

UP FRONT



Newsletter from John A. Cunningham, Kane County Clerk

DIDN'T PAY YOUR REAL ESTATE TAXES THIS YEAR???

Kane County's 2018 payable 2019 real estate taxes were due in June and September. **If you have not paid one or both installments**, a 1.5% per month penalty for late payments will be added.

October is a critical time for delinquent tax bills, and some additional rules apply. If your payment is made from October 4 – 18, an additional \$10 publication fee will be added to the penalties.

If your payment is made from October 19-25, only payments of cash, cashier's check, money order, or certified check will be accepted, and these payments must also include a \$10 publication fee in addition to any penalties.

October 28 is the annual tax sale conducted by the Treasurer's Office. If property taxes are not paid in full prior to October 28, your 2018 payable 2019 Real Estate taxes will be sold at tax sale.

The tax sale is an auction where the Tax Buyers bid on purchasing your taxes. The bid is a percentage of the taxes, which can be as high as 18%, will be added to the amount already owed, every 6 months until property is redeemed.

Beginning two weeks after the tax sale, you can redeem your property taxes at the Kane County Clerk's Office in Geneva or Aurora. Contact the Kane County Clerk's Office at (630) 232-5964 for an estimate of redemption. Only cashier's check, certified check, money order or cash will be accepted.

If your taxes have been purchased at tax sale, a three year process for residential properties and two years for vacant property and farmland can result in your property being sold to the tax buyer.

Information about the Tax Sale can be found at kanecountytreasurer.org/tax%20sale.htm, or by calling the Treasurer's Office at (630) 232-3565.

More information about redemptions can be found at kanecountyclerk.org/TaxExtension/Pages/taxRedemption.aspx.

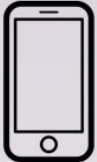
For information about your property, visit kaneil.devnetwedge.com.

“UP FRONT” is posted on the Kane County Clerk's website. If you prefer to receive the newsletter via e mail, please send your request to EmersonJohn@co.kane.il.us.

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



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



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

- ✓ Present valid identification
- ✓ Sign the application
- ✓ Pay the license fee



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UPCOMING HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Columbus Day Monday, Oct. 14

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, Nov. 28

Christmas Day Wednesday, Dec. 25

Veteran's Day Monday, Nov. 11

Day After Thanksgiving Friday, Nov. 29



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PLANNING TO TRAVEL OUT OF THE U.S. DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON ?

Don't wait until the last minute!

Planning to travel during the holidays? A **passport is required if you are traveling outside the United States**. You can apply for a passport at the Kane County Clerk's office. Applicants usually receive passports in 6-8 weeks after completing an application.

Some requirements for a passport application include valid photo identification, proof of citizenship (often a certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate), a recent color passport photo, proof of any name changes over the years (marriage certificate, death certificate, court order, etc.), and a check or money order for payment (fees depend on the type of passport documents sought). Information about passport fees, acceptable forms of identification, passport photography, as well as passport application forms can be found on the Clerk's website at kanecountyclerk.org/Records/Passports/passports.aspx or by calling (630) 232-5964.

Copies of birth certificates for those born in Kane County can be purchased at the Clerk's Office. Passport photography is available at the Clerk's Office for \$15 per person.

You can apply for passports at both Clerk's Office locations, 719 S. Batavia Ave. (Bldg. B) in Geneva, and 5 E. Downer Pl. (Suite F), in Aurora. Hours for applications are 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; and from 8:30 a.m.- 7 p.m. Wednesday.

FEDERAL REAL ID UPDATE

Beginning October 1, 2020, all travelers who wish pass through TSA security checkpoints to board an airplane, even for a domestic flight, must have a REAL ID-compliant form of identification. A current and valid United States passport is REAL ID-compliant.

If you are planning to travel after **October 2020**, you can apply for your passport now and avoid the rush next year!





ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Visit kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Voter-Search.aspx to find out.

Planning to vote in the 2020 Presidential Election?

If you are **not** registered to vote, **register today** so that you can vote on Election Day!

If you have **changed your name and/or address** since you registered to vote, you should **update your voter registration** information with the **Kane County Clerk's Office**.

**REGISTER
TO
VOTE**

Register Today!

Registering to vote in Kane County is easy.

- ▶ In person at the Clerk's Office (Geneva or Aurora)
 - ▶ Online at <https://ova.elections.il.gov/>
- ▶ By mail (form available on Clerk's website listed below)

For more information about how to register, please visit

kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Voter-Registration.aspx

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MARCH 17, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION

Last Day to Register to Vote

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Grace Period Registration & Voting

(Clerk's Geneva & Aurora Offices)
Wednesday, Feb. 19 - Tuesday, Mar. 17

Extended Grace Period Registration & Voting

(Early Voting Polling Places)
Thursday, Feb. 6 - Monday, Mar. 16

Early Voting Period

(Clerk's Geneva & Aurora Offices)
Thursday, Feb. 6 - Monday, Mar. 16

Early Voting Period

(**All** Early Voting Polling Places)
Tuesday, Mar. 3 - Monday, Mar. 16

Request Vote By Mail Ballot

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019*
*Ballots mailed after Thursday Feb. 6, 2020

Issue Vote By Mail Ballot

Military/Overseas: Friday, Jan. 31 - Monday, Mar. 9
All Others: Thursday, Feb. 6 - Thursday, Mar. 12

Last Day to Count Vote By Mail & Provisional Ballots

Tuesday, Mar. 31