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#### EDUCATION

As Federal Funding Cliffs Loom Over Public Schools, This Department of Public Instruction Toolkit Could Help  
<http://tinyurl.com/3hr2d2tv>

More US Schools Moving to Four-Day Week; More than 2,100 schools in nearly 900 districts across the country have four-day school weeks  
<https://bit.ly/3uFGS2M>

As States Make It Easier to Become a Teacher, Are They Reducing Barriers or Lowering the Bar?  
<https://bit.ly/3OQP2Mp>

Lawrence schools is asking teams of teachers and administrators working with Teach Indy, an Indianapolis nonprofit, to find out why teachers leave the profession and what can be done to alleviate the stress of the work  
<https://bit.ly/3l8ubjX>

Reading Supports Abound in Schools, But Effective Math Help Much Harder to Find; When it comes to math, there's less of everything: nearly 50% of schools employ trained reading specialists, while only 23% have math specialist  
<https://bit.ly/3T73lz2>

Study finds 76 percent of Black Americans celebrate Black History Month  
<https://bit.ly/42MM3dH>

How an AP African American studies class is helping Brooklyn students see themselves in history  
<https://bit.ly/3uDwubR>

School dress codes promote discipline. But many Black students see traces of racism  
<https://bit.ly/4bMmDAZ>

Why Writing by Hand Is Better for Memory and Learning; Engaging the fine motor system to produce letters by hand has positive effects on learning and memory

<https://bit.ly/42QvpK8>

Why Men Outperform Women at 'Mindsports'; Research on chess has shown that the underperformance of female chess players can be largely attributed to gender stereotypes and socialization

<https://bit.ly/49CMw4k>

Darwin Online has virtually reassembled the naturalist's personal library; Previous catalogs only listed about 15 percent of the naturalist's extensive collection

<https://bit.ly/3l41xka>

President Biden will announce \$1.2B of student debt relief for nearly 153,000 borrowers - and he's sending emails to make sure they know whom to thank for it

<https://politi.co/3OPXgV8>

The Biden administration is forgiving a total of \$1.2B in student debt for roughly 153,000 borrowers

<https://bit.ly/3whjhWr>

Transferring from community college to a Bachelor's degree is a 'terribly unfortunate' mistake for most; Only 16% of community college students ever complete a four-year degree program

<https://bit.ly/49Bf1Q5>

If you're a Wisconsin high school student ranked in the top 5% of your class, you're now guaranteed a seat at the University of Wisconsin-Madison if you want it

<https://bit.ly/3UOcklh>

University of Florida has 1 administrator for every 4 undergrads; Administrative staff grew by 12 percent while enrollment barely budged

<https://bit.ly/3l3UDvg>

University of Florida becomes first public college student government to pass Green New Deal resolution

<https://bit.ly/48mMRHr>

Twenty-five US universities face calls to cancel Starbucks contracts; Student organizers, faculty and workers protest against coffee company's response to union organizing efforts

<http://tinyurl.com/4h5zd6vt>

What Liberals Can Do to Root Out Illiberalism in Higher Education; And why it matters

<https://bit.ly/49lmRxD>

We Are Too Good for DEI; Diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives that portray Black Americans as perpetual victims aren't doing us any favors

<https://bit.ly/3SL8mvR>

Jewish college students in the U.S. face antisemitism, little help from officials

<https://bit.ly/48soLuO>

A divided Yale Law School confronts the Israel-Gaza war; If we pursue questions with empathy and seriously listen to each other, we can move in the right direction. At the very least, we must understand the reasons we hold fundamentally opposing views and inquire whether any common ground may be found

<https://bit.ly/42OwN03>

National Education Association reaffirms ceasefire demand in war on Gaza

<https://bit.ly/3SQtcK6>

The Biden administration finally named a coordinator to combat book bans. That was the easy part

<https://bit.ly/3I5dqWW>

Georgia lawsuit claims veteran teachers threatened by curriculum restrictions; The lawsuit claims classroom censorship policies pose a threat to tenure protections, including those under the Georgia Fair Dismissal Act

<https://bit.ly/3I4audj>

Iowa School District Agrees to Stop Punishing Students for 'Misgendering' as Part of Lawsuit Settlement; The lawsuit also challenged a district policy that allowed schools to keep a child's gender transition from their parents

<https://bit.ly/4bJYlaY>

A bill working its way through the Wisconsin legislature is raising alarm among science education groups because of specific language that could dampen how topics are taught

<https://bit.ly/3uxSfd7>

An Oklahoma House committee narrowly advanced a measure that would only allow a student to receive sex education if their parents opt in

<https://bit.ly/4bOplpF>

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker's 2025 budget plan continues to boost early childhood education in Illinois, modest increases for K-12 public schools

<https://bit.ly/3SQkpbr>

The Chicago Teachers Union is required by its own internal rules to provide an audit of its finances every year, but it has failed to do so for at least four years.

<https://bit.ly/4bMHVPa>

Students pitch idea to change math curriculum at Illinois State Capitol

<https://bit.ly/3wm0N7j>

Parents' lawsuit says Chicago Teachers Union should pay \$250M for Jan. '22 work stoppage

<https://bit.ly/3SQcSZU>

Chicago's school support staff have been working without a new contract. Union leaders say talks have stalled; SEIU has a powerful ally in the mayor's office

<https://bit.ly/48oozwW>

Chicago School Board considers resolution calling for removal of police officers from schools

<https://bit.ly/3SQO9ov>

Impact of Chicago Public Schools bus shortage felt citywide

<https://bit.ly/3wns5u2>

Beyoncé's foundation offering \$250,000 in scholarships to cosmetology students, including one in Chicago

<https://bit.ly/49oxfEP>

This Elmhurst School Number A Stark Reminder; Last year, not a single low-income eighth-grader at Sandburg met state standards in math on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, according to the Illinois Report Card

<https://bit.ly/3UOxvIF>

A Chill On Freedom of Speech At Elmhurst School District 205 Meetings? Residents are asked not to mention any individuals by name during board meetings

<https://bit.ly/3UOWRpL>

An Elmhurst conservative activist accused the Elmhurst School District 205 board of backing an ideological agenda on teaching children about gender

<https://bit.ly/49jYqjW>

DuPage County and SCARCE, a non-profit education program educating kids on environmental challenges, announced they will host the 18th annual Sustainable Design Challenge

<https://bit.ly/4a123eP>

Mallory Tolley, agriculture educator at Knoxville High School, has been recognized as the West Central Regional Teacher of the Year

<https://bit.ly/49l1nAJ>

'The most devoted:' Monmouth-Roseville educator named Illinois Bilingual Teacher of Year

<https://bit.ly/4bIJihL>

Lucky Numbers for Education: Illinois Lottery's New Instant Ticket Supports UNCF Scholarships

<https://bit.ly/42Py7Qi>

How one district has diversified its advanced math classes - without the controversy

<https://bit.ly/49qNJwe>

West Side Chicago residents urge Board of Ed not to pull resource officers from schools

<https://cbsn.ws/48pAmuD>

Dr. Chala Holland to take reins of Highland Park District 113

<https://bit.ly/49K5J4a>

Union of NU grad workers prepares to strike for better pay, benefits

<https://bit.ly/48oxyxZ>

A new report from educational researchers indicates Evanston/Skokie School District 65 is making less

progress in recovering from pandemic-induced learning losses than the Chicago Public Schools.

<https://bit.ly/4bMK2T6>

A NIU organization offers a sense of camaraderie to Black students

<https://bit.ly/3T5SHZg>

Heartland approves tuition, fee increase beginning with summer semester

<https://bit.ly/49pXWc8>

Champaign teacher singles out Palestinian student equating her with Hamas

<https://bit.ly/48G56YN>

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

How the starter home became a dying American dream; Bigger houses, rising construction costs, and shrinking supply are dashing what's left of the American Dream

<https://bit.ly/3OSHNnc>

Minnesota has a housing shortage, and lawmakers plan to fix it by allowing more housing units - including duplexes, fourplexes and mother-in-law suites - in more parts of the state

<https://bit.ly/3l8aljn>

U.S. Supreme Court rejects challenges to New York rent stabilization law

<https://bit.ly/48pD6bt>

After Supreme Court Denies Cases, Clarence Thomas Offers Hope to Rent Control Critics; Thomas agreed with the Court's decision to not take up two challenges to New York's rent stabilization law but said the constitutionality of rent control "is an important and pressing question"

<https://bit.ly/48ou2ns>

Going After Corporate Homebuyers is Good Politics but Ineffective Policy; Investors in the Housing Market: Myths Versus Reality - and other reasons why scapegoating corporate homebuyers is a distraction from solving housing dysfunction at the root

<https://bit.ly/3uGZQG8>

Investment funds have become voracious buyers of U.S. farmland, amassing over 1M acres as they seek a hedge against inflation and aim to benefit from the growing global demand for food

<http://tinyurl.com/298pdjw3>

America's farmers are getting older; In 2022, they were just over 58 on average

<https://bit.ly/4bMTAx8>

Investors targeting urban retail? The retail sector saw a combined 3.3% growth in asking rents in prime corridors from 2022 to 2023. Consumer spending continues to grow, too, surpassing \$705B in September of 2023

<https://bit.ly/49mWBmt>

January Retail Sales: No, The Sky Isn't Falling, And Neither Are Consumers; In the aggregate, household financial conditions remain strong. As long as the labor market holds up, we expect this will remain the case  
<http://tinyurl.com/mvbrum38>

Better times on the way for U.S. industrial sector; Locations capable of providing heavy power and water are expected to be in high demand as manufacturing activity continues to progress  
<https://bit.ly/3OMqAf5>

Why car insurance rates are soaring; Cars have also become more technologically advanced, making car repair more expensive  
<https://bit.ly/3SNPUCX>

Indiana lawmakers support lifting state ban on happy hours  
<https://bit.ly/48pbdjJ>

U.S. labor unions embarked on the highest number of strikes in 23 years in 2023 as they sought hefty wage increases, benefits and better working conditions for their members  
<http://tinyurl.com/3fdrr6hw>

Elon Musk and Amazon Team Up to Try to Demolish Workers' Rights; A handful of corporations with notoriously bad labor practices are hoping to convince the Supreme Court to gut the National Labor Relations Board  
<https://bit.ly/3OQOrdD>

The Best-Paying Construction Jobs in the U.S.  
<https://bit.ly/49opgY7>

Report: The Value of Higher Education in Wisconsin  
<https://bit.ly/3T2HDfz>

No College Degree? There Are Jobs for You; Just not many that pay much; For the jobs in Wisconsin that pay at least \$50K a year, more than half will require a college diploma. Even worse: Among occupations paying salaries of \$75K or more, 91 percent will call for a college education  
<https://bit.ly/3OQGdCz>

Skills-Based Hiring: The Long Road from Pronouncements to Practice  
<https://bit.ly/3ORruHA>

Employers don't practice what they preach on skills-based hiring, report finds; Fewer than 1 in 700 new hires benefited from businesses dropping degree requirements  
<https://bit.ly/3T7Yo8b>

Democrats pushed climate action. Then utility bills skyrocketed; Electricity bills are biting lawmakers in coastal, Democratic-leaning districts  
<https://politi.co/4bWtYOK>

Yale Bird-Friendly Building Initiative continues research; The project seeks to spearhead building standards and demonstrate the effectiveness of retrofitting solutions that might offer a bird-friendly model for other campuses

<https://bit.ly/3T7Zsdo>

'Free' bus rides raise questions of fairness, viability; The strategy is especially helpful to lower-paid workers, but it might not be sustainable

<https://bit.ly/3I3WDDM>

Poor and happy: The societies that defy life satisfaction trends; Some of the world's most satisfied societies are poor, small, and remote

<https://bit.ly/42Ra9Eq>

'AI godfather', others urge more deepfake regulation in open letter

<http://tinyurl.com/ubrdnp6w>

Facebook whistleblower, AI godfather join hundreds calling for deepfake regulation

<https://bit.ly/3SOWNnd>

Google released new artificial intelligence models that outside developers potentially can fashion as their own, following a similar move by Meta Platforms, opens new tab and others

<http://tinyurl.com/yzsxfcbw>

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Governor adds \$500M to quantum computing quest; The investment would complement Illinois' bid to secure the headquarters of the National Semiconductor Technology Center, an R&D accelerator the Biden administration is establishing as part of the \$280B CHIPS Act

<https://bit.ly/49IQtkZ>

New Survey Names Illinois As 'The Most Hated State in America'; Based on 3 factors: The percent of residents who say their state is the worst. States with the biggest population decreases. The number of other states who say they hate a state the most

<https://bit.ly/3uJkTb7>

Transmission line monopoly back on agenda at Statehouse after Pritzker's veto; 'Right of first refusal' controversy returns after last-minute bill and governor's veto

<https://bit.ly/3uGMny9>

Chicago Mayor Johnson pitches borrowing \$1.25B for housing and development; Johnson says his signature development plan would rely on letting dozens of the city's controversial TIF districts expire, and that money would be used to pay back the debt

<https://bit.ly/3T3OYvk>

Mayor's \$1.25B Affordable Housing Plan Would Mean The End Of TIF Districts; If approved, the mayor's plan would invest in affordable housing, developments and small businesses while overhauling the city's TIF

<https://bit.ly/3ULvz3C>

The Thompson Center Reboot; Architectural treasure? Taxpayer money pit? Charming fixer-upper?

Spaceship? All of the above? Here's what to know about the Googleplexing of Helmut Jahn's opus

<https://bit.ly/49IR0MZ>

Tribune Publishing is laying off nearly 200 workers at its Freedom Center plant beginning April 22, about two months ahead of the newspaper company's planned relocation of printing operations to Schaumburg

<http://tinyurl.com/3vx34u5e>

Transforming Chicago's South Shore neighborhood block by block

<https://bit.ly/3OMrbgP>

Illinois utilities pushing to control power line construction while others warn of a monopoly

<https://bit.ly/3wnt2T8>

Chicago dollar stores to face new restrictions following council vote

<https://bit.ly/49JaF9G>

Credit card firm Discover to cut 108 jobs in Chicago area

<https://bit.ly/4bNgYLi>

Aurora area communities receive \$2.8M for parks

<https://bit.ly/3whC83F>

Billionaire George Soros steps up to save Chicago radio stations

<https://bit.ly/49JaUS8>

New owners of former Sears HQ meet Hoffman Estates business community at mayor's forum

<https://bit.ly/49kkBqr>

Des Plaines City Council narrowly approves changes to controversial apartments plan

<https://bit.ly/3wqc1aU>

Data center campus to replace four office buildings at Northwest Point in Elk Grove

<https://bit.ly/3SNRVz1>

The Crystal Lake City Council unanimously denied NVA Transportation's request for a truck terminal expansion late Tuesday after months of resident pushback.

<https://bit.ly/4bLif5d>

Two planned Des Plaines restaurants get city grants for improvements

<https://bit.ly/3wtPzOk>

New playground, upgraded ball fields, 'challenge course' on the way to Algonquin park

<https://bit.ly/3UJonVK>

Empowering Black Wealth: Insights from Northwestern Mutual Event

<https://bit.ly/42KunQ5>

Starbucks baristas in Chicago file for union election, joining workers at 21 stores for campaign's largest



single-day filing

<https://bit.ly/3SOTOLz>

Unsanctioned Building Next To Puerto Rican Museum To Be Demolished Next Week

<https://bit.ly/49MzO3n>

DeKalb City Council supports feasibility study for new TIF district on South Fourth Street

<https://bit.ly/3wpo605>

New Henry County wind farm creates jobs, energy

<https://bit.ly/48pso4M>

The Quincy Finance Committee will consider the city's contribution toward the construction of the first roundabout in the city.

<https://bit.ly/3T7xlp2>

Mattoon City Council adds zoning category for compact homes

<https://bit.ly/3SLWERx>

Charleston natives open 21,000-square-foot indoor baseball, softball training facility in Champaign

<https://bit.ly/3OMEFsX>

2nd cnnabis store coming to Alton

<https://bit.ly/42NPVLC>

Farm Loan Interest Rates by Geographic Region

<https://bit.ly/49Gaj3B>

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Covid death toll in US likely 16% higher than official tally, study says; Researchers think undercounting goes beyond overloaded health systems to a lack of awareness of Covid and low levels of testing

<http://tinyurl.com/3fda3f68>

More than half the world's countries will be at high or very high risk of measles outbreaks by the end of the year unless urgent preventative measures are taken, the World Health Organization warned

<http://tinyurl.com/57639dkk>

Four major nonprofits that rose to prominence during the coronavirus pandemic by capitalizing on the spread of medical misinformation collectively gained more than \$118M between 2020 and 2022, enabling the organizations to deepen their influence in statehouses, courtrooms and communities across the country

<https://bit.ly/49n9Y5U>

Researchers are using RNA in a new approach to fight HIV; You know mRNA, now meet siRNA

<https://bit.ly/3l6Vhbf>

Junk DNA in birds may hold key to safe, efficient gene therapy; New technique for inserting genes into a "safe harbor" in the genome would complement CRISPR gene editing

<https://bit.ly/3l8zwb9>

A relative of mad cow disease, zombie deer-or chronic wasting disease-is on the rise in North America

<https://bit.ly/3T63C5l>

A bill that would eliminate flu and whooping cough vaccine requirements for adoptive families and foster families caring for infants and medically fragile kids is advancing in the Tennessee legislature

<https://bit.ly/3OSj2aL>

Would you expect a firefighter to run into a burning building to save a frozen embryo? The Alabama Supreme Court ruled that frozen human embryos are people too

<https://bit.ly/3l92WpC>

Alabama Court Rules Frozen Embryos Made by IVF Are "Children"; With Roe v. Wade dismantled, far-right courts are coming for all aspects of reproductive health care

<https://bit.ly/3T7Yk8r>

A US Supreme Court order freezing the largest s. abuse settlement in US history signals a break from decades of tradition in how federal courts treat decided bankruptcy cases

<https://bit.ly/3T7CKSE>

Boosting Health for Children: Transition to Electric Vehicles and Clean Power Would Prevent 2.7M Asthma Attacks in U.S. Kids

<https://bit.ly/3SQiTG2>

New model identifies treatments that shouldn't be taken together; Using a machine-learning algorithm, researchers can predict interactions that could interfere with effectiveness

<https://bit.ly/3SOO1Wj>

Your heart changes in size and shape with exercise - this can lead to heart problems for some athletes and gym rats; Athletic heart commonly occurs among endurance athletes

<https://bit.ly/49lOU9T>

Mind-reading devices: Implants and other technologies that decode neural activity can restore people's abilities to move and speak - and help researchers to understand how the brain works

<https://go.nature.com/49pp37a>

Your brain needs a really good lawyer; Can new legislation protect us from the companies building tech to read our minds?

<https://bit.ly/4bOdFDi>

Scientists find link between brain imbalance and chronic fatigue syndrome; Scientists describe small study as long overdue deep dive into biology of condition

<http://tinyurl.com/ypprx5a>

A pacemaker for the brain helped a woman with crippling depression. It may soon be available to more  
<https://bit.ly/4bl55WN>

Congress's big show of protecting kids online stopped when the cameras did  
<https://bit.ly/3T4DwzM>

Government Is Snooping on Your Phone; Many apps collect data that is then accessed by outside entities. Should you care?  
<https://bit.ly/48ud46W>

Lawmakers Want Pause on Federal Funds for Predictive Policing; The dangers inherent in targeting criminals-to-be have yet to be addressed  
<https://bit.ly/3l9sm6m>

Can AI help us predict extreme weather? AI models are revolutionizing weather forecasts  
<https://bit.ly/3T3RDFk>

E-bike head trauma soars as helmet use falls, study finds; Helmet use declined by almost 6 percent each year between 2017 and 2022, while the number of e-bike riders with head trauma seeking hospital care shot up 49 fold to nearly 8,000 in 2022  
<https://n.pr/49oQMET>

How Oregon turned on its own trailblazing legalization law: 'not the utopia we were promised'; Three years ago, the state began a novel social experiment that put treatment over punishment - then came the backlash  
<http://tinyurl.com/4at2acs9>

It's only been six months. But by almost every indication, the four-day workweek the city of Golden, Colorado, has been piloting in its police department has been a success  
<https://bit.ly/3l8RiLp>

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The state Senate Public Health Committee advanced a bill banning brominated vegetable oil, potassium bromate, propylparaben and Red Dye No. 3 in foods sold in the state beginning in 2027.  
<https://bit.ly/48kem4s>

Illinois, Iowa bills cover damages from truck crashes; Legislation would revise one-year-old rules on pain-and-suffering damages related to incidents involving large trucks  
<https://bit.ly/3l46dgh>

Chicago Weekly Crime Tracker  
<https://bit.ly/3l3abzK>

Chicago Mayor Johnson Suggests 'Non-Police Response' For Emergencies  
<https://bit.ly/3T6xjmV>

Ex-McCook police chief gets more than 2 years in prison for extortion that 'takes my breath away,' judge says  
<https://bit.ly/3ORqWS2>

Disciplinary cases before Chicago Police Board could be halted even longer amid court battle

<https://bit.ly/3PeXLbN>

Highland Park massacre suspect's trial set for February 2025

<https://bit.ly/3uDXh7T>

Sheriff's Office bailing on Lake County's planned central 911 dispatch center

<https://bit.ly/49JaZoY>

New Wheeling fire chief is officially aboard

<https://bit.ly/3UIYchX>

Illinois State Police Metropolitan Enforcement Groups and Drug Task Forces Successes in 2023

<https://bit.ly/48pcojl>

Rockford to continue to use ShotSpotter gunshot detection system

<https://bit.ly/4bOSj8T>

Rockford police review 2023 crime trends

<https://bit.ly/3OT69NE>

Manteno man pleads guilty to federal charges in Capitol breach

<https://bit.ly/42Qvq0E>

Proposal for additional Jacksonville ambulance gets push from commission

<https://bit.ly/49EVNsP>

Seasonal respiratory viruses remain at low levels across Illinois

<https://bit.ly/3l6WKhf>

Springfield's arson numbers spiked 66% in 2023; juvenile crime, squatters a factor

<https://bit.ly/3T7pLQH>

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Wealthier, urban Americans have access to more local news - while roughly half of US counties have only one outlet or less

<https://bit.ly/48FYsSI>

At least 60% of US population may face 'forever chemicals' in tap water, tests suggest; Federal tests of one-third of water systems find 70m Americans exposed to PFAS - suggesting 200M affected overall

<http://tinyurl.com/53x2j698>

Phoenix announced a new financial incentive to remove non-residential grass in an effort to conserve water

<https://bit.ly/48o6mPV>

Georgia lawmakers eye allowing criminal charges against school librarians over content of books

<https://cbsn.ws/49zsyYA>

More than half of accountants make several errors each month; Accountants with excessive workloads tend to err through manual mistakes, lax review of records or misinterpretation of data

<https://bit.ly/4bNfK2i>

Adobe launches AI Assistant in Acrobat in beta, to summarize PDFs, answer and recommend questions, and more, letting paying users "easily chat with documents"

<https://bit.ly/48pdPOz>

Podcast: Great Leaders Balance Ambition with Humility; How to find a better balance between our desire to achieve and the qualities that earn more respect from colleagues

<http://tinyurl.com/m3ewjj8e>

5 Ways to Prepare for Situational Interview Questions; Tactical advice to help you nail common prompts

<http://tinyurl.com/2budz9mh>

Preparing Your Team for a Year of Intense Political Polarization; How to encourage people to productively disagree while maintaining mutual respect

<https://bit.ly/3OODLw4>

Why we reject new ideas

<https://bit.ly/4bOf2Ss>

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Chicago sues BP, Chevron, other oil companies over 'climate deception'

<https://bit.ly/3OTiRMy>

Chicago Mayor Johnson, his message, and the media: Time for a course correction before public loses faith

<http://tinyurl.com/2axdhr8a>

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson pitches borrowing \$1.25B for housing and development

<https://bit.ly/42KTUZt>

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson Proposes Bold \$1.25B Borrowing Plan to Revolutionize Affordable Housing and End Controversial TIF Districts

<https://bit.ly/49oDwQE>

Metra to buy first battery-powered trains as part of effort to provide more frequent all-day service

<https://bit.ly/4bTiYh>

Evergreen Park Village Board Discontinues Vehicle Stickers

<https://bit.ly/3UN0JHM>

The Illinois Attorney General's Office has ordered a charity run by Dolton Mayor Tiffany Henyard to stop soliciting donations

<https://bit.ly/3URRkPh>

Resolution for non-sanctuary migrant status for Sandwich offered; DeKalb County Board considering its own proposal

<https://bit.ly/3UN1Vee>

Community members call on Naperville City Council to pass cease-fire resolution for Gaza

<https://bit.ly/3T6tvSp>

Ventra crash during Metra ticketing change was vendor issue: 'It's embarrassing'

<https://bit.ly/3uFLaHs>

Waukegan mayor blasts challenger for skipping meeting to search for burglars; 'I'm disturbed (he) . has chosen to prowl around the city'

<https://bit.ly/4bMpLgj>

Illinois primary election 2024: How and where to vote in the Chicago suburbs

<https://bit.ly/3UP2qVb>

Q&A: How Can Bronzeville Avoid Displacement? Lifelong Resident Seeks Out Answers

<https://bit.ly/3T65uLh>

A bounty on buckthorn: How conservation group is targeting invasive plant

<https://bit.ly/3wm4PMZ>

Should recorder's office be eliminated in DuPage County? Candidates weigh in

<https://bit.ly/3T9msst>

UChicago nurses vote overwhelmingly to authorize a strike

<https://bit.ly/3l7mzyd>

Joliet nurses file lawsuit alleging wage theft

<https://bit.ly/49qPwkW>

IRS announces special Saturday hours for face-to-face help at the Chicago Taxpayer Assistance Center on Feb. 24

<https://bit.ly/3uDYGLH>

Glenview Trustees Consider Contract For Work On Wagner, Huckleberry Roads

<https://bit.ly/3OQOeaD>

Raises approved for McHenry County prosecutors and public defenders

<https://bit.ly/3UP3EQh>

Joliet plans historical study of African American life in and around the city

<https://bit.ly/48rNekf>

Turnout for the League of Women Voters candidate forum at the Batavia City Hall Council Chambers was

very low Tuesday night. and only 4 candidates showed up.

<https://bit.ly/42NypqK>

Sandwich City Council to vote on water rate increase next month

<https://bit.ly/42QpYul>

What we know about possible Postal Service changes coming to Peoria

<https://bit.ly/3SQmjc5>

Reps. LaHood, Sorensen press postmaster general over plans to move mail processing out of Peoria

<https://bit.ly/3wwOipq>

Parking bans coming to Downtown Peoria for conversion to two-way streets

<https://bit.ly/3l8f6it>

Decatur City Council approves charging private care providers for firefighter lift assists

<https://bit.ly/3OPXMCF>

What causes water main breaks?

<https://bit.ly/3wmrljf>

Woodford County moves a step closer to takeover of animal control

<https://bit.ly/3uGSJ0n>

As more rural hospitals stop delivering babies, some are determined to make it work

<https://bit.ly/4bMP1Di>

Freeport to seek 1% sales tax hike for roads, again

<https://bit.ly/4bFdASB>

Sterling's world-renowned Wahl Clipper donates to Rockford Barbershop Project

<https://bit.ly/3SLVFkj>

Normal Town Council hears plans regarding lead water line replacements

<https://bit.ly/3la9C70>

Animal shelter populations are soaring. More dogs are paying the price

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City of Danville's Relationship with Village Mall Owners Worsens

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The Governor's "State Capital Budget: State Fiscal Year 2025" proposal



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Governor Pritzker's budget to include plan to erase \$1B in medical debt

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Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker's \$52.7B budget proposal would revamp state's pension system

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Illinois Governor's Proposed \$53B Budget Includes Funds for Migrants, Quantum Computing and Schools

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Pritzker to call for health insurance reforms in State of the State address

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Pritzker pitches more than \$20M for initiatives to improve Black maternal health

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GOP leaders in Illinois lay out their budget priorities for FY 2025

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Illinois GOP leader slams Pritzker budget proposal

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President Pritzker? Political analysts speculate on Illinois governor's future amid Biden's uncertainty

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2024 State of the State: Federal rescue is over, so Illinois needs caution

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Illinois launches website to track taxpayer spending on migrants

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Illinois statehouse bill offers tax credits to new residents fleeing home states

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Advocates look to raise farm inheritance tax threshold

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Judge pushes back conference in ComEd case with sentencing in limbo

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Audit reveals COVID grant dollars given to ineligible Illinois applicants

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Illinois bill proposes charging parents denying children abortion or gender-affirming care with child abuse

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Transmission line monopoly back on agenda at Statehouse after Pritzker's veto

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Illinois Poor People's Campaign rallies for change, plans nationwide march

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Parents Matter Coalition wants parental rights question on Illinois' November ballot

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Illinois SoS Giannoulis notes his support for bill in General Assembly which aims for greater lobbyist transparency

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Democrats in state Legislature pitch Georgia public ballot initiatives for popular policies blocked by Republicans

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Iowa's Next Tax-Reform Opportunity; The governor is proposing to accelerate the rate of income-tax reductions and even lower the flat tax to 3.65 percent this year. The rate would be reduced to a flat 3.5 percent in 2025 - amounting to a \$3.8B savings for taxpayers over the next five years

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Washington's partisan dysfunction is accelerating rapidly, putting the nation's democratic institutions and norms under tremendous strain and endangering America's global leadership

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Election officials face a long list of challenges, including potential cyberattacks waged by foreign governments, criminal ransomware gangs attacking computer systems and the persistence of election misinformation that has led to harassment of election officials and undermined public confidence

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Young people are lukewarm about Biden - and giving them more information doesn't move the needle much

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Five Major Questions Lawmakers Should Ask Joe Biden's Brother

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James Biden testified that his brother, President Biden, "never had any involvement or any direct or indirect financial interest" in his business ventures, countering Republican claims that the president was involved in his family's business dealings

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Biden's brother tells impeachment probe he kept family and business separate

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James Biden's testimony includes inconsistencies about Chinese income

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A new lens into the ongoing folly of Republican 'Russia hoax' rhetoric

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The indictment of an FBI informant for fabricating a bribery allegation against Biden has blown a hole in the impeachment case against the president

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DOJ Ripped for Indicting Biden FBI Informant While Letting Steele Dossier Author Off the Hook

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What does it mean to claim the US is a Christian nation, and what does the Constitution say?

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Many believe the founders wanted a Christian America. Some want the government to declare one now

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Science reveals how politics turns us all into our worst selves; How political affiliation, on either side, can lead to loosened morals and tolerance of bad behavior

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The State Department announced new visa sanctions aimed at people who operate charter companies that fly or bus illegal immigrants heading to the U.S.

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Trump and allies plotting militarized mass deportations, detention camps; Trump pledges that as president he would immediately launch "the largest domestic deportation operation in American history"

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The National Defense Strategy identifies China as the primary threat to U.S. national security interests; President Biden's latest supplemental budget request to Congress contains \$60.6B in aid to Ukraine and only \$5B in American shipbuilding and security assistance to allies in the Indo-Pacific

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White House uses GOP recess as tool to hammer inaction on Ukraine aid; A new memo offers a "vacation reading" list of potential threats if a defense funding bill is not approved

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Q: Do the traditional requirements to obtain injunctive relief apply to code enforcement proceedings?

A: No. This question was recently addressed in the case City of Rock Falls v. Aims Industrial Services, LLC. The Appellate Court stated that "where a governmental agency is expressly authorized by statute to seek



injunctive relief, the traditional equitable elements necessary to obtain an injunction need not be satisfied." Further, the Appellate Court explained that "because there is a presumption of harm to the public when an ordinance is violated, a governmental agency seeking an injunction need only show that the ordinance was violated and that the ordinance specifically provides for injunctive relief." On appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court, the Court emphasized when a trial court is confronted "with a continuing violation of statutory law, it has no discretion or authority to balance the equities so as to permit that violation to continue." The trial court should only have considered whether the City met its burden in establishing a violation of the ordinance had occurred.

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