

Kelly Burke was elected mayor of the Village of Evergreen Park in May 2021. She has been a village resident for 29 years; she and her husband, Terry, have three children. Kelly was a village trustee for two years; during that time she helped negotiate balanced budgets that prioritize residents' safety and health and initiated a pilot tree-planting program.

Kelly spent seven years as a trustee on the Evergreen Park Library Board, serving as president during the extensive renovation of the library building. Kelly has volunteered in Evergreen Park for many years, notably with Most Holy Redeemer Parish. She started a Mock Trial program for area grade school students and volunteers with the Restorative Justice program for freshmen students at Leo High School.

Kelly currently is the state Representative of the 36th District. Her efforts include significant legislation regarding Illinois' budget, higher education, pensions, public safety, and family law. She spends time locally meeting with constituents, holding town hall meetings, and sponsoring local events such as basketball tournaments and the popular "Yoga in the Park" at 50 Acre Park in summer.

Kelly received her B.A. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and her law degree from the John Marshall Law School. Kelly formerly worked at Saint Xavier University and also practiced in the area of municipal law with the Evergreen Park firm of Odelson, Sterk, Murphy, Frazier & McGrath. She is also an alum of the Edgar Fellows program at the University of Illinois, an initiative of former Gov. Jim Edgar to promote responsible, responsive, bi-partisan leadership throughout Illinois.