

UP FRONT



Newsletter from John A. Cunningham, Kane County Clerk

CUNNINGHAM TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION AND EARLY VOTING BY ASKING THE COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT

Many businesses and Kane County Taxing Districts have electronic signs in front of their buildings which could promote voter registration and Early voting. County Clerk John Cunningham is reaching out to these establishments in the county.

Elburn and Countryside Fire District is the first participant to have the departments sign scrolling “Remember to Register Vote” and “Vote Early”. Cunningham is hoping these signs throughout the county will remind the public register to vote and to vote early.

Other organizations that already have agreed to use their signs to promote early voting include Kishwaukee College, Dundee Township, the East Dundee Fire Department, Fox Valley Ice Arena, Merlin’s 200,000 Mile Shops and the American Legion Posts in Maple Park and in Elgin.



If your business , organization or Taxing District would like to participate in this promotion, please contact Kane County Clerk Chief Deputy, Susan Ericson at 630/232-5965

Pictured in the feature photo of this article are: Kane County Clerk John A. Cunningham, Kane County Supervisor of Elections Raymond Esquivel, Elburn & Countryside Fire Chief Kelly Callaghan and Office Assistant Merry Morris.

NETWORKING WORKS

On January 12, 2015 then Illinois Governor Quinn signed Senate Bill 172 into law amending the State Election laws to make it possible for people to register to vote all the way through the Grace Period a month before an election, up to and including the day of the election. This eliminated the previous time period that election authorities had to process and verify voter registrations for validity prior to an election. This unfunded mandate also meant that election authorities like the Kane County Clerk's Office had to scramble to find the computer hardware and voting devices to facilitate the law's requirements. This would have cost Kane County \$1.9 Million to implement.

Kane County Clerk John A. Cunningham, through his work at IACCR and IACO conferences was able to network with other Clerks and Election officials to find over \$400,000 worth of voting equipment that Madison County IL no longer needed and could transfer to Kane County for no cost. The attendance at conferences like the Illinois Association of County Clerks and Recorders and the Illinois Association of County Officials provides networking and educational opportunities that the County Clerk and his staff can take advantage of and saves the taxpayers money .



2015 PAYABLE 2016 REAL ESTATE TAXES WERE DUE JUNE 1 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

If you have not paid both installments of the 2015 payable 2016 real estate taxes, you have already incurred penalties; 1 1/2% per month penalty. Delinquent tax bills will be mailed by the County Treasurer in October.

If your 2015 payable 2016 Real Estate taxes are not paid by October 28, 2016, they will be sold at tax sale.

The tax sale is an auction where the Tax Buyers bid on purchasing your taxes. The bid is a percentage of the taxes which will be added to the amount already owed. The bidding begins at 18% and goes as low as 0%.

The percentage bid at the tax sale is added on to the redemption every six months until the taxes are redeemed.

Two weeks after the tax sale you may redeem your property taxes at the Kane County Clerk. Contact the Kane County Clerk's office at:

630/232-5964 for an estimate of redemption. Payments must be a cashier's check, a money order or cash. Payments can be paid at the Kane County Clerk's Office, Redemption Department at 719 South Batavia Ave., Bldg B, Geneva, IL 60134 between the hours if 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

BE AWARE! If you have delinquent taxes that are not paid and you have not paid this year's taxes, starting September 16, 2016 the tax buyer can purchase your current taxes at 12% interest.



The holidays are approaching, and weddings are popular around the holidays. We know you are busy, the lists are long, and we want you to know that you will need to add one more thing to your list.

That is a marriage license!

If you are going to be married in Kane County within 60 days, you and your fiancé will need to come into our office and apply for a marriage license.

If you are planning on a ceremony through the court, or a private ceremony outside of the court, we would like to give you a heads up of our holiday closings/hours so that you can plan accordingly.

Closed - October 10 (Monday) Columbus Day

Closed - November 11 (Friday) Veteran's Day

*Closed - November 24 & 25 (Wednesday/Thursday) - Thanksgiving
No late evening hours that week*

Closed - December 26 (Monday) Christmas Day Observance

***Important!** There is a one day waiting period. So that means the license is valid starting the next day after you apply and you have 60 days in which to be married in Kane County. Also, when you are coming in to apply for your marriage license, please arrive ½ hour prior to our closing time so that we have time to process your license. If you have any further questions, or need more details, please call our office and we will be happy to assist you. Our number is 630-232-5950.*

Traveling internationally for the holidays? Visit the Kane County Clerk's Office to apply for a passport. It takes 4 to 6 weeks to get a passport at regular price. Call our office at 630/232-5964 or go to www.kanecountyclerk.org

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) LOWEST IN SEVEN YEARS

This year's CPI rate is 0.7%. This means that districts subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law or PTELL, cannot increase their tax levies (the amount of money requested from property taxpayers) more than last year's levy* plus 0.7%. This is the lowest allowable increase since the 2009 tax year.

*on funds subject to PTELL which does not include bonds and some other funds.

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ELECTION CENTRAL

GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 8, 2016

*******VOTE BY MAIL*******

Any currently registered voter has the option to vote by mail. Our Elections Office began accepting requests to vote by mail on August 10th. Please know this may require 5 mailings. Voting by mail saves time, money, and fuel emissions.

Overseas and Military Voters may complete and return the FPCA Form (Federal Postcard Application) available on our website: kanecountyelections.org.

Voters who are homebound or incapacitated may apply to receive a vote by mail ballot automatically for the next five years. Simply complete the Application to Vote by Mail Voter's 5-Year Identification Card located on our elections website: www.kanecountyelections.org and return it to us or call 630-232-5990. A physician's affidavit is usually required, so please allow time to complete the process.

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.

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NOVEMBER 8, 2016

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

OCTOBER 11, 2016

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION

OCTOBER 12, 2016 THROUGH NOVEMBER 8TH AT THE KANE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

STARTING OCTOBER 24, 2016 THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 2016 AT SELECTED SITES. SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILED LIST OF SITES.

EARLY VOTING -KANE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

SEPTEMBER 29 THROUGH-NOVEMBER 7, 2016 AND AT OTHER SITES STARTING OCTOBER 24TH. SEE THE WEBSITE

Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting. Franklin D. Roosevelt