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Newsletter from John A. Cunningham, Kane County Clerk

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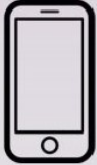


**Left:** Clerk John A. Cunningham administers the oath of office to a member of law enforcement. **Right:** Cunningham welcomes Democratic and Republican candidates filing for the March 17 general primary election.

# VITAL RECORDS

Did you know that couples getting married in Kane County can now begin their marriage license application online?

[kanecountyclerk.org/VitalRecords/Pages/Marriage-License.aspx](http://kanecountyclerk.org/VitalRecords/Pages/Marriage-License.aspx)



You can answer the application questions online from a computer or any mobile device. Save time and apply online!



At the Clerk's Office, both parties must appear to complete the application process:

- ✔ Reviewing submitted answers
- ✔ Presenting valid identification
- ✔ Signing the application
- ✔ Paying the license fee



Office of Kane County Clerk John A. Cunningham

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## Filing for 2020 Statements of Economic Interests

The 2020 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, 2020**. 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 Friday, May 1, 2020** Any Statement received after May 1, 2020 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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*TRAVELING FOR SPRING BREAK?*

# **AVOID THE RUSH!**

Apply today for a Passport at the Kane County Clerk's Office



**Are you planning to travel during Spring Break ? Avoid the rush and apply for your passport today!**

The Clerk's Office is a one-stop shop where you can apply for your passport and get your passport photos taken at the same time.

Passport applications are accepted Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wed. from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. 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](http://kanecountyclerk.org/VitalRecords/Pages/Passports.aspx) or contact the Clerk's Office at (630) 232-5964.

## **ATTENTION: KANE COUNTY TAXING DISTRICTS**

All new bonds must be filed by **March 1, 2020** to be included in the 2019 payable 2020 Tax Extension. Any Bond Abatements must be filed by **March 15, 2020**. 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.

# KANE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

## CLERK'S OFFICE FINISHED 2019 UNDER BUDGET AND GENERATED \$250,000 MORE REVENUE

The Office of Kane County Clerk John A. Cunningham serves the public in many areas including voter registration and election administration, issuing marriage licenses, accepting applications for passports and taking passport photos, providing certified copies of marriage, birth and death records, redemption of delinquent property taxes, and extending taxes for Kane County's governmental units.



Clerk Cunningham said, "Each year, the vital records, elections, tax extension, and passport departments of my office serve thousands of customers at our Geneva and Aurora offices. We have significantly expanded the services we provide in recent years, while continuing to provide exceptional customer service and operate in a fiscally responsible manner. I am proud that in 2019, our office finished the year under budget and generated more revenue for the County's General Fund than we ever have."

In fiscal year 2019, the Clerk's Office generated \$1,594,068 in revenue for Kane County, a 19% increase over the \$1.35 million in 2018. The revenue generated by the Clerk's Office goes back to the County's General Fund to be used for the County's general operating expenses.

Cunningham added, "When I took over this office in 2002, we were generating only \$640,000 a year. We now generate nearly two and a half times that amount. This is critically important because the revenue generated by the Clerk's Office reduces the burden on Kane County taxpayers."



The Clerk's Office secured additional money in 2019 from the Illinois State Board of Elections through a Help America Vote Act grant focusing on election security and a voter registration grant.

Another source of increased revenue has been in passports. Since the creation of a one-stop shop in late 2017 which allows applicants to purchase passport pictures when they apply for their passports, revenue has increased substantially. The Clerk's Office generated approximately \$140,000 in passport revenue in 2019, up 16% from 2018, and double the \$69,745 generated in 2017.

The Clerk's Office introduced the online portal for marriage license applications in 2019. All couples who get married or have a civil union ceremony in Kane County must apply for a marriage license. With the online portal, applicants can complete the questionnaire from a computer or mobile device and save time waiting in line. Kane County is the first of the suburban collar counties to introduce this time and cost-saving innovation.



In 2019, the Vital Records Department processed more than 17,000 certified copies of birth, death, and marriage/civil union records, assumed name certificates, and passport applications.

The Tax Extension Department extended taxes for 194,940 parcels for all of the County's taxing bodies, such cities and villages, school districts, townships, and special districts like library and park districts. It also processed more than 1800 property tax redemptions in 2019, which was 250 more than in 2018.

The Kane County Clerk serves as the custodian of County records, registrar of vital records, chief election official, and tax extension official for Kane County. The Clerk's Office has modernized election equipment, improved training of election workers, implemented new software to automate the tax extension process, updated the scanning and processing of vital records, and secured millions of dollars of grants and equipment. The Clerk's Office provides information directly to residents via [www.kanecountyclerk.org](http://www.kanecountyclerk.org), Twitter @KaneCoILClerk, and Facebook [www.facebook.com/kanecountyclerk](http://www.facebook.com/kanecountyclerk).

**"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)

# ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

**PRIMARY ELECTION: TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020**

To find out which candidates and offices are up for election at the **March 17, 2020 Primary Election**, please visit [kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Voter-Search.aspx](http://kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Voter-Search.aspx) to find a **sample ballot** personalized for your home address.

Are you registered to vote? Find out at:

[kanecountyclerk.org/  
Elections/Pages/Voter-Search.aspx](http://kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Voter-Search.aspx)

Still need to register to vote? Learn how:

[http://www.kanecountyclerk.org/Elections  
/Pages/Voter-Registration.aspx](http://www.kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Voter-Registration.aspx)

You can request a **Vote by Mail ballot** for the **March 17** Primary Election now!

## How can I request a Vote by Mail ballot?

- **Online** at [kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Vote-by-Mail.aspx](http://kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Vote-by-Mail.aspx)
- **By phone** at (630) 232-5990
- **In person** at the Clerk's Office (Geneva and Aurora locations)

**Ballots will be mailed after February 6.**

## DEADLINES FOR THE MARCH 17 PRIMARY ELECTION

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** Tuesday, February 18 (Grace Period registration runs Wednesday, February 19-Tuesday, March 17)

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT:** Thursday, March 12



# EARLY VOTING BEGINS FEBRUARY 6

## Early Voting locations and times for the March 17 Primary Election:

**Feb. 6 - Mar. 2**, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **only at Clerk's Office:** 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. B, (Geneva) and 5 E. Downer Place, Suite F (Aurora).

### **Mar. 3-Mar. 16: 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
- ▶ 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
- ▶ Hampshire Township, 170 Mill Ave., Hampshire
- ▶ The Holmstad, 700 W. Fabyan Pkwy., Batavia
- ▶ 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. 3: Jewel Osco (St. Charles), 652 Kirk Rd.; Phillips Park Stover Ctr. (Aurora), 1000 Ray Moses Dr.
- ▶ Mar. 4: Jewel Osco (Elburn), 800 N. Main St.; Phillips Park Stover Ctr. (Aurora), 1000 Ray Moses Dr.
- ▶ Mar. 5-6: Cambridge Lakes (Pingree Grove), 1125 Wester Blvd; Prisco Ctr. (Aurora), 150 W. Illinois Ave.
- ▶ Mar. 9: Jewel Osco (Elgin), 1660 Larkin Ave.; North Aurora Police Dept., 200 S. Lincolnway.
- ▶ Mar. 10: Jewel Osco (W. Dundee), 1250 W. Main St.; Jewel Osco (Aurora), 1952 W. Galena Blvd.
- ▶ Mar. 11: Jewel Osco (Batavia), 119 S. Randall Rd.; Jewel Osco (Aurora), 1952 W. Galena Blvd.

**A complete list of all Early Voting locations, dates, and times is available at [kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Early-Voting.aspx](http://kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Early-Voting.aspx) or by calling (630) 232-5990.**

# THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS IN THE VOTER OUTREACH PROGRAM!

Kane County Clerk John A. Cunningham would like to thank the community partners in the Clerk's Voter Outreach Program (VOP). The VOP is a partnership between the Clerk's Office and Kane County businesses, schools, local governments, and community organizations with electronic or marquee signs in front of their locations. VOP participants display messages such as "Remember to Register to Vote," "Vote Early," and "Don't Forget to Vote," on their signage in the weeks prior to Election Day.

Thank you to our friends at **Mooseheart** for their enthusiastic support of the VOP!



- Alderman (1st Ward) Emmanuel Llamas (Aurora)
- Annah Mitchell d/b/a Gobble Dogs
- Batavia Fire Department (Batavia)
- Colonial Café & Ice Cream (St. Charles)
- Dairy Queen Grill & Chill (St. Charles)
- DeKane Equipment Co. (Big Rock)
- DuKane Corporation (St. Charles)
- Dundee Township
- Dundee Twp. Park Dist. (C'ville & W. Dundee)
- East Dundee Fire Department
- Elburn & Countryside Fire Protection District
- Elgin Community College (Elgin)
- Elgin Community Unit Dist. U-46
- Elgin State Bank (Elgin)
- Firestone Complete Auto Care (N. Aurora)
- First American Bank (C'ville & W. Dundee)
- Fox Valley Ice Arena (Geneva)
- Huntley Park District
- Kane County Fairgrounds (St. Charles)
- Kishwaukee Community College
- Marmion Academy (Aurora)
- Mooseheart Child City and School
- Northwestern Medicine (Geneva)
- Presence Mercy Medical Center (Aurora)
- Ream's Meat Market (Elburn)
- River View Diner (Montgomery)
- Salvation Army-Tri Cities (St. Charles)
- South Elgin Parks & Recreation (Elgin)
- St. Catherine of Siena Church (W. Dundee)
- St. Charles Bowl (St. Charles)
- Toyota of St. Charles
- Tuffy Auto Service Center (Elgin)
- Village of Dundee
- Village of East Dundee
- Walgreens (Aurora, Geneva, Sugar Grove)