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Dear Friend,

I hope that everyone enjoyed their President's Day on Monday, February 21st which is celebrated in recognition of George Washington's Birthday.

Kane County Juvenile Justice Center Visit

Last week my district office visited with Superintendent Mike Davis of the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center to drop off menstrual products our office had collected through our donation drive, and to receive a tour of the facility. These menstrual products will go to use in providing care packages for youth to leave the facility with which also include clothes, and information about community resources and how to access them (such as food, housing, etc.). On the tour we learned about all the services provided to detained youth to help enrich their experience in the Justice Center from school to art to the library and book program.



Black History Month

As part of Black History Month, Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin will host virtual interviews on Black excellence at noon every Thursday in February on Facebook, gbpl.info/fbvirtual. Attendees will learn about what drives Black community members to strive for excellence and celebrate their achievements. Featured guests include Elgin's Poet Laureate Emeritus Chasity Gunn and Monique Howery, chef and proprietor of Moni's Soul food Fiesta.

Infant Formula Recall

The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) is advising that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is warning consumers not to use certain powdered infant formulas made at Abbott Nutrition's Sturgis, Michigan, facility amid an investigation into four infant illnesses. All four cases related to these complaints were hospitalized and Cronobacter may have contributed to a death in one case.

Parents and caregivers should discard Similac, Alimentum, or EleCare powdered infant formulas if:

- the first two digits of the code are 22 through 37; and
- the code on the container contains K8, SH or Z2; and
- the expiration date is 4-1-2022 (APR 2022) or later.

To find out if the product you have is included in this recall, visit similarecall.com and type in the code on the bottom of the package, or call +1-800-986-8540 (U.S.) and follow the instructions provided. No action is needed for previously consumed product.

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Northern Illinois Food Bank Volunteering Event

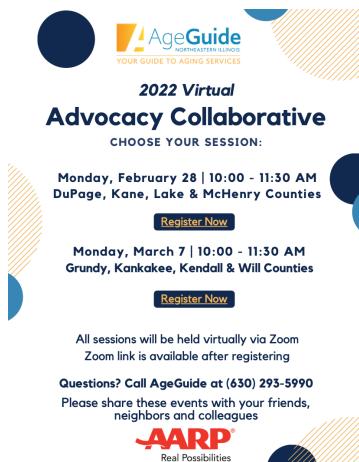
The Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva is hosting a volunteering event on April 9th from 9am to 12pm where you'll have an opportunity to support your community by helping in packaging food for families in need and get to connect further with fellow community members. Sign up with your colleagues, friends, neighbors or by yourself as a way of getting involved. You can [Register now](#) using the link, and see the power that volunteering provides in supporting and connecting with your community.

HVAC Training Course for Teenagers

TEC Training in North Aurora is offering a hands-on HVAC Course for teenagers on March 30th from 8am to 3pm. Class size is limited to 10 students due to the hands-on nature. Much of the time will be spent in their live-fire lab. Lunch is provided. You can find more information and register [here](#).

Advocacy Collaboratives with AgeGuide

AgeGuide is hosting a virtual community discussion to talk about the current concerns facing older adults, caregivers, and families. The first event is Monday, Feb 28th from 10:00-11:30am for individuals who reside or work in DuPage, Kane, Lake & McHenry counties. Click [here](#) to register. The second event will take place on Monday, March 7 for those who reside or work in Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall and Will counties. Click [here](#) to register or for more information.



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Illinois Treasurer's Charitable Trust Grant

This is a grant opportunity for non-profits working on Food Programs, Housing Programs, and Workforce and Economic Development. Eligible nonprofits have to have an operating budget of less than \$1 million. Applications close on March 31, 2022. Click [here](#) for more information.

Senior Citizens Property Tax Deferral Program

Senior citizens who are facing financial challenges paying their property taxes can take advantage of a program that defers up to \$5,000 of their property tax bill. The deadline to apply for the Senior Citizens Property Tax Deferral Program is March 1, 2022. For a full explanation of how the Senior Citizens Property Tax Deferral program works, including a complete list of qualifications and repayment requirements, go to the Illinois Department of Revenue website at www2.illinois.gov/rev.

What's Next?

Our office partners with State Representative Maura Hirschauer and co-runs four advisory committees: Environmental and Agriculture, Mental Health, Seniors, and Education. These committees are a limited public forum led by volunteer chairs and seek to create compassionate conversation among the voices of the 25th/49th districts in order to help build our legislative agenda and grow our knowledge in these areas. Our environmental advisory committee will meet on February 24th at 7pm, email: environment.49th@gmail.com to receive the zoom link and agenda.

My staff and I look forward to hearing from you. I encourage you to reach out to us at 630-326-9319 (English), 630-326-9419 (Spanish) or constituentservices@senatorvilla.com.

Be well and stay warm!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karina Villa'.

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