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NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES  
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## It's Been a Scorching Summer

### Remember Water Conservation Regulations

As the hot, dry weather continues, please remember to observe conservation regulations when watering. The City of St. Charles water conservation ordinance is in effect from May 1 to Aug. 31, and regulates days and times portable sprinklers and in-ground sprinkling systems (not handheld hoses) may be used.

#### Watering Time Limits

- Even-numbered addresses may water on even-numbered days, from 12 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered days, from 12 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.



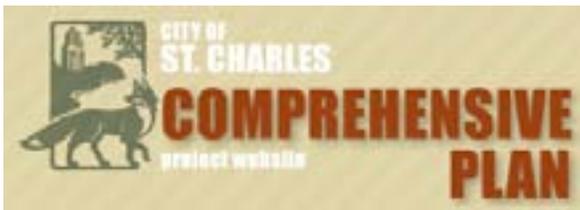
Watering at these times is the most effective and efficient way to keep plants hydrated. Watering in the heat of the day results in much of the water evaporating before it ever hits the ground or reaches the roots. "The ordinance promotes responsible use of the underground aquifers that supply all of our water needs," said John Lamb, Environmental Services Manager. "It also moderates peak use periods to make the best use of our existing infrastructure."

Watering is not allowed on any day between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., or 10 p.m. and 12 a.m., from May 1 through August 31. For more information, please contact Public Works at 377-4405.

### August City Council and Committee Meetings

City Council 7 p.m.	6
Government Operations 7:05 p.m.	6
Planning & Development 7 p.m.	13
City Council 7 p.m.	20
Government Operations 7:05 p.m.	20
Government Services 7:00 p.m.	27

A complete list of meetings, including Commission, Board & Task Force meetings is @ [www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings)



## Got an Idea for Charlestowne Mall?

### Share It at the Visioning Workshop Aug. 9

Residents, property owners, and members of the business community are encouraged to participate in a visioning workshop for the Charlestowne Mall and surrounding area.

The session will be held Aug. 9, 7:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers, 2 E. Main St. Input from this workshop will be used to draft a Key Focus Area Plan for the East Gateway area, as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Anyone also can offer input through the project website. Visit [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov) and click on the "Comprehensive Plan" badge at the bottom of the page. For more information, contact Russell Colby, Planning Division Manager, at 630-377-4443.

## It's Still Hot Out There! Tips for Watering Your Trees

Record-setting temperatures and meager rainfall totals have many trees showing signs of stress. Wilted, scorched, yellowing, browning and eventually dropped leaves are classic signs of heat stress in trees. Watering is one of the most important things you can do to care for your trees, especially for younger, newly planted trees.



Trees grow best when soils are moist to a depth of six inches. As a rule of thumb, it takes one inch of water to wet six inches of soil. To properly water trees, take a drip or soaker hose and coil it under the dripline of the tree. Turn the hose on and let it run

at the base of the tree for 20-30 minutes. Just remember to observe water conservation regulations. Please check the website at [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov) for appropriate days and times to water. For questions, contact the Public Works Department at 630-377-4405.

## Brush Pick Up Schedule

Brush (branches at least 3 ft. in length and less than 12" in diameter) must be placed on the parkway, cut ends facing the street before 7 a.m.	<b>East Side</b>	<b>West Side</b>
	<b>Aug. 20</b>	<b>Aug. 27</b>
	<b>Sept. 17</b>	<b>Sept. 24</b>
	<b>Oct. 15</b>	<b>Oct. 22</b>
	<b>Nov. 19</b>	<b>Nov. 26</b>

Do not tie bundles of brush with rope or wire. Brush must not be piled higher than 4 ft. and never piled in the street.

Brush also can be placed in paper yard waste bags for pick-up with regular refuse. Either bags with the City logo or generic bags can be used. Generic bags require one refuse sticker per bag.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 630-377-4405, or visit [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov).

*6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bob Leonard 5K Run & Walk*  
St. Charles, IL ≈ August 11, 2012

# 8.11.12

**START TIMES:**

**8 AM 5K Run**  
**7:00 Sign-in**

**9:30 AM Walk**  
**8:30 Sign-in**

**10:30 Turtle Hurdle**  
**9:30 Sign-in**

**Party @ Pavilion**  
**Throughout Event!**

**Pottawatomie Park**  
**Rain or Shine!**

This event is generously sponsored by:



- Animal Medical Clinic • First State Bank • Fox Valley Orthopedic • Gordon Flesch • Hart Chiropractic •
- Kiwanis Club of St. Charles • John Hoscheit • Pizzo & Associates, Ltd. • STC Capital Bank and Trust •

## Drain Pool Water Properly

Because swimming pools are filled with chlorinated water, it is important to dispose of this water properly. High concentrations of chlorine is toxic to wildlife and fish and therefore shouldn't be discharged directly into roadways and storm sewers, or wetlands, lakes, streams and rivers.



Please take a minute to review these guidelines from Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to safely drain your swimming pool:

- De-chlorinate the water in the pool either mechanically or chemically prior to draining.
- Or, drain the pool over a period of several days across your lawn by following these steps:
  1. Allow pool water to sit at least two days in the sun. Test chlorine levels after two days to be sure they are safe (below 0.1 mg/l).
  2. Direct pool discharge across your lawn, not down the driveway or into storm sewers, which lead directly to wetlands, streams, lakes or rivers.

Thank you for doing your part to help promote cleaner wetlands, streams, lakes and rivers. For more information, visit [www.epa.state.il.us/water](http://www.epa.state.il.us/water), or contact the Public Works Department at 630-377-4405.

## City Participates in Federally Sponsored Disaster Training

Back in January, the City of St. Charles received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to attend a week-long emergency management training session at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Directors and employees from each City department participated in the class, which was held July 8-13. Also in attendance, were delegates from School District 303, the St. Charles Park District, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Kane County Health Department, DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, City of Geneva, City of Batavia, Tri-Com Communications Center, Delnor Hospital EMS, Kane County Sheriff's Office and officials from Campton Hills.

The classes focused on preparations for handling possible disasters that could affect a community, such as St. Charles. For three days, potential disaster events were presented, culminating in a large-scale, citywide disaster scenario. Not only did this offer an excellent opportunity to test the city's Emergency Operations Plan, it also gave city staff the chance to work with representatives of nearby

communities and other organizations to respond to and mitigate the events.



Running a fully loaded dishwasher may use half the energy and one-sixth less water than doing dishes by hand, according to a study by the University of Bonn in Germany. And research by Consumer Reports found that pre-rinsing can waste up to 6,000 gallons of water per household each year.



## “50/50” Parkway Tree Program is Back

The City once is again offering to share in the cost of planting trees in parkways with the “50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program.” Our tree consultant will plant, mulch and provide a gator bag\* to help you water your new tree.

Trees will be planted in late October/early November OR early April/May. Each tree delivered is balled and burlaped and averages 2.5” in diameter. Species may vary upon availability and diversification needs for your area. You will receive a door hanger with your tree with care instructions. Each tree is covered by a one-year warranty. (If the tree dies or looks unhealthy, call 630.377.4405.)

\*The gator bag is the property of the City of St. Charles.

Choose from these carefully selected trees:

**Japanese Lilac** \$165 (Good under power lines.) Mature height: 20-30 ft./Mature width: 15-20 ft./Vigorous growth, blooms mid-summer with white flowers.

**Prairie Fire Crabapple** \$115 (Good under power lines.) Mature height: 20 ft./Leaves deep red-purple mature to dark green, bright orange fall foliage; attract songbirds.

**Red Jewel Crabapple** \$115 (Good under power lines.) Mature height: 15 ft./Width: 12 ft./Pink buds open to pure white blooms in early May, strong medium green leaves turn a slight burgundy bronze in the fall, lively 1/2 inch bright red "jewel" fruits lasting all winter.

**Accolade Elm** \$165 Mature height: 75 ft./Vigorous growth, excellent drought tolerance and good strong yellow fall color, has excellent disease resistance to both Elm Yellows and Dutch Elm Disease.

**Crescendo Maple** \$165 Height: 65 ft./Green foliage with a yellow cast in summer, yellow with a red margin in fall.

**London Planetree** \$165 Mature height: 60 ft./Mature width: 40-50 ft./Excellent shade tree; large, lustrous, green foliage in summer and yellow fall color. Wonderful park or street tree.

**Redmond Linden** \$165 Height: 40 ft./Mature width: 35 ft./Light green leaves with showy yellow fall color.

**State Street Maple** \$165 Mature height: 60 ft./Mature 50-ft. spread at base, excellent branching character, clean foliage and good yellow fall color; superior heat/drought tolerance.

Mail or deliver the order form below, along with a check or money order payable to the City of St. Charles. Order forms also may be downloaded at [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov). Send to the Utility Billing Office, 2 E. Main Street, St. Charles, IL 60174. Orders will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. Sept. 30. Questions? Contact Public Works at 630.377.4405.



Japanese Lilac

### 50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program Order Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (Daytime) \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Tree(s) from the above list \_\_\_\_\_

Total Order Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

## What to do *After* a Storm



When a severe storm hits, it can create potential electrical hazards. It's important to keep these post-storm safety tips in mind:

- If you must venture out after a severe storm, stay away from downed power lines and be aware that tree limbs or debris may hide a potential electrical hazard. If you encounter any dangling wires, downed or hanging power lines, treat them as if they are energized. Warn others to stay away, and contact the St. Charles Electric Utility at 630-377-4407.
- Before re-entering storm-damaged buildings or rooms, be sure all electric and gas services are turned off. Never attempt to turn off power at the breaker box if you must stand in water to do so. If you can't reach your breaker box safely, call your electric utility to shut off power at the meter.
- Never step into a flooded basement or other area if water is covering electrical outlets, appliances, or cords. Be alert to any electrical equipment that could be energized and in contact with water. Never touch electrical appliances, cords, or wires while you are wet or standing in water.

Please visit [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov) for more electric safety tips.

### Welcome New Businesses!

#### DOWNTOWN

**La Vie Encore** Restored Home Accessory Showroom  
& Antiques

211 S. 3rd St., 630-587-0209

**Wild Monk** American Cuisine & Bar

51 S. 1st St., 630-549-6657

#### EAST GATEWAY

**Cellular Connection** Cell Phone Sales & Accessories

2700 E. Main St., 630-513-1848

**Savers** Secondhand Thrift Retail

3880 E. Main St., 630-513-6280

## Electric Outage Reporting System

### Register Your Phone Number Today

If you are a St. Charles Electric Utility customer, then be sure to register your phone number with the automated telephone notification system.

Based on caller I.D. technology, the system links customers' phone numbers to their accounts so the location of the outage can be identified automatically when they call to report an issue. It also allows customers to receive updates regarding the outage and a return call to confirm power restoration.

The system can handle heavy call volumes and quickly relays outage information, reducing crew response times.

Residents can register up to three phone numbers by calling the Utility Billing office at 630-377-4426 or registering online at [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov).



### Cooling Centers

- St. Charles Public Library  
1 South 6th Avenue
- Charlestowne Mall  
E. Main Street & Kirk Road

Please visit these facilities or other air-conditioned areas during normal operating hours to get out of the heat and cool down.

## Fighting Child Hunger

### Food Bank Donations Being Accepted

The Northern Illinois Food Bank is seeking food donations for its Summer Meal Program to help combat child hunger in the area. The City of St. Charles Wellness Team has set out collection bins at the Public Works building, City Hall and the Police Department to support this effort. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted through Aug. 16. Please consider adding a few items to your grocery cart the next time your shop. Thank you for your generosity!

## Pace Employer Shuttle Program

Public transportation is one of the most cost-effective ways to travel to work. However, some commuters may not work near a bus route or train line. Pace offers an Employer Shuttle Program to get employees between area transit centers and work sites. For more information, visit [PaceBus.com](http://PaceBus.com) or contact Mary J. Robb, Pace Community Relations Representative, at 847-271-1017.

**Water mains cost much more to fix after they break.**

We depend on our water infrastructure of pipes, pumps, and meters to deliver clean, high-quality, and reliable water to our homes.

**Did you know...** most water infrastructure systems are decades old, and some are even 100 years old? Our water bills provide for necessary repairs and upgrades.

**You can help by...** supporting necessary investments in your water infrastructure.

Water rates reflecting the full cost of service fund proper maintenance needed to supply safe and reliable water for households, businesses, public health, fire departments, and other essential uses.

Thank you for doing your part to help insure that our community and neighboring communities have a clean and reliable water source now and for future generations!

For more information, visit [www.cmap.il.gov/water](http://www.cmap.il.gov/water)

## City of St. Charles Directory

Building & Code Enforcement.....	377-4406
City Administrator.....	377-4422
Community Development.....	377-4443
Development Engineering.....	443-3677
Economic Development.....	443-4093
Electric Division.....	377-4407
Engineering Division.....	377-4486
Emergency Management Agency.....	377-4416
Flood Protection Assistance.....	377-4486
Finance/Accounting.....	762-7002
Fire Administration.....	377-4458
Fire Prevention Bureau.....	377-4457
Human Resources.....	377-4446
Mayor Donald P. DeWitte.....	377-4444
Police Admin./Investigation/Crime Prevention.....	377-4435
Public Works-Water/Sewer/Street.....	377-4405
Refuse Pickup Info. (Veolia).....	587-8282
TDD.....	800-526-0844
Utility Billing - Electric/Water/Sewer.....	377-4426
<b>Electric Outage Hotline.....</b>	<b>866-444-0016</b>

## Community Blood Drive

**Wednesday, Aug. 29, Noon to 5 p.m.**

The City of St. Charles is sponsoring a community blood drive. On Aug. 29, the Heartland Blood Centers Mobile Coach will be in the checkerboard parking lot in front of City Hall (corner of Riverside Ave. and Main Street) from noon to 5 p.m. Schedule your appointment online at [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org) (go to blood drives and find by city) or call Human Resources at 630-377-4446.

Donors must be 17 years old or older to donate independently. (16-year-old donors must have a signed Heartland Parental Permission Slip.) Walk-ins are welcome, but an appointment will ensure your donation is processed promptly. **A photo ID also is required.**

Please remember that every donation makes a difference and gets you a certificate for \$11 in purchases from Oberweis Ice Cream.



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