

# State Representative Karina Villa



IL 49TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

SEPT. 16, 2020

What a difference a week makes. Hard to believe we aren't further into autumn than we are. Gray days and rain sure leads itself to staying home. Be that as it may, we've stayed busy here in the district.

## In-District

This last week has been a relatively "quiet" but busy week in the district. Our office welcomed three new interns from Aurora University, Basma, Judith and Lindsay. Check my Facebook page for upcoming introductions.

## Business Interruption Grant (Round 2)

Beginning Thursday, September 17th, Illinois DCEO will begin accepting applications for round two of the Business Interruption Grant program. To learn more, visit the [DCEO website](#).

## i-Cash

The Illinois State Treasurer is holding more than \$3.5 million in unclaimed funds for Illinoisians. My office may call YOU if the State Treasurer is holding unclaimed funds. The State holds these lost funds until they are claimed by either the original owner or their heirs. Property is returned at no cost with the proper identification. Who couldn't use THAT kind of good news right now? You don't have to wait for us to contact you, check the [i-Cash](#) website for yourself.

## Mortgage and Rental Assistance

The Illinois Housing Development Authority had offered rental and mortgage assistance in August. If you missed the deadline, are found ineligible, or are denied assistance, there may still be help available. [Community Crisis Center](#)-Call 847-697-2380, [DuPage County Community Services-Homeless Prevention Program](#)- Call (630) 407-6500 [Salvation Army](#), [The Neighbor Project](#)-Call-630-906-9400, Call 2-1-1 to connect with local community resources, [Catholic Charities](#)-Call (630) 495-8008, [Loaves and Fishes](#)-Call (630) 355-3663

Please call my office for more information and additional resources!

## Advisory Committee Updates

Last week the Education and Senior Advisory Committees met. It was an opportunity for the Education Advisory Committee to touch base on how the school year has begun with its diverse members. While everyone commented on the challenge of adapting to technological issues, overall members of the committee felt the school year wasn't as bad as they expected. Many members talked about the need to find balance between work/school time and personal time as the space occupied by each can often be the same.

The Senior Advisory Committee hosted Karen Ayala and Chris Hoff from the DuPage County Health Department to review myths and realities of COVID-19. Karen and Chris did an amazing job breaking down the coronavirus information

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contained on the [DuPage County Health Department](#) website.

This week the Mental Health Advisory Committee will hold their virtual meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. for meeting information, please contact the committee chairs at [mentalhealth.49th@gmail.com](mailto:mentalhealth.49th@gmail.com).

## What's Next?

Mark your calendars:

### **Fraud Prevention for Seniors Webinar - September 21st**

Join the Senior Advisory Committee and representatives from the Illinois Attorney General's office to learn about the various frauds and scams seen today. Topics will include the basic phone scam, scams related to COVID-19, recent IDES scams as well as what to know about voting.

Register for the Fraud Prevention Webinar today. Click here for tickets: [Fraud Prevention Webinar](#).

### **Second Annual Medicare (virtual) Seminar - October 5th**

The Senior Advisory Committee is hard at work and will host their second medicare seminar, this time virtually. The Representative will be joined by a representative from the Illinois Department on Aging for a conversation on the various Medicare plans, new enrollment and important deadlines. You'll even have an opportunity for Q & A.

Join us from the comfort of your home, but you'll want to register soon as space is limited. Click here for tickets: [Medicare Seminar](#).