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## Welcome Mayor Rogina & New Aldermen

### Recently Instated Officials Share their Views

### June City Council and Committee Meetings

City Council	7 p.m.	3
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Planning & Development	7 p.m.	10
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Mayor Raymond P. Rogina

He is known to many St. Charles residents as a former instructor at St. Charles East High School and more recently as the Third Ward Alderman for the City of St. Charles. But now Raymond Rogina is ready to take on a new role in serving St. Charles, this time as Mayor. He shares a few thoughts:

#### Service and Support

“I’ve been able to dive right in since the election,” said Mayor Rogina. “I am very confident in our Council and City staff as we work together to serve the people of St. Charles. And, I encourage citizens to attend meetings and get involved in their local government.”

#### Perks of the Office

“It’s been really fun going into the schools to read to little kids,” said Mayor Rogina. “I’ve also learned a lot by walking around town and mingling with the businesses, asking what they like, what needs to improve.”

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

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Ronald Silkaitis  
Alderman Ward 1

#### Alderman

**Ronald Silkaitis** is a life-long resident of St. Charles. He and his wife, Monica, raised their four daughters here, Katherine, Stephanie, Emily and Rebecca. His

St. Charles roots are deep, dating back to when his maternal grandparents settled here to open a grocery store and his paternal grandfather owned a barber shop. Alderman Silkaitis works at Zimmerman Ford in St. Charles.

#### Looking forward to...

“Becoming an active member of City Council and being able to give thoughtful consideration to the issues affecting the City and residents. I want to listen to residents’ concerns, ideas

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Arthur J. Lemke  
Alderman Ward 2

#### Alderman

**Arthur J. Lemke** has lived in St. Charles since 1991. He and his wife Jean have one son, Andrew. Alderman Lemke is a CPA and works for a state agency as an

Information Systems auditor.

He previously served as alderman on the St. Charles City Council from 1993 to 2005.

#### Looking forward to...

“As a member of Council, I am looking forward to having a better dialogue between the City and representatives of Charlestowne Mall.”

#### About serving on City Council...

“Serving on City Council provides a

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## Mayor Rogina

### Financial Matters

As the economy slowly begins to awaken from recession, Mayor Rogina vows to continue the fiscally responsible practices that got the City through tough economic times. "There is a good precedent of balanced budgets and living within our means that began way before I sat in this seat. That, I will continue."

One of his first duties as Mayor will be to work with the City Council to choose his replacement in the 3rd Ward. "I am pleased at the response we have received for the 3rd Ward Alderman seat. I will maintain an objective process and am confident the best of the 13 will be chosen."

## Alderman Silkaitis

and their points of view, and give my point of view on the issues."

### About serving on City Council...

"I feel serving on City Council is a privilege. It is being part of a decision-making process that affects our citizens now and in the future. I enjoy the thought process and thoroughness of understanding how the city functions as a whole."

### Encouraging citizen involvement...

"There are many paths to do this. Attend City Council meetings or attend meetings such as the Historic Preservation Commission, Youth Commission or Visitors Cultural Commission, among others. Join the Chamber of Commerce. Volunteer. Get involved. You'll be glad you did."

## Alderman Lemke

fresh perspective for the departments and staff members who keep the wheels of government turning. If there is a concern about City services, citizens and stakeholders should know Council members are always willing to hear from them."

### Encouraging citizen involvement...

"There are several branches of government, commissions, and groups with opportunities for community involvement. The jurisdiction of some government and quasi-government agencies reach beyond the City itself, like Kane County Forest Preserve, St. Charles Township government, our School District, Library, and Park District."

## And Welcome Back Re-Elected Officials



**William J. Turner**  
Alderman Ward 3



**Jo K. Krieger**  
Alderman Ward 4



**Maureen Lewis**  
Alderman Ward 5

## Are You Getting Unwanted Papers Delivered to Your House?

Recently, residents have complained about companies delivering unwanted newspapers to their homes. The issue is that these publications can pile up, especially if a resident is on vacation or unable to get out and pick them up off the driveway. The City is looking into whether or not it has any authority over this practice. In the meantime, residents who do not want the newspapers delivered are encouraged to:

1. Contact the companies by phone and letter to demand the deliveries stop. Keep a record of the phone call, who you spoke to, and a copy of the letter you sent.
2. Post a notice on your property indicating the material is not wanted.



## Pedestrian Bridge Ribbon Cutting June 15, 8 a.m.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the pedestrian/bicycle crossing of the Red Gate Bridge is Saturday, June 15, 8 a.m., at the west entrance off Rte. 31. All are welcome. Wear running shoes or bring a bike to try it out!

While you're there, stop and appreciate the views from the bridge. Snap a picture and send it to us at [info@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:info@stcharlesil.gov) and we'll add it to our [flickr page](#).



**Small Acts, Big Impacts**

# City Employees Serve the Community On and Off the Clock

A “Giving Spirit” is one of the reasons St. Charles was named #1 City for Families by Family Circle magazine. Proud examples of the many ways people give back can be found throughout our community.

Among the groups that donate their time, talent and resources are City of St. Charles employees. Both individually and collectively, the 303 employees of the City make a tremendous impact within St. Charles’ borders and beyond. Last year, City employees donated more than \$11,000 in contributions and gifts and worked countless volunteer hours to support more than 50 local and national nonprofit organizations.



## Small Acts, Big Impacts

“We hear about City employees who go above and beyond in their jobs every day,” said Kathy Livernois, Director of Human Resources at the City. “But the success of the City-organized charity initiatives year after year shows how City staff serves the community on a personal level too. These employees reflect compassion, unselfish caring and generosity in their giving of time and contributions.”

Throughout the year, the City conducts several philanthropic programs in which staff participates:

- **Giving Friday**

Employees make charitable donations of \$6 or more to dress casually at work two Fridays each month. (Uniformed employees can still make a charitable donation.) Proceeds from each Giving Friday benefit a named charity.

- **Combined Charities**

Employees donate to various charities through payroll deductions.

- **The Giving Tree**

Holiday presents are donated for families in need.

- **Neighbors in Need**

Contributions help St. Charles residents in need pay their utility bills.

## Flood Update

If you are still feeling the effects of the rains and flooding that surged through our area, please check out the **Flood Recovery** page of our website. It is updated frequently with valuable information and links to federal, state and county resources. Kane County was declared a federal disaster area and FEMA teams have been touring the area.

- **Christmas in July**

Items are donated to local animal rescue organizations.

- **Blood Drives, Bake Sales, Food Bank Collections**

- **Fire Department**

Organizes and participates in Fill the Boot, Seniors Holiday Dinner, and the Holiday Toy Drive.

- **Police Department**

Organizes and participates in Cop on Top, Tip a Cop, Polar Plunge, and the Annual Golf Outing to

Support Special Olympics Illinois.

Some of the local organizations and events that are impacted by the contributions or volunteerism of City employees:

Bob Leonard Riverwalk 5K Run/Walk	CASA Kane County	Community Contacts, Inc.
Community Crisis Center	Fox Valley Hospice	Holiday Homecoming Electric Parade
Kane County Juvenile Drug Court	Kiwanis	Lazarus House
Area Lions Clubs	Moose Charities	Mutual Ground
Northern Illinois Food Bank	Riverfest	Rotary Club of St. Charles
Rover Rescue	Scarecrow Fest	Special Olympics of Illinois
St. Patrick’s Parade	Tri-City Family Services	

Many individuals and organizations work together to make St. Charles so special. As public servants, St. Charles employees help define how our community looks and feels—its safety, security, comfort, convenience and vitality. As members of the greater St. Charles community, their commitment to keeping our City the standout it is, shows through their willingness to consistently help where there is a need.



The best place to start making a difference is right at home.

Buy products in concentrate, bulk and in refillable containers. They reduce packaging waste and can save money.

## Get Paid to Shop Locally!

The City of St. Charles has unveiled a new program to promote local, independent businesses. The “Shop St. Charles Challenge” encourages residents to spend their shopping dollars within the community, with one lucky resident each month earning a \$100 rebate on purchases made at three different independent stores or restaurants. The promotion kicks off this month and runs through April 2014.



Simply download and submit a **Shop St. Charles Challenge Entry Form**. If you qualify, you will be entered into a monthly drawing. The winner selected will have 30 days to spend at least \$100 at three St. Charles businesses and complete a written review or telephone interview about each business.

For more information, including entry form and rules, please visit the **“Shop St. Charles Challenge” page** on our website. Or contact the Economic Development Department at 630-443-4093/econdev@stcharlesil.gov.

## Brush Pick Up Schedule

### East Side

June 17  
July 15  
Aug 19  
Sept 16  
Oct 21  
Nov 18

### West Side

June 24  
July 22  
Aug 26  
Sept 23  
Oct 28  
Nov 25

Brush (branches at least 3 ft. in length and less than 12” in diameter) must be placed on the parkway in front of the house (or along the frontage where refuse/recycling is collected), with cut ends facing the street, before 7 a.m.

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. Also, please do not park cars in front of the piles; crews will be unable to pick up the brush.

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 the **Brush Pick Up page** on our website.

## Students Dig Right In to Help Care for Langum Woods



Students from Haines Middle School learned about the value of natural areas and got a firsthand look at what it takes to care for our local parks on a recent day in May. They pulled weeds, cleared pathways, removed fallen branches and brush, replanted displaced specimens and spread mulch at Langum Woods.

This is the third year the kids have participated in the Langum Woods clean-up project. The effort is coordinated by the St. Charles Park District and the St. Charles Tree Commission.

## Storm Flooding Prevention



The Public Works Division offers the following precautions to avoid storm flooding:

- Do not stack, dump or rake leaves, grass clippings or yard waste into the street or curb line. This potentially could cause street flooding during heavy rains. Dispose with the appropriate yard waste bags or compost the landscape waste materials.
- Inspect your roof for missing or curling shingles, and for flashing that is loose or needs to be sealed.
- Be sure gutters and down spouts are clean. Install extensions on down spouts to help drain water away from the building foundation.
- Make sure the ground next to the house has the proper pitch so surface water is shed away from the foundation.
- Keep trees and bushes trimmed away from the house so when they blow in the wind, they don't cause wear on the roof, siding or trim. Trimmed landscaping also improves airflow and can help prevent moisture problems.

**NOTE:** Never dispose of any liquids into street drains or curb lines; storm inlets all drain directly to the river. Notify the City at 630-377-4405 if a spill or dumping is observed.

## Are You Eligible for Disaster Assistance?

Kane County residents affected by the severe storms and flooding between April 16 and May 5 are eligible to register for federal disaster assistance.

Individual Assistance for homeowners and renters can include grants to help pay for temporary rental assistance, home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses not met by insurance or other assistance programs. Also, low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration are available to cover residential and business losses not fully compensated by insurance.

The deadline to register for FEMA disaster assistance is July 9. Register online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or call 800-621-3362, or (TTY) 800-462-7585.

## 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.
- When driving, be careful at intersections where traffic lights are out. Stop at all railroad crossings, and treat road intersections with traffic signals as four-way stops before proceeding with caution.
- 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 the 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.
- Cleaning up and using water-damaged appliances also carries safety risks. Electric motors in appliances that have been drenched or submerged should be thoroughly cleaned and reconditioned before they are put back into service. It may be necessary to repair or replace electrical appliances or tools that have been in contact with water. Do not use any water-damaged appliance until a professional has checked it out.
- If you are going to use electric yard tools in clean-up efforts, do not operate them if it is raining, the ground is wet, or if you are wet or standing in water. Keep electric equipment at least 10 feet from wet areas.
- When using a generator, follow all manufacturers' recommendations. Keep the generator dry, and never plug it into a wall outlet or directly into the home's wiring. This could inadvertently energize the utility lines and injure yourself or others who are working to restore power.

Please visit the [Electric Safety Tips](#) page of our website for more information.

## Resources for Recycling Just About Anything

Below is an extensive list of resources to help you safely dispose of or recycle just about anything.

**Salvation Army**-1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles 630-377-2769. Bring clothes and household items. To arrange for pick-up, including furniture, call 312-738-4360.

**Goodwill** - Drop off locations for clothes and household items are at 2750 East Main Street, St. Charles, 630-513-5681, and 450 North Randall Road, Batavia, 630-761-8049.

**Habitat for Humanity ReStore** - They will take used building materials, furniture, electronics and small appliances. Drop off locations are at 800 N. State St./Rt. 31, Elgin, 847-742-9905, and 4100 Fox Valley Center Dr., Aurora, 630-585-5508.

**Naperville Fire Station #4**, - Drop off batteries (and other household hazardous waste) at 1971 Brookdale Road, Naperville, every Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (except holidays).

**Kane County Monthly Collection** - Books for any ages, in any condition, paperback or hardcover, will be assessed for reuse and redistribution or recycling. Bring to 540 S. Randall Road, St. Charles, on the second Saturday of each month, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**St. Charles Electronics Recycling Container** - Bring household electronics to the Public Works Facility, 1405 S. 7th Ave., Monday- Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., 630-377-4405.



**Recycle My Fridge Program** - The Illinois Municipal Electric Agency and the Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc., offer this program that picks up of old refrigerators and freezers from residents for free. For more information contact the St. Charles Electric Utility, 630-377-4407. Call **Advanced Disposal** for pick-up of non-working refrigerators and freezers, 630-587-8282.

**AutoZone** - Motor oil drop off locations are at 209 Randall Road, South Elgin, 847-429-1095, and 1283 North Lake St., Aurora, 630-966-8940. Also, at

**Valvoline Instant Oil Change**, 2076 West Main Street, Batavia, 630-406-7956. Amounts less than one gallon of motor oil also may be recycled through **Advanced Disposal**. Put motor oil in sealed plastic containers (such as milk or laundry detergent containers) and place at the curb on the ground next to your recycling bin on regular garbage pick-up days.

**Earth Paint Collection Systems** - Recycles opened cans of liquid latex paint, 847-231-6044. Also, **dried** latex paint can be placed in your regular household trash.

For more information, visit the **Recycling page** of our website or the **Kane County Division of Environmental Services**.

## Thanks for the Beautiful Plantings



The Pottawatomie Garden Club once again adorned the outside areas of the Municipal Building with beautiful plants and flowers. If you pass by you will be treated to a lush, colorful display.



## Here Come the Mosquitos!

Clarke Mosquito Management, Inc., once again will be conducting mosquito control for St. Charles, with the goal to reduce the potential of mosquito-borne disease transmission. For information regarding mosquito annoyances, treatments and scheduling, please call Clarke Mosquito Management at 800-942-2555. For general questions about the program, contact Public Works at 630-377-4405 or visit the **Mosquito Abatement page** of our website.

## Our Cops are Tops

### St. Charles Police Take to the Rooftops to Raise Awareness for Special Olympics Illinois

St. Charles police officers perched on the rooftop of the Dunkin' Donuts at 1711 W. Main St. in St. Charles as part of the annual "Cop on Top" campaign May 31. Police departments from across the state participate each year in the event, which raises awareness and donations for Special Olympics Illinois. St. Charles officers brought in \$3,400 in donations, the highest amount among Kane County police departments. Thanks to all who contributed.



Police Chief Jim Lamkin (right) and Deputy Chief Dave Kintz (left) check out the view on top the Dunkin' Donuts store.

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Refuse Pickup Info. ....	587-8282
TDD.....	800-526-0844
Utility Billing - Electric/Water/Sewer.....	377-4426
<b>Electric Outage Hotline.....</b>	<b>866-444-0016</b>

## New Transit Improvements Along Randall Road



In coordination with Pace, Kane County has constructed transit and pedestrian improvements along Randall Road. The improvements support Pace Route 529 and include sidewalks, bus pads, shelters, pedestrian signals and countdown timers.

See you at...

# RIVERFEST

## June 7-9 Downtown

Check out the full schedule of events at  
[www.prideofthefox.org](http://www.prideofthefox.org)

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