

Dear Terra,

There's more to clean energy than wind and solar power.

Here in Illinois, we're working to lay the foundations for a new "hydrogen economy," which will use our existing infrastructure to create carbon-free hydrogen fuels that will power industrial processes and heavy-duty vehicles.



As a member of the Illinois House's Hydrogen Task
Force, I have been participating in meetings and
hearings with representatives from companies that use and produce hydrogen, to find
ways that Illinois can support this important emerging technology.

We took a strong step forward with the <u>Hydrogen Fuel Replacement Tax Credit Act</u>, which I sponsored. I'm very proud that the bill was passed by both chambers and is heading to Governor Pritzker's desk. The bill creates an income tax credit of \$1 per kilogram of eligible zero-carbon hydrogen used by eligible taxpayers.

This tax credit is intended to leverage hundreds of millions in federal dollars to establish a hydrogen energy research and production hub in Illinois. The Illinois-based Midwest Alliance for Clean Hydrogen, or MachH2, is among more than 30 contenders seeking funding from the U.S. Department of Energy Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs program, which will invest \$7 billion in six to 10 regional hydrogen hubs across the country. Each will be aimed at producing and distributing pure hydrogen that is thus far in short supply.

The coalition behind the Illinois bid includes universities, utilities, economic development agencies, manufacturers, Argonne National Laboratory, and power producers such as Constellation Energy and Invenergy, which has launched its own pilot program to produce hydrogen in Illinois.

As we move toward a carbon-free energy economy, we're going to be hearing more and more about the importance of hydrogen. So if you have a minute and want to learn more about the Hydrogen Task Force and what we're doing to make Illinois a leader in the hydrogen economy, please click <u>here</u>.

Pride Month Spotlight: Sean Hayes

We're so excited and pleased for Glen Ellyn's own Sean Hayes, who won the Tony Award for Best Lead Actor in a Play for his portrayal of the mordant, brilliantly witty concert pianist, composer, actor, and author Oscar Levant, in *Good Night, Oscar*.

A Glenbard West alum, Hayes has a whole shelf full of awards for his work as an actor, musician, comedian, and producer. He rocketed to fame as the free-spirited roommate, Jack, in the hit NBC comedy series *Will & Grace*. Since then, he has been dazzling audiences in starring roles on tv and movie screens and the Broadway stage. (Fun fact: Hayes is a classically trained pianist himself, and it's astounding to hear him perform George Gershwin compositions in *Good Night, Oscar.*)

In his spare time (!), Hayes is one-third of the hilarious dynamic trio of the wildly popular <u>SmartLess</u> podcast, along with Jason Bateman and Will Arnett.

In 2014, Hayes married composer Scott Icenogle, after meeting on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show.* In his <u>Tony</u> acceptance speech, he called Icenogle his "purpose."

Congratulations, Sean! We're so proud of you!



Safely dispose of sensitive personal documents at our Shred Event on SATURDAY

My office is joining forces with Sen. Laura Ellman and the Village of Lombard to host a Shred Event from 9 a.m. to noon this Saturday, June 17, at the Lombard Village Hall, 255 E. Wilson Ave.

You can safely dispose of documents that contain your personal information, including credit card statements, medical records, tax returns, and bills. Please note that there is a limit of two bankers boxes of documents per car.

For more information, contact my office at 630-812-9292 or email Reptch42@gmail.com.



Give blood in Lombard on SATURDAY

On Saturday, June 17, roll up your sleeves in Lombard for a blood drive hosted by the Lombard Masonic Lodge (#1098). You can give blood any time from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at First Church of Lombard, 220 S. Main St.

Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

Walk-ins are welcome but you can also click <u>here</u> to make an appointment.



Join us in collecting canned goods, toddler-sized diapers for Outreach House in Lombard

This month, our office is collecting diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6, and non-perishable food items for The Outreach House in Lombard. Their food pantry's most-needed items include pasta and pasta sauce, rice, cereal, dry and canned beans, canned fruits and vegetables, masa flour, peanut butter and jelly, and canned tuna, chili, and beef stew.

We're also asking local gardeners to drop off any excess fresh produce from your gardens directly at
The Outreach House">The Outreach House,



805 S. Main St., Suite A in Lombard, during business hours.
All other donations can be dropped off at my District Office, 913 S. Main St. in Lombard.

The Outreach House helps local families through difficult times by providing food, infant care items, clothing, and emergency assistance. Their mission is simple and profound: "Provide compassionate and effective assistance to individuals and families, with dignity and without judgment".

For more information on The Outreach House and how you can get involved, please click <u>here</u>. You can call my office at 630-812-9292 or email_natalie@reptch42.com to set up a donation drop-off.

Stuff the Squad Car in Glen Ellyn on SATURDAY

Help the Glen Ellyn Police Department stuff a squad car with non-perishable food items benefiting the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry! This event will be held from 8 a.m to noon on Saturday, June 17, in the Glen Ellyn Police Department south lot, 65 S. Park Blvd.

This will be a drive-thru event, with cones indicating where to proceed. You can click <u>here</u> for more information.



Mini the golf is, young Jedis! Holes & Knolls presents 'May the Course Be with You' tournament SATURDAY

Kids aged 3 to 12 are invited to grab their lightsabers and don your favorite Star Wars costumes for Holes & Knolls' 'May the Course Be with You' mini golf tournament.



Prizes will be awarded for best costume. The tournament, which includes lunch, is open to kids ages 3-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The tournament will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, at Holes & Knolls, 845 Pershing Ave. in Glen Ellyn. Players must register in advance. You can click here for more information and to register.

Movie in the park in Lisle on TUESDAY

Get out your lawn chairs, blankets, and snacks and join the Lisle Park District for a movie night under the stars. This week, the featured film is "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish," which will be shown on their huge inflatable screen.



All ages are welcome, and no registration is required. The movie begins at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, at Beau Bien Park, 2600 Old Tavern Road in Lisle. You can click <u>here</u> to learn more.

DuPage High school students are invited to create music and art in Glen Ellyn TUESDAY

All high school students in DuPage County are invited to enjoy a Music/Art Celebration from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20 at the Glenbard District Office, 596 Crescent Blvd. in Glen Ellyn.

During this free event, teens will be able to create

beautiful works of art on canvas or compose their own music. Keyboards and art supplies will be provided.

The celebration is being organized by Reality Illinois - the Teen Advisory Board to the DuPage County Health Department, which is made up of students who work within the community to make a lasting and positive impact on the lives of youth.



For further information, you can click <u>here</u> or contact Gilda Ross, Glenbard District 87 student and community projects coordinator, at <u>gilda_ross@glenbard.org</u> or 630-942-7668.

Enjoy Illinois' longest-running art fair next weekend at Naper Settlement

The Naperville Woman's Club will present their 63rd annual juried Fine Art & Artisan Fair next weekend, June 24 and 25th. This event, which will showcase more than 100 artists, is the longest running art fair in our state!



The Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at the Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St. in Naperville. You can click <u>here</u> for more information.

Upcoming Events

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

June 24: Paddle Craft Safety Event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lisle Community Boat Launch, 1825 Short St., Lisle

June 27: Our monthly <u>Food and Blood Drive</u> with the Glen Ellyn Park District and Kiwanis Club of Central DuPage at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center, 800 St. Charles Road, Glen Ellyn

June 30: Summer Break at the Lake from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Lake Ellyn Park, 645 Lenox Road, Glen Ellyn

July 4: <u>Lisle Independence Day Parade</u> at 10 a.m., beginning at Lisle Junior High School, 5207 Center Ave.

July 4: Glen Ellyn's Fourth of July Parade at noon along Fawell Blvd.

July 4: Wheaton Independence Day Parade at 10 a.m. in Downtown Wheaton.

July 10-14: <u>Amnesty Week in DuPage</u>, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, at the DuPage Circuit Court Clerk's Office, 505 North County Farm Road, Wheaton.

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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