

UP FRONT



Newsletter from John A. Cunningham, Kane County Clerk

CUNNINGHAM AND RICKERT TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO INCREASE DELIQUENT TAX COLLECTION

Illinois State Statute requires tax buyers to send out a take notice within four and one half months of the tax sale. Depending on when the tax buyers choose to do so, property owners may not know that their taxes were sold until they receive the take notice. County Clerk ,John Cunningham and County Treasurer, David Rickert decided property owners need to know as soon as possible that their taxes were sold. So beginning last year, the clerk and the treasurer mailed out a courtesy letter a week after the tax sale letting property owners that their taxes were sold at tax sale and to contact the County Clerk for instructions on how to redeem the taxes.

The result of this letter has been more than worthwhile. The delinquent tax collection for the month of November in 2013 and 2014 increased redemptions by 40% from prior years. This year 503 parcels redeemed, reducing the outstanding redemption amount due to the county by \$2.1 million dollars, leaving 2617 parcels and \$16.3 million dollars as yet unredeemed.

Many of the property owners did not realize that their property taxes went unpaid.

The Clerk and the Treasurer intend to continue this practice of more open and helpful communication in future years.



The Honorable Judge John Barsanti swears in County Clerk John A. Cunningham to his fourth term on November 26th 2014. Jack thanks the voters who have retained him for another 4 years. He and his staff will continue to improve efficiency and service to the constituents in Kane County!

LEVIES

District **LEVIES** must be filed on or before the last Tuesday of December with the Kane County Clerk's Office. Accompanying the levy must be a Certificate of Levy and a Truth in Taxation Certificate. All documents must have original signatures notarized or sealed with the districts' seal. Failure to do so could mean a loss of tax dollars.

"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

Statement of

Economic Interests 2015

Filing time will be here before you know it! Emails have been sent to the unit of government contacts from last year to verify contact information. Once all units of government have reported and updated their information, starting around Jan. 2, a notification will be sent to the unit contact to begin their online list submission of those required to file for the 2015 filing year.

The filer list submission deadline is Monday, February 2, 2015. Filers will be notified no later than April 1, 2015 and statements are due May 1, 2015. Stay tuned for more updates coming soon!



From a festive County Clerk's office, Jack and the whole staff wish you a **Happy Holiday Season and Best Wishes for the New Year!**

As of December 1, 2014
The following fees have increased
at the County Clerk's Office

Birth Certificate	16.00
Birth Certificate Additional Copy	6.00
Death Certificate	20.00
Death Certificate additional copy	10.00
Marriage License	32.00
Marriage Certificate	16.00
Marriage Certificate additional copy	6.00
Civil Union License	32.00
Civil Union Certificate	16.00
Civil Union additional copy	6.00
Raffle License 501 -5000	14.00
Notary Public, returning signature by mail	11.00
Notary Public, returning signature in person	15.00
Assumed Name Certificate	10.00
Supplemental Assumed Name Certificate	5.00
Fax copies	3.00
Issuance of Deed	18.00
Photocopies	1.00
Reassign of tax certificate	12.00
Redemption Fee	68.40
Active Voters - Spec Twps.	4.00
All VotersTwp/Pct/Name	4.00
City of Aurora Election Commission Labels	0.10
Labels by voters Twp/HSHL	0.10
New Voters Twp/Pct/Dep Label	4.00
Voter Certification	0.10
Voter list alpha/street	2.50
Voter list alpha/vote name	4.00
Voter list walk/history	4.00
District Voter List w/ history	4.00



BE
PREPARED
FOR SPRING
BREAK!
Don't wait
til' the last
minute!

Traveling outside the United States for spring break? 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.

Free Cell Phone for Senior Citizens

Seniors can contact the Department on Aging Local Case Management Office to determine if they qualify for a free cell phone, as well as a certain amount of texts and minutes per month. Contact the Elgin Office by calling 847-741-0404 or the Aurora Office by calling 630-897-4035. Seniors can also register online:

<https://www.safelinkwireless.com/Enrollment/Safelink/en/Public/NewHome.html>

ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

GENERAL & CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS

News From the 2014 General Election:

New legislative changes were successfully implemented from an operational perspective for the November General Election. It generated a 48% voter turnout. Many Kane County voters utilized the new extended grace period registration and voting at permanent early voting sites.

News From the 2015 Consolidated Election:

The Kane County Clerk's Elections Department continues to work towards the April Consolidated Election. In preparation for the upcoming April 7, 2015 Election, The Election Department has set procedures in place for the additional filings of School District Candidates and Trustees in addition to the Regional School Districts.

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.

2015 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015 -
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2015

ABSENTEE VOTING PERIOD

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015 -
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

EARLY VOTING PERIOD

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2015