

UP FRONT



Newsletter from John A. Cunningham, Kane County Clerk

HAVE YOU PAID THIS YEAR'S REAL ESTATE TAXES?

If you have not paid both installments of the 2013 payable 2014 real estate taxes you have already incurred penalties; 1 1/2% per month penalty. It is now October and DELINQUENT BILLS have been mailed out.

On the last Monday of October, October 27, 2014, your 2013 payable 2014 Real Estate taxes if not paid by October 24, 2014 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 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 very six months until property is redeemed.

Two weeks after the tax sale you may redeem your property taxes at the Kane County Clerk. 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. Payments can be made at the Kane County Clerk's Office, Redemption Department at 719 South Batavia Ave., Bldg B, Geneva, IL 60134 between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday Through Friday.

Once your taxes have been purchased a three year process begins for residential properties and two year for vacant property and farmland.

The property owner must receive a TAKE NOTICE (35 ILCS 200/22-5) within four and 1/2 months of the date of the Tax Sale for the Tax Buyer to start deed proceeding. If the tax buyer fails to send out the Take Notice, it can jeopardize the tax deed process.

If you escrow your tax payments with your mortgage company, check your monthly statements to make sure your mortgage company has paid your real estate taxes.

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

Oct. 10 —Last day to register for Tax Sale

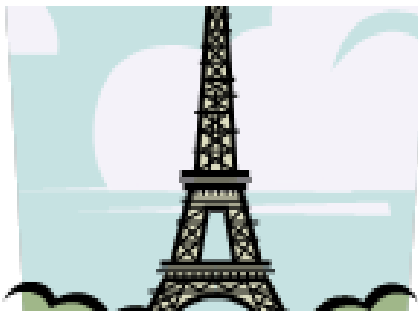
Oct. 14 —Delinquent List available to Tax Buyers

Oct. 16 —Last day to pay subsequent taxes

Oct. 24 —Last Day to pay taxes before Tax Sale

Oct. 27-28—**TAX SALE**

Dec. 8— **Mobile Home TAX SALE**



BE PREPARED FOR SPRING BREAK!

Don't wait til' the last minute!

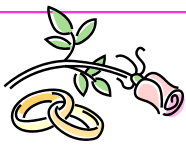
Traveling outside the United States for spring break? A passport is required if you are traveling outside the United States. You can apply for a passport at the Kane County Clerk's office. Average turn around time for a passport is 4 to 6 weeks. You may expedite for an extra charge bringing the turn around time to 3 weeks.

Items required for a passport to be processed at the Kane County Clerk's office:

- Certified birth certificate (must be an Illinois issued abstract with parent's name(s) on it if a Kane County birth!) If you have questions contact us at 630/232-5964.
- Check or Money Order for the Passport Fee.
- Check, cash or charge card for the Kane County Clerk Passport fee of \$25.00.
- Passport sized photos.
- Driver's License or State issued ID if age 16 or older.

See our website for more passport details: www.co.kane.il.us/coc/Records/Passports

"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



GETTING MARRIED ?



Planning a special event can get really busy, and even when you make a list and check it twice, sometimes the most important item that is missed is obtaining the marriage license from the county clerk's office. If you are getting married in Kane County, you have to obtain a marriage license from the Kane County Clerk's office before your marriage date. Once the license is issued, your ceremony must take place within 60 days, and also note there is a one day waiting period, so you must come in no later than the day before your wedding.

The following is a helpful checklist for this process:

Check your calendar and plan to come to the clerk's office within 60 days of your ceremony date. Remember there is a one day waiting period. We are open Monday thru Friday, we are not open on the weekends.

Both parties to the marriage have to come to our office together to complete the marriage application.

Both parties must have valid government issued photo ID and be 18 years of age. Please see our website www.kanecountyclerk.org for a list of acceptable forms of identification to obtain a marriage license. Look under marriage for this information. Parties under the age of 18 must contact our office for further instructions and requirements.

The fee for a marriage license is \$27.00 in CASH. No personal checks, money orders, or credit/debit cards will be accepted.

If you have been divorced or widowed within 6 weeks prior to the application date, please bring certified documents with you for the application process. If the events were over 6 weeks prior, then simply a date and county and state where the event was filed will be necessary.

Please allow about 30 minutes for the application process.

Once the application process is complete, you will be issued a marriage packet along with instructions to provide to whoever will be performing the ceremony. Parties can be married either through the court, or in a private ceremony by a member of the clergy, or a retired judge. The ceremony must take place in Kane County.

If you are going to marry through the court system, instructions will be provided as to how you will schedule your appointment with the court. A court marriage is \$10.00 in CASH and will be payable at the courthouse on the day of your ceremony.

You will also be given information on how to obtain legal certified copies of your marriage license after you are married for name change purposes etc.

The Kane County Clerk's Office wants to make this a stress free process for you. The application process is important and must be accurate. We ask that you arrive no later than ½ hour prior to our closing time so that we have ample time to complete the application process. The Kane County Clerk's Office sends our best wishes, and if you have any questions, contact our office for further information at (630)232-5950. We are always here to assist you!

Is your tax bill sent to your bank?

If so, take the time to check your bank mortgage statement to make sure that the bank has paid your real estate taxes. You do not want any surprises down the line.

Kane County Elections



GENERAL ELECTION –NOVEMBER 4, 2014

Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

TUE, OCT 7, 2014

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION

WED, OCT 8, 2014 -

ABSENTEE VOTING PERIOD

THU, SEP 25, 2014 -
MON, NOV 3, 2014

EARLY VOTING PERIOD

MON, OCT 20, 2014 -
SUN, NOV 2, 2014

Visit the Kane County Elections website, www.kanecountyelections.org

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE—REGISTER TODAY

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 ID's (Public Act 83-0258) can be found on our website, www.kanecountyelections.org

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.

Online Registration - Kane County residents can visit the Illinois State Board of Elections Online Voter Application website, <https://ova.elections.il.gov> to register to vote, or, they can visit the Illinois State Board of Elections main website, <http://www.elections.state.il.us>.