

UP FRONT



Newsletter from John A. Cunningham, Kane County Clerk



DO YOU WEAR EYEGASSES?

**ARE YOU GOING TO APPLY FOR A
PASSPORT SOON?**

**AS OF JANUARY 1, 2017 ANYONE
WHO WEARS EYEGASSES HAS TO
TAKE THEM OFF FOR THE PASS-
PORT PHOTO.**

CUNNINGHAM INTERVIEWED

Wredling Middle School students interviewed John A. Cunningham, Kane County Clerk, and voters who were at the office to vote early in the November election.



PLANING A SPRING BREAK VACATION OUT OF THE COUNTRY?

Passports are taking 4 to 6 weeks. Don't wait until the last minute. A passport is required if you are traveling outside the United States. You can apply for a passport at the Kane County Clerk's office. Average turn around time for a passport is 4 to 6 weeks. You may expedite for an extra charge bringing the turn around time to 3 weeks.

Statement of Economic Interest 2017

Filing time is just around the corner! The County Clerk's office will be notifying the units of government soon, and workers will begin to edit filing lists for the 2017 filing year. All units must have their lists to the County Clerk's office by February 1, 2017. After all lists are submitted to the County Clerk's office, work will begin to create the final lists for all units for the 2017 filing year. By April 1, 2017, filers will be notified via email or regular mail to file the Statement of Economic Interest for the year 2017 filing year. Online filing will be available again this year, and paper filing is still available for those that have no access to a computer. If you are not sure you should be on the list for the upcoming filing year, please contact the unit of government that you are a part of and they will tell you if you will be included on their list. The Kane County Clerk's Office will notify you when it is time to file your actual statement. At this time, we are working only with the contact at the units of government offices to get the lists updated. If you have any questions, please contact Ayesha Tague at 630-232-5950.

Stay tuned for more updates!

Tax Extension process has begun!

The Clerk's Office has begun the process of extending the taxes. That process started with all of the filing of the various reports, audits, and levies from the various taxing districts throughout the county. The levies are the requests from the districts for the money raised from property taxes of the properties within their districts. The Clerk's office is responsible for taking all of those numbers, checking that they are within statutory requirements, then entering them into the system that will then be sent to the Kane County Treasurer's office to produce the tax bills and begin collection.



PAYMENT OF DELIQUENT TAXES

Payment must be paid by either cash, cashier's check or money order. Checks are to be made payable to the Kane County Clerk. The parcel number MUST be on the check. Prior to making payment please call the Redemption Department at 630/232-5964 for the correct amount of payment. If the payment is incorrect the check or money order will be returned to you.

"UP FRONT", a bi-monthly newsletter will be posted on the Kane County Clerk's website. If you prefer to receive newsletter via e mail, please contact Susan at: ericsonsusan@co.kane.il.us

More Voters but Shorter Lines!

The Kane County Clerk, John A. Cunningham, implemented several initiatives to ensure the November election ran smoothly. The Voter Outreach Program pushed to get voters to register, correct their registrations, and vote early if desired. The program utilized movie theatre trailers, social media communications, and donated time on electronic signs throughout the county by many businesses, schools, fire districts, park districts and others.

The Clerk also made sure that there were plenty of places to vote early through the use of the Votemobile at various locations prior to the election along with an increased number of dedicated early voting sites. Mr. Cunningham worked with other counties in the state to utilize voting machines that would have gone unused in those counties. The staff added those devices to the inventory in order to ensure that every location during early voting and on election day had an adequate number of voting booths and backup equipment to keep voters moving through the process. The Elections staff added and trained many more election judges so that each of the voting locations would have enough personnel to help guide the voters toward the coveted "I Voted" sticker.

Finally, in order to make sure that everything was running smoothly on Election Day, several members of the Clerk's staff from the tax and administration departments went to the polling places and conducted a survey of the sites, asking questions regarding organization, signage and Election judge performance. They asked the judges to report any concerns and listened to voters' praises and criticisms of the process.

Overall the November election was considered a success with 172,114 voters, or a 69.86% turnout, over a series of 41 days, at multiple sites. Most saw shorter wait times and improved access to the voting process. The survey also revealed some suggestions for improvements that may be used in the spring elections to make things even more streamlined!

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

PASSPORTS

1. **Proof of U.S. citizenship**, such as your previous U.S. passport, or: Birth Certificates for passport application(s), Note: Birth Certs. must have parent(s) information on them, or: Certificate of Naturalization.
2. **Proof of identity**—You may submit your previous U.S. passport, Certificate of Naturalization, driver's license (not a learner's permit or temporary license), military ID, or government identification card. **Note!** *Your U.S. Passport or Certificate of Naturalization cannot be used for both proof of citizenship and proof of identity.
3. **Social Security Number** - Applicant "must provide Social Security Number" per 26 U.S.C. 6039E.

ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

GENERAL & CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS

News From the 2016 General Election:

Kane County voters exceeded previous voter turnout records this election. Election Judges processed over 172,114 voters on Election Day, the highest ballots cast for any election, and 76,787 Early and Grace Period voters took advantage of being able to update their registrations and then vote at a time and location best suited for their schedules. These opportunities to vote including evening and weekend hours.

News From the 2017 Consolidated Primary and Consolidated Elections:

The Kane County Clerk's Elections Department is busy preparing for the next Consolidated Primary. This primary involves only Aurora and Dundee Townships. Candidates have also filed for Township, Municipality, School Board and other district offices for the April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election.

BE PREPARED! REGISTER TO VOTE

A person can register to vote by mail or in person. You must provide 2 acceptable forms of ID when registering. Registering by mail requires the completion of the mail in registration form provided on the Kane County Clerk's web page and two acceptable forms of ID.

Information on Acceptable forms of ID's ,

(Public Act 83-0258) can be found on our website, www.kanecountyelections.org .

To be eligible to vote you must be a US citizen, **18 years old** by the next election, and have resided in the precinct for **30 days** prior to the next election.

Voters who have changed their name since registering to vote must re-register to vote. **Grace Period** registration is for persons who missed the deadline to register to vote. During Grace Period registration you may register to vote at the Kane County Clerk's office from the 27th day through the 3rd day prior to the election. If you register to vote during grace period and want to vote in the upcoming election, you **MUST** vote at the time of registration.

2017 CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017

EARLY VOTING PERIOD

(**ONLY AT THE KANE COUNTY ELECTIONS MAIN OFFICE**)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION

(**ONLY AT THE KANE COUNTY ELECTIONS MAIN OFFICE**)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

EARLY VOTING PERIOD

(**AT ALL EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES**)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

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WWW.KANECOUNTYELECTIONS.ORG