



# IL State Senator Karina Villa



IL 25TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Hello friends & neighbors,

The district is blooming! Everywhere I go trees and flowers are showing off. People are out, walking their dogs, visiting neighbors and working in their yards. It feels like a very long awaited end to our hibernation.

One of my favorite parts of this job is to connect with my constituents. In the last few weeks I have had the opportunity to visit with fourth graders at Alice Gustafson (AGS) Elementary School in Batavia and Marc & Luis Bernard's Rustic Road Farm in St. Charles.

I would love to visit with your students, see your place of business or tour your facility. Please contact my office to schedule some time. Learning about my constituents is one of my top priorities.

## In-District

On Monday, I am excited to host a Facebook Live with Katie Refine of Katie Refine Designs. Katie will discuss the importance of native plants and how small changes in your yard can have a big impact on our native ecological systems. We hope to see you there!

## CDC Revised Mask Requirements

In recent weeks, the CDC has issued new mask requirements which address our ever growing vaccinated population. The new recommendations for *fully* vaccinated individuals allow individuals to engage in the following activities without wearing masks:

- Walking, running, hiking or biking outdoors alone or with members of their household;
- Attending small outdoor gatherings with fully vaccinated family and friends;
- Attending small outdoor gatherings with a mixture of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people; and
- Dining at outdoor restaurants with friends from multiple households.

Fully vaccinated people can also attend "a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event," as long as they remain masked, according to the CDC.

## Teacher Appreciation Week

This week has been teacher appreciation week. The 25th District is home to twelve school districts with hundreds of educators doing their best for our students under less than optimal times. If you haven't already, please take a moment to let your child or children's teachers know you see and appreciate their efforts.

## Rental Assistance

This month the Illinois Housing Development Authority will offer Emergency Rental Assistance for households who are unable to pay rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications not being accepted yet, but you can learn more at:

<https://www.ihda.org/about-ihda/illinois-rental-payment-program/>

## Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed since 1949. Now, more than ever we know the importance of mental health treatment. There is no part of our society where mental health awareness isn't necessary, and as we emerge from more than a year with COVID, mental health resources are vitally important. If you, or someone you know, needs help - don't hesitate to contact someone.

- [NAMI DuPage resource list:](#)
- [Kendall County 708 Board Agencies](#)
- [Kane County Behavioral Health Council Agencies](#)

## What's Next?

Sunday, May 9th is Mother's Day. Don't forget to honor the mom in your life. Whether that's your biological/adoptive mom, your step-mom, your mom-like-mom, let them know you care.

My staff and I are always ready to assist you. You can reach us at [info@senatorvilla.com](mailto:info@senatorvilla.com) or by phone 630-326-9319 (English) or 630-326-9419 (Spanish).

Warm regards,



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