

Batavia Township Democrats

March 2025

Next Meeting: Thursday, April
[Minutes from March 13 Meeting](#)

East China Inn, 140 W. Wilson St. Downtown
Batavia Q & A/Social Time 6:00-7:00 PM
Business Meeting 7:00-8:00 PM

Greetings!

It's GO time! We have virtual phone bank opportunities! Make calls from the comfort of your own home with a script provided. Any time of day or evening works! Send me an email for the link.

See the list 2025 Consolidated Election Candidates with the **recommended candidates in BOLD on page 2. We are also asking folks to VOTE YES for the Public Safety Tax.**

We have sent out very close to **1,000 postcards** across Batavia! Thank you for donations of stamps and to all of you who spent a few hours writing!

VOTE YES! We have signs! Send me a request to pick up a sign for you, your friends, and neighbors!

Check out this link and share! [Vote Yes! Keep Kane County Safe!](#)

My contact information is: 630-441-6504 or bataviademschair@gmail.com

Batavia Township Dems Book Recommendations

The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness by Jonathan Haidt

[Barnes & Noble](#)

[Bookshop.org](#) (Every purchase benefits local independent bookstores)

Rules for Radicals: A Pragmatic Primer for Realistic Radicals by Saul Alinsky

[Barnes & Noble](#)

[Bookshop.org](#)

On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century by Timothy Snyder

[Barnes & Noble](#)

[Bookshop.org](#)

2025 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATES

**BATAVIA COMM UNIT SCHOOL DIST 101
FOR THE BOARD OF ED. TO SERVE A
FULL 4-YEAR TERM (Vote for FOUR)**

**BOLD* = Endorsed by Batavia Educators
Association (BEA)**

Craig S. Meadows*
Aaron Kilburg *
Kristin Gehrels*
Katherine "Katy" Swiecicki*
~~Rose McNaut~~

**Waubonsee Community College
Trustees (vote for 3)**

Daniel Jaquez
Greg Dobbins
Tina Medlin Wison*
Rick Guzman

NOTE: Township Candidates are
not listed as they are not
contested this term; we intend to
recruit candidates for township in
the next municipal election.

2025 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATES

FOR MAYOR (Vote for ONE)

Thomas M. Connelly

Jeffery D. Schielke (Incumbent)

FOR CLERK (Vote for ONE)

Kate Garrett (Incumbent)

WARD 1 ALDERPERSON (Vote for ONE)

Jennifer Baerren (Incumbent)

WARD 2 ALDERPERSON (Vote for ONE)

Leah Leman (Incumbent)

WARD 3 ALDERPERSON (Vote for ONE)

Alice Lohman (Incumbent)

WARD 3 ALDERPERSON TO SERVE UN-EXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM
(Vote for ONE)

Kevin Malone (Incumbent)

WARD 4 ALDERPERSON (Vote for ONE)

Doug Eldrenkamp

Dustin Pieper (Incumbent)

WARD 4 ALDERPERSON, WARD 4 TO SERVE AN UN-EXPIRED
2-YEAR TERM (Vote for ONE)

Tony Malay (Incumbent)

WARD 5 ALDERPERSON, WARD 5 (Vote for ONE)

James Fahrenbach

Garran DeWain Sparks

WARD 6 ALDERPERSON (Vote for ONE)

Matthew Anderson

Kate Cuneo

WARD 7 ALDERPERSON (Vote for ONE)

Sarah Vogelsinger (Incumbent)

WARD 7 ALDERPERSON TO SERVE UN-EXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM
(Vote for ONE)

Robin Barraza (Incumbent)

BATAVIA LIBRARY FOR TRUSTEES TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR
TERM (Vote for FOUR)

Christy Ford

Christopher Lowe

Marianne Fasano

Kathryn L. Hubbard

Jennifer Sutton

BATAVIA PARK DISTRICT FOR COMMISSIONER TO SERVE A
FULL 6-YEAR TERM (Vote for TWO)

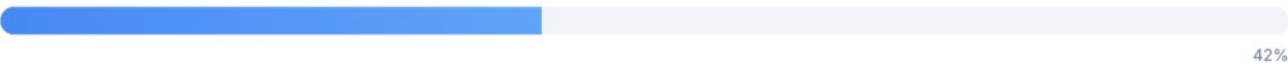
Amanda Slaiher

Anique Drouin

Project 2025 Tracker www.project2025.observer

Overall Progress

301 Total 104 Done 45 In Progress



Progress by Agency





The Next Meeting of the Kane County Democrats will be:

March 25, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.

(fourth Tuesday monthly)

*** Hybrid Meeting This Month ***

Building A, Kane County Government Center

719 S. Batavia Avenue, Geneva, IL 60134

40 people can attend in person. Zoom for others.

Send request for Zoom Link to info@kanedems.org

SAVE THE DATES!

Tuesday, March 25 Postcard Party 4:30-6:30 Protect & Advance Reproductive Rights

June 8, 2025 Aurora Pride Parade Details pending

Saturday, April 5, 11:30 Demonstration: Remove. Reverse. Reclaim.

Follow “We Can Lead Change” for Details

Saturday, April 5 HandsOff2025.com to find nearest location!

Wednesday, April 2 [Hands Off: De-escalation Training \(Virtual\)](#)



SALES TAX REFERENDUM

F[✓]CT SHEET



★★★★ The Referendum ★★★★★

Kane County Government has put a referendum on the **April 1, 2025** ballot for a sales tax increase. The intention is to raise funds to **support public safety in our county**; including our sheriff & courts, the coroner, the circuit clerk, 911, and the Office of Emergency Management.

71%

of Kane County's general fund expenditures are for **Public Safety**

★★★★ Reason for Referendum ★★★★★



MAINTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING

This sales tax will help ensure effective operation of offices such as:

Sheriff's Office
Emergency Response Team
State's Attorney's Office



MAINTAIN SPECIALTY COURTS

Courts that help improve your quality of life and ultimately decrease county costs through:

Mental Health Services
Prevention Initiatives



SAFER COMMUNITIES CREATE ECONOMIC STABILITY

This will enhance property values and build a more vibrant community by attracting:

New Businesses More
Community Connection
New Residents

NOT a Property Tax

This Special County **Retailers Occupation Tax** for Public Safety is a sales tax.

Excluding:

Groceries
Prescription Medication
Cars & other Vehicles

Resulting in a:

75¢ sales tax for every
\$100 in retail purchases

SOME OF THE PROGRAMS AFFECTED BY COUNTY FUNDING:



Kane County State's Attorney Child Exploitation Unit

which makes sure that any individuals involved in cases of child exploitation are held accountable for their criminal conduct



Child Advocacy Center
which steps in with a coordinated response to child abuse



Social Workers
who help when mental health is more the concern than criminal intent

WHY NOW?

The Kane County Board has not increased property taxes on it's citizens for more than a decade, while continuing to absorb the rising costs of inflation. Only in the 2025 budget was a modest 3.4% consumer price index implemented.

Our County needs an increase in funding to **maintain our service levels** or we will run out of money in the near future and be forced to cut programs that will ultimately affect the safety of our community. Paid for by Citizens for a Safe Kane County!

