

Community Garage Sale

Help raise money for STC Underground, the popular teen center in St. Charles, by participating in a huge garage sale weekend! Keep all profits from your sale. Fee is \$30. You will receive an address listing on the Park District's web site, yard sign./balloon, and an ad listing in newspapers. For more information, call 630.513.4322. Garage sales will take place April 18 and April 19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will be listed on a guide available online at www.st-charlesparks.org.

Flying 4 Kids

Join us for the Illinois Association of Park District's FREE annual statewide kit fly on Saturday, April 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Mt. St. Mary Park. Bring your family, a picnic lunch, and your favorite kit. Advance registration is required. Kits can be purchased for only \$4. The park is located along Prairie Street east of Route 31.



Earth Day Festival

Join the St. Charles Park District staff and volunteers to celebrate Earth Day Festival on April 26 at Campton Hills Park. Activities include a bird walk from 7:30 to 9 a.m., ecological restoration from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and a family

fun fest from 12 to 3 p.m. Learn how "keeping it local" can help you and your family reduce your impact on our great planet! Tap your feet and clap your hands with St. Charles musician Steven Keefe and his Family Jug Band. Build a birdhouse with the carpentry experts from Home Depot. Take an eco-tour of Campton Hills Park aboard a haywagon drawn by handsome Clydesdale horses from the George Alexander Farm in Batavia. Meet birds of prey and other local wildlife from Kane Area Rehabilitation and Education (K.A.R.E.). Get in touch with your rhythm roots with the Fox Valley Drum Circle. Test your naturalist skills with a walk thru the Illinois Natural History Survey's Traveling Science Center. Learn about farm-fresh local foods from representatives of the Geneva Green Market. Learn Kane County gardening tips from the University of Illinois Extension Service Master Gardeners.

Sculpture in the Park

Sculpture in the Park showcases local and regional sculptors' work beginning in May through September in an inviting, family-oriented, pedestrian-friendly environment. The beautiful Fox River flowing to the east, along with the tree-lined paths of Mt. St. Mary Park make an amazing backdrop for the exhibit's third season. Admission is free, and free parking is available at nearby lots. The exhibit is a joint project of the St. Charles Park District and the Downtown St. Charles Partnership to raise awareness of the sculptural arts and the beautiful parks in downtown St. Charles.

Annual Tree and Shrub Sale

The Pottawatomie Garden Club proudly presents their 36th Annual Tree & Shrub Sale to be held Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Wasco Nursery, located at 14W781 Rt. 64 (6 miles west of Randall Rd). This year we are offering numerous new selections and lower prices. Proceeds from the sale support our Scholarship Fund. For further information: www.pottagardenclub.org or 630-584-5513.

Senior Breakfast

All persons, age 50 and better, are invited to join the St. Charles Park District for breakfast. Breakfast includes omlets, donuts, coffee, juice, and raffle prizes. The event will be Tuesday, April 22, at 7:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. at the Pottawatomie Community Center. Free to AAC members, and \$.75 for non-members. Call 630.513.6200 for more details.



Rediscover just how much your "sisters of all sorts" mean to you as you relax, reminisce, and renew your spirit. The Downtown St. Charles Partnership's Sisters Weekend, April 11-13, 2008, offers an indulgent getaway weekend for women in beautiful downtown St. Charles. Registration fees are \$75 per person and include all activities and events on the itinerary (lodging is not included). Visit www.sistersweekend.com for details, itinerary, and a registration form. Call the Downtown St. Charles Partnership at 630.513.5386 with questions.

Summit 303 Going Strong

If you haven't attended a Summit 303 meeting, it's not too late to start! Community Unit School District 303 encourages everyone with a stake in the District to participate in Summit 303. From finance to facilities—staffing to security—the community is coming together every month to chart a course for the future of District 303.

Summit 303 is a citizen-led effort, designed to initiate meaningful discussion and feedback. In fact, the information learned from the community will be used to create recommendations to guide D303 throughout the next decade.

Community involvement in Summit 303 is critical to its success so bring a friend or neighbor to the next meeting. All sessions are held at Charlestowne Mall, Route 64 & Kirk Rd., (Lower Level Theater Entrance), from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

For more information, email: summit303@d303.org or call 630.513.3030. Documentation from the first five meetings is posted on-line at www.d303.org — click on Summit 303.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

April 17 – Staffing

May 15 – School Choice/Language/Gifted Program

June 12 – Early Intervention/Special Education



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Youth Programs

Apr. 25 ~ 4-7 p.m. ~ Gr. 6-8 ~ Gaming ~ Drop by for an hour, or two, or three to play video and board games with other middle school students. Details were determined by students at the February 22 Advisory Board meeting. Snacks and drinks provided. Register for Gaming by April 23. Students outside the District: Register for \$2 beginning April 11.

May 5 ~ Free Comic Book Day ~ Comics provided by Graham Crackers Comics, 610 Randall Rd., St. Charles, will be available at the Youth Services ASK ME and Adult Information Services Desks.

May 15 ~ 7-8 p.m. ~ Gr. 3-12 & adults ~ Gayle Ross, Storyteller ~ Master Storyteller Gayle Ross will share contemporary and traditional Native American stories. Gayle Ross is a descendent of John Ross, principal chief of the Cherokee Nation during and after the infamous “Trail of Tears.” Her grandmother told stories, and it is from this rich heritage that Gayle’s storytelling springs. Gayle has been featured at the National Storytelling Festival, The Kennedy Center, and on the National Public Radio programs “Living on the Earth” and “Mountain Stage.”

Adult Programs

Apr. 3 ~ 7 p.m. ~ Thursday Evening Lecture: Chicago on Screen ~ Join historian Sarah Marcus in the Carnegie Room and view the history of Chicago through television and film, noting how producers of popular culture have depicted the city and its residents.

Apr. 8 ~ 2nd Tuesday Book Discussions ~ Bisbee Conference Room ~ 10 a.m. - *Siddhartha*, Herman Hesse; 7 p.m. - *The Emperor’s Children*, Claire Messud.

Apr. 11 (2:30-7:30 p.m.) & 12 (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.) ~ Used Book Sale ~ Lots of bargains on children’s and adult books, better books, and paperbacks.

Apr. 21 ~ 7 p.m. ~ Trees & Shrubs – Grow Native! ~ Learn how to choose the right plant for the right place from Barbara Bates of the Kane County Extension office and grow native!

May 13 ~ 2nd Tuesday Book Discussions ~ Bisbee Conference Room ~ 10 a.m. - *The Merchant of Venice*, William Shakespeare; 7 p.m. - *The Florist’s Daughter*, Patricia Hampl.

May 14 ~ 7 p.m. ~ Books & Bites ~ Join us for an informal discussion of *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer (your choice to read the book or see the movie). Visit the TnT page on the Library’s web site to RSVP and see other event information.