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NEW LAWS *for the New Year*

I would like to wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy New Year! It is my honor to serve you as the District 2 representative on the Lake County board. Here are some new state laws that take effect in Illinois beginning Jan. 1 that may impact you.

- The recreational use of cannabis will be legal, but individual municipalities may choose to ban its sale within their boundaries.
- Cats will now be required to get rabies vaccines.
- Every public building with a public restroom will be required to have at least one safe, sanitary, convenient and publicly accessible diaper changing station.
- Single-occupancy public restrooms can no longer be labeled by gender.
- Illinois history will be required to be taught in schools.
- It will be illegal to watch or stream video while behind the wheel.
- Passing a stopped school bus can result in a \$300 fine for the first offense, and \$1,000 for the second offense.

I'm committed to keeping you informed about local government issues. Contact me any time at dhewitt@lakecountyil.gov.