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#### EDUCATION

How To Recover From K-12 Student Learning Loss; There are three things every community can do to create a community recovery plan

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

Republicans and Democrats futilely oppose partisan Kentucky school board elections bill

<https://bit.ly/4c5vwWq>

The Kids Win in Texas Showdown with Teachers' Unions; Voters backed candidates who support educational choice

<https://bit.ly/4c43fQ3>

Opponents of School Choice Lose Texas House Primaries; Of the 21 Texas house Republicans who opposed school choice last year, only between six and ten will have a chance to return to the legislature

<https://bit.ly/4cfp9QK>

How States Can Take a Grassroots Approach to Training More Bilingual Teachers

<https://bit.ly/3V68CIL>

Tennessee reading law's retention policies should start as early as kindergarten, state board says

<https://bit.ly/3SY7oMU>

Data science under fire: What math do high schoolers really need? Defying criticism, one district says substituting data science for Algebra II has reaped rewards

<https://bit.ly/4a4Izpz>

Why Old Arguments for Earning a Diploma Don't Resonate With My Students; If we embrace a diversity of career possibilities and the fact that we don't know what the future holds, how can a diploma reflect that? What skills do we actually want all our young people to enter the world with, and how can educators help build this world?

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

The ex-CFO of the Schechter School of Long Island, New York, is on trial for allegedly stealing \$8.4M from the private school

<https://bit.ly/4c1bv3x>

Report: The Convergence Collaborative on Supports for Working Families

<https://tinyurl.com/26nnpx2n>

Should the government do more to help children? This bipartisan group thinks so; Here are three bold ideas experts across the political spectrum were able to agree on

<https://n.pr/49FQ1rn>

The SAT is going digital. Here's what to know

<https://bit.ly/3wAt2z9>

Group of More Than 3,000 Harvard Faculty Files for Union Recognition

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

Vermont School Agrees to Pay Settlement to Snowboard Coach Fired for Saying Boys Have Athletic Advantage

<https://bit.ly/3uRFx9g>

No more 'shake it off': School athletic programs adapt to concussion research

<https://bit.ly/3uY9nZl>

More than 10,000 athletes have accepted an offer from EA Sports to have their likeness featured in its upcoming college football video game

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

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Illinois tax-credit scholarship students see largest year-over-year learning gains; The Illinois State Board of Education released a late, flawed report on the Invest in Kids scholarship program. Despite comparing apples to oranges, the report shows the Invest in Kids program worked for low-income kids

<https://bit.ly/49G3ijl>

Illinois commission releases recommendations on how to make higher-education funding more equitable

<https://bit.ly/3P9hQ36>

The Commission on Equitable Public University Funding

<https://bit.ly/49GwLK6>

'Defiant' set of Chicago Teachers Union contract proposals unveiled by union president; Proposals include ensuring every school has a librarian, band, art and sports, as well as staff focused on restorative discipline. The current contract expires in June

<https://bit.ly/3P60UKl>

CTU has put \$200,000 behind their man the mayor's March 19 campaign asking voters to let him hike

Chicago's real estate transfer tax to generate \$100M; it would allow the city to raise taxes without binding the city to use the funds generated in any explicit way that guarantees helping the homeless.

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

The Chicago Teachers Union's lengthy list of demands includes base raises and experience compensation each year, housing help, climate justice, more compensation added to pension calculations and a pool of health care funds targeted to racial disparities.

<https://bit.ly/3ltHjAx> - <https://bit.ly/3TmIWpU>

CTU president suggests new teacher contract could cost taxpayers \$50B

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

Cost? 'Stop asking that question,' says Chicago Teachers Union president in strident speech about contract demands

<https://bit.ly/3wGI9al>

CTU contract negotiations will begin soon for Chicago Public Schools

<https://abc7.ws/48EnzEN>

Chicago Teachers Contract Talks Will Be 'Less Of A Soap Opera' Under Mayor Johnson, Union Boss Says

<https://bit.ly/3lp7b0k>

The Chicago Teachers Union's new tax-grabbing power play

<https://bit.ly/4a343D0>

Chicago voters would elect - for the first time - 10 school board members this November and all 21 members in 2026, according to a plan approved by Illinois senators

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

Illinois State Board of Education, diversity recruiters, ask for more tax funds

<https://bit.ly/3P9Wltm>

Illinois Senate approves hybrid model for Chicago Board of Education

<https://bit.ly/3V7AQD0>

Real or fake? Illinois students learning the dangers of social media ahead of election

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

Illinois schools teach media literacy, hope to counter misinformation

<https://bit.ly/48I79LN>

The Archdiocese of Chicago announced Wednesday that St. Frances will stay open at least the next five years after groups and individuals pledged hundreds of thousands of dollars - though the exact figure will depend on enrollment per year.

<https://bit.ly/3uQUmc9>

Chicago schools must stay on pace to help special education students

<https://bit.ly/4ajZ8ht>

St. Frances of Rome School in Cicero announced the school will remain open, reversing the announcement made in January by the Archdiocese of Chicago that the school would close at the end of the current academic year

<https://bit.ly/3V279Da>

Illinois Wesleyan University faces federal investigation over anti-Semitism complaint

<https://bit.ly/4a3no7o>

Lyons Township High School seeks to eliminate suspensions with the creation of "restorative intervention rooms" at both campuses

<https://bit.ly/3lqZFC7>

Grant helps Catholic school stay open after IL program sunsetted

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

State Senator Mattie Hunter announced that five organizations in the 3rd District have received over \$1.9M in funding through the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

<https://bit.ly/3V4iq5S>

Science teachers rip District 113's idea to condense lab time

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

Evanston/Skokie District 65 turning to Puerto Rico to fill need for teachers who speak Spanish.

<https://bit.ly/3lp7YhO>

Illinois commission releases recommendations on how to make higher-ed funding more equitable

<https://bit.ly/3ToZ7D5>

The University of Illinois in Springfield has launched a cnnbis product development and design program.

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

University of Illinois gets \$5.75M donation from alumnus

<https://bit.ly/3V6fbe4>

Champaign School board members comment on resignation

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

EIU Police, campus prepare for Unofficial

<https://bit.ly/3P9rym7>

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Powell: Fed needs 'greater confidence' before cutting rates

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

Fed's Powell: Don't expect a soft landing victory lap

<https://tinyurl.com/bddnbfty>

Interest rates are becoming an increasingly partisan issue ahead of the 2024 election as Democrats exhort the Federal Reserve to slash rates and reduce borrowing costs while Republicans sound notes of caution about inflation sticking around

<https://bit.ly/4c6W5KU>

What explains Americans' dour economic outlook? Look no further than inflation; Inflation numbers through the first three years of Biden's presidency were higher than those of all but one other elected president in the past 100 years

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

What Biden could do to bring grocery prices down; Here are some levers the administration can pull to rein in food inflation

<https://bit.ly/43mFWxj>

The Current State of the YIMBY Movement: 3 Takeaways from YIMBYTown 2024

<https://bit.ly/49S6x7k>

Podcast: \$350M Mixed-Use Development Presents a "Huge Opportunity" for South Bend, Indiana

<https://bit.ly/3Is9wro>

Can Whole Foods succeed with another scaled-down store? While grocers like Kroger have struggled to establish small-format banners, experts say there's still an opportunity for these convenience-focused shops

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

States must assess road safety for pedestrians, cyclists under Federal Highway Administration proposed rule change

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

Dubai is working on implementing new driverless public transportation that looks like something straight out of The Jetsons; The so-called "Railpods" look like tiny monorail cars that zip across tracks above the ground

<https://bit.ly/3lwq4Ff>

Here's Why Government Should Stop Throwing Money at Green Energy; In California, which has a slew of renewable energy regulations, the cost of electricity increased three times faster than in the rest of the U.S.- and the state still doesn't even get reliable energy

<https://bit.ly/3uYu5bM>

Solar accounted for most of the capacity the nation added to its electric grids last year. That feat marks the first time since World War II, when hydropower was booming, that a renewable power source has comprised more than half of the nation's energy additions

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

A new solar field stationed primarily on the roofs of Iowa Events Center buildings would cost between \$6.9

and \$8.8M

<https://bit.ly/3Pch8lv>

For Bitcoin Mines in Texas, the Honeymoon Is Over; The energy demands of bitcoin mining have sparked controversy in a state that once welcomed those companies with open arms

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

Why Europe is dismantling its dams; Artificial barriers have long blocked Europe's waterways. But as many of these structures age, a movement is growing to let rivers flow freely once again

<https://tinyurl.com/4wmnmmrf>

The European Union is on the verge of passing sweeping artificial intelligence regulation-with teeth

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

The European Union's new competition rules are going live - here's how tech giants are responding

<https://bit.ly/4c3UAgy>

OpenAI Has Receipts: Elon Musk Wanted OpenAI to Merge With Tesla; In response to Musk's lawsuit, OpenAI reveals it was never meant to be "open-sourced" or unprofitable. Musk was fine with that as long as he was in charge

<https://bit.ly/3uWIRB5>

Emotion-tracking AI on the job: Workers fear being watched - and misunderstood

<https://bit.ly/3P96lso>

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Wetlands protection bill aims to close gaps in Illinois after Supreme Court ruling; Illinois is one of several states with no statewide protections for wetlands on private land. It relied on federal Clean Water Act protections

<https://bit.ly/3V5ADjo>

Chicago Loop Retail Analysis - 2023 Data

<https://bit.ly/49W7kny>

More than 30% of retail space in Loop remains empty, new data shows

<https://bit.ly/3V7GapN>

A nearly vacant five-story brick building on the West Side will come back to life this summer as The Fillmore Center, eventually employing hundreds and bringing business activity back to North Lawndale, a neighborhood hit by decades of disinvestment

<https://bit.ly/3wII5al>

Chicago Advances Affordable Housing with 13 New Developments Fueled by Federal Tax Credits

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

Acme Steel site on Southeast Side becomes newest Chicago Superfund priority

<https://bit.ly/3V6ATi4>

Despite recent layoffs, logistics advocate says industry is expanding; Nearly 300 Illinois truckers were laid off from two Chicago-area companies in February, Hillside Logistics in Hillside and DHL Supply Chain in Joliet.

<https://bit.ly/3T80K6D>

State Street skyscrapers hit top ranking on list of most endangered Chicago buildings

<https://bit.ly/4c1u8Et>

Century-old Loop towers top Preservation Chicago's most endangered list for third year, joined by birthplace of Butternut Bread and a Cabrini-Green mural

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

Pizza restaurant revives historic downtown Palatine building

<https://bit.ly/3lmX3Fs>

Entre Commercial Realty has negotiated the sale of a 42,000-square-foot industrial building in Solon Mills

<https://bit.ly/3PaT3M9>

Evanston city staff launched a road show to seek community input on a new comprehensive plan and zoning code Tuesday night.

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

New Constitution Park playground in Downers Grove 'fully inclusive' thanks to grant funding

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

Taco Bell At Northwest Highway & Oakton?

<https://bit.ly/3V53ggE>

Sycamore OKs plans to add almost 800 acres to DeKalb County Enterprise Zone

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

The Morris Airport's environmental assessment came back clean, enabling the city to move forward with the construction of a crosswind runway once it closes on two properties and finishes negotiating on the purchase of three more.

<https://bit.ly/3T84J35>

Rivian plant in Normal to eliminate third shift next month; All hourly workers to be offered jobs on one of the two remaining shifts

<https://bit.ly/43989XW>

Plan in works to revitalize retail areas of Pekin

<https://bit.ly/4bXVaN3>

A new event center could be in the works for Pekin, almost three years after the Avanti's sports dome deflated in a storm.

<https://bit.ly/48DFfk4>

'It's empowering'; Walk-in gynecological care clinic coming to Peoria

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

Circle K offering Illinois drivers up to 55 cents off fuel with new Inner Circle program rollout

<https://bit.ly/438rEjA>

Yorkville City Officials hear plans for third solar farm

<https://bit.ly/4a5xTXP>

Center discusses AI, autonomy and ag at conference

<https://bit.ly/4c1yNGp>

Country Financial lists GE Road office complex for sale in Bloomington

<https://bit.ly/4399q1a>

Comcast boosts internet speeds in Rockford-area

<https://bit.ly/49YwT7G>

Proposal for 224-unit senior living community heads to DeKalb City Council

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

Lucille Thies Park in Manteno is set to receive six new pickleball courts, an artificial turf Wiffle ball field, a shuffle board court and two Bocce ball courts.

<https://bit.ly/3lrP8Xq>

What are 'salon suites?' There are 18 coming to Galesburg. Here's how they will work, where they will go

<https://bit.ly/48J2QzC>

Quincy City Finance Committee Chairman balks at increased roundabout costs

<https://bit.ly/48l7xKf>

Debate continues on Quincy's portion of 48th, State project that includes roundabout

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

Route 66 Projects in Southwest Illinois Receive Grants Totaling \$850,000

<https://bit.ly/4c1NgCe>

In an effort to boost demand for corn products, the National Corn Growers Association is partnering with a venture capital firm, Radicle, to help research new end uses.

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

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Is it long COVID or long vax? Does the government want to know? Approximately 70 percent of these patients said their reported symptoms occurred in the minutes, hours, days and weeks after COVID vaccination, as opposed to after COVID infection

<https://bit.ly/3V6yLa3>



Rare Syndrome After COVID Vaccines Described; "Long vax" events often include neurologic symptoms  
<https://bit.ly/49L98jJ>

Scientists are studying a "hypervaccinated" man who has reportedly received a record 217 Covid-19 jabs  
<https://tinyurl.com/3cb6da9d>

German man got 217 COVID-19 vaccinations. Researchers say he's fine  
<https://bit.ly/48G16at>

CRISPRed Pork May Be Coming to a Supermarket Near You; A biotechnology company focused on animal genetics introduced a new generation of CRISPR-edited pigs completely resistant to the PRRS virus  
<https://bit.ly/3TopXLu>

Newly Approved Cell Therapy For Advanced Melanoma, Amtagvi, Is A Potential Breakthrough  
<https://bit.ly/3PaXJS9>

Colorectal cancer is rising among younger adults; More than 1 in 3 adults 45 or older has not been screened  
<https://bit.ly/3V2XM63>

Michigan Lawmaker Introduces Bill Requiring State Health Plans to Cover Cutting-Edge Cancer Treatments  
<https://bit.ly/435ESgR>

Microscopic plastics could raise risk of stroke and heart attack, study says; Scientists link tiny particles in blood vessels with substantially higher risk of death  
<https://tinyurl.com/mbr22yuj>

Florida Anti-Trans Bill Could Raise Everyone's Health Insurance Costs; The Florida GOP's so-called trans erasure bill mandates that insurance companies cover widely debunked "conversion therapy"  
<https://bit.ly/3lwYssR>

Why Some Couples Are Choosing a 'Sleep Divorce'  
<https://bit.ly/48HB9aC>

A bill that would let Idaho law enforcement officials temporarily detain people who are a danger to themselves or others because of neurological conditions, like Alzheimer's, widely passed the Idaho Senate  
<https://bit.ly/48FoswV>

States get some help to recruit caregivers for an aging population; With a projected 9.3M direct care jobs needing to be filled by 2031, states must find ways to fill that gap  
<https://bit.ly/3TqJV8G>

Women take on more unpaid elder care than men, report shows; This unequal distribution of labor will no doubt have financial consequences for working women  
<https://bit.ly/3lqOmtF>

Volunteer firehouse in Missouri burns down, taking 7 fire trucks with it  
<https://bit.ly/3wMykba>

What identical twin research reveals about criminality; Is it genes or their special bond that drives identical twins to offend at similar rates?

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

Why genes shape but don't determine our behavior; Genes are sometimes called the "blueprint of life," but that doesn't make them the behavioral playbook

<https://bit.ly/430WYAR>

A measure that would create wallet-sized "Hope Cards" to make it easier for domestic violence victims to verify that they are recipients of a protective order was approved unanimously by the Florida House

<https://bit.ly/3Tm1Xc2>

New York City re-instituting bag checks to combat rising subway crime

<https://cbsn.ws/3P9jO3A>

New York will send National Guard to subways after a string of violent crimes

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

The liberal bastion of San Francisco pivoted rightward in Tuesday's election as voters responded to ongoing homelessness and crime crises by approving policies that bolster police and require screening for welfare recipients

<https://politi.co/3P6qP55>

Oregon's return to harsher laws will boost convictions and imprisonment, estimates suggest

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

Biden hails crime decrease but the numbers tell a more violent story; Politicians have made 2019 the flashpoint, but they should look at 2013 and 2014, when crime was at historical lows

<https://bit.ly/4c1zkbo>

Meet the public health researchers trying to rein in America's gun violence crisis

<https://n.pr/3PbBVWi>

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Homicides in Chicago Down 20% to Start 2024 Compared to Last Year: Police

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

Chicago Weekly Crime Tracker

<https://bit.ly/3l3abzK>

Protests and peace -- Chicago ready for demonstrators at Dem convention, but police won't 'tolerate violence'

<https://bit.ly/3V7TdHD>

Rolling Meadows hiked its home-rule sales tax, from 1% to 1.25%, to generate \$750K in new revenue annually for the new Human Services Department, which expands on the offerings of the former police department social services outreach division

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

Flossmoor residents express frustration, confusion over rumored firing of police chiefs

<https://bit.ly/3V6aEZ6>

15-year-old boy teamed up with 14-year-old to rob 9 stores while armed with guns and knives

<https://bit.ly/3P5T4ks>

Former prosecutor of Drew Peterson set to handle ex-lawyer's contempt case

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

Roscoe PD looks to increase number of officers to account for community growth

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

Winnebago Co. State's Attorney talks progress, hurdles since SAFE-T Act

<https://bit.ly/3In1qAm>

2023 sees higher conviction rates for murder, child sx crimes in Winnebago County

<https://bit.ly/438J1AD>

Danville Police Department to host Citizens Police Academy

<https://bit.ly/4a5A8dH>

Illinois State Police Leads Anti-Human Trafficking Operation

<https://bit.ly/3lr0b33>

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A new \$1B fund will help Texas communities fix crumbling water infrastructure. Advocates say much more will be needed due to population growth and climate change

<https://bit.ly/3P4N2QL>

Florida set to ban homeless from sleeping on public property

<https://bit.ly/3T8uW1y>

The Next Chapter In The Battle Of The Books: Librarians; First, it was book bans. Now the Silencers are threatening librarians with jail time

<https://bit.ly/49H4KSX>

How to push past imposter syndrome

<https://bit.ly/4c0zIqH>

A leader's guide to the chaotic reality of leadership; Recommends that up-and-coming leaders lean into impostor syndrome, recognize that balance is an illusion, and don't be afraid of mixing work and personal life

<https://bit.ly/439BSQS>

An Introvert's Guide to Visibility in the Workplace; You don't have to be a loud, outgoing personality to have your contributions recognized

<https://bit.ly/49G1PcW>

How to lead with radical candor; How can you say what you mean without being mean?

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

How to Build a Broader Network within Your Company; A growth mindset can help you make connections with colleagues who think differently

<https://bit.ly/43meBLH>

Podcast: How to Lead Great Conversations with Your Team

<https://bit.ly/4a1sD7y>

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In a victory for advocates for the homeless and Chicago Mayor Johnson, a state appellate court ruled the Bring Chicago Home referendum question is valid with less than two weeks until the March 19 primary

<https://bit.ly/438EXQZ>

Chicago's search for new revenue targets video gaming, wealth taxes, heliport, downtown digital ads

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

Most migrants living in Chicago shelters aren't eligible to work

<https://bit.ly/3PbF2xs>

The CTA's Oversight Board Is Filled With Political Insiders, Not Transit Experts

<https://bit.ly/3lmK4DL>

Kane County needs to significantly hike revenue or cut expenses by 2027, finance director says

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

Elmhurst is buying two electric pickup trucks, which officials say will further the city's "sustainability" goals

<https://bit.ly/48H1oy0>

Waukegan council members exchange accusations of sexism, cronyism; 'It's a really bad look to create a boys club'

<https://bit.ly/49JJ094>

Kane County needs to significantly hike revenue or cut expenses by 2027, finance director says

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

Naperville council confronted for its silence on cease-fire resolution

<https://bit.ly/3SY00Ba>

Naperville City Council OKs larger beer/cider servings, with limitations

<https://aol.it/3wQ7Fde>

DuPage County set to rebuild Geneva Road bridge

<https://bit.ly/3V5A60S>

Illinois Sets Property Assessment Equalization Factors; Logan and Schuyler Counties Hold Steady, Knox Sees Decrease

<https://bit.ly/4c33dbm>

Northlake Mayor Jeff Sherwin announced that the city will rebuild its main water pumping station and three million-gallon reservoir at Hansen Park between Morse Drive and Lemoyne Avenue.

<https://bit.ly/49ERk9L>

'Unseen and overlooked': How Oak Park houses people without homes

<https://bit.ly/4c5Xim0>

Oak Park is developing a program to replace lead water service lines with copper ones, and those who are interested but can't afford it can see if they qualify to have the work done for free.

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

Oak Park's village board is considering a new bike lane on Ridgeland Avenue, but residents disagree whether it will be an improvement or a detriment. A feasibility study, if approved, will cost \$86,309

<https://bit.ly/4c5keBF>

A city committee began filling in the blank spaces in an ordinance that would permit video gambling in Evanston for the first time

<https://bit.ly/48l43Yb>

Sycamore considers making elected city clerk appointed position

<https://bit.ly/3v1GcVA>

Peoria continuing efforts to reduce sewage overflow into Illinois River

<https://bit.ly/3P9zhQR>

City of Decatur stepping up ordinance enforcement

<https://bit.ly/49FXN4x>

Sober-living homes suing Rockford under Fair Housing Act

<https://bit.ly/4ci5mAf>

More False Information From Local Propaganda Page - Election Season Alive In Shelby County

<https://bit.ly/4c1pF4H>

Springfield 13th in USA Today's 2024 best cities for renters

<https://bit.ly/3V8rcjs>

Springfield City Council Report: City closes federal funding gap for Community Access Project

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

Council approves lease for Edwardsville Arts Center at Montclair Station

<https://bit.ly/49Sn7E6>

City to spend \$113,426 to demolish two historic buildings in downtown Belleville

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

Godfrey works to define what constitutes a hotel; this document is needed to address a growing number of short-term rentals in the village.

<https://bit.ly/3V2cWbS>

Anti-camping policy passed in Godfrey

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

Madison County committee to consider state separation resolution

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

#### SPACE NEEDS - NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Bids for Lyons Township High School's building projects came in 25 percent higher than projected. The school board will likely scale back the work

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

Regional public safety facility pitched for former Route 53 extension property

<https://bit.ly/48lY05q>

McHenry council waives bids for sheriff's marine unit building at Miller Riverfront Park

<https://bit.ly/4c1xs2p>

Morris approves zoning change in preparation for fire station opening

<https://bit.ly/3lr7GqB>

OSF plans to build new inpatient hospital in Ottawa

<https://bit.ly/3wleM7H>

Rock Cut Elementary unveils its new gymnasium

<https://bit.ly/3wBL04k>

Decatur schools' facilities plan to be unveiled in June

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

St. Clair County Courthouse construction enters a new phase Monday. Here's what to know

<https://bit.ly/3Pc1yGG>

## STATE &amp; FEDERAL

Illinoisans deserve some truth telling after Governor Pritzker's State of the State; The artificial boost to state revenue from federal taxpayer dollars is gone, and revenues from inflationary spikes are slowing

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

Here are the guests of Illinois members of Congress for President Joe Biden's State of the Union address

<https://bit.ly/3T9FNbs>

Ex-state Senator Terry Link gets probation for campaign-cash tax conviction

<https://bit.ly/3V51gVG>

Former Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn joined Republican Rep. Ryan Spain Tuesday in calling for a constitutional amendment that would allow citizens to propose ethics-related constitutional amendments on the ballot through petitions.

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

Legislators say disabled workers could be fired if sub-minimum wage is ended

<https://bit.ly/48El4Cp>

Engineers against Pritzker's plan to shift downstate road money to Chicago

<https://bit.ly/4c5U6H2>

Illinois governor proposes ending the grocery tax; For local municipalities, that could mean money out of their budget.

<https://bit.ly/3PaQ71l>

Pritzker says he took GOP advice to eliminate grocery tax

<https://bit.ly/3Tpn39v>

Judge spares cooperating ex-Sen. Terry Link from prison but has questions about Springfield corruption

<https://bit.ly/3wLx3B1>

More Than 3,500 Teenagers in Illinois Pre-Register to Vote, As New Law Goes Into Effect: State Election Officials

<https://bit.ly/3V4htKQ>

Illinois lawmakers seek to protect state wetlands; The U.S. Supreme Court rolled back protections for wetlands last year, leaving states like Illinois vulnerable.

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

41 State Attorneys General Urge Meta to Combat Rising Social Media Scams

<https://bit.ly/4c1w6Vn>

On March 19, voting will conclude in primary contests for hundreds of seats in the Illinois legislature and in the state's court system. But most of those contests are uncompetitive.

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

'There's no stopping them:' Cicadas will soon take over Illinois, expert says, and no, you cannot escape them  
<https://bit.ly/49W9NhO>

Illinois House insurance committee approves plan expanding infertility coverage; Private insurance companies in Illinois can currently limit patients to four rounds of IVF treatment.  
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Q: Is written correspondence addressed only to a Mayor a public record available for copying under FOIA?

A: Possibly not. This question was recently addressed again by the Illinois Appellate Court in Shehadeh v. City of Taylorville, where the court reviewed the City's denial of a FOIA request for a copy of the requester's own letter to the Mayor. The most interesting result of the case arises from the Appellate Court ruling that the requester's letter addressed to the Mayor did not qualify as a public record under FOIA because it was not "received by, in the possession of, or under the control of a public body." After analyzing FOIA's definition of a "public body" and prior Illinois cases concluding that an individual alderperson was not a "public body" under FOIA, the Appellate Court concluded that the Mayor is not a "public body" under FOIA. The Court rejected the requestor's argument that an individual Alderperson should be distinguished from a Mayor, noting that even though a Mayor (unlike an individual Alderperson) has legal authority to make certain unilateral decisions and actions, that distinction does not transform a Mayor into a "public body" under FOIA. It is important to note that there is mixed precedent regarding this question.

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