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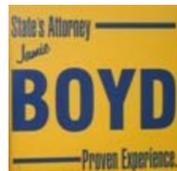


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Powers and duties of State's attorney.

(a) The duty of each State's attorney shall be:

(1) To commence and prosecute all actions... in which the people of the State or county may be concerned. (55 ILCS 5/3-9005)

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Jamie Boyd's bold yellow election signs appearing around the county proclaim 'proven experience.' Fortunately politicians like Mr. Boyd are not held to very high standards of truthfulness. It's clear that he also has 'unproven experience' when it comes to defending those citizens his oath requires him to defend. In the case of the unnecessary and cruel tasing of students at Kankakee Junior High, Mr. Boyd shows himself to have a flawed vision of what it means to protect the public.

Now through November 6, we'll be looking at some of the work Mr. Boyd has passed over or minimized, asking why.

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Garbage!

Kankakee overcharging residents \$12.50/month

Posted by kankakeegazette.com staff · Updated June 9, 2012

Why is the City of Kankakee's contract with Allied so high compared to Bourbonnais, Bradley and other towns in Illinois? Or is it?*

At the Kankakee City Council Meeting November, 1, 2010, Mr. Richard Simms, Superintendent of Environmental Services Utility, explained that what the City was paying ABC Disposal, Inc. in their 2010 contract works out to a monthly per-household rate of around \$17.00.

He went on to say that the new January 1, 2011 Allied Waste contract "is about \$200,000.00 less per year for year number one."** He then talks about how the rest of our solid waste payment is going somewhere else.

Officials may not be using this extra money for their personal legal fees or for gambling parties on a Mississippi riverboat. But a garbage bill should be a garbage bill not a fund to go somewhere else, perhaps to cover errors or hidden problems. [continue reading »](#)

Fighting Back On Tasers

The Public i, Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center Posted on Feb. 2010 by Barbara Kessel | update: still awaiting trial

STOP TASING CHILDREN IN KANKAKEE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL"

This is the message being sent by eight parents of eight junior high students, aged 12-14, in four multi-million lawsuits in the U.S. Federal District Court, Central District of Illinois—Urbana Division, on January 14, January 20, and February 11, 2010.

These parents —Alta Young, Stella Bender, Timothy Stone, Rhonda Bledsoe, Pearl Dossett, Angell Leggett, Sakenya Love, and Paulette Calhoun—are alleging that their children were tased in Kankakee Junior High School by the white School Resource Officer and member of the Kankakee Police Department, Lonnie Netzel without cause or justification."

These four lawsuits have been filed in Federal and not State Courts due to the charge of Denial of Equal Protection under the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The eight parents allege that tasings by the Caucasian police officer only take place against "African-American students," or in one suit, "against minorities." [Continue reading >>](#)

Related: Minority & Special Needs Kids Tasered by Cop in Classroom 'Demos' Ethics Soup, suburban Denver, CO, Posted on Jan 30, 2010 by Sharon McEachern

Illinois Commerce Commission resolves customer/utility disputes

Posted by kankakeegazette.com staff Jun 17, 2012

The Illinois Commerce Commission Consumer Services Division provides educational information on utility issues, resolves customer/utility disputes and develops rules on utility service and consumer protection.

You can talk with a representative by calling toll-free 1-800-524-0795. Or complete the online form.

Although ICC does not have regulatory power over private energy suppliers, they will work with you and a private energy supplier to settle disputes.

City Council tonight: Tuesday 9-4-2012 at 7 p.m. Mayor to Appoint to Board of Fire and Police Commissioners brother of Retired Police Chief Kinkade. Kidding? Nope, not kidding.

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In Review: The Mayor gets to choose an appointee. Then the Aldermen get to vote with their constituents in mind, saying yea or nay. In the case of a Board, it looks like that process continues until a majority of Aldermen vote yes.

Isn't there a state statute about relatives? How about the Illinois Municipal League's best practices for elected officials?

Imagine a close relative of the Police Chief (brother is close, isn't it, even if you don't like him?) sitting on a three-person board making decisions on grievances filed by personnel or local residents or requests from the Chief for hearings about suspensions, discharges, and promotions.

Chief Kinkade did a good job. But when a grievance is filed against actions by a department, the chief is usually named. And as you know, these legal proceedings often go on for many years or even decades. And Chief Kinkade is named on hearings about situations that occurred during his tenure as Chief.

Employees, supervisors, chiefs, citizens and the State of Illinois all expect a fair shake from the non-partisan, non-political, Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

An appointee closely related to a person whose actions will be at the center of hearings before this board for years to come is clearly an unethical choice and raises the question of the integrity of any city council who would approve such an appointment.

There are over 27,000 people in the City of Kankakee and many intelligent educated community members who are actively involved and could serve without questions regarding their bias. Only two members of any one political party are allowed to sit on this board at the same time, so there is a large pool of people to choose from.

We have a good police force and fire department who care about what they do and how they do it. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners in charge of those departments should be required to meet the same high standards.

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City of Kankakee Municipal Code Utility Ordinance Ch 34:

104.1.2 Fixed User Charge shall be charged to all domestic users of the sanitary sewers not having a water usage history provided by Aqua Illinois to estimate domestic monthly wastewater flow. [Aqua quote: "We don't keep your water usage history;"]

104.1.3 Confusing - good luck reading it!

The issue:

Residents of Kankakee who move to a different residence also in Kankakee are being charged an increased rate of \$57 per month for sewer and garbage (instead of the \$45.50 they were paying.

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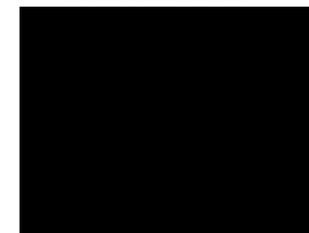


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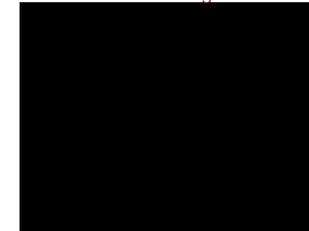
Funeral Home uses Cremation Alternative



by ABC Action News

The idea came from Scotland, the brainchild of biochemist Sandy Sullivan. Sullivan designed a machine that dissolves the body without using fire. [more»](#)

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Kankakee River Valley Pill & Drug Disposal: program fully funded

This charge continues 3 to 13 months, depending.

Residents who called the Mayor's Office in the last year have all been told: It's an ordinance and there's nothing you can do about it."

Chopped Salad talked with the head of Aqua's new **Waste Assessment Department**, Throckmorton Terwilliger, Jr..

Kankakee citizens are again showing their ignorance and lack of understanding. The latest exercise of these 'democracy demons' concerns what they claim to be an unfair surcharge on their water bills by Aqua.

Aqua, with the full legal force of an ordinance passed by city council, is permitted to take a person's water history into consideration in determining a monthly water and sewage charge.

First of all, this is not in contravention of HIPPA laws as critics of Aqua and the City of Kankakee claim. This process has nothing to do with personal urological heath records. Rather, it merely assesses a resident's water usage to determine what that resident should pay for disposal of the water or sewage.

Secondly, Aqua has publicly and vigorously denied that it has any intent to monitor the waste products of a home. Critics have pointed out examples of what they considered 'voyeuristic' behavior by Aqua waste assessors entering people's homes to count waste material in toilets or weighing egg shells, potato peelings and food scraps sluiced down garbage disposals.

"Such policies were abandoned because they were not cost effective. Their intent was accurate cost assessment, not to meddle in the private matters of its customers' waste habits," said Throckmorton Terwilliger, Jr., head of Aqua's Waste Assessment department

"We now use complex formulas, a calculus based on water use," he said and added, "It's very scientific and uses the months from December through February as a base."

"Contrary to the wild claims of the opposition, these are not the months when few people are moving, and therefore new tenants in warmer months pay high surcharges. These are the months when slightly frozen sewage moves slowly enough for our monitoring equipment to measure things like its density, rate of flow etc.," he added. [Continue reading >>](#)

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