - [Details Here](#)

**Saturday, April 15** - Community Wide Service Day - [Details Here](#)

**Saturday, April 22** - Art and Market Aurora - [Details Here](#)

**Sunday, April 23** - Oswego Pop-Up Poetry in the Park, Hudson Crossing - [Details Here](#)

**Saturday, May 6** - Ward 8 Neighborhood Cleanup & Recycling - [Details Here](#) or contact the Alderman's Office for the City of Aurora at (630) 256-3020

**Saturday, May 13** - Aurora GreenFest returns after 3 years - [Details Here](#)

**Tuesday, May 16** - Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry's Taco Crawl fundraiser - [Details Here](#)

## Facebook Live

I continue to host Monday Morning Coffee live via Facebook at 9:00am-10:00am where you can post your comments and questions.

I realize not everyone has Facebook. The good news is that you can still participate. If you would like to join us on Monday mornings, you can join in via ZOOM! Once connected via ZOOM, you'll be able to interact just as if you were on Facebook. Don't worry you will not be on live - your video feed and mic will be muted.

The ZOOM link will be emailed to everyone separately for Monday morning participation.

If you would like to join us, please email [Michelle@ILDistrict84.com](mailto:Michelle@ILDistrict84.com) or call the office at 630.585.1308.

Join Representative Kifowit every  
Monday morning for  
**#CoffeewithKiffy**



**9:00AM Monday**  
**@ILDISTRICT84**

**START YOUR MONDAY**  
**WITH A GOOD coffee**



**FACEBOOK LIVE**

If you missed my last Monday Morning Coffee, you can watch it here:





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