Some of our favorite calls are from Kane County residents calling to verify that they can vote in the upcoming election. “You know I am a senior citizen and I have voted in every election since I was 18 years old - I do not want to miss this one!” Their vehement tone attests to their adamant dedication to utilize their right to vote. Of course it all begins with voter registration.

It is much more convenient to register to vote today. You can register online using our website, www.kanecountyelections.org, the State Board of Elections website, www.elections.state.il.us, or Mail-in Registration Applications are posted as well. Most libraries, government offices, and the DMVS. You can also stop in our office and we will assist you.

Two acceptable forms of ID must be provided when registering to vote. Information on acceptable forms of ID can be found on our website. To be eligible to vote you must be a US citizen and be at least 18 years old by the next election, November 8, 2016.

Voters who have changed their name since their last registration must re-register to vote. Grace Period registration is for persons who missed the deadline to register to vote. During Grace Period registration you may register to vote at the Kane County Clerk’s Office from the 27th day prior through to election day. If you register to vote during Grace Period and want to vote in the upcoming election, you MUST vote at the time of registration.

Voters who are homebound or incapacitated may apply to receive a vote by mail ballot automatically for the next five years by simply completing the Application to Vote by Mail Voter’s 5-Year Identification Card located on our elections website: www.kanecountyelections.org and return it to us or call 630-232-5990.
We would like to congratulate Tom Sherwin, Financial Analyst, Kane County Clerk’s Office for being inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Hall of Fame during a ceremony held at Illinois State University in Bloomington, IL. Tom (on left) is seen here receiving his award from lifelong friend and legendary West Aurora High School Coach, Gordon Kerkman.

Way to go Tom!

Funeral Home Billing System getting implemented.

Kane County Clerk John A. Cunningham, along with the county clerks in Cook, DuPage, Lake, DeKalb and Will counties are partnering with Vital-Chek, a payment processing company, to make it easier for funeral directors to help their customers get the death certificates they need for their deceased loved ones. The funeral directors will save time and reduce the costs of sending someone to the various offices to pick up the requested documents. The system saves the counties time and money in postage, as well as making it easier to process and print the requests.

Deputy Clerk Lynn McShane from the County Clerk’s Office taking voter registrations at the votemobile at the Swedish Days Celebration.

You can also register at the votemobile at the Kane County Fair in July.
Back to School?? Summer isn’t over yet is it?? Okay, we know it’s not quite time yet, but school registration will be here before you know it! When you register your child for school, you may need a certified birth certificate for your child in order to complete the enrollment process. The Kane County Clerk holds birth certificates for people born in Kane County only. If your child was born in another county or state, you would need to obtain the record from that county or state. To obtain a birth certificate see the requirements listed below:

1. You must be listed as the parent on the record, or be a legal representative of the person to whom the record of birth relates. If you are the legal guardian/agent of the child, please call our office to ensure that you have the proper paperwork so we can assist you in obtaining the record. If your child is 18 years of age, then your child can obtain the record with proper ID.

2. Valid government issued photo ID. If you do not have a photo ID, please call our office for items that would be acceptable to obtain the record.

3. The fee is $16.00 for the first certified copy, and $6.00 for each additional copy of the same certificate at the time of purchase.

4. To obtain the record, you may come into our office in person, order by mail, or order online at www.vitalchek.com

5. If you have any questions, please call our office at 630-232-5950. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have. By law we are not allowed to give information over the phone about or from a record that we have on file, but we will do our best to assist you with your inquiry.

6. Please visit our website www.kanecountyclerk.org for more information on obtaining a birth certificate.

If you have not received your Kane County Real Estate Tax Bill contact the Office of David Rickert, the Kane County Collector at 630/232-3565.
To serve Kane County voters, the Election Department is busy preparing for the upcoming Presidential Election. Polling Place Surveys, Early Voting Schedules, Election Judge Training and Manuals are near completion. New Voter Registrations and updates through the Federal Post Office – NCOA (National Change of Address) are processed daily.

Due to construction, the Messenger Library of North Aurora will not be serving as a polling place for the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. The new polling place is Blessed Sacrament Church. Polling Place Change Notifications were mailed to voters in Precinct Aurora 13.

2016 GENERAL ELECTION

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Tuesday, November 8, 2016
REQUEST VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT
Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Last Day to Register to Vote
Tuesday, October 11, 2016

EARLY VOTING PERIOD
October 24, 2016
November 7, 2016

ISSUE VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT
September 29, 2016

2017 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION
PETITION FILING BEGINS
Tuesday, September 20, 2016

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ELECTION JUDGES

If you are interested in serving as an election judge and would like more information, please call 630-232-5990 or 630-232-5994. You may also visit our website: www.kanecountyelections.org to review eligibility requirements, responsibilities and to send an application.