

# UP FRONT



Newsletter from John A. Cunningham, Kane County Clerk

## ATTENTION: KANE COUNTY TAXING DISTRICTS

All new bonds need to be filed by March 1, 2019 to be included in the 2018 payable 2019 Tax Extension Bond Abatements have to be filed by March 15, 2018. We will be starting the tax extension soon.

If you have recently had a change in personnel or changed your e-mail address, please notify the Tax Extension department at 630/232-5964 so that your district receives the extension papers in a timely manner.

### Filing for 2019 Statements of Economic Interests

The 2019 filing year for the **Statement of Economic Interests** has arrived! The County Clerk's office will prepare the filer notification for distribution on or before **April 1, 2019**. All filers are required to file their Statement of Economic Interests with the Kane County Clerk, either electronically or by paper form. At that time, filers will have access the online system and will be able to file their statement with ease. Remember, all statements are due **no later than Wednesday, May 1, 2019**. **Any Statement received after May 1, 2019 will incur a \$15 late fee.** More information is available at [kanecountyclerk.org](http://kanecountyclerk.org) or by calling (630) 232-5950.

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# KANE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: 2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

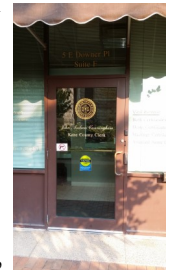
Each year, the Office of **Kane County Clerk John A. Cunningham** serves thousands of Kane County residents in a number of areas, including voter registration, applications for passports and marriage licenses, requests for copies of birth and death certificates, and redemption of delinquent taxes. 2018 was no exception.

In calendar year 2018, the Clerk's Office generated **\$1,284,516 in revenue** for Kane County, a **4% increase** over calendar year 2017 and twice as much as was collected in 2003. One of the new revenue sources in 2018 was the creation of a one-stop shop for passport applicants who now have the option the required photo for their passport applications at the Clerk's Office when they submit an application. The Clerk's Office generated an **additional \$22,000 in revenue** from passport photos. In addition, passport applications were significantly higher in 2018. In part due to the series of weekend passport events through the Clerk's Accessibility Program (CAP), the Clerk's Office saw a **15% increase** in applications in 2018 over 2017 and **generated more than \$100,000 in passport fees** for the year. The Clerk's Office also secured more than **\$73,000 in grants for cybersecurity**, which will be used to strengthen protections on important data and documents.



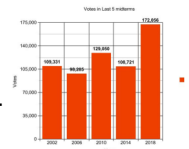
Clerk Cunningham said, "When I took over the office in 2002, we were generating only \$640,000 a year. We now **generate more than double that each year**. We generate enough revenue now to cover the cost of running the Office's Vital Records and Tax Extension Departments. I am proud that our office continues to generate more revenue, increase services to the public, and remain under budget. Most importantly, all of the revenue generated by the Clerk's Office--based on user fees rather than property taxes--reduces the burden on Kane County taxpayers."

Following the March 2018 decision by City of Aurora voters to close the Aurora Election Commission, the Clerk's Office assumed the role of administering elections and maintaining the voter registration database for Kane County residents living in Aurora. In preparing for the November 6 election, the Clerk's Office educated more than 50,000 voters on how to use new election equipment, trained hundreds of new election judges, prepared 63 new precincts for voters, and purchased additional equipment for voters to use on Election Day.



While preparing to for the election, the Clerk's Office opened the **new satellite office in downtown Aurora on August 13**. Opening the Aurora office required years of planning and the cooperation of multiple government agencies, including the City of Aurora, Kane County Board, Kane County IT Department, Kane County State's Attorney, Kendall County Clerk, and Will County Clerk. Residents of Aurora, southern Kane County, and surrounding areas can take advantage of **all of the services provided by the main office without driving to Geneva**.

Voter turnout for the November election was **historic for a midterm election**. Kane County voters cast 172,056 votes, which was the second highest ever cast in **any** Kane County election. The percentage of voters who cast a ballot was at the highest level in a midterm election in 28 years. More voters **chose to vote by mail than in any election ever** in Kane County, and **approximately half** of the voters cast a ballot before Election Day either by mail or through Early Voting, **thanks to the Clerk's Voter Outreach Program (VOP)**, a partnership with local businesses and governments, which promotes voter registration and early voting.



Nearly 14,000 copies of birth/marriage/death records, and assumed name certificates were processed by the Clerk's Office in 2018. The Vital Records Division finalized its preparations to begin allowing applicants for marriage licenses to begin the process through an online portal, saving time for applicants. The new portal is expected to go live March 1.

The Tax Extension Department extended taxes for all **193,682 parcels** which comprised a total property value of more than **\$13.8 billion** in Kane County for 2017 payable in 2018. The Clerk's Office extended nearly \$1.3 billion in taxes for all of the County's taxing bodies, such cities and villages, school districts, townships, and special districts like library and park districts, and handled more than 1,500 tax redemptions in 2018.

**"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 John Emerson at: [emersonjohn@co.kane.il.us](mailto:emersonjohn@co.kane.il.us)



# EARLY VOTING BEGINS FEBRUARY 21

## Early Voting locations and times for the April 2 Consolidated Election:

**Feb. 21-Mar. 15, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. only at County Clerk's Office:**  
719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. B, (Geneva) and 5 E. Downer Place, Suite F (Aurora).

**Mar. 18-April 1: Permanent Early Voting sites (7 days a week ; hours vary)**

- ▶ Kane County Clerk's Office locations in Geneva and Aurora
- ▶ Fire Station No. 93, 5000 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Carpentersville
- ▶ Elgin Township, 729 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin
- ▶ Gail Borden Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin
- ▶ Kane County Branch Court , 530 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles
- ▶ Phillips Park Stover Center, 1000 Ray Moses Dr., Aurora
- ▶ Vaughn Athletic Center, 2121 W. Indian Tr., Aurora

### **Other Early Voting centers (dates/times vary):**

- ▶ Campton Community Center, 5N082 Old LaFox Rd., Campton Hills
- ▶ City of Batavia, 100 N. Island Ave., Batavia;
- ▶ City of Elgin, 150 Dexter Ct., Elgin
- ▶ Del Webb Sun City, 12880 Del Webb Blvd., Huntley
- ▶ Dundee Township, 611 E. Main St., Suite 201, East Dundee
- ▶ Hampshire Township, 170 Mill Ave., Hampshire
- ▶ The Holmstad, 700 W. Fabyan Pkwy., Batavia
- ▶ St. Charles Library, 1 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., St. Charles
- ▶ Sugar Grove Library, 125 S. Municipal Dr., Sugar Grove
- ▶ Town & Country Library, 320 E. North St., Elburn
- ▶ Village of West Dundee, 102 S. Second St., West Dundee



The **Votemobile** will be at the following locations from **9 a.m.-4 p.m.:**

- ▶ Mar. 18: Jewel Osco (St. Charles), 652 Kirk Rd.; Alden Horizon (Aurora), 2000 Randi Dr.
- ▶ Mar. 19: Jewel Osco (Elburn), 800 N. Main St.; Copley Boxing & Training Ctr. (Aurora), 517 N. Union St.
- ▶ Mar. 20-21: Cambridge Lakes (Pingree Grove), 1125 Wester Blvd; Fire Station #4 (Aurora), 800 Michels
- ▶ Mar. 22: Jewel Osco (Elgin), 1660 Larkin Ave.; Prisco Center (Aurora), 150 W. Illinois Ave.
- ▶ Mar. 25: Jewel Osco (W. Dundee), 1250 W. Main St.
- ▶ Mar. 25-26: Jewel Osco (Aurora), 1952 W. Galena Blvd.
- ▶ Mar. 26: Jewel Osco (Sugar Grove), 465 N. Route 47
- ▶ Mar. 27: Jewel Osco (Batavia), 119 S. Randall Rd.; North Aurora Police Dept., 200 S. Lincolnway.

More information is available by calling (630) 232-5990 or at [kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Early-Voting.aspx](http://kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Early-Voting.aspx).



# ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

## CONSOLIDATED ELECTION: APRIL 2, 2019

The Kane County Clerk's Elections Department has been busy preparing for the **Consolidated Election**, to be held on **Tuesday, April 2, 2019**. **Local offices** such as Municipal Officers (City Council/Trustee; Mayor/Village President, etc); Library District Officers; School District Officers; Community College District Officers; Fire Protection District Officers; Regional School Officers; and Special District Officers. **Sample ballots are available** at [kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Voter-Search.aspx](http://kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Voter-Search.aspx).

More information about the 32 Early Voting sites in Kane County, Voting by Mail, Election Day polling locations, sample ballots, or about the Consolidated Election generally can be found at [kanecountyelections.org](http://kanecountyelections.org).

### 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 IDs can be found at [kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Voter-Registration.aspx](http://kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Voter-Registration.aspx).

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.

Are you registered to vote: Visit [kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Voter-Search.aspx](http://kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Voter-Search.aspx) to verify.

### DEADLINES FOR THE APRIL 2 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** Tuesday, March 5

**EARLY VOTING PERIOD** (**only** at the Clerk's Geneva and aurora offices): Thursday, February 21– Friday, March 15,

**GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION** (**only** at the Clerk's Geneva and Aurora offices):  
Wednesday, March 6 – Tuesday, April 2

**EARLY VOTING PERIOD** (**All** Early Voting Polling Places): Monday, March 18 - Monday, April 1

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT:** Thursday, March 28