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## Stay Safe and Stay Warm!

On this day  
11 years ago



Stephanie Kifowit  
Feb 2, 2011 · 🌐

Having Fun in the Snow.



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Happy February

Facebook has a feature that provides you with memories depending on the day. As I looked outside at all the snow, and shoveled out our drive for yet another time, Facebook reminded me of the time on February 2, 2011 when we had a snowstorm. I had taken videos of the kids (then ten years younger) just having a wonderful time in the snow, making a snow man and a snow fort in addition to other kids coming over and enjoying themselves. The excitement of snow falling is such a wonderful thing to see in kids. This year, we again find ourselves under several inches of snow and I hope all the families out there were able to enjoy some family time. The hands of time turn very quickly and I'm happy that Facebook reminded me of that special day so many years ago.

With it still being winter, any dangerously low temperatures always makes me worry about those individuals who are working outside, having heating issues, and family pets that might be left outside. Please be careful when the temperatures dive down below freezing, and always feel free to contact my district office if you or someone you know needs heat.

On Wednesday, Governor Pritzker gave his State of the State and Budget Address. I applaud the Governor for the improvement of the state's financial picture under his watch. For my whole tenure as State Representative I have been involved in state budget. We are making progress, but there is more work that needs to be done to provide residents property tax relief, building up our "rainy day fund" and addressing rising inflation. You can be assured the hard work will continue. I will be sending more information on the Governors plan in future emails.

Finally, I wanted to give a shout-out to Elisa, who is pictured below helping administer vaccines. Elisa works with VNA in Aurora to help out at community events and at the Highland Avenue location. Elisa says she loves doing what she does because of how she is able to assist in making communities healthy and safe. Fun fact; Elisa has been at every vaccine event we've had and will hopefully be at our February 9th Clinic! It's because of healthcare workers like Elisa that we are able to get vaccinated against not only Covid-19,

but an abundance of other diseases and we cannot say thank you enough!

Come visit Elisa on our upcoming Vaccine Clinic which will take place on February 9th from 2-6 PM at the Eola Library Branch in Aurora. In addition, every family is eligible for up to 4 FREE Covid-19 testing kits by clicking [Here](#). You can always contact my district office at (630) 585-1308 with any questions or assistance.

Take care and be well,



P.S. I know the winter months can be difficult for many individuals. If you need someone to talk to or if you are feeling depressed please call a friend, a family member or even our office. The Depression help hotline is 866-903-3787 and [you can click here for more information](#).

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## Recognizing our Korean War Veterans

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The Korean War, infamously referred to as the Forgotten War, claimed the lives of 36,568 American Soldiers with an additional 103,284 wounded. Willard Fruits, 90 years young, currently lives in Montgomery, Illinois. A U.S. Army Combat Veteran Sergeant First Class Fruits still recalls his service stating that he served "From 1951-1952, 13 months, 21 days, and 222 seconds." Yet, Mr. Fruits never was recognized for his service.

**To this day, U.S. Soldiers who fought with valor, never received recognition for their service during the Korean War.**

That is why this week I met with, and presented U.S. Congressman Bill Foster and U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth with Illinois Senate Joint Resolution 34. This resolution urges Congress to authorize the President to present Korean War Veterans with Congressional Gold Medals for their bravery and nobility.

I worked with the General Assembly to gain full support to pass this resolution, with every member of the IL House as a co-sponsor on it. These Veterans often feel forgotten and ignored, but not anymore. This is a mission for me to not only be there for our Veterans, but to ensure they get recognized for their duty and sacrifice. The Illinois General Assembly proudly recognizes our Korean War Veterans, now the United States Congress must do the same.

We are going to remember all the Korean Veterans including Willard Fruits, and we will continue to work until we get this done.

To read more about The Korean War and it's history click [here](#).

To read Illinois Senate Joint Resolution 34 in its entirety click [here](#).



*(Representative Kifowit meeting with US Senator Duckworth and Congressmen Foster to recognize Korean War Veterans like Willard Fruits with Illinois Senate Resolution 34)*

## Vaccine Clinic Event February 9th 2-6 PM

This upcoming Wednesday, February 9th, I'm partnering with Alderwoman Patty Smith and VNA to provide everyone another opportunity to get vaccinated. Booster shots, Covid-19 Vaccines, and Flu Vaccines will all be available from 2-6 PM at the Aurora Library on Eola Road.

I encourage everyone to sign up early in advance to get their vaccines on this date. Vaccines are our best way to combat diseases and keep our bodies and everyone else around us safe. So mask up, and come out on February 9th!

Click [here](#) to preregister

# COVID-19



For inquiries and concerns, please call 630-585-1308 for assistance.

## Vaccine and Flu Shot Clinic

Presented by:



State Rep  
Stephanie Kifowit



Alderwoman  
Patty Smith

**When: Feb 9th 2-6pm**

**Where: Aurora Public Library  
(Eola Road Branch)**

**555 S Eola Rd, Aurora, IL  
Meeting Room 108**



**VNA Health Care**



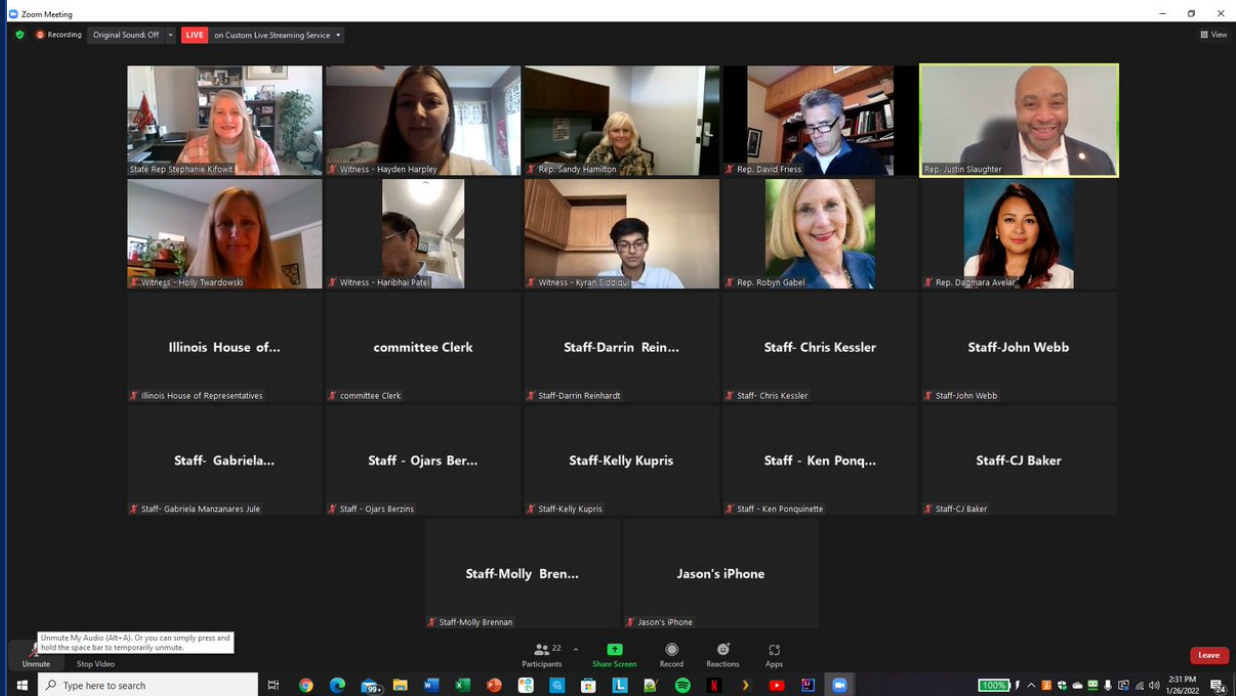
- **Ages 17 and under must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian**
- **Moderna and Pfizer available**
- **Second dose and booster patients bring your vaccination card**
- **Registration Highly Recommended visit : [ILDistrict84.com/events](http://ILDistrict84.com/events)**
- **Walk Ins Welcome While Supply Last**

## Oswego Robotics Team in Action!

Our younger generations engaging in democracy is always something I love to encourage. This past year, The Oswego High School Robotics Team worked hard both in the classroom and on their team. They helped write Illinois House Resolution 564 which declares the Third Friday in March as "First Robotics Day" in the State of Illinois.

This resolution also encourages other school districts and agencies to fund after school robotics programs. This past week we had several Oswego High School Students testify in the State Government Administration Committee on why this resolution should be adopted by the General Assembly.

It was a privilege to hear from our students and I look forward to updating on where HR564 goes in the upcoming weeks. Click [here](#) to read the resolution in full!



*(State Gov. Administration Committee members meeting with the Oswego Robotics Team)*

## Valentines Day Cards for Healthcare Workers Drop some off until February 9th!

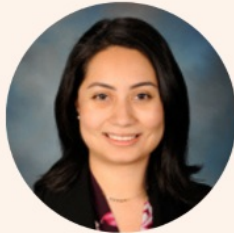
Our healthcare workers have been nothing short of heroic during this pandemic. Their hard work toward ensuring you and your communities are safe and healthy has been inspirational. That's why I am partnering with my colleague, Representative Hernandez, to help let our local healthcare workers know they're appreciated by all of us.

Please see below for drop off locations and as always you can contact my district office or Representative Hernandez's Office with any questions. Let's make as many cards as possible!

Join State Rep. Barbara Hernandez  
& State Rep. Stephanie Kifowit in providing

# VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS TO HEALTHCARE WORKERS

JAN 31 - FEB 9



Write a card of support and gratitude to our healthcare workers at Rush Copley Medical Center for their hard work and dedication throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

## DROP OFF CARDS TO

540 W Galena Blvd  
Aurora, IL 60506  
Mon-Thur 10am to 5pm  
630.270.1848

1677 Montgomery Rd  
Aurora, IL 60504  
Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm  
630.585.1308

No postage or envelopes necessary

## Kane County Recycle Guide 2022

Kane County has released their 2022 Green Guide with information on where and how to recycle hundreds of items. You can download the guide [Here!](#)

You can also visit the Kane County Recycles [Here](#) to see a full, and searchable list of items you can rethink, reuse, refuse, and recycle!

# KANE COUNTY RECYCLES GREEN GUIDE 2022

## RECYCLING CENTERS

OPEN YEAR-ROUND

### North - West Dundee Public Works

**Location:** 900 Angle Tam, West Dundee, IL 60118  
**Hours:** M-F 7am-3pm

### Central - Fabyan Parkway

**Location:** 517 E. Fabyan Parkway, Batavia, IL 60510  
**Hours:** M-F 8am-4pm & Sat 8am-12pm (seasonally)

### South - Aurora, VetTech (old textile building)

**Location:** 911 N Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506  
(down driveway on east side of Lake)  
**Hours:** M-F 8am-4pm

### West - Elburn, Electronic Waste Center

(independently operated by LRS)

**Location:** 1N138 Linlar Drive, Elburn, IL 60119  
**Hours:** M-F 8:30am-2:30pm  
**Accepts:** Electronics Only. Registration Required before drop off, for this location only, via phone: 844-633-3577

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING FOR BUSINESSES

As an added service, we now accept the delivery of electronic equipment from businesses, organizations, institutions, libraries, and municipalities at the Kane County Recycling Centers. Please identify your business to staff or bring a business card, for record keeping purposes.



### CONTACT

Kane County Recycling Coordinator  
at [recycle@countyofkane.org](mailto:recycle@countyofkane.org) or 630-208-3841.

**Unloading:** These sites are staffed, so you will have assistance unloading your equipment.

**Data Security:** All data on computer hard drives, printers, and cell phones will be completely destroyed (meeting all FACTA privacy protection requirements).

**Holiday Closures:** Drop-off sites are closed on most public holidays, but not all. Please check online for the current list of holiday closures.

**THINGS CHANGE:** Please visit [countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling) to confirm before visiting.

### COST FOR TVS AND MONITORS

- \$25 (for screens under 21" measured diagonally) or
- \$35 (for screens 21" and over).
- Pay onsite with CASH or CARD, or online with card and bring a printed receipt.
- This consumer-based fee is paid directly to the County's contracted electronics recycler, eWorks, a non-profit that employs people with developmental disabilities.



### ITEMS ACCEPTED AT KANE COUNTY RECYCLING CENTERS:

All items are FREE to drop off (except for TVs and Monitors, which do have a cost as outlined above).

**Electronics:** TVs\*, Computers, Monitors\*, Laptops, Phones, Cords, Cables, Servers, Printers, Scanners, Keyboards, Stereos, Speakers, Battery backups, Gaming consoles, Power tools, Holiday lights, and more.

\*See "Costs" above for TVs and monitors.

**Books:** Hard cover or paperback books of any age, in any condition, for reuse or recycling.

**Paper:** Magazines, periodicals, brochures, office paper, newspaper, packing paper.

**Clothing & Shoes:** Clothing items of any kind. Paired shoes of any kind. Accessories, like hats, purses, belts, scarves. Textiles, like sheets, towels, curtains, blankets. These items can be in any condition, even if worn or torn, as long as they are clean. All will be reused or recycled.

**Scrap Metal:** Anything made of metal, like lawn furniture, BBQs, fire pits, pots and pans, hot water tanks, hardware, metal fencing, bed frames.

**Cardboard:** Corrugated cardboard (flattened).

**Shredded Paper:** Shredded paper (in paper bags, stapled shut).

**Appliances:** Household appliances, like washers, dryers, toasters, blenders, vacuums. We do not take freon-containing devices like refrigerators or air-conditioners.

*Note: The Elburn location only accepts electronics!*



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## Illinois State Museum New Growing Up X Exhibit

Hey, fellow Gen Xers! Do you have old Walkmans, mixtapes, lunchboxes, or pagers gathering dust in a box in your basement? Do you have a carefully hidden photo of yourself with your fanny pack around your waist and a scrunchy in your hair?

Believe it or not, these mildly embarrassing remnants of our youth may be museum-worthy. The Illinois State Museum is putting together a new exhibit, "Growing Up X", dedicated to our (often-overlooked) generation. The exhibit, to open this October, will showcase what it was like to be a child in the '70s, '80s, and '90s.

To capture the experiences of Illinois' Gen Xers, the Museum is inviting people born from 1965 to 1980 to fill out a survey of their experiences and consider loaning the exhibit photos and other cherished items from the era.

Click [here](#) to access the survey.



between boomers  
and millennials...

## Veteran Health Resources

The US department of Veterans Affairs continues to offer amazing health benefits to our all our service members. With the new year starting, let's make sure we're all staying healthy and ensuring our veterans receive the best care possible. If you qualify for VA health care, you'll receive coverage for the services you need to help you get—and stay—healthy. Learn more on the Veterans Affairs website [here](#).

**YOU HAVE  
IT IN YOU.**

*Talk with your VA provider  
about how to rediscover  
your best health.*



## Drivers License and ID Card Expiration Dates Extended Until March 31st, 2022

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that the expiration dates for driver's



licenses and ID Cards have been extended an additional three months from Jan. 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022. This extension does not apply to commercial driver's licenses (CDL) and CDL learner's permits. This will be the final extension.

Please visit the Secretary of State's website for more information by clicking [HERE](#).

# EXTENSION

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Please visit

**ilsos.gov**

for additional information.

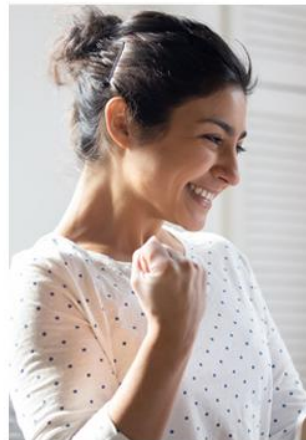
**JESSE WHITE**  
SECRETARY OF STATE

## Energy Assistance for Winter Applications Open until May 31st 2022

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the Citizens Utility Board are reminding residents to apply for \$200 million remaining in utility assistance under Gov. JB Pritzker's Help Illinois Families initiative, an expansion of the Low-Income Household Energy Assistance Program under the American Rescue Plan.

Designed to support Illinois' most vulnerable families, the program will help cover the cost of heating and energy bills, including expanded benefits provided this year from \$750 to \$1,000, on average per household. Last day to apply **online** with the Request for Services form is **April 15**. After that date you can still apply through your local administering agency through May 31 2022.

To learn more and to fill out a new application, visit [helpillinoisfamilies.com](http://helpillinoisfamilies.com)



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## LIHWAP Applications Open Until August 31, 2023

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Do you or someone you know need help paying their water bill? The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Plan(LIHWAP). This plan will help families in need of paying their water and sewage bills.

Applications will be accepted through August 31, 2023 or until funds run out. You can apply online [here](#) or call the hotline at 1-(833)-711-0374.

# ANNOUNCING: \$40M Water Assistance Program for Shut-off Avoidance

## Low-Income Household Water Assistance Plan (LIHWAP)



**Illinois**  
**Department of Commerce**  
& Economic Opportunity  
JB Pritzker, Governor



## COVID-19 Updates

I'm excited COVID-19 booster shots are becoming more and more available and I urge everyone to get one. Thank you for doing your part in getting the vaccine or a booster, wearing a mask when needed, hand sanitizing, and keeping your distance to stop the spread.

Getting your vaccines not only keeps you healthy and safe, but everyone else around you as well. The best protection against the recently emerged Omicron variant is getting fully vaccinated and getting a booster shot. The increasing number of people getting their shots and continuing the wear masks when appropriate is working as we are beginning to see the number of Covid-19 cases in Illinois decrease. But it's not time to let up!

If you need assistance in obtaining a Covid Vaccine or a Flu shot contact my district office and we can find 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 for the new year please visit [IDPH](#) for information!

State Representative



# Stephanie Kifowit



## LIKE A SEATBELT A MASK ONLY WORKS IF YOU WEAR IT

*Keep up the fight to defeat Coronavirus!*



Watch your  
distance



Wash your  
hands



Wear face  
coverings

*For more information, please visit the IDPH website ([dph.illinois.gov](http://dph.illinois.gov)).*

## LEARN THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CORONAVIRUS, FLU AND COLD

### COVID-19 SYMPTOMS:

- FEVER OR CHILLS
- COUGH
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING
- CHANGE IN OR LOSS OF TASTE AND SMELL
- FATIGUE
- MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES
- SORE THROAT

### FLU SYMPTOMS:

- FEVER
- COUGH
- SORE THROAT
- RUNNY OR STUFFY NOSE
- MUSCLE AND BODY ACHES
- HEADACHES
- FATIGUE
- VOMITING AND DIARRHEA

### COLD SYMPTOMS:

- RUNNY OR STUFFY NOSE
- SNEEZING
- SORE THROAT
- CONGESTION

If you think you're experiencing an emergency, dial 911.



# FB 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](mailto:Michelle@ILDistrict84.com) or call the office at 630.585.1308.

**Monday mornings at 9:00am**  
@ILDISTRICT84

**Coffee with Rep. Kifowit**  
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