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News & Highlights from the City of St. Charles

April 2015
www.stcharlesil.gov

Upcoming Meetings

To see a complete list of meetings go to
www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings

- Corridor Improvement Commission**
4.1.15.....7:00 pm
- Historic Preservation Commission**
4.1.15.....7:00 pm
- Youth Commission**
4.6.15.....6:00 pm
- City Council**
4.6.15.....7:00 pm
- Government Operations**
4.6.15.....7:05 pm
- Tree Commission**
4.9.15.....7:00 pm
- Planning & Development**
4.13.15.....7:00 pm
- Historic Preservation Commission**
4.15.15.....7:00 pm
- Housing Commission**
4.16.15.....7:00 pm
- Liquor Control Commission**
4.20.15.....4:30 pm
- City Council**
4.20.15.....7:00 pm
- Government Operations**
4.20.15.....7:05 pm
- Plan Commission**
4.21.15.....7:00 pm
- Government Services**
4.27.15.....7:00 pm

Public Hearing

Budget

4.6.15.....6:55 p.m.



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From the Mayor's Desk

With Phase 3 of First Street gearing up this spring, I would like to thank past mayors, Sue Klinkhamer and Don DeWitte, past city administrators Larry Maholland and Brian Townsend, numerous alderman past and present, a large number of city staff and legal counsel for their collective vision and expertise. I know the First Street LLC II team will work with the city to produce a final product that we can view with pride. I firmly believe this project will offer new opportunities and choices for our residents and visitors.



Mayor Raymond P. Rogina

Downtown St. Charles is recognized as a center for entertainment. To insure a safe and socially acceptable environment, the City's Liquor Control Commission, in conjunction with the police department, have updated local codes for liquor, massage and tobacco. These regulations set high standards for behavior to create an enjoyable atmosphere day and night.

History and heritage have always been a part of the social fabric of our community. The city was very honored to receive recognition from Preservation Partners of the Fox Valley for preserving and relocating the Jones Law Office to Camp Kane at Langum Park. The city council yet again celebrated our history with its support of the redevelopment process of the Judd Mansion at 309 S. Sixth Ave.

As I look out my office window, I see the now-thawed Fox River. I am reminded that the flower beds of the Pottawatomie Garden Club will soon be in place, the bikers and runners will be meandering along the river paths, and the parks will become active with young and old alike. The White Sox, Cubs and Cougars will throw out the first pitches of the baseball season and yes, spring is here. I hope to see you around town.

Remember to Vote April 7

Slate of Local Candidates

Alderman – Ward 1
Daniel P. Stellato

Alderman – Ward 2
Rita Anne Payleitner

Alderman - Ward 3
Todd A. Bancroft
Naomi A. Bosko

Alderman - Ward 4

Steven Gaugel
Matthew (Matt) Dowling

Alderman - Ward 5

Ed Bessner

For a complete list of polling sites, candidates and referenda, visit
www.kanecountyelections.com.

welcome new business!

DOWNTOWN

Clear Perspective Advisors

Financial Advisors
202 W. Main St.
630-780-1710

Farmer's Insurance Lynn Cullick Agency

210 S. 5th St.
630-549-7711

Mid America Financial Group

210 S. 5th St.
630-262-2692

Bombshell Blow-out

Boutique, Inc.
1 Illinois St., Ste. 180
630-549-7277

The Jank Guitar Store

217 W. Main St.
206-779-2883

Accent on Windows

207 Illinois Ave.
630-234-2519

Eclectic Garden

323 Walnut St.
847-830-1898

Cabinetry Boutique

1 Illinois St., Ste. 1-3
630-377-1516

EAST GATEWAY

Restoretech - Electronics Cleaning

951 State Ave., Unit C2
630-444-2549

First Miracle Foundation

4053 Pheasant Ct.
630-584-2287
Feeding the Hungry in America

Fox Valley Tax Solutions

1434 E. Main St., Ste. 2A
630-780-6810

Grosskopf Orthopedics

3805 E. Main St.
630-402-2128

Naperville Clinical Associates

2560 Foxfield Road, Ste. 350
630-416-6056

Radiant Raw Foods

1519 E. Main St., Ste. 1100
630-260-5100

South Elgin Little League Practice Facility

3800 E. Main St., Ste. E207
847-922-4507

Hong Day Spa

1550 E. Main St.
312-659-0418

WEST GATEWAY

Abdilla & Associates - Law Office

830 W. Main St.
630-839-9195

Bielefeldt Studios - Artist Studio

761 N. 17th St., Ste. 32
630-301-9597

Ancient Arts - Chinese Martial Arts

761 N. 17th St., Ste. 9
630-444-0813

Sleepy's - Mattresses

962 S. Randall Rd., Unit B
630-301-9743

All Things Art Studio

Educational Art Studio
1106 W. Main St.
630-360-1410

Tabor Law Offices

555 Randall Rd., Unit 204
630-762-8300

Next Now, Inc. - Marketing

761 N. 17th St., Ste. 18
847-477-2502

CD One Price Cleaners

2110 Prairie St.
630-293-9100

Joem Chem - Distribution

761 N. 17th St., Ste. 4
888-584-7255

EAST GATEWAY - INDUSTRIAL

Nu-Again - Restoration

1830 Wallace Ave., Unit 214
630-564-5590

Polymer Custom Extrusion

405 38th Ave.
214-215-0893

El Milagro - Distribution Center

2531 DuKane Drive
773-650-1614

J&J Rail Sales - Steel Rail Sales

3575 Stern Ave., Ste. 200
800-677-5180

Internship Opportunity!

Senator Karen McConnaughay is offering an internship program in her West Dundee district office. The internship is unpaid and open to rising high school juniors and seniors and college students. Four sessions are available throughout the year, with flexibility for times/dates. Students with a variety of interests including communications, event planning, research, criminal law and political science are encouraged to apply. This is a unique opportunity to see first-hand how government operates. There also may be an opportunity to shadow her in Springfield.

If interested, contact Lesli Melendy, Chief of Staff, at Leslimelendy33@gmail.com

Farewell Alderman James E. Martin

May 4, 7 pm, Council Chambers

Fourth Ward Alderman Jim Martin, who earlier this year announced he would not run for reelection, officially ends his term May 4. All are invited to wish him a fond farewell at the May 4 City Council Meeting, 7 pm, in Council Chambers.

Martin has been a fixture on the City Council since he was elected Ward 4 Alderman in 1979. He has served under four mayors and maintained perfect attendance throughout his 36-year tenure. He is the longest-serving elected official in St. Charles to continually hold office. Prior to being alderman, Martin was an appointed member of the Zoning Board from 1974-79.

A lifelong resident of St. Charles, Jim Martin married his high school sweetheart, Rita Davis. The couple has lived in their home since 1957, where they raised three sons. They now both enjoy six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

After graduating from St. Charles Schools, Martin proudly served in the United States Navy. When his duty with the Navy ended, he took a job at Star Sales, LTD, where he retired as a president in 2001 after 27 years.

Jim Martin's other contributions to the community include serving with the St. Charles Rotary, Mental Health Commission, St. Charles Chamber of Commerce, St. Charles



Convention and Visitors Bureau, Downtown St. Charles Partnership, and many other civic endeavors.

He also has been recognized with a Distinguished Alumni Award from St. Charles High School, and the Charlemagne Award from the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce, and has a parking lot at the

site of the former VFW Post 5036 dedicated in his name.

"The City is grateful for all of Jim Martin's many contributions over the years. His love of St. Charles is evident in his devotion of 40 years of his life as a public servant, working for the betterment of this community," said Mayor Ray Rogina. "He is the role model for many of the 'lifers' in St. Charles who treat their town with pride and dignity; who want the best for their community and work endlessly to continually improve the quality of our life. As a teacher, I find him to be a student of his community; he is always posing questions and always provides an answer. I wish him and Rita nothing but the best."

Downtown St. Charles Partnership Launches New Branding Initiative

The Downtown St. Charles Partnership wants you to head downtown and 'Discover Your City Side.' Your City Side is that fun, active, eclectic part of you that enjoys shopping, dining, cultural events and outdoor activities--all things our downtown offers.



Mayor Rogina speaks at a press conference March 24 announcing the new downtown branding.

The initiative was announced at a press conference at the Municipal Building, after which Lynne Schwartz, Executive Director of the Downtown St. Charles Partnership, presented the new concept to the Government Services Committee.



Look for the new logo as the Partnership launches a new marketing campaign for the downtown. A formal launch party to unveil the new logo was held at the Arcada March 24, with more than 100 residents and business owners in attendance. More at www.downtownstcharles.org.

6 Tips to Prepare for Blackouts

With spring comes the threat of nasty storms. Prepare now in case of a power outage with these helpful tips from the National Preparedness Community.

1. Follow energy conservation measures to reduce electricity usage. This can help power companies avoid imposing rolling blackouts.
2. Fill plastic containers with water and place them in the refrigerator and freezer. Leave about an inch of space inside each one to account for expansion. Chilled or frozen water will help keep food cold during a temporary power outage.
3. Be aware that most medication that requires refrigeration can be kept in a closed refrigerator for several hours without a problem. If unsure, check with your physician or pharmacist.
4. Keep your car tank at least half full because gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps.
5. Know where the manual release lever of your electric garage door opener is located and how to operate it. Garage doors can be heavy, so be aware if you may need help in lifting it.
6. Keep a key to your house with you if you regularly use the garage as the primary means of entering your home, in case the electric garage door opener is not working.

More information is at www.community.fema.gov.



KDOT Randall Road Traffic Signal Project Starts in April

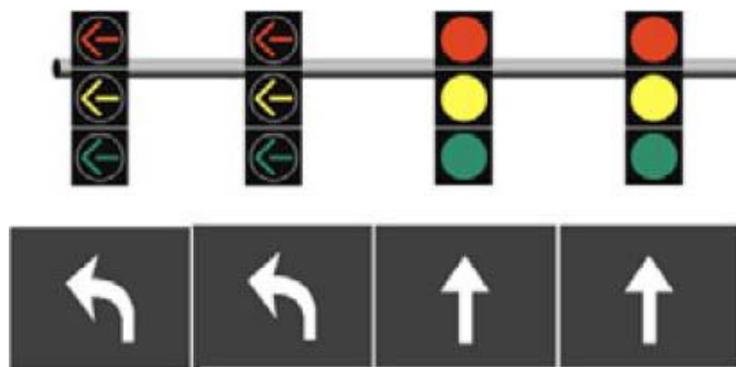
Intersections along Randall Road from Fabyan Parkway to Silver Glen Road will receive traffic signal upgrades this summer. Eleven of the intersections will have new traffic signals installed that feature yellow left-turn arrows. Preliminary site work is scheduled to begin in April.

According to the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT), yellow left turn arrows increase safety at intersections. A flashing yellow arrow operates the same as a solid green light for left turns. The difference is the flashing yellow arrow better conveys to drivers the need to yield to both oncoming traffic and pedestrians who may be crossing.

All intersections will have traffic signals placed for better visibility. Bolded intersections will receive new traffic lights with a yellow left turn lane arrow.

- Fabyan Parkway
- **Glen Eagle Road**
- **Christina Lane**
- **Fargo Road**
- **Keslinger Road/Kaneville Road**
- Williamsburg Road
- Bircher Road
- Illinois Route 38
- **Silver Glen Road**
- **Prairie Street**
- **Oak Street**
- Illinois Route 64
- **Dean Street**
- **Red Haw Lane / Oakcrest Circle**
- Crane Road
- **Red Gate Road**
- **Bolcum Road / Ridgewood Drive**

For more information, visit the [Randall Road Project Page](#) on the KDOT website. Or, contact Karen Young, Assistant Director of Public Works – Engineering at the City of St. Charles, at kyoung@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4405.



Also, as road construction season gets underway, please be extra cautious driving in work zones and ‘Expect the Unexpected.’ That was the theme of National Work Zone Awareness Week, March 23-27. Be aware of potential dangers when driving in work zones. Respect work zone warnings and speeds, don’t be distracted by cell phones, and watch for workers.

Tree Conservation Areas Code Amendments

If you live in one of the subdivisions listed below, you need to be aware of recent amendments to Chapter 8.30 of City Code, “Tree Preservation on Private Property,” that regulates Tree Conservation Areas on your property:

- Red Gate Units 2, 4, 5, 7 & 8
- Tradition of St. Charles
- Woods of Crane Road
- Kingswood & Kingswood Units II & III
- Majestic Oaks
- Willowgate
- Woods of Delnor
- Woods of Fox Glen Units 1 & 2
- The Royal Fox

Tree Conservation Areas (TCAs) are unique, protected community assets. In an effort to align regulations with current practices and be less onerous for residents, the City recently amended codes that pertain to TCAs/Natural Easement Areas in the above subdivisions and/or on individual properties as follows:

1. Section 8.30.060 now allows removal of trees due to an emergency situation without receiving prior approval from City. The City must be notified after removal has occurred.
2. TCA guidelines now allow maintenance and corrective measures to be performed per the guidelines without approval from the City. Any changes or alterations to the TCA not in conformance with the guidelines continue to require prior City approval.
3. TCA guidelines now require approval from the governing Home Owner Association, if one exists, prior to emergency tree removal, maintenance and corrective measures being performed within a TCA.

If you have any questions, please contact the Community and Economic Development Department at [630.377.4443](tel:630.377.4443).

Keep your Sanitary Sewer Line Clear

Anytime you turn on a faucet in your home, run the dishwasher or flush a toilet, that water runs out of your sanitary sewer line (lateral) and into the City sewer. According to our City Sewer Use Ordinance, the lateral is the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain and repair, and therefore it is important to remember a few things.

Typical causes of lateral blockages are tree roots and collapsed pipe. These blockages can lead to sewer backups and other issues inside your home. This situation is most common in older areas of the City where laterals are made of clay. But it can occur anywhere and to any type of pipe. If you live in an area with lots of trees, it's a good idea to have your lateral cleared every 2 to 3 years. You can do this work yourself, or you can hire a professional plumbing contractor. It also is important to remember that certain household items such as diapers, diaper wipes and feminine products also can cause problems in your sewer lateral, as well as in the City sewer. These items should be thrown out in the trash and not flushed down the toilet.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at pw@stcharlesil.gov or [630.377.4405](tel:630.377.4405).

May 20 Blood Drive at City Hall

Mark your calendars for the City's next blood drive May 20. Heartland Blood Center will bring their mobile donation bus to City Hall on May 20, from 12 to 5 p.m.

More than 500 blood donations are needed daily to treat patients in the Illinois and Indiana hospitals supplied by Heartland. If all blood donors would give four times a year, it would help prevent blood shortages. Donors can give blood about every 56 days because blood cells are produced at a rate of 4-5 billion an hour. If you haven't given blood for a while or if you've never done it, consider signing up for this spring blood drive. This is truly a donation you can feel good about.



To make an appointment online (available later in April) or find out more about Heartland, go to <https://ht.heartlandbc.org/>. You also may contact the Human Resources Department at [630-377-4446](tel:630-377-4446) or hr@stcharlesil.gov with questions or for scheduling assistance.

Earth Day is April 22

Ride a bike, ride a bus or take a walk and reduce your carbon footprint to observe the day.





- * Door Prizes
- * Giveaways
- * Raffles
- * Food
- * Entertainment

Saturday, April 11, 2015 10am- 4pm
St. Charles Sportsplex
1400 Foundry St., St. Charles

The St. Charles Consumer Expo is a fun-filled day for area residents where local businesses showcase their products and services.

For more information, contact the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce at 630.584.8384 or visit www.stcharleschamber.com.

No Spring Clean Up This Year

There is no citywide Spring Clean Up program this year. The next Spring Clean Up is anticipated for 2016, subject to council approval. As an alternative, you may want to participate in the park district's Communitywide Garage Sale April 24 & 25. For more information, contact Darby Beasley at 630.513.4321 or dbearley@steparks.org.



Decorate an Adirondack Chair in the DSCP "Chair-ity" Promotion

Entry Forms Due April 15

Decorate an Adirondack chair for display in downtown St. Charles this summer for the Downtown St. Charles Partnership's "Chair-ity" event.

Decorate your own Adirondack chair or buy a discounted chair at ACE Hardware of St. Charles. All proceeds go back into downtown beatification efforts.

For more information, visit www.downtownstcharles.org.



March in the Memorial Day Parade

The St. Charles Memorial Day Parade is May 25 at 10 a.m. It steps off at 6th St. and Main St. and continues to Riverside Ave. for the memorial ceremony at the Freedom Shrine.

Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, veterans groups or those with military vehicles interested in participating, can contact Mark Powell at 630.385.1948.



You Don't Have to Hug a Tree to Love a Tree

Spring is finally here! Celebrate at the annual Arbor Day event in St. Charles Friday, April 24, in Lincoln Park on Main Street. All ages are welcome to this annual celebration of trees. All entries for the 2015 Tribute to Trees will be on display at the Municipal Center beginning April 1 and shown at the Arbor Day celebration. Come and enjoy live music, a tree raffle, tree care demonstrations, delicious cookies and more! The fun begins at 4 p.m.

GRILLING SAFETY

As the weather warms up, more of us will be firing up the grill. Please remember these grilling safety tips for your next cook out.

- Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.
- Place the grill away from the house, deck railings, eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Keep your grill clean. Remove grease or fat buildup from the grill and trays below.



CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There also are electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing them in a metal container.

PROPANE GRILLS

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it the first time each year. Apply soap and water to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

Source: National Fire Protection Association www.nfpa.org

Home Rehab Program Offers Assistance to Local Homeowners

The City of St. Charles recognizes the importance of preserving and maintaining the quality of its housing stock. Understanding that it sometimes can be difficult financially for local homeowners to maintain their homes, the City established the Single-Family Home Rehabilitation Loan Program in 2010.

The program provides zero-interest, deferred-payment loans to income-eligible homeowners for certain repairs and improvements. A maximum of \$10,000 is available per household. The program is intended to be supplemental to Kane County's Housing Rehabilitation Program, which offers up to \$20,000.

Eligible improvements for which the loan may be used include: repairs to mechanical, heating, plumbing, structural, and electrical systems; exterior painting; termite damage repair; roofing; insulation; windows; and more.

To learn more about the program, eligibility requirements, and how to apply, visit www.stcharlesil.gov/housing or contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 630.377.4443.



Local Flood Awareness

St. Charles generally has not experienced wide spread damage due to flooding. However, there are local flood hazard areas throughout Kane County. Flooding from the Fox River, Ferson Creek, State Street Creek, 7th Avenue Creek, and Norton Creek usually can be forecast in advance. Also, flash flooding along these rivers and numerous tributaries to these waterways may occur suddenly and unexpectedly.

Visit the City's website, www.stcharlesil.gov/flood for additional information and links to various flood-related sites. You also can find out if your property is in the 100-year floodplain, and access maps and other flood-related information at the Public Works Engineering Division, 200 Devereaux Way. Elevation Certificates dating back to the early 1990s also are available. Call the Public Works Engineering Division at 630.377.4486 for further assistance.

Thinking of Remodeling?



If you're planning a home remodeling project, a building permit gives you legal permission to start construction of a building project in accordance with approved drawings and specifications.

Your home is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with adopted codes, the value of your investment could be reduced. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to remove the alteration/addition, leave it unoccupied or perform costly repairs.

A permit helps protect your family and future occupants by making sure the job is done correctly and that it meets minimum standards of safety. A permit is needed for:

- New buildings (homes, business, industrial)
- Additions to either residential, business, or industrial
- Business or commercial remodeling or alteration
- Residential work including remodeling inside your home, kitchen, bathroom, or basement
- Installation of new, repair or replacement of decks, fences, sheds, detached and attached garages
- Installation of a lawn sprinkler system
- Re-roofing
- Replacing the windows, doors, or siding
- Installing an above-ground or in-ground swimming pool or hot tub
- Installing a hot water heater, water softener, furnace, or air conditioner
- Electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems

The best way to find out if you need a permit is to call the Building and Code Enforcement Division at 630.377.4406.

2015 Street Sweeping Schedule

The City sweeps its streets to remove debris. Besides keeping our streets clean, sweeping also helps eliminate potential pollutants from entering the storm sewer system.

Street Sweeping Schedule

First week of May

Last week of June

Mid-August

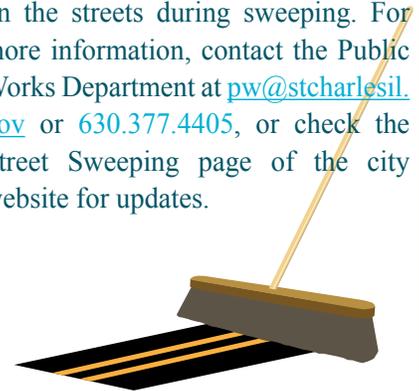
Last week of September

Last week of October

Mid November

Last week of November
(after leaf collection)

There also are sweepings for parades, festivals, events, emergencies, accidents, leaf pick-up and severe weather events. Please try not to park on the streets during sweeping. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at pw@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4405, or check the Street Sweeping page of the city website for updates.



April is National Safe Digging Month

Always call 811 to locate underground utilities before starting any project that requires digging.



2015 Spring Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Regular maintenance of the City's water distribution system includes annual hydrant flushing. Flushing, opening hydrants to allow water to flow rapidly through them, improves water quality and minimizes mineral build-up in the water mains. Hydrant flushing also ensures that hydrants are ready for emergency use.



St. Charles is divided into four quadrants for hydrant flushing. Main Street (Illinois Route 64) divides the north/south quadrants, and the Fox River divides the east/west quadrants. Flushing may start as early as 5 a.m. and continue through 4 p.m. The spring 2015 hydrant flushing schedule:

- Northwest – Monday, April 13 – Friday, April 17
- Southwest – Monday, April 20 – Friday, April 24
- Southeast – Monday, April 27 – Friday, May 1
- Northeast (West of Dunham Road) – Monday, May 4 – Friday, May 8
- Northeast (East of Dunham Road) – Monday, May 11 – Friday, May 15

There is a [hydrant flushing map](#) on the City website which shows dates areas will be flushed. You also may enter your address in My Neighborhood on the City's website

for dates. Signs announcing hydrant flushing also will be posted prior to flushing.

Water is safe to use and consume during hydrant flushing. However, if the water appears rust colored:

- Limit water use.
- Once flushing has concluded, turn on the cold water tap until water runs clear.
- Remember rust-colored water is safe, but it may stain laundry. If this happens, keep clothes wet and treat them with stain remover.
- The City offers a stain remover at no cost at the following facilities:

Public Works, 200 Devereaux Way

City Hall, Reception Desk, 2 East Main Street

Police Department, 211 North Riverside Avenue

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at pw@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4405.

Be Prepared for Spring Storms

Severe storms can take down power lines, causing power outages and creating dangerous situations. To help you until power is restored, have a storm kit prepared. Keep it in a cool, dry place and let everyone in your house know where it is kept.

City of St. Charles electric customers can use the Electric Outage Line at [866.444.0016](tel:866.444.0016) to report the outage and get updates on restoration times.

The City of St. Charles has been accepted as a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador. The designation recognizes the City as a partner in sharing preparedness outreach to the public, and in implementing best practices for readiness against extreme weather, water, and climate events.



Storm Safety Kit

- Drinking water & non-perishable food
- Blankets, pillows & clothing
- Basic first-aid supplies
- Prescriptions
- Basic toiletries
- Flashlights
- Battery-operated radio
- Extra supply of batteries
- Phone
- Cash & credit cards
- Emergency numbers
- Baby supplies
- Pet supplies

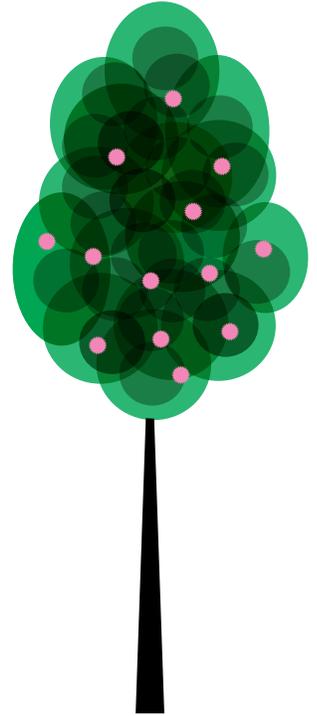
Spring Trees Arriving Soon!

With the promise of warmer days approaching, the Public Works Department is busy preparing to plant new and replacement parkway trees in the City right-of-way. Weather permitting, Spring planting will begin in early April, when more than 200 trees will be planted!

The trees are planted in several phases. A few reminders:

- Be aware of J.U.L.I.E. markings and flags in or around parkways and public areas. These markings are necessary to identify any underground utilities in areas where new trees will be planted. You also may observe white markings on the curb which help the planting crews identify new tree locations.
- Depending on conditions in your area, trees may be delivered and planted in phases. Please be patient as the planting team works to plant all of the trees in a timely and efficient manner.
- Restoration of the parkway will be completed a few days after planting. The planting team will restore the planting sites by adding top soil, grass seed, and finally mulch around newly planted trees. Watering needs then will be addressed and, if necessary, gator bags will be provided for further watering. Please remember to fill the gator bag when it is empty by simply inserting a garden hose into the slot on the top and filling the bag with water.
- The City's Urban Forest is a valuable asset to our community. The Public Services Division of the Public Works Department has been working diligently to diversify the Urban Forest to ensure its health for future generations. Diversification is important to maintain a vibrant and healthy cross section of trees in our City parkways and can help moderate the effects of diseases and pests. All new trees are covered by a one-year warranty.

If you have any questions about spring planting, please feel free to contact the Public Services Division at [630.377.4405](tel:630.377.4405) or pw@stcharlesil.gov.



Thank You! Langum Park Clean Up Crew



Boy Scout Troop #5, along with several community volunteers, learned about the value of natural areas and got a firsthand look at what it takes to care for our local parks last month. Volunteers helped spruce up Langum Park after the long winter by clearing pathways and removing honeysuckle and buckthorn--



two nonnative, invasive species that can crowd out the native oaks and hickories in the park. The effort was coordinated by the St. Charles Tree Commission, St. Charles Park District and City of St. Charles.



You've heard of Random Acts of Kindness, but how about Random Acts of Green? April 22 is Earth Day, a global movement that calls for people on every continent to commit to at least one act of environmental service. You can help by riding your bike to work, recycling your waste, picking up trash or using cold water for laundry. Try a Random Act of Green and let's all make a difference.

Curbside yard waste collection resumes April 6.

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 Connect with the city right from your mobile device. Download our St. Charles Connect app at www.stcharlesil.gov/connect

2015 Brush Pick-Up Schedule 2015

The Brush Pick Up program is conducted from April to October. Only City of St. Charles residents who pay a monthly fee on their utility bill are eligible. To find out if you are eligible for the program, review your City utility bill for the fee, input your address in [My Neighborhood](#) on the City website, or call Utility Billing at 630.377.4426 for verification.

Branches need to be at least 3-ft long and less than 12" in diameter with cut ends facing the street. Brush must be placed on the parkway in front of the house or along the frontage where refuse/recycling is collected before 7:00 a.m. on Monday (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday). Once the crew passes an individual address it will not come back until the next scheduled pickup date.

It may take 3 to 4 days to get through your neighborhood.

Please remember: Brush that does not conform to pick-up requirements will not be picked up.

Do not tie bundles of brush with rope or wire. Brush must not be piled higher than 4 feet (this obstructs the visibility of pedestrians and vehicles). It is against City Ordinance to pile brush in the street. Do not place metal, grass, leaves, dirt, roots or lumber in the brush pile. Brush piles with vehicles parked in front of them will not be picked up. Do not put poison ivy or oak in brush piles; please put this material in

Brush Pick-Up Schedule

EAST SIDE	WEST SIDE
April 20	April 27
May 18	May 26*
June 15	June 22
July 20	July 27
Aug 17	Aug 24
Sept 21	Sept 28
Oct 19	Oct 26
November: No Pick Up	

*Pick up is Tuesday due to the Memorial Day Holiday
 ** There is no pick up in November.

brown paper yard waste bags and place them out on your weekly refuse pickup day.

Tree trunks/stumps: If you take down a whole tree, please be aware that the maximum size the crew can pick up is 12" in diameter by 12' long. Anything larger or longer would need to be cut up or split before pick-up.

Small branches, trimmings and leaves: These items can be placed in a brown paper yard waste bag (Purchase bags with the City logo or use generic bags and place one refuse sticker on each bag). Yard waste bags will be picked up on your weekly refuse pickup day. The schedule is available on the city website at www.stcharlesil.gov/services/brush. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at pw@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4405.

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