



TERRA COSTA HOWARD

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 42

Dear Terra,

After last year's tragic attack in Highland Park, it was such a good feeling to celebrate Independence Day with our communities again. As my staff and I walked in the Fourth of July parades, it was inspiring to see so many smiling faces lining our streets.

Seeing the happy crowds on a beautiful summer day really reminded us of what a privilege it is to serve the people of the 42nd District. Every day, I feel honored to represent our great communities, and I look forward to building on the great work we've done so far.



Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate – especially all the first responders who worked over the Fourth of July holiday to keep us all safe.

New laws to protect children and support public schools

After a busy legislative session, I'm very pleased that a number of my bills have been passed and signed into law.

HB 1123 will adjust the School Report Card to properly account for special education students who have attended high school for four years and receive a Certificate of Completion. This law is effective immediately.

HB1555 clarifies the duties and responsibilities of a guardian ad litem – a court-appointed attorney who acts as the judge's "eyes and ears" and represents the best interests of a minor child in divorce cases. I'm a guardian ad litem myself, so I know how important it is to have a neutral party looking out for young children when their parents are involved in acrimonious court proceedings. Under this law, which was an initiative of the Illinois State Bar Association, the guardian ad litem is required to submit a written report or proposed parenting plan no less than 30 days before a final hearing or trial. This law, which takes effect immediately, will prevent last-minute surprise recommendations.



ILLINOIS STATE CAPITOL
SPRINGFIELD

HB 2861 creates new protections for children and teens who are admitted to residential treatment programs by requiring the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to file a written report on the child's situation within 30 days and to hold a timely hearing to make sure the treatment program is the best and most appropriate option for that child.

HB 3097 adds "bouncy castles" and other inflatables to the Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Act. It also closes a number of enforcement loopholes, to help the Illinois Department of Labor make sure that carnival rides, fun fairs, and amusement parks are operated safely at all times. This law will take effect on Jan. 1, 2024.

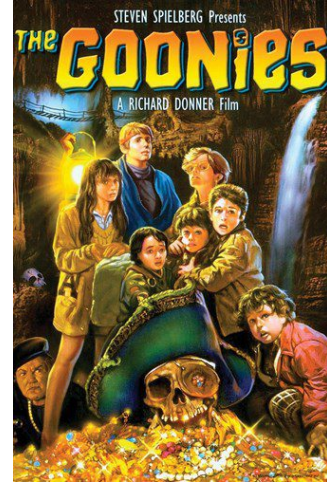
Hey you guys! Cantigny Park is presenting *The*

Goonies at its Moonlit Movies series TOMORROW

Some things are just more fun outside! Bring the family and watch *The Goonies* on Cantigny's new 40-foot inflatable screen. The movie begins at 8:30 p.m. (sunset), and there will be live music from 6 to 8 p.m. before the show, with Jim from Scribble Monster performing.

Concessions (including popcorn) will be available for purchase from Mamie's Toffee and Treats and Tamales+. A beverage cart will offer soft drinks, beer, and wine. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, and bring-your-own picnics are welcome.

Movies are free with paid admission to Cantigny Park. You can click [here](#) to learn more.



Please help Tri-Town YMCA 'Stuff the Bus'

Although it seems like summer is just getting started, school will be back in session before we know it. So I hope you'll join us in supporting Tri-Town YMCA and the Villa Park Collaborative for Early Childhood Development's drive to "Stuff the Bus" with school supplies for local children in need.

From now through Monday, July 24, our office is collecting donations. Items needed include backpacks, pencils, 24-count crayon packs, Clorox wipes, Kleenex, glue sticks, plastic pocket folders, blunt 6-inch scissors, blue, black, and red pens, index cards, washable markers, spill-proof water bottles, and much more. (You can find the full list of requested supplies on the flyer at right, along with a QR that will take you straight to their Amazon.com wishlist.)

A flyer for the 'Stuff the Bus' campaign. At the top is a yellow school bus with 'VPACC' on the roof and 'STUFF-A-BUS NOW - JULY 23' on the back. Below the bus, the text reads: 'HELP STUFF THE BUS WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LOCAL KIDS IN NEED. DROP YOUR DONATIONS AT REPRESENTATIVE TERRA COSTA HOWARD'S OFFICE 913 S MAIN ST, LOMBARD, IL OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE FROM THE WISHLIST NOW THROUGH MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023'. A QR code is provided with a 'SCAN ME' button. A list of needed supplies includes: backpacks, colored pencils, crayons, disinfectant wipes, dry erase markers, Kleenex, erasers, glue sticks, glue, and highlighters. The list also includes: index cards, pencil box, pencils, pencil sharpeners, pens, plastic pocket folders, scissors, spiral notebooks, sticky notes, washable marker, and water bottles. The flyer is coordinated by the Villa Park Area Early Childhood Collaborative.

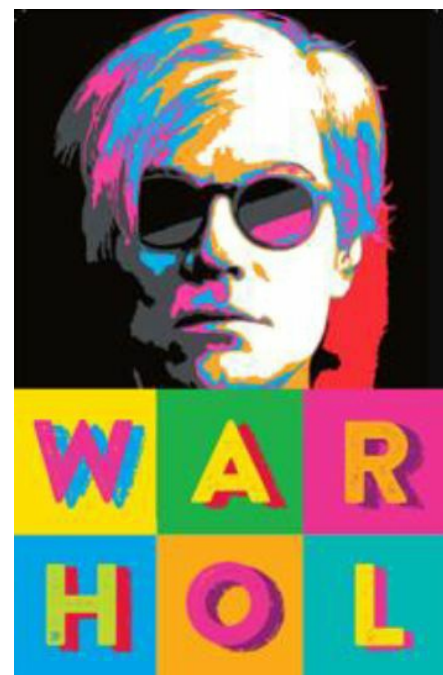
You can email natalie@reptch42.com or call 630-812-9292 to schedule a donation drop-off at my office, 913 S. Main St. in Lombard.

Love Andy Warhol? Come hear COD's Diana Martinez in Lombard SATURDAY

I am such a huge fan of Diana Martinez, the Director of the McAninch Arts Center at the College of DuPage. She has worked tirelessly to create the amazing Warhol exhibit (which is on display at the McAninch Arts Center and Cleve Carney Museum of Art now through Sept. 10. Don't miss it!)

So I hope we'll get a great turnout for Diana's lecture on "Andy Warhol – The American Dream" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, in the Lombard Historical Society's Carriage House at 23 W. Maple St.

She'll talk about Warhol's upbringing in an immigrant family in Pittsburgh, and how that experience shaped his life as a groundbreaking artist and celebrity. She'll also give us an inside look at the Warhol exhibition.



Tickets for Diana's lecture are free and available [here](#). For more information about this event, or the Lombard Historical Society, please visit lombardhistory.org, email info@lombardhistory.org, or call 630-629-1885.

Got soup? Donate to these Warhol-inspired canned food drives in Lombard and Lisle

This is *brilliant*.

Inspired by Andy Warhol's iconic Campbell's Soup paintings, the Lombard Historical Society is teaming up with the Village of Lombard and the Helen Plum Library to host a village-wide food drive for the Outreach House in Lombard.

From now through Sept. 10, they're asking for donations of canned food. (Check out this amazing collection bin at Village Hall, 255 E. Wilson Ave.)

You also can drop off items at any of these other four Lombard locations:

- Fire Station 45, 50 E. St. Charles Road
- Helen Plum Library, 411 S. Main St.
- LHS Carriage House, 23 W. Maple St.
- Sunset Knoll Park, 820 Finley Road

If you bring two items to donate, you'll receive 20% off your purchase in the Historical Society's gift shop, the Lilac Emporium. You can click [here](#) to learn more.

The Lisle Library District is also hosting a canned soup drive in honor of Warhol mania. You can pop into the Library at 777 Front St., now through July 31, to drop off your donations, which will benefit the Lisle Township Food Pantry. The donation bin is at the south entrance by the stairs and the elevator.



Amnesty Week in DuPage County starts Monday for past-due traffic tickets and other fines

If you have accrued collection fees on overdue traffic tickets or other court fines, you may be in luck. The DuPage County Circuit Court Clerk, Candice Adams, has declared the first-ever Amnesty Week, starting on Monday, July 10.

During Amnesty Week, the collection fee will be waived on past-due traffic tickets and other criminal case fines. From Monday through Friday, July 14, you can pay those overdue fines **IN PERSON ONLY** from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the DuPage Circuit Court Clerk's Office, 505 N. County Farm Road in Wheaton.

Qualifying cases must have occurred in DuPage County. Please note that the collection fees will be waived only for cases that already have been sent to Harris & Harris, a debt collection agency. You can click [here](#) for more information.

CLEAR YOUR COURT CASE BALANCE!
DUPAGE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S

AMNESTY WEEK

WHEN?
Monday, July 10th thru
Friday, July 14th
8:00am - 4:30pm daily

WHAT IS AMNESTY WEEK?
Unpaid traffic tickets and criminal cases with outstanding balances can have collection fees waived if paid in full!

WHO QUALIFIES?
Anyone with an outstanding balance due on a DuPage County unpaid traffic ticket or criminal case whose case has been sent to collections.

DETAILS:

- The balance on a criminal case must be paid in full, including any outstanding penalties. Once paid, the collection fee will be removed.
- Cases qualify on a case-by-case basis.
- Payments must be made **IN PERSON** at: 505 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187.
- Cash, check, and credit cards will be accepted. Credit cards are subject to an additional fee.

PRESENTED BY:
Circuit Court Clerk
Candice Adams

LOCATION:
DuPage Circuit Court
Clerk's Office
505 N. County Farm
Rd.
Wheaton, IL 60187

QUESTIONS?
Visit our website or call
the Circuit Court Clerk's
Office:
www.illinoisjudicial.org
630-407-8600

Enjoy a free summer concert in Downers Grove's Fishel Park on TUESDAY

HiFi Superstar, a Chicago-based band that plays beloved hits from a half-century of rock 'n' roll, will be featured this Tuesday, July 11, as part of Downers Grove's Summer Concert Series.

Food and beverage sales will begin at 6 p.m., and HiFi Superstar will play between 7 and 8:30 p.m. at Fishel Park, at 1036 Grove St. The concert is free. You can click [here](#) for more information on the Summer Concert Series.

DOWNERS GROVE PARK DISTRICT

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

PRESENTED BY: ERIC HANDELSON • guaranteedRocks

FREE CONCERTS • TUESDAYS AT 7PM (MUSIC FROM 7-8:30PM) • FISHEL PARK
FOOD & BEVERAGE SALES BEGIN AT 6PM

Glen Ellyn offers swim night for people with sensory sensitivities at Sunset Pool TUESDAY

For children and adults with sensory sensitivities, the noise and activity of a community pool can be overwhelming. So I'm very pleased that Sunset Pool is setting aside a number of evenings this summer to offer a serene and enjoyable atmosphere for children on the autism spectrum and others with sensory sensitivities.



The next Sensory Swim Night will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Sunset Pool, 483 Fairview Ave. in Glen Ellyn. The event is open to all ages. No registration required. Admission is \$3 for residents and \$4 for non-residents. You click [here](#) to learn more.

Celebrate the opening of Naper Commons, Naperville's newest park, this TUESDAY

You're invited to join the Naperville Park District in celebrating the opening of their newest park, Naper Commons at 2323 Weatherbee Lane. This neighborhood park is designed to serve the people living in the new Naper Commons community in northeast Naperville.



The grand opening, which will begin at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, will include a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments, and an opportunity for children to explore the new playground's facilities.

If the weather is threatening, the ceremony will be postponed to Wednesday, July 12. So keep an eye on the park district website's [Cancellations and Closures](#).

DuPage high schoolers are invited to create blankets for shelter animals on TUESDAY

DuPage high school students who want to make life more comfortable for shelter animals are invited to join a volunteer event organized by Reality Illinois, the Teen Board to the DuPage County Health Dept.



Teen volunteers will gather to create blankets for animals in area shelters from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, at the Glenbard District 87 Administration Center, 596 Crescent Blvd. in Glen Ellyn. Supplies will be provided, and no registration is required.

To learn more about the weekly Reality summer schedule of events, please visit DuPagePLT.org/Reality or contact Gilda Ross, Glenbard student and community projects coordinator, at gilda_ross@glenbard.org or 630-942-7668.

Upcoming Events

We have lots of events coming up, so please take a look and mark your calendars today!

July 13: [Free Concert in Lisle Community Park](#) by the Lisle Community Band, 7:30 p.m. at 1825 Short St.

July 14: [Bags and Brews Tournament](#) from 6 to 10 p.m. at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center, 800 St. Charles Road, Glen Ellyn

July 15: [Downtown Lisle Car Show](#), from 6 to 9 p.m. Main Street, Burlington Avenue, and a portion of the Commuter Parking Lots are transformed into a block party

July 21: Family Bingo Night from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center, 800 St. Charles Road, Glen Ellyn

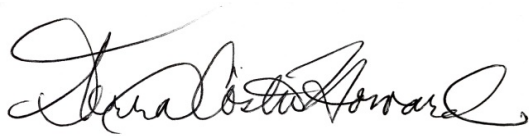
July 22: U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Paddle Craft Safety from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lisle Community Boat Launch, 1825 Short St.

July 27: The American Dream, presented by Eric Shiner (a Warhol presentation) at 7 p.m. at Belushi Performance Hall, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn.

July 30: New Philharmonic at Lakeside Pavilion at 6 p.m. at 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn.

If you have any questions about pending legislation or other issues related to your state government, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 630-812-9292 or RepTCH42@gmail.com.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay strong,



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