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# New laws to take effect in Illinois in 2017

As citizens throughout the state of Illinois ring in the New Year, nearly 200 laws will take effect. A significant number of the new laws target crime, make changes to the criminal justice system, seek to assist law enforcement, and advance safety provisions for Illinois motorists.

### Criminal justice reforms poised to take effect

One measure to allow greater flexibility in granting probation for certain non-violent offenders with no prior conviction for a violent crime is set to take effect on Jan. 1. Senate Bill 3164 is part of a bipartisan package of legislative reforms to Illinois' criminal justice system, and was introduced at the recommendation of the Governor's Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform.

The commission was charged with identifying policy changes to reduce recidivism and make significant reductions to the state's prison population, which had increased by more than 500 percent in the last

forty years. Senate Bill 3164 is one measure that seeks to reduce the number of non-violent offenders in Illinois' correctional facilities—which are operating at roughly 150 percent of recommended capacity.

### New laws aim to address sexual assault and domestic abuse

Another new law, Senate Bill 3096, seeks to increase the reporting, investigation, and successful prosecution of sexual assault cases in Illinois. This new law gives victims a longer period of time to request a rape kit, speeds up forensic testing to address the backlog of testing rape kits in sexual assault cases, and requires more detailed reporting of sexual assault cases by police.

Additionally, cosmetologists will receive special training to spot the signs of domestic violence and sexual violence as part of their license renewal process under House Bill 4264. Advocates of the measure said the training is intended to reduce domestic violence by increas-

ing awareness and offering victims another place to turn for help – especially those who may not feel comfortable going to the authorities.

### Minors protected by new laws

Child victims of battery will be able to give testimony via a one-way closed circuit television thanks to Senate Bill 2880. This legislation allows children involved in battery or aggravated domestic battery cases to avoid the serious emotional trauma and distress of testifying in a courtroom.

Senate Bill 2370, sponsored by Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno (R-Lemont), requires legal counsel during the interrogation of minors under the age of 15 who have been charged with murder. This law addresses concerns that minors may not fully understand their legal rights, and as a result should have legal representation present when speaking with police.

### New law strengthens employee privacy

Another new law, House Bill 4999, seeks to further protect employee's online privacy by strengthening and clarifying existing laws that make it unlawful for any employer or prospective employer to require an employee or prospective employee to provide usernames and passwords to their personal online accounts, including social media accounts.

### "Bath salts" sales

Senate Bill 210 aims to curb the sale of all synthetic cathinones, drugs that are often sold under the guise of legitimate products such as "bath salts." "Bath salts" have made headlines in recent years for the bizarre, zombie-like behavior exhibited by those under its influence. Under this new law it will become a Class 3 felony with a maximum fine of \$150 to sell these drugs in a retail store.

### Police dog retirement plan

Police dogs will be able to enjoy their retirement in permanent homes with the police officers and staff they worked with under Senate Bill 3129. Should the officer or employee who worked with the dog be unable to take their canine work companion, under the new law the dog may be offered to another officer or employee in the agency, a non-profit agency, or a no-kill animal shelter that will find an appropriate owner for the dog.

### New transportation laws increase public safety

Don't forget to stop at a railroad crossing when the warning gates and lights are on! Under Senate Bill 2806 the fine for failure to stop at a railroad crossing will double. A first violation will now cost you \$500 and subsequent violations will cost \$1,000.

Private transportation companies will be allowed to operate video recording devices under Senate Bill 629. The new law stipulates that vehicles using this type of technology must have a notice posted stating that a passenger's conversation may be recorded. Any data recorded becomes the sole property of the vehicle's owner.

### The Annie LeGere Law

Prompted by the tragic death of 13-year-old Annie LeGere, who suffered a fatal anaphylactic reaction while at a sleepover party, House Bill 4462, also known as the Annie LeGere Law, will take effect as 2017 begins.

Annie's Law provides better access to live-saving treatment for allergic reactions by expanding training for law enforcement on how to recognize and respond to anaphylaxis, including the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector.

### Veterans, military families aided by new laws

Student musicians may now be excused from school in the case of a military funeral procession under a new law that takes effect on January 1. House Bill 4432 ensures that



# Bruscato elected chairman of state appellate prosecutor's office



Joe Bruscato

Winnebago County State's Attorney Joe Bruscato was recently elected to serve as Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Illinois State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor's Office. This critical state agency has an important role in the appellate courts that helps shape and guide the criminal justice system in Illinois.

The Office handles appeals, special prosecutions, tax objections and labor negotiations for all of Illinois' participating counties. Currently, 100 of the state's 102 counties participate in

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any Illinois public student, grades six through twelve, is permitted to attend a funeral of a deceased veteran during school hours for the purpose of playing "Taps," a bugle call traditionally performed during flag ceremonies and military funerals.

To honor fallen soldiers, House Bill 4344 creates the Heroes Way Designation Program Act. The law allows for the families of veterans who were killed in action while on active duty to apply for a designation to honor the departed with a personal sign on designated roadways under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

This new law was inspired by a similar law in Missouri that allowed interstate interchanges to be designated for Missouri residents who were killed in action on or after September 11, 2001, in either Afghanistan or Iraq.

### New laws focus on children

Children under the care of the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) will now have access to a greater family support system. House Bill 5656 requires that DCFS provide visitation privileges and accommodations to the grandparents and great-grandparents of a child under the department's supervision—as long as it's in the best interest of the child.

Amending Childhood Hunger Relief Act, Senate Bill 2393 is a new law this year that requires all school districts in Illinois to implement and operate a "breakfast after the bell" program. The legislation asserts that schools must provide breakfast for their students after the instructional day has begun—and

the Illinois State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor's Office. It has a membership of Ten State's Attorneys who govern the Agency's functions.

Eight State's Attorneys are elected to serve on the Board. The Cook County State's Attorney serves by statute, and one State's Attorney is appointed member-at-large by the other nine members. The Board members elect officers to preside during the one-year term.

State's Attorney Bruscato serves as one of two representatives from Illinois' Second District. Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon is the other District Two Board Member. State's Attorney Bruscato has served on the Illinois State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor's Board since 2010.

may also begin serving before the day has begun.

### New laws provide new ways to hunt and trap

In order to trap wild game in past years, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) required that all individuals must complete a hunting training course. Senate Bill 2410 has lifted that requirement and now permits that individuals ages 18 and under can trap wild game without certification as long as they are accompanied by an adult age 21 years or older. Lastly, thanks to House Bill 5788, a new fishing law states that fishermen can now add catfish to the list of species that may be caught with a pitchfork, underwater spear gun, bow and arrow, or a bow and arrow device. Under the new measure, the DNR will authorize the selling of species taken by the above methods. Being able to sell these fish not only benefits fishermen, but is also crucial to the state's overall environmental health. The current overpopulation of Asian Carp throughout the state is causing irreparable damage to Illinois' waterways and ecosystems. The DNR's authorization will allow fisherman to sell the carp carcasses, which are often taken by non-traditional methods and can be used to make fertilizer—providing incentives to catch them in greater numbers. VIDEO: 17 in 17

While nearly 200 new laws will take effect as the New Year begins, click here to see a video highlighting 17 of these new laws. More details on these laws, and a full listing of all the new laws taking effect on January 1 can be found at [www.senate.gov.state.il.us](http://www.senate.gov.state.il.us).

# Harlem-Roscoe Fire Calls —

The Harlem-Roscoe Fire Dept. responded to the following calls Dec. 9-15. They also responded to 50 medical calls.

**Dec. 9**  
1600 block of West Lane Road – Lock Out

**Dec. 10**  
12000 block of July Dr. – CO Alarm

7800 block of Prairie Hill Road – Auto Accident  
Pleasant Valley Blvd./Prairie Hill Road – Auto Accident

**Dec. 11**  
9000 block of N. Second St. – Lock Out

**Dec. 12**  
5300 block of E. Rockton Road – Fire Alarm

6900 block of Michelle Dr. – CO Alarm  
4700 block of Bluestem Road – Lock Out

12900 block of Huntsboro Lane – Gas Leak

**Dec. 13**  
12600 block of County Line Road – Fire Alarm

1500 block of West Lane Road – Lock Out

**Dec. 14**  
5400 block of Murphys Run – Fire Alarm

1900 block of Lakindale Dr. – Fire Alarm

**Dec. 15**  
1800 block of Anjali Way – Fire Alarm

Rockford Airport – Mutual Aid  
I-90 West Bound Rockton Exit – Auto Accident

9900 block of N. Alpine Road – Heater Fire

# Gas prices rise in the stateline area

Average retail gasoline prices in Rockford have risen 9.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.38/g last Monday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 139 gas outlets in Rockford. This compares with the national average that has increased 2.7 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.28/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Rockford during the past week, prices last Monday were 45.2 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 31.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 16.5 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 28.4 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on Dec. 27 in Rockford have ranged widely over the last five years:

\$1.93/g in 2015, \$2.30/g in 2014, \$3.29/g in 2013, \$3.21/g in 2012 and \$3.29/g in 2011.

Areas near Rockford and their current gas price climate:

Milwaukee - \$2.34/g, up 12.1 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.22/g.

Madison - \$2.28/g, up 11.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.17/g.

Chicago - \$2.55/g, up 2.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.53/g.

"While the benchmark West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude closed last week near \$53 per barrel, it's doubtful that we'll see any momentum this week since trading is generally low volume between Christmas and New Year's Day. Similarly, expect the aggressive escalation that we saw for retail gasoline prices through much of December to stall out in the final week of the year," said Gregg Laskoski, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.

"Overall, the national average price of gas is 28 cents higher than where it was a year ago on this day and prices in most metros and states across the country are higher too; with the remarkable exception being California whose statewide average today is 13 cents lower than last year and the Los Angeles' average, believe it or not, is 27 cents less than a year ago," Laskoski noted.

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## Loves Park Police Beat

The following arrests are on file at the Loves Park Police Dept. Readers are reminded that suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

**Dec. 4**  
1500 E. Riverside Blvd. – Dale L. Fildes, 47, charged with DUI  
6297 Nimtz Road – Jadie L. Dobbs, 35, charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession with the Intent to Sell Hypodermic Syringes and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

**Dec. 5**  
Forest Hills Road/Northridge Dr. – Jorge L. Gonzalez, 30, charged with Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License and Operating a Motor Vehicle with Defective Equipment

**Dec. 6**  
5400 N. Second St. – Lisa M. Polnow, 39, charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle without Registration and Operating a Motor Vehicle with a

Suspended/Revoked Driver's License  
East Drive/E. Riverside Blvd. – Timothy Theis, 35, charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Driver's License, Speeding While Operating a Motor Vehicle, Interfering/Obstructing a Police Officer and Two Counts of an Outstanding Warrant  
N. Second St./Loves Park Dr. – Lyle L. Lemke, 50, charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Registration, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License and Two Counts of Improper Use of Motor Vehicle Registration  
4702 N. Second St. – Joshua L. Martoglio, 30, charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession with

the Intent to Sell Hypodermic Syringes and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
4702 N. Second St. – Dominique N. Jardine, 29, charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession with the Intent to Sell Hypodermic Syringes and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
**Dec. 7**  
4747 N. Second St. – Garry D. Adams, 22, charged with Criminal Trespass to Land and Interfering/Obstructing a Police Officer  
**Dec. 8**  
8090 Forest Hills Road – Fred W. Radford, 53, charged with DUI  
Forest Hills Road/Nimtz Road – Tanner J. Gilles, 23, charged with Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle,

Operating a Motor Vehicle with Suspended Registration and No Insurance and Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License

**Dec. 9**  
Forest Hills Road/Harlem Crest Road – Shane R. Reiniche, 26, charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License and an Outstanding Warrant  
Forest Hills Road/ Harlem Crest Road – Robert J. Pirrello, 48, charged with Two Counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Operating a Motor Vehicle with Seat Belt Violations  
400 E. Riverside Blvd. – Sophia E. Bufkin, 34, charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle without Registration, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License.

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1770 West Lane Road – Rebecca L. Bergeman, 35, charged with Retail Theft  
N. Second St./Sycamore Lane – Carlos A. Lopez Vazquez, 22, charged with Possession of 30 Grams or Less of Cannabis, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Other Traffic Equipment Violations  
**Dec. 6**  
West Lane Road/Burden Road – Miracle Cunningham-Cooper, 51, charged with Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Driver's License  
E. Harlem Road/ Victory Lane – Louis T. Smith, 29, charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License  
Elm Ave./Harlem Road – Zachary P. Olson, 32, charged with Possession of 30 Grams or Less of Cannabis, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Registration/Title Violation

**Dec. 7**  
Bluebonnet Dr./Ralston Road – Scott D. Mishmash, 60, charged with DUI and Improper Lane Usage in a Motor Vehicle  
635 Maple Ave. – Erika F. Horton, 22, charged with an Outstanding Warrant  
635 Maple Ave. – Josh D. Wooden, 24, charged with an Outstanding Warrant  
Forest Hills Road/Hutchins Road – Yajaira Marie Sanchez, 22, charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License  
**Dec. 8**  
Orlando Dr./Melbourne Dr. – Gregory Peter Williams, 42, charged with an Outstanding Warrant  
650 West State St., Rockford – Jasmine R. Pittman, 37, charged with an Outstanding Warrant.

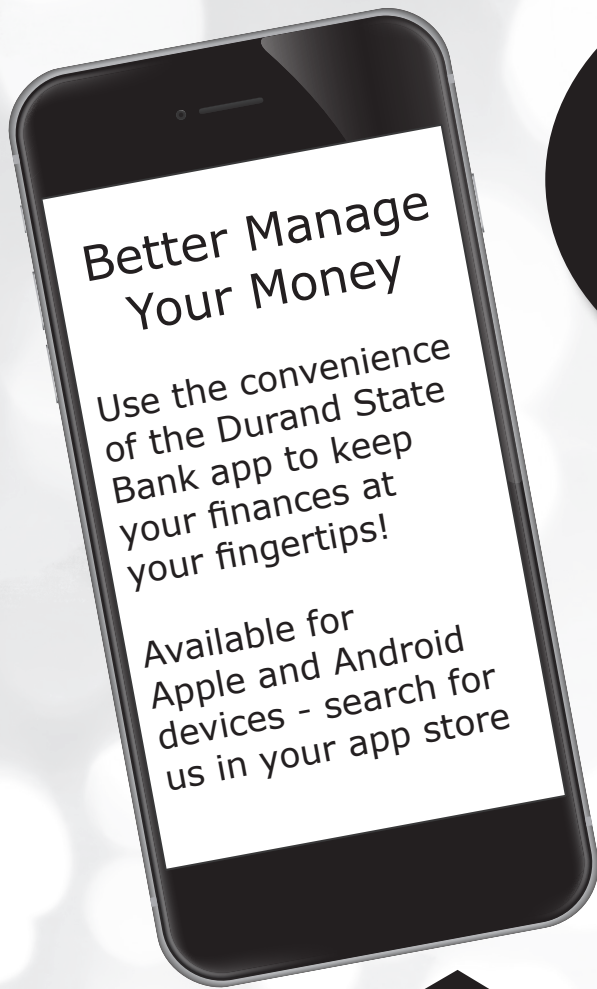


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As it gets more severe, gum disease will cause the tissues surrounding the teeth to become red and puffy, and they may bleed easily. The infection may progress to where it actually starts to eat away at the bone that holds the teeth in place! That's why gum disease is the #1 cause of tooth loss in adults – more than cavities, accidents, or anything else! To make matters worse it causes horribly bad breath!

In its early stages, gum disease can only be detected by the team of dental professionals. That's why we sometimes call it "the silent killer". You also may have heard of recent studies that suggest gum disease is linked with heart disease, diabetes, low birth weights, and many other threatening health conditions.

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Glendale Heights Officer Mike Huff, State Senator Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) and Police K-9 Orkan pose for a picture before Roll Call on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

## Tom Cullerton protects police K-9 Units

K-9 Orkan and Glendale Heights Officer Mike Huff are like family. Every night, Orkan goes with Huff to the home he shares with his wife and two kids.

State Senator Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) passed the Police Dog Retirement Act, to guarantee Orkan will remain part of the Huff family for years to come.

Cullerton's law, Senate Bill 3129, requiring a retiring police dog to be offered to the primary handler of the dog, will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2017.

"Our family dog, Brenna, is a part of our family. I understand there is a special bond between an officer and their dog," Cullerton said. "It's important that we honor this relationship."

If the officer doesn't wish to keep the dog it can be offered to another officer or employee, a nonprofit organization or a no-kill animal shelter.

Police dogs, similar to Orkan, serve local police departments by helping search for drugs and explosives, aiding

in searches for lost people, looking for crime scene evidence, and protecting officers. Police dogs must remember several hand and verbal commands.

Orkan is a three-and-a-half-year-old German Shephard that started his training with Huff in September of 2014. The police dog is a dual-purpose canine for the police department; he performs drug searches as well as aiding in search-and-rescue missions.

In Orkan's free time he loves tennis balls, playing fetch and taking long walks throughout Huff's neighborhood. His tennis ball addiction is fed by donations from local tennis clubs.

Cullerton believes this is not only a way to honor the service of Illinois police officers but also a cost-effective way to give police K-9's a safe and responsible home.

"I'm happy to pass a law to not only honor the service of our communities' police officers but also honors the relationship between a family and their dog," Cullerton said.

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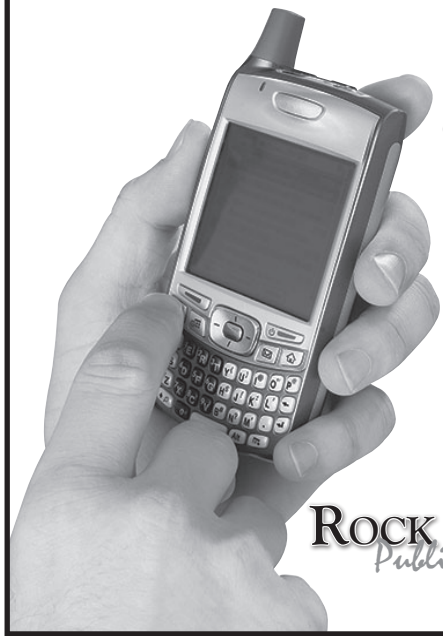
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