

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ 84TH DISTRICT

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Springing Forward with Springfield Updates

Dear Stephanie,

This week we wrapped up 4 days of sessions in the Illinois House, which was another great opportunity to pass legislation to help our citizens. The next few weeks will be busy as we aim to get as much done as possible before the scheduled adjournment of the House on April 8. There is much to be accomplished in our remaining days, but I am optimistic we can pass meaningful bills that will have a positive impact on the lives of many. One bill that I would like to highlight is House Bill 4306 ([HB 4306](#)), of which I am the House sponsor.

The purpose is to provide better mental health care to foster kids in Illinois. Imagine the stress and trauma on a child when they are removed from their home and placed into a new environment. The effects are many, often including significant mental health issues. This bill would require a mental health care provider to be assigned to all youth in DCFS care within 30 days after removal from his or her home. With over 23,000 children in Illinois in the foster care system, it's important to ensure that all of these children have access to professionals and resources that will help assist in dealing with traumatic and trying circumstances. Under this legislation follow up visits and well being checks will continue until the youth is no longer under the care of the department. I'm happy that the bill has advanced to the Senate and I'm looking forward to seeing it passed and sent to the Governor's Desk to be signed into law.

I will continue to update all of you on important legislation and events as we continue our work in session.

Finally, I have listed some of the many new district updates and events taking place. I'm also excited to see our senior Kane County meal drive return with even more dates taking place than in previous years! As always you may contact my office at (630) 585 1308 if you have any questions and to provide you with direction if you are in need of assistance.

Enjoy the warmer weather that spring will bring!

Take care and be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning of the first letter.

P.S. Enjoy the steadily improving weather as we see more and more good days in which we can get outside!

Mutual Ground Donation Drive March 28 - April 29, 2022

Mutual Ground has been a non-profit organization since 1974 and has worked to assist and provide resources for those who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and substance abuse disorders. Supporting these individuals in crisis is important, which is why I am partnering with Representative Hernandez to collect items for Mutual Ground.

The listed items are stated below. All are welcome to donate to both of our offices our directly to Mutual Ground in Aurora. Call [630.585.1308](tel:630.585.1308) with any questions.

Donation Drive for



Mutual Ground is a non-profit organization providing programs that focus on Safety, Healing and Prevention for victims of domestic and sexual violence and individuals impacted by substance use disorders.

Donations will be collected from:

March 28 – April 29, 2022

(Collection hours listed below)



Support individuals in crisis. Support our community.

Wish List Items

(for the residents and clients of Mutual Ground)

- Laundry Detergent
- XL Bath Towels (new)
- Toilet paper
- Glass Cleaner
- Pine-sol
- Gas cards
- Uber/Lyft gift cards
- Gift cards for Amazon, Walmart, Target
(for urgent resident needs)

*Gift Cards and Monetary donations should be sent directly to Mutual Ground at:

418 Oak Avenue | Aurora, IL 60506 | www.mutualground.org



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Stephanie Kifowit
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Office Collection Hours:
Monday - Friday 10:00am – 4:00pm



Representative
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Office Collection Hours:
Monday - Thursday 10:00am – 5:00pm

Sponsored By

Senior Food Drives Returns! Next Date is April 11th

For the 3rd year we are partnering with Representative Keith Wheeler and Representative Barbara Hernandez to distribute frozen meals to eligible seniors and all Veterans. You must reside in Kane County, be 60 years of age or older or a Veteran of any age to participate in this program. Additional particulars are on the flyer below. You can call any of our offices for more information.

Senior Meal Distribution Drive-Thru



Rep. Barbara Hernandez



Rep. Stephanie Kifowit



Rep. Keith Wheeler

Mondays from 11am -1pm



- March 14th & 28th
- April 11th & 25th
- May 9th & 23th
- June 13 & 27th
- July 11th & 25th
- Aug 8th & 22nd
- Sept 12th & 26
- Oct 3rd & 24th



St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church, 1855 5th Ave, Aurora, IL 60504

*Only Available Via Registration:

To register, call: 630.585.1308 (Kifowit)
630.270.1848 (Hernandez)
630.345.3464 (Wheeler)

*Registration closes the Friday prior at 12:00pm



Adults who are 60+ and reside in Kane county are eligible for 5 frozen meals. Veterans of all ages, residing in Kane County are eligible. You must call to register to be eligible to participate. You are not eligible if currently enrolled in Meals On Wheels

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Meals Provided by the Kane Senior Council. This is a Temporary Service that may conclude at any time. For more information about Kane Senior Council call 630.338.0999 or email info@kaneseniorcouncil.org or visit kaneseniorcouncil.com

Illinois Emergency Homeowner Assistance Fund Opens April 1st, 2022

The Illinois Housing Authority will begin taking applications for homeowners financially impacted by the pandemic. If you or anyone you know is struggling with housing costs this program may be of great help to you. If in need, we urge you to visit the website below and apply at the beginning of next month.

Please visit illinoishousing.org for additional info!

Behind on housing costs due to COVID-19?

Apply for up to \$30,000 in emergency
mortgage assistance paid directly
to your mortgage servicer.



Aurora Hiring Event April 19, 4 PM-7 PM

Tuesday April 19th there will be a great hiring event at the Aurora Public library downtown for anyone interested!

This will take place on April 19 with registration closing at noon April 18. It is sponsored by the Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce, Quad County African American Chamber of Commerce, and Talented Tenth Social Services. This event is free and open to the public! Scan the QR code on the flier or register at this link [here](#).

The Kane, DuPage, & Kendall County Sheriff's Offices

FREE!



HIRING EVENT & Job Readiness

All jobs are background friendly!
Participants will have a chance to enter a drawing to win fun prizes provided by local businesses!

Aurora Public Library District - Santori Library
101 S. River Street, Aurora, IL
Tuesday, April 19, 2022 | 4 pm – 7 pm

Employers scheduled to attend

- Americorps
- Carl Buddig
- Dart Container
- MTH Pump
- And many More!
- Girls Scouts of Northern Illinois
- International Paper
- Pepsico
- Manufacturing Careers
- Internship Program

TO REGISTER: Scan QR Code or click on the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/257060213017>

Registration ends at Noon on April 18, 2022. Masks required.



Special Thank You To Our Partners:



Aurora Regional Hispanic
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JOB & COMMUNITY
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Questions, please contact Judy Dawson at: DawsonJudith@countyofkane.org

The Red Cross Providing Aide to Ukraine And Additional Resources

With the attack of in Ukraine still ongoing, the suffering of the people has been heartbreaking. The Red Cross is doing amazing work to help those in need. The organization has distributed more than 90,000 food and hygiene parcels and is assisting with the evacuation of people with disabilities. The Red Cross is providing lifesaving aid to those in need. More than 3 million people have fled to nearby countries, and an estimated 18 million more will need humanitarian assistance.

The following link has many ways you can help and learn more about how the Red Cross is providing assistance during this dire humanitarian crisis. Click [here](#) to visit the Red Cross website.



Women's History Month

In Springfield I am grateful to work with an exceptional group of Women who work to help the people of Illinois everyday. Under the leadership of House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, we are continuing to fight and work for gender equality and women's rights, along with other legislation to help the people of Illinois.



Women of the IL House Dem Caucus with Speaker of the House Chris Welch

Preparing for Spring Weather

With spring just around the corner, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) kicked off Severe Weather Preparedness Month by partnering with the National Weather Service (NWS) to publish a [Severe Weather Preparedness Guide](#) to help prepare Illinoisans for any severe weather.

Additionally, Illinois residents are strongly encouraged to have a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) All Hazards Weather Radio with battery backup. These radios can be programmed to receive alerts for specified counties to help keep you and your family safe during severe weather conditions.

Another resource to be aware of during Severe Weather Preparedness Month is the [free mobile app](#) developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This app provides notifications and updated information about severe weather while you are on the go. These tools are critical to protect you and your family as severe weather frequently strikes during the night while we are sleeping.

For more information about what to do before, during, and after a storm, please click [here](#).



Congrats to the Warriors Hockey Club! Back to Back State Champs!

Congratulations to the [Warriors Hockey Club](#) for clinching its second consecutive STATE CHAMPIONSHIP for the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois! They defeated Wheaton West in the Combined Varsity category.

The Warriors Hockey Club is comprised of students from Waubonsie Valley High School and Metea Valley High School. Winning a state title takes skill, dedication, motivation and perseverance. Coming back to do it again is even more difficult! Way to go Warriors!



National Social Work Month

This month we celebrate our social workers, and all the great things they do to better people's lives. From schools, DCFS, and countless other institutions, social workers assist in stressful and often challenging circumstances. Yet their commitment to helping improve the lives of others is so admirable as they have a selfless approach to life.

I'm lucky to have a district director educated in social work and another working toward earning his license in the near future. Thanks to all the social workers for all the work that you do!

There is no greater joy nor
greater reward than to make a
fundamental difference in
someone's life.



- **Mary Rose
McGeady**

National Social Work Month

COVID-19 Updates

The Covid-19 pandemic has been a long, very trying journey for all of us. Now we are seeing tremendous progress made against of the disease because the majority of our community has followed the protocols recommended by the medical professionals. I still want to encourage all of you to get your vaccines and booster shots. The shots have been proven to reduce odds of infection and provide great protection against serious illness and hospitalization.

If you need assistance in obtaining a Covid Vaccine, Booster, or a Flu shot contact my district office for guidance on finding a vaccine clinic near you. Or click on this link [Here](#) to locate a clinic online.

If you are in need of more information on the vaccine, booster shots, and travel guidance please visit [IDPH](#) for information!

COVID -19 VACCINES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN



GET THE FACTS: Vaccines for children 5 to 11

- Rigorously tested
- Safe and effective
- 1/3 of the adult dose
- No evidence it affects puberty or fertility
- Provides same immune response as young adults after second dose
- Reduces COVID testing, quarantine, and isolation
- Helps children get back to their everyday activities

Talk to your child's pediatrician about the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information call the COVID-19 hotline at (800) 889-3931.



Facebook Live Mondays at 9 AM

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 or call the office at 630.585.1308.



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