

Legislative Director Report: North Cook County/Lake County
Gerri Songer – May 2021

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Attended *Clean Energy Jobs Act Discussion* hosted by Lake County Board Member Julie Simpson and featuring guest speaker Rep. Elaine Nekritz. Attendees included Congressman Brad Schneider, Rep. Dan Didech, Rep. Sam Yingling, Rep. Bob Morgan, Former Rep. Lauren Beth Gash, Committeeperson Nancy Shepardson, States Attorney, Eric Rinehart, Lake County Treasurer Holly Kim, Lake County Board Chair Sandy Hart, Lake County Board Member Maria Pelaez Peterson, Waukegan Park District Commissioner Anton Mathews, and Lake County Clerk Erin Cartwright Weinstein.

Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) and the Climate Union Jobs Act (CUJA) were discussed. Lake County's goal is 100% Energy Efficiency by 2050. Rep. Bob Morgan passed **HB247** "Bird Safe Building" bill out of the House (<https://fastdemocracy.com/bill-search/il/102nd/bills/ILB00055537/>). Rep. Sam Yingling introduced **HB418**, which would impose a \$500 penalty for first-time offenses when knowingly releasing balloons into the atmosphere (<https://ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=418&GAID=16&GA=102&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=128419&SessionID=110>).

Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25, 2021

Attended the final *IFT Boot Camp* session for ULI training. Topics included active listening, grievance procedure, member representation, closing the gap between intent and impact, the 30/70 rule, one-on-one communication tips, the 10-minute meeting, steward-member confidentiality, and other helpful tips.

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Attended *College of Lake County Board Meeting* in Grayslake. Sworn in as CLC Trustee ;)

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Attended *Lake County Democratic Women's* (LCDW) May General Membership meeting hosted by Senator Melinda Bush.

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Held first Sierra Club Bomb Train Campaign meeting. We were joined by Gilbert Carette and Robert Bellefleur from Lac-Mégantic's Citizens' Coalition for Railroad Safety who discussed the horrific train derailment and explosion that claimed 47 unsuspecting souls, leveled 40 businesses, and forever changed the lives of the people of Lac-Mégantic. An official campaign plan will be submitted to the Sierra Club for approval in June. One of the goals for this campaign is to facilitate Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) compliance with **SR0982** Hazardous Material Near School (<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=982&GAID=15&GA=101&DocTypeID=SR&LegID=124023&SessionID=108>).

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Attended *New Trustee Orientation* at College of Lake County, Grayslake Campus.

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Attended *Lake County Emergency Management Agency* orientation presented by Rebecca Kumar, Emergency Management Specialist. Completed six course FEMA instruction for certification.