

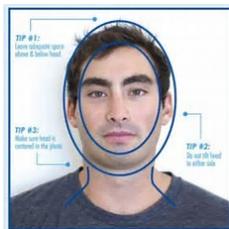
UP FRONT



Newsletter from John A. Cunningham, Kane County Clerk

COMING SOON!!

**Passport Photos to be taken at
County Clerk's office**



So many times customers come into the Kane County Clerk's office for a passport and do not have any passport photos with them. They are sent away to get photos and then have to make another trip back to apply for their passport. The Kane County Clerk's Office will start offering passport photos to customers applying for a passport in the office in the middle of October. According to John Cunningham, Kane County Clerk, "There will be a small initial out lay for equipment. We are going to charge \$15.00 for the photos and we will generate in revenue approximately \$32,000 to \$34,000 a year based on past passport sales."

VOTER OUTREACH PROGRAM GEARING UP FOR ELECTIONS

Prior to the past couple of elections, County Clerk Jack Cunningham has reached out to local businesses to participate in the "Voter Outreach Program". Many businesses and Kane County Taxing Districts have electronic signs in front of their buildings which could promote voter registration and early voting. It is that time again to start preparing for the coming elections. If you are a business or a taxing district in Kane County that has participated in past years the Clerk's office will be reaching out to you in the coming months to advertise voter registration and early voting once again.

If you are a business, an organization or a taxing district and have an electronic sign in front of your establishment and would like to become part of the Outreach program, please contact Kane County Clerk Chief Deputy, Susan Ericson at 630/232-5965.

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited; imagination encircles the world." *Einstein*



KANE COUNTY TAXING DISTRICT'S BUDGET AND LEVIES

2016 PAYABLE 2017 REAL ESTATE TAXES WERE DUE JUNE 1 AND SEPT. 1, 2017

If you have not paid both installments of the 2016 payable 2017 real estate taxes, you have already incurred penalties of: 1 1/2% per month. Delinquent tax bills will be mailed by the County Treasurer in October.

If your 2016 payable 2017 real estate taxes are not paid by October 27, 2017, they will be sold at tax sale on the last Monday of October (October 30, 2017).

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's Office 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. Walk-in 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

Kane County Taxing Districts must file their **BUDGETS** with the Kane County Clerk within thirty (30) days of passage. Accompanying the budget must be a Certificate of Budget and a Certificate of Estimated Revenues. All documents must have original signatures notarized or sealed with the district's seal. Failing to do so could result in loss of tax dollars. District **LEVIES** must be filed on or before the last Tuesday of December. 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 district's seal. Failure to do so could mean a loss in tax dollars.

REDEMPTION PERIOD CHART		
Class of Property Initial Redemption Period May Be Extended To		
Class of Property	Initial Period	Extended Period
• All classes	2 Years	3 Years
Except		
• Vacant non-farm or seven or more residential units and delinquent or forfeited for 2 or more years	6 Months	3 Years
• Improved with a structure of at least one and not more than 6 dwelling units	2½ years	3 Years
• Improved with a structure of at least one and not more than 6 dwelling units and determined by the court to be abandoned.	2 years	3 Years

**REAL ESTATE PROPERTY
TAX SALE OCTOBER 30, 2017**



Real ID and Air Travel Information

The U.S. Department of State wants us to remind everyone that a U.S. Passport or Passport Card is Real ID compliant. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that runs the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) will be requiring a Real ID compliant identification to be used before anyone can board a domestic air flight. The latest information from Springfield indicates that the State of Illinois Drivers Licenses or State I.D.'s will get another extension on the TSA requirement to be Real ID compliant before January, 22, 2018 the next deadline. That extension will allow people to use their Illinois DL or ID for air travel inside the United States until the final date for compliance which is October 1, 2020.

The Secretary of State's office has stated that Illinois is 90% compliant and the few changes that need to be made to DL and ID processes will be done by October of 2018. According to news articles the two remaining steps are to move the cameras at drivers license facilities to the front of the process and to get the state's system connected with an electronic verification system used by the federal government. Once those are complete, the Secretary of State will then offer Real ID compliant drivers licenses and ID's. It looks like that means everyone in the state over the age of 16 will have to get a new license or ID.

To save yourself the potential difficulty, you might consider getting a U.S. Passport or Passport Card (that fits in your wallet like an ID) if you will be flying in the next few years. The passport book and/or card is good for 10 years for adults and 5 years for children. The clerk's office is an acceptance agency and will be glad to help ensure that your travel needs are a little easier. Call our passport agents at 630-232-5964 for information about what is required for a passport or passport card.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR 2017 TAX EXTENSION

This year's CPI rate is 2.1%. 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 2.1% on funds subject to PTELL which does not include bonds and some other funds.

"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

ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Preparation for the General Primary Election:

The Kane County Election Department was invited by Chairman Patricia Lackman to participate in the (June meeting of) the League of Women Voters Central Kane County, Batavia, Batavia, to meet and train new members. Several of the members who attended the meeting have been associated with the League of Women Voters for 35 years or more. The Election Department was also available to discuss any current Voter Registration changes.

In addition to the Election Department's participation with the League of Women Voters, we have set up Deputy Registrar training for several Precinct Committeemen.



County Offices up for Election and Candidate Information

Candidate information and candidate packets for the General Primary Election on March, 20 2018 can be found on the Kane County Election website:

www.kanecountyelections.com

It is strongly recommended that all prospective candidates review the information and obtain legal advice when preparing their nominating papers.

Petitions may be filed in person or by mail, but **MUST BE RECEIVED DURING THE FILING PERIOD**. The mailing address is 719 S. Batavia Avenue, Building B, Geneva, IL 60134. The first day of filing is Monday, November 27, 2017. The last day of filing is Monday, December 4, 2017 and the Election Department will be open until 5.00 p.m. Those nominating petitions received after 8.30 a.m. and before 4:30 p.m. will be stamped according to the time they are received. Petitions received prior to the first day and after the last day of filing will be returned to the prospective candidate.

Kane County Election Authority

2018 GENERAL PRIMARY

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018

REQUEST VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018

EARLY VOTING PERIOD

(ONLY AT THE KANE COUNTY ELECTIONS MAIN OFFICE)

STARTS, THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2018

ENDS, MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION

(ONLY AT THE KANE COUNTY ELECTIONS MAIN OFFICE)

STARTS, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018

ENDS, MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018