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Kane County, Geneva, IL - John A. Cunningham

KANE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE OFFERS PASSPORT PHOTOS FOR IN PERSON PASSPORT APPLICATIONS

Kane County Clerk John A. Cunningham is proud to announce that residents applying for a passport at the Clerk's Office can have passport photographs taken when they are filling out their application.

Kane County residents Gordon and Phyllis DeHart were the first people to take advantage of the photography service. The DeHarts had come to the office recently to apply for a passport but were unable to complete the application without photos.

"We have had individuals, like the DeHarts, come to the office without their photos and we, unfortunately, had to send them somewhere else to get pictures taken. By offering photography in our office, we are a one stop, full service location for most passport applications," Cunningham said.

For a user fee of \$15 per person, passport applicants can request to have a passport photograph taken when they apply in person at the Clerk's Office, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. B, Geneva, IL 60134.

Cunningham said, "Providing this service to residents is also an opportunity for the office to reduce the tax burden on property owners and generate additional revenue by utilizing a user fee only for those using the service."

The process takes only a few extra minutes and saves applicants the time of traveling to another location to get a photograph. The photograph will be a color photograph that is 2x2 inches in size and includes a full frontal view of the applicant's face from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head (including hair).

Clerk Cunningham encourages residents planning to travel to come to the County Clerk's Office sooner rather than later to apply for their passports, as the time needed to process an application by the National Passport Center can take several weeks to months, depending on the time of year.

First-time applicants can apply for either a passport book or card in person at the Clerk's Office, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, or from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

For information about the photography service, application fees, acceptable forms of ID and documents, or passports generally, please visit www.kanecountyclerk.org/Records/Passports/passports.aspx or call (630) 232-5964.

The Kane County Clerk's Office is an authorized acceptance agency for passports. The Clerk's Office performs several other major functions, including custodian of County records, registrar of vital records, chief election official, and tax extension. The Clerk's Office provides information and resources to residents through the Clerk's website www.kanecountyclerk.org, Twitter [@KaneCoILClerk](https://twitter.com/KaneCoILClerk), and Facebook www.facebook.com/kanecountyclerk.

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