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UP FRONT



From the Clerk...

Whether you visited one of our offices for a joyful occasion – such as applying for a marriage license, obtaining a birth certificate for your newborn or applying for a passport before a family vacation – or during a more difficult time, such as redeeming your property taxes or requesting a copy of a death certificate, we hope you had a positive experience. If you voted in the last election, thank you for participating in our democracy. Whatever brought you to the Kane County Clerk's Office, we appreciate the opportunity to serve you and look forward to assisting you again in the coming year.

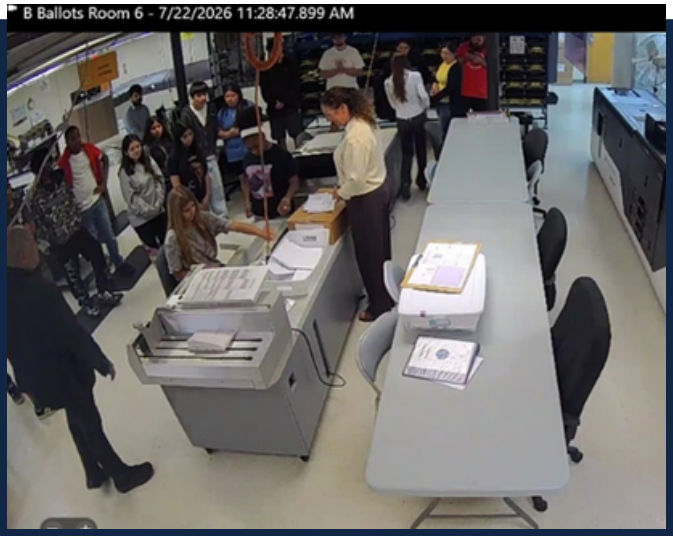
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November Election Preparations Are Underway!

Some of our favorite calls come from Kane County residents who want to confirm they are registered and ready to vote in the upcoming November election. Their enthusiasm reflects a strong commitment to exercising one of our most fundamental rights - the right to vote. And it all begins with voter registration.

Today, registering to vote is easier and more convenient than ever. You can register online through the Clerk's election website, https://clerk.kanecountyil.gov or the Illinois State Board of Elections website, www.elections.il.gov. You can also register in person at most public libraries, your local DMV, or any of our three Election Office locations in Geneva, Aurora or Elgin.



Members of the Junior/Senior Scholar Summer Program participate in the Elections Education Tour in July.



Clerk Cunningham speaks to residents from an assisted living facility.

To be eligible to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years old by Election Day, November 3, 2026. If you have changed your name since you last registered, you will need to update your voter registration before voting.

Voters who are homebound or have a disability may apply to automatically receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the next five years by completing the Application to Vote by Mail Voter's 5-Year Identification Card. For more information, call our office at 630-232-5990.

Our office has been especially busy preparing for the upcoming election while also training election judges, providing demonstrations for community organizations and hosting in-office tours of our Election Department. During each tour, visitors have the opportunity to meet with Clerk Cunningham, who shares his professional background, discusses the history and responsibilities of the office and offers insight into the important role the Clerk's Office plays in administering elections.



School registration will be here before you know it! If you're enrolling your child in school, you may need a certified copy of their birth certificate to complete the registration process. The Kane County Clerk's Office issues birth certificates **only for individuals born in Kane County**. If your child was born in another county or state, you will need to obtain the birth certificate from the appropriate county or state agency.

To obtain a certified birth certificate in Kane County, please note the following requirements:

- **Who may request a birth certificate**: You must be listed as a parent on the birth record or be the legal representative of the person named on the record. If you are the child's legal guardian or agent, please call our office to verify that you have the required documentation. If your child is 18 years of age or older, they may obtain their own birth certificate with valid identification.
- **Identification**: A valid government-issued photo ID is required. If you do not have a photo ID, please contact our office to learn what alternative forms of identification may be accepted.
- **Fees**: The cost is **$16** for the first certified copy and **$6** for each additional copy of the same certificate purchased at the same time.
- **How to Order**: You may request a birth certificate by visiting one of our three offices in person, by mail or online through the VitalChek site: www.vitalchek.com.
- **Questions**: Please call our office at **630-232-5950**. By law, we cannot provide information about or from a birth record over the phone, but we are happy to answer questions about the application process and help guide you through obtaining a birth certificate.

For other certified copies of records, visit the Clerk's website at **https://clerk.kanecountyil.gov**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ELECTION JUDGES

Call 630-232-5990 if interested in serving as an Election Judge

Visit our website: **www.kanecountyelections.org** to view eligibility requirements, responsibilities and to send in an application



2026 GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

REQUEST VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS MAILED
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

EARLY VOTING PERIOD
SEPTEMBER 24 - NOVEMBER 2, 2026

THREE WAYS TO VOTE

IN-PERSON

EARLY VOTING

VOTE BY MAIL

VOTE ANYWHERE

With our new voting equipment, it's now more convenient than ever to cast your vote at any polling location in Kane County.

Planning a vacation? Avoid the rush!



Apply for your passport today at the Kane County Clerk's Office!

Passport applications are accepted
Monday thru Friday
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
with extended hours on Wednesdays until 8:00 PM

For more information about required documents, valid forms of ID, costs and anything else related to passport applications, please visit **kanecountyclerk.org/VitalRecords/Pages/Passports.aspx** or call **630-232-5964**

*Passport processing time can take up to **8-10 weeks for routine service** and **2-3 weeks for expedited service** (*plus two weeks for mailing time*). The U.S. Dept. of state recommends applying for a passport 6 months in advance of travel.

NEED A PASSPORT PHOTO? WE CAN DO THAT, TOO!

Passport photography is available at the Clerk's Office for only **$15**

The Clerk's Office is your one-stop-shop for Passport Services!

Come in TODAY!
No appointment is necessary and the entire process takes approximately **30 minutes.**



Tax Extensions
by the Numbers

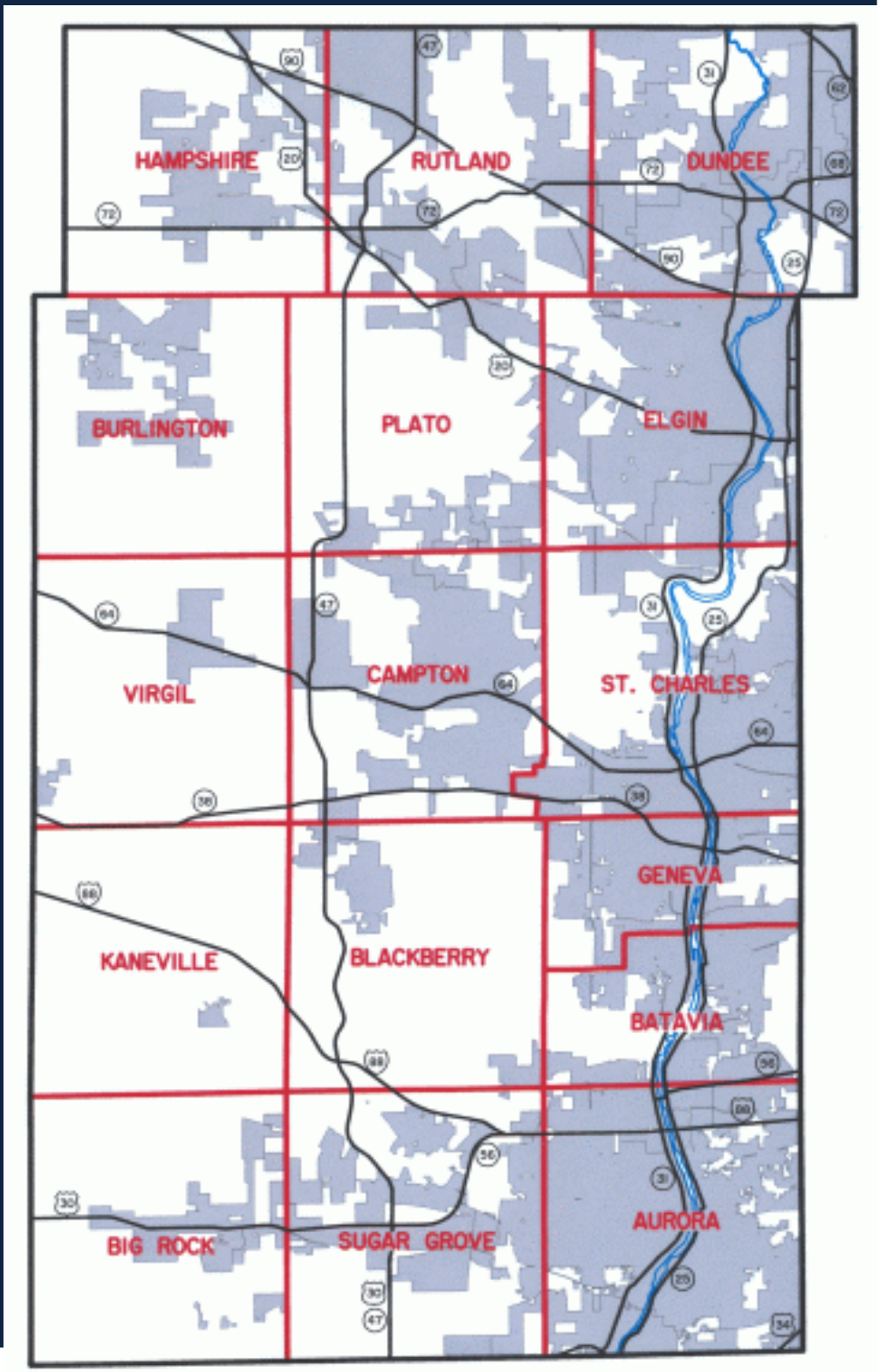
Kane County is comprised of more than 800 taxing districts.

For the 2025 (payable 2026) tax year, the number of parcels increased from 199,313 to **200,453**. The total assessed value for Kane County properties increased approximately 10% over 2024 from $23.6 billion to **$25.8 billion**. Tax extensions rose 3.7% over the previous year from $1,674,414,488.78 to **$1,737,747,710.88**.

Additional information and reports about the 2025 payable 2026 Tax Extension is available at:

https://clerk.kanecountyil.gov/TaxExtension/

Taxes for 2026 payable 2027 will be extended in the upcoming months so that the County Treasurer can mail property tax bills on time.



Visit one of our three locations:

Aurora Office

5 E. Downer Place, Suite F
Aurora, Illinois 60505

Elgin Office

2170 Point Boulevard, Suite 600
Elgin, Illinois 60123

Geneva Office

719 S. Batavia Avenue, Building B
Geneva, Illinois 60134