



IL State Senator Karina Villa



IL 25TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Hello friends & neighbors,

It certainly appears as though Spring is making headway. This week my colleagues and I have returned to Springfield for the legislative push. I am proud to say that I have several bills that have bipartisan support as we move through this legislative session. You can visit ilga.gov to see exactly what bills I have proposed and their status.

National Pet ID week begins Saturday, April 17th. This is a great time to make sure your pet is properly protected and identified. A lost pet is every pet owner's worst nightmare. I know I would be broken-hearted if I lost my little Bernie. You can protect your pet with a pet ID collar or tag with your pet's name (be sure you have your phone number and/or address listed). If your pet already has an ID collar or tag, take a moment to make sure the information is still legible and wears it all of the time.

Microchips are another way to ensure your pet can be identified. Be sure you keep the database information up-to-date with all of your contact information. It's a good idea to review that information regularly.

In-District

My office has been non-stop working with community partners to host special mass vaccination events. This week we successfully facilitated almost 2,000 second COVID vaccine doses at Wheaton Bible Church.

Now that Illinois has opened up vaccines to anyone 16 and older, if you or someone you know is still in need of

the vaccine you can visit the following sites to schedule an appointment:

- [State run vaccination sites](#),
- [a general map of vaccination sites](#)
- [search by your zip code](#)
- [Kane County](#)
- [DuPage County](#)
- [Kendall County](#)
- [Jewel's Appointment Portal](#)

Small Business Relief Update

Don't forget, the small business PPP application has been extended to May 31st, be sure to apply now. You can learn more, including getting a "second draw" [here](#).

Local school districts to receive \$173 million

I'm excited to announce school districts in our community will receive \$173,730,885 in additional funding to help address the many challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. The majority of the funding comes as part of the most recent federal COVID-19 relief package, the American Rescue Plan, which gives schools a great deal of flexibility in how they can use the money over the next 3 ½ years. Learn more and see which schools in our area are receiving funding [here](#).

Residents encouraged to renew driver's licenses, registration online

A trip to the driver services facility can be time-consuming, and during the pandemic, it could even put your health at risk. Avoid crowds and skip the line by purchasing license plate stickers, renewing your driver's license or ID, and taking advantage of other online services at www.cyberdriveillinois.com. Remember: All expired driver's licenses and ID cards are now valid until Aug. 1, 2021, so there's no rush to renew.

What's Next?

Next week our Environment Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, April 22th. Our guest speaker will be Kevin Brehm of the Rocky Mountain Institute. If you would like more information please email the chairs for information and the meeting link: environment.49th@gmail.com.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office for assistance. You can reach us at info@senatorvilla.com or by phone 630-326-9319 (English) or 630-326-9419 (Spanish).

Warm regards,



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