



NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES  
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### Council & Committee Meetings for May

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Upcoming meetings, including Commission, Board & Task Force @ [www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings)



The City of St. Charles offices will be closed Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day

## Spring Clean Up Program is Back for 2012

May 5 - East Side Pick Up; May 19 - West Side Pick Up

We are happy to announce the Spring Clean Up program is back for this year. The popular program allows residents to place unwanted items at the curb for pick up by Veolia. Spring Clean Up items will be collected on Sat., May 5, for residents east of the river and Sat., May 19, for west side residents. This service is for City of St. Charles residents only.



Please note items must be placed on the curb and not in the street before 7 a.m. to ensure pickup. Once Veolia has passed through an area they will not come back and then the resident is responsible for removing all materials. Also, please do not place items out more than 48 hours before the assigned collection date.

Items **PROHIBITED** from the Spring Cleaning pick up:

- **ELECTRONICS OF ANY KIND.** A new electronics recycling law prohibits any electronic items from being placed in a landfill. A list of prohibited items is available on the City of St. Charles website [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov) or click [here](#). As an alternative, Kane County offers an electronics recycling event every month at 540 S. Randall Road, St. Charles. For more information call 630-208-3841 or visit their website [www.countyofkane.org](http://www.countyofkane.org) or click [here](#).
- Large home appliances
- Loose batteries
- Liquids and gases
- Household hazardous waste (paints, solvents, auto fluids, pesticides, etc.)
- Devices containing mercury (thermostats/thermometers)
- Fluorescent bulbs (both long and compact)
- Contractor construction debris (doors, windows, large amounts of lumber, masonry products, drywall, siding roofing materials)
- Tires
- Yard waste
- Regular household refuse

### Rt. 64 Update: Lane Closures to Begin

Ave. Lane closures eventually will extend along Main St./Rt. 64 to Rt. 59 and will remain in effect for the duration of the project. Please allow additional travel time and watch for reduced speed limits. Also state law prohibits using cellular phones or other communication devices in a construction zone. More information on the Rt. 64 project is at [www.dot.state.il.us/IL64/index.html](http://www.dot.state.il.us/IL64/index.html). Or contact Jim Bernahl at 630-377-4486.

On May 7, Main Street will be reduced to two lanes between 7th Ave. and 10th

## Spotlight on St. Charles

### West Suburban Living Magazine

Be sure to pick up a copy of the May/June issue of *West Suburban Living* magazine to see a special feature on St. Charles! The issue hit news stands May 1. City staff worked with the magazine to create an article that to showcase the many restaurants, boutiques, entertainment venues and historic architecture found in St. Charles. You will find this issue packed with photographs displaying the charm and “little slice of heaven” *Family Circle* magazine recognized last August when voting “the Pride of the Fox” as the “Best Town to Raise a Family.” The Economic Development Department also worked with the magazine to offer a great advertising opportunity for area businesses to take advantage of.

## Garage Sale Season is Here

### Find Out What You Need to Know When Planning a Sale



The summer garage sale season soon will be in full swing. The Building & Code Enforcement Division would like to offer some helpful information regarding the rules and regulations for garage sales.

The City of St. Charles does not require a permit for garage sales. However, according to city ordinance Title 17.20.050 which is based on state regulations, no more

than two garage sales can be held at the same address within a 12-month period. And sales cannot be longer than three days.

Signage for garage sales is always a hot topic. Code requirements for garage sale signs can be found under Title 17.28.090 in the City's ordinance. Signs are not to be placed on any City property, such as parkways, utility poles, street intersections, etc. The only permissible locations for signs are in the yard of the sale and/or in a neighbor's yard with their permission, provided the signs are not in the parkway or on City property. Garage sale signs can be posted up to 48 hours prior to the sale and must be removed no later than 24 hours after the sale is complete.

If you have questions or would like additional information, contact the Building and Code Enforcement Division at 630-377-4406 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Welcome New Businesses!

### WEST GATEWAY

#### Illinois Cell Phone Repair

1450 W. Main St., 630-945-3073

#### Taco Fresco

902 S. Randall Rd., 630-262-2600

#### Tri-City Teamworks Indoor

Sports Facility  
220 N. Randall Rd., 630-444-0944

#### Williams Construction Management

300 Cardinal Dr., 630-221-0671

### DOWNTOWN

#### InNetwork Healthcare Networking

& Membership Organization  
104 S. 2nd Ave., 312-305-3443

#### Law Offices of Jotham S. Stein, PC

214 S. 3rd St., 630-443-4390

#### NOVO: Renewing Joy in Life Therapy/ Counseling

104 S. 2nd Ave., 630-297-3617



### EAST GATEWAY

#### DeGeo's Burgers & Gyros

2704 E. Main St., 630-444-1899

#### RJ Motors Used Automobile Sales

4210 E. Main St., 630-797-4400

### EAST GATEWAY - INDUSTRIAL

#### Comptech Recycling & Trading

3820 Ohio Ave., 630-513-6455

#### IGM Resins, Inc.

3705 Stern Ave., 630-213-1616

#### Interplastics Plastics Recycling

3655 Illinois Ave., 630-444-1568



## National Public Works Week May 20-26, 2012

“Public Works: Creating a Lasting Impression”

# New Water Treatment Facility Open House

## Opening Celebrates National Drinking Water Week May 6-12

The City of St. Charles is hosting an Open House for the new Water Treatment facility. Event details:



**Monday, May 7**  
**5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
**250 North Riverside Ave., St. Charles**

“Everyone is invited to come out and tour our new Water Treatment facility, which will improve both water quality and production capacity,” said John Lamb, Environmental Services Manager. “The facility recently

received the Project of the Year Award from the Chicago Metropolitan Chapter of the American Public Works Association for incorporating several green measures and working with the community throughout the development of the project.



The Open House will be held during National Drinking Water Week, recognized May 6-12, which was established to create awareness and education around the vital role water plays in our daily lives.

The American Waterworks Association lists these examples of the value of water to our community:

### Public Health Protection

In a world where an estimated eight million people die every day from preventable waterborne diseases, people in North America can drink from virtually any public tap with a high assurance of safety. The City of St. Charles Water and Laboratory Divisions perform approximately 11,000 tests per year on the water to ensure a safe and regulatory compliant drinking source.

### Fire Protection

In the United States and Canada, more than 1.5 million house fires occur each year. While most of us never think about fires until they happen, there is a vast network of water infrastructure in place to protect us when they do. The City of St. Charles water system meets all the requirements for providing fire protection throughout the City.

### Support for the Economy

Tap water is critical to the daily operations of new and existing businesses. It also is the primary ingredient in hundreds of thousands of everyday products. For more information, contact Public Works Department at 630-377-4405.

## Brush Pick Up Schedule

East Side	West Side
May 21	May 29
June 18	June 25
July 16	July 23
Aug. 20	Aug. 27
Sept. 17	Sept. 24
Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Nov. 19	Nov. 26

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. However, generic bags require one refuse sticker on each bag.

Free mulch is offered when available for pick up at the City’s facility on Rt. 38/Lincoln Hwy., west of Peck Road, Mon.- Fri., 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
Refuse Collection will be delayed one day all week due to the Memorial Day Holiday Monday, May 28.

## Check Out the City's GREEN Page



Have you seen the City of St. Charles Green page on our website? It has information on promoting green initiatives and practices such as water conservation, watershed protection, energy tips, tree care and recycling. The site also has information on the environmentally friendly programs the City uses. You also will find links to local environmental groups and other environmental organizations.

The Green Page is updated regularly and is used to announce any upcoming green initiatives or environmental events. Log on to [www.stcharlesil.gov/green](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/green) to learn what you can do to add to the greening of St. Charles.

## Sprinkling Regulations Now in Force

The City's water conservation ordinance (Municipal Code Section 13.16.205) regulates day and time limits on the use of portable sprinklers and in-ground sprinkling systems (not hand-held hoses) to:

- Promote the responsible use of the underground aquifers that supply all of our water needs.
- Moderate peak use periods to make the best use of our existing infrastructure.

### Sprinkling Time Limits from May 1-August 31

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** Sprinkling 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-August 31. If you have any questions, please contact Public Works at 377-4405.

## City Joins WaterSense Conservation and Educational Program

In an effort to further promote environmentally friendly practices, the City of St. Charles has joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense Program to help protect the future of the nation's water supply by advocating water conservation and efficiency. Manufacturers, retailers, water utilities and municipalities partner with the EPA in the WaterSense program to promote the use of WaterSense-endorsed products and conservation practices that will help protect community water supplies. The City's Green page on the website provides links to the lists of endorsed products and other helpful information.

Participation in the WaterSense partnership enhances other water conservation initiatives already practiced by the City, including enacting lawn watering regulations, sponsoring the rain barrel program, promoting low-flow devices, and conducting public outreach and education. For more information, log on to [www.stcharlesil.gov/green](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/green), click [here](#) or contact John Lamb in Public Works at 630-377-4405.

**That drip is money down the drain**

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...**  
the average household wastes 10,000 gallons per year on leaks, enough to fill a swimming pool?

**You can help by...**  
checking your toilet, faucets, showerheads, and appliances for leaks.

Water infrastructure needs to be maintained by both your utility and you. Utilities can check for leaks in pipes on the way to your home, and you can check for leaks in your home. Both actions can prevent water waste and improve the reliability of your water supply.

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

For more information, visit [www.epa.gov/WaterSense](http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense).

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
WATER 2050  
NORTHWEST WATER PLANNING ALLIANCE  
look for  
FY11-0006

Educational flyer provided by WaterSense

## Keep Trees Healthy This Summer

### Proper Mulching is Key

Mulching is very beneficial for your trees. Mulch:

- Promotes growth and survival by helping water get into the soil and reduces the evaporation of moisture in the soil.
- Insulates the soil from temperature extremes.
- Helps control weeds that compete with needed moisture and nutrients.
- Maintains a layer of well-aerated soil near the surface available for long periods of root growth.

Two common mistakes of mulching are applying mulch too thickly or deeply and mounding up the mulch on the plant stems. These lead to too much moisture, reduced oxygen, fungus growth and even animal or pest homes. Each year, to prevent mulch buildup, you should rake the old mulch out towards the drip line of the tree (the area directly under the outer circumference of the tree branches). By doing this, you will stir up the old mulch, expose it to air and light, and keep the mulch at healthy levels. For more information contact Public Works at 630-377-4405.



Proper Mulching Technique



Improperly Mulched Tree  
(Volcano Technique)

*Photos: International Society  
of Arboriculture*

## Watering Thirsty 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.

**Please note: The city's Outdoor Water Conservation Ordinance is now in effect. Please check the website [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov) or click [here](#) for appropriate days and times to water your landscaping.**



## Emerald Ash Borer Update

Since the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was first found in St. Charles in June 2008, the Public Works Department has been collecting information, inspecting trees and evaluating options for treatment, removals and replacements. The city has over 5,000 public ash trees with confirmed EAB infestation in every quadrant of the city. Ash trees with EAB in public right-of-ways (parkways) are marked with a purple dot. Trees marked with a pink dot are confirmed EAB trees selected for removal and replacement. Homeowners adjacent to the parkways will be notified if trees are confirmed and/or scheduled for removal.

We encourage citizens to visit the City's website [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov) or click [here](#) for the most current and accurate EAB information or call the EAB hotline 630-584-5353.

## New Lawn Permits

New lawns require special care until they are established. It's important for homeowners to apply for a Sod Laying and Seeded Lawn Installation Permit to allow extra watering for lawns with new seed or sod. The permit allows watering for 10 consecutive days, between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m., and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. This permit must be displayed on a front window. Residents can obtain a permit for \$10 from the Utility Billing Office in City Hall, 630-377-4426 or at the Public Works facility 630-377-4405.

# Memorial Day Activities

Monday, May 28

## Flag Raising - 6:00 a.m.

Baker Community Center, 101 S. Second Street

## Cemetery Ceremonies - 6:30 a.m.

Boy Scouts from Troop 1 will place flags on gravesites of veterans at each of the cemeteries in St. Charles, accompanied by an honor guard, firing squad and posting of colors. The cemetery ceremonies will begin at the **South Cemetery** (east side of 7th Ave., north of Madison), then continue on to the **North Cemetery** (west side of IL 25/5th Ave, north of Johnor Ave.), and then conclude at the **Union Cemetery** (east side of IL 25/5th Ave., north of Stonehedge Road).

## Parade - 10:00 a.m.

The parade steps off at 6th Street and Main Street, and continues to Riverside Ave.

## Memorial Ceremony Event - 10:30 a.m.

A special memorial ceremony at the Freedom Shrine along the river follows the parade. For inclement weather, the ceremony will be held inside Fire Station 1, 112 N. Riverside Ave.

# Honoring Fallen Police Officers



All fallen law enforcement officers from police departments in Kane County will be remembered during Police Week services at Mooseheart, on May 9, 6:30 p.m. “The safety of our communities is in

the hands of law enforcement officers who accept the risks they face each shift. We remember and honor those who have lost their lives carrying out that responsibility, recognizing events can change the lives of officers and their families in seconds,” stated St. Charles Police Chief Jim Lamkin.

The memorial service is one of many commemorative events taking place throughout the nation during National Police Week, May 13-19. For more information, contact the St. Charles Police Department at 630-377-4435.

# City of St. Charles Directory

Building & Code Enforcement.....	377-4406
City Administrator.....	377-4422
Community Development.....	377-4443
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>

# Hydrant Flushing

The City’s Water Division will finish hydrant flushing the week of May 7 in the Southeast Quadrant of the city. Please check “My Neighborhood” on the City website [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov), or click [here](#) for approximate dates in your neighborhood. For questions, contact the Public Works Department at 630-377-4405.

# PACE Call-n-Ride Information

The St. Charles-Geneva Call-n-Ride is a reservation-based, shared-ride service that picks up passengers and takes them to destinations within a designated service area. Call-n-Ride operates weekdays from 5:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Reservations are taken first come, first serve and are needed for all rides except those which begin at one of several scheduled stops at transfer locations, where walk-on passengers without a reservation will be accepted. For more, visit [www.pacebus.com](http://www.pacebus.com), click [here](#) or call PACE at 630-379-2452.

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