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 Centure 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 Mc Naul

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

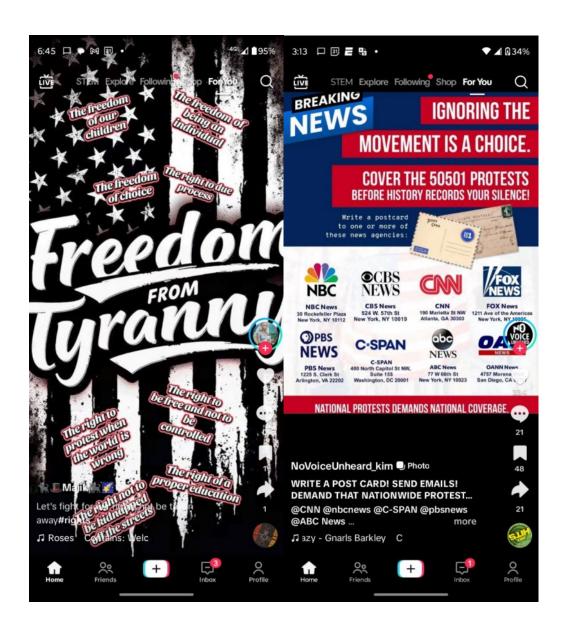
BATAVIA PARK DISTRICT FOR COMMISSIONER TO SERVE A FULL 6-YEAR TERM (Vote for TWO)

Amanda Slaiher

Anique Drouin

Project 2025 Tracker www.project2025.observer

		301 Total 104 Doi	ne 45 In Progress
			42%
			4276
Time Until	End of Term		
15	42		
Hours	Minutes	Secon	nds
			100%
			89%
			88%
			67%
			62%
		Hours Minutes	15 42 32 Hours Minutes Secon





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









* * * * 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:



sales tax for every



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!



It's really important to engage with our elected officials, attend meetings, extend our support and encouragement, and ensure accountability. With that in mind, we are focused on attending meetings in person or virtually (or watch recordings). Following is a list of all government meetings with detailed information about meeting times & places. Additionally, we have set up a Google Document for folks to volunteer to attend and folks can see who's attending to foster connection and collaboration. Please consider joining us and SIGN UP HERE. For those attending, we'd love a written or verbal summary to share at our monthly meeting. STAY TUNED FOR TALKING POINTS & SUGGESTIONS

Batavia City Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings are live streamed on <u>BATV's YouTube</u> <u>Channel 17</u> and available later to view on the City's website. Agendas and Meeting Mintues are available at https://www.bataviail.gov/27/City-Government

City Council Meetings:

- Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers
 Committee of the Whole (COW) Meetings:
- Meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday (with additional meetings as necessary) at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

North Aurora Village Board meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Committee of the Whole Meetings. All meetings will be held at the North Aurora Village Hall, 25 E. State St., North Aurora, IL

BPS101 Board of Education Meetings are held at the Rosalie Jones Administration Center located at 335 W. Wilson Street. Regular meetings begin at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting Dates: December 17 and January 21, February 18, March 18, Special Meeting April 8, April 22, May 20, June 24. Meeting agendas and minutes are available at: https://go.boarddocs.com/il/bps101/Board.nsf/Public

Board of Library Trustee Meetings are scheduled to meet at the Batavia Public Library on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. Meeting agendas and minutes are available at: https://bataviapubliclibrary.org/agendas-minutes/

The Park Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Civic Center, 327 W. Wilson St, at 7:00 pm. Meeting agendas and minutes are available at: https://bataviaparks.org/the-board-room

Waubonsee Community College Board of Trustees Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Board Room of the Dickson Center located on the Sugar Grove Campus, Route 47 at Waubonsee Drive, Sugar Grove, Illinois, unless otherwise noted.

Meeting minutes and agendas are available at: https://www.waubonsee.edu/about-waubonsee/board-trustees

Kane County Board Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 9:45 a.m. at the Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Building A, Geneva IL. Meeting Minutes & Agendas are available at: https://www.kanecountyil.gov/Pages/CountyBoard/committee.aspx?cID=2