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It's past time to:

- follow the law, saving us wasted legal fees
- ask the experts (our Police Chief and others) how to prevent crime
- bring businesses here focused on creating jobs and stimulating economic growth
- hire an independent auditor to show us where every penny is being spent.
- invest more of our city budget in children and schools to head off crime and gangs

Kankakeegazette.com is supporting Jarman Porter for Mayor  
Porter will shine a light on Kankakee government  
building up instead of boarding up.

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Get to know Dr. Porter:  
hear his presentation at Soul da Soul recorded 3-23-2013 in Kankakee.

### Are you better off today than 4 years ago?

Letter to the Editor  
from Darrel W. Bruck Jr.  
3-20-2013

The City of Kankakee has been in decline for many years as most of us know who grew up here. The city's



### Mayor claims she got millions of \$\$\$\$ for neighborhood renewal: Where is it?

Mayor Epstein threatened to fire Steve Lanter, CDA construction manager and grant writer, if he refused again to ignore her illegal plan. (The threat was in writing, I've

### Mayor Epstein:

“how can someone determined to commit such a horrendous crime be stopped?”

by Tim Schmidt reprinted from Facebook February 25, 2013 with permission.

Let's talk about crime.

Can you imagine if Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel or Mayor Bloomberg in New York answered the question of what are you going to do about the rising murder rate in your community like our Mayor has?

In a recent Daily Journal article it read ....

Epstein said there is plenty of room for improvement when it comes to crime reduction, but she said crime statistics have been reduced nearly across the board, except in the all-important category of murder.

"It's the elephant in the room," she said. But how can someone determined to commit such a horrendous crime be stopped? she asked. ( Who is she asking? Are we supposed to get the answer for her? Ask the experts.)

Under her leadership, the city restarted the foot patrols [Continue reading »](#)

 Tim Schmidt

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Is your ComEd bill 48% less this year?

Posted by [Joanie Liesenfelt](#), Publisher/Managing Editor [kankakeegazette.com 3-20-2013](#)

The Kankakee Mayor claims your ComEd bill decreased 48% ([read it here](#)) because of her leadership.

Last fall, the City of Kankakee changed to a different electricity supplier, FirstEnergy Solutions.

Any fourth grader can tell you the 48% math isn't possible. On average, your total bill for the same kilowatt hours will run about 25-35 percent less. [Continue reading »](#)

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*decline not only hurts its residents but also brings down the rest of the county.*

*The same power brokers have been running the city for decades, often with little or no real opposition. When real opposition does come forward they find ways to kick them off the ballot or make up stuff to discredit them, even giving themselves a standing ovation at a city council meeting.*

*I ask City of Kankakee voters to ask themselves these questions before they vote April 9.*

Are you better off today then you were 4 years ago when Mayor Epstein took office?

Has Mayor Epstein put in place a real economic development plan to create jobs and a new tax base to lower the tax burden on home owners? Does she even have a plan? Are things done only if certain people benefit?

Do you feel safer in your neighborhood or has crime gotten worst?

Are there more or less boarded up homes in your neighborhood?

*If you agree things are only getting worse, it is time to vote Mayor Epstein and the crony network out of office. You know what they say about voting for the same people over and over and expecting a different outcome.*

Darrel W. Bruck Jr.  
[Outragenews.org](#)

*been told).*

This is my opinion, my story, based on facts as I know them.

Posted by [Joanie Liesenfelt](#) [kankakeegazette.com 3-21-2013](#)

According to Mayor Epstein ([read here](#)), as a result of her great leadership, "HUD grants totaled more than \$20 million (?) (Dollar amount was rained on in the mailbox) for neighborhood renewal and rehabilitation since 2009."

Much of which the Mayor had absolutely nothing to do with.

Steve Lanter, CDA Construction Manager, was writing and successfully receiving grants for the CDA prior to Mrs. Epstein becoming mayor. [Continue reading »](#)

## Businesses' Identities To Be Made Public in Channahon Sales Tax Lawsuit

by Dawn Aulet | Channahon-Minooka Patch



### United Airlines says Sales-Tax sham in Sycamore is legal

Read how they do it and what's stolen from some of our neighbors in Bloomingdale, Forest View and Cook County.

### Tell the ACLU

(Protector of Illinois foster youth):

### THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE:

In November 2012, a majority of Kankakee Aldermen voted Yes to housing youth in the old Senesac Funeral Home without doing State recommended tests for possible embalming fluid spills.

*Run the tests, Indian Oaks.*

These youth have been abused enough.

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