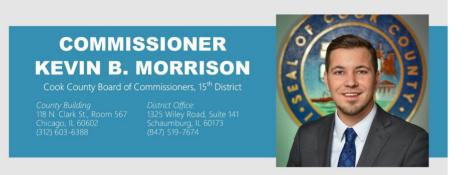


Property Tax Exemptions

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PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS



In order to help property owners, Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi is reminding us that the following exemptions will automatically renew this year –

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for homeowners who received them previously for tax year 2019 and remain eligible now for tax year 2020:

- Homeowner Exemption (annual auto-renewal)
- Senior Exemption (annual auto-renewal)
- Senior Freeze Exemption (2020 auto-renewal)
- · Persons with Disabilities Exemption (2020 auto-renewal)
- · Veterans with Disabilities Exemption (2020 auto-renewal)

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If you haven't already, you should receive soon a post card or letter in the mail from the Assessor to confirm the auto-renewal of property exemptions. You'll see this reflected on your second installment property tax bill this summer. No action is needed.

Paper application booklets will be sent to those who qualify for new property tax exemptions or those who need to re-certify that they still qualify. You can apply via mail or online <u>here</u>. Applying online is encouraged. <u>The deadline to apply</u> or re-certify is March 31, 2021.

If you need a copy of last year's bill, please visit www.cookcountytreasurer.com.

After reviewing your notice, contact your Township Assessor in addition to the Cook County Assessor's office if you believe you haven't received all the exemptions you qualify for or if there is an error. The Township Assessor offices are taxpayer advocates and can help address any exemption issues. You can find contact information for the Barrington, Elk Grove, Hanover, Palatine, Schaumburg, and Wheeling Township Assessors <u>here</u>.

Now, you can also download the Assessor's "<u>Guide to Property Tax Savings</u>" in **Spanish, Polish, Chinese, Tagalog, and Arabic!** I applaud this development to assist more property owners and serve multicultural communities. These are the top five languages spoken (other than English) in Cook County based on U.S. Census data.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office. We're here to help!

Phone: (847) 519-7674

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Best,

Kevin

Assessor Resource Portal

Treasurer Reminder

The Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program

This tax-relief program works like a loan. It allows qualified seniors to defer a maximum of \$5,000 per tax year (this includes 1st and 2nd installments) on their primary home. The loan from the State of Illinois is paid when the property is sold, or upon the death of the participant.

Printed applications must be sent in the mail and received by the March 1, 2021 deadline. Forms and more information can be found on their website <u>here</u>.

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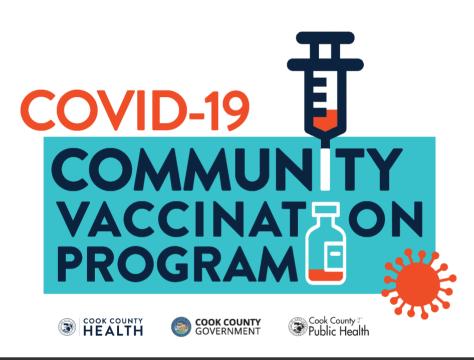
In addition property tax exemptions, you might be facing some challenges getting an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine. Please join me along with

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some incredible guests to learn what Cook County is doing to address the disparities communities of color experience and some of the historical reasons why.

As a reminder, the website to sign up and make appointments is <u>vaccine.cookcountyil.gov</u>. The Hotline is **(833) 308-1988** to schedule appointments and ask questions. It operates Monday - Friday 7am to 7pm. <u>Here</u> is the website to view information about Walgreens' vaccination program and schedule an appointment, if available.







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