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An Update on Rt. 64 Opening and Recent Charlestowne Mall Prospects

Lately, the buzz around St. Charles has been about the opening of Rt. 64/E. Main Street and the prospect of redeveloping the Charlestowne Mall.

First, reconstruction of Rt. 64/E. Main Street finally is drawing to a close. And while the multi-year construction project has been tough for businesses, it is an important infrastructure improvement that has been needed for some time and will benefit the entire community in the long run. The entire project will be substantially completed this month. This City will continue to run print, radio and online ads to get the word out about easy access to businesses with the newly opened road.

The Illinois Department of Transportation launched the project in April 2012 to reconstruct, widen and resurface the road from 7th Avenue east to Illinois Rt. 59. Work included road resurfacing, installing new traffic signals and lighting, and adding retaining walls, turn lanes, and public sidewalks.

“The opening of the new road not only makes it easier for customers to visit existing businesses,” said City Administrator Mark Koenen, “it also is an important selling point in attracting new businesses to our City. Having an updated infrastructure helps facilitate an environment where retail and commercial development can be successful.”

Another exciting opportunity is presenting itself in the form of the planned redevelopment of the Charlestowne Mall. At its Sept. 9 meeting, the Planning and Development Committee of the St. Charles City Council heard a presentation outlining preliminary conceptual plans for the revitalization from project developers



Early concept illustration of what the redeveloped Charlestowne Mall could look like. The design subject to change as plans move through the design process.

The Krausz Companies Inc. A more formal project presentation is anticipated before the St. Charles Plan Commission in October.

Director of Community Development Rita Tungare said: “Charlestowne Mall represents one of the community’s greatest assets in our East Gateway. The community and the City already have laid the groundwork by establishing a vision for renewal and repositioning of the mall property through our new Comprehensive Plan. The timing and economic climate is just right to bring this vision to fruition and to strengthen our East Gateway.” For more information on the Charlestowne Mall proposal, visit our website, www.stcharlesil.gov.

From the Mayor's Desk

Summer has ended and the fall season is upon us. This year, St. Charles residents will again enjoy our signature fall celebration, Scarecrow Fest, from October 11th through the 13th. Our citizens are provided with an opportunity on a holiday weekend to enjoy the fall beauty of our community, to gather with friends and family and celebrate in a unique setting, and welcome visitors to share the fall festival of our town that is Scarecrow Fest.



As our residents and guests meander the paths and open spaces we cherish, they will be able to enjoy a new feature—the Red Gate Bridge—that provides breathtaking views on the pedestrian way, augmented this fall by dynamic colors bursting along the rolling Fox River.

As 2013 moves toward the holiday season, we also celebrate the completion of roadwork on Route 64/E. Main Street. A two-year project has produced a wonderful entrance to downtown from our east gate. We must be mindful of the fact that this needed work has come with a cost, mainly for our east side merchants. As a community, we must encourage each other to SHOP LOCAL on a regular basis. Vibrant and profitable businesses in St. Charles provide direct benefit to residents. I would encourage you to provide as much patronage as you can to our local entrepreneurs.

As your mayor, I am encouraged that in the days ahead, new and wonderful opportunities will be presented to our community. Your city council, city staff, and I will continue to work diligently to afford our residents new opportunities and choices.

Always remember, I seek your wisdom and input. I look forward to meeting those I have not yet met and renewing acquaintances with the wonderful people I have come to know over all of these years.

Walk to School Day Oct. 9

The 4th Annual International Walk to School Day in Kane County is Oct. 9. Last year, 53 schools in Kane County participated. It's fun, good for the environment and is a healthy activity!



For the Love of Dogs...

This summer, the City's Wellness Team held its annual "Christmas in July" pet supply drive benefitting local animal welfare organizations.



One of those agencies, Rover Rescue, is an all-volunteer foster organization that rescues dogs from high-kill shelters and places them in qualified homes.

Teri Grandt, Administrative Assistant in the Human Resources Department at the City, is a volunteer at Rover Rescue. Teri directs most of the activities for organization, which has operated for nearly 10 years. An animal lover through and through, Teri has four dogs of her own—a basset hound named Carter, Elwood the pug and dachshunds Kirby and Banger.

Rover Rescue has relationships with many animal shelters in Illinois and Indiana. When a shelter gets a new delivery of pups, Teri often is the first person they call. She immediately will reach out to a network of 40 foster homes to temporarily place the dogs until they can be adopted. Then a volunteer will drive to the shelter to pick up the dogs and transport them back to this area. On average, Rover Rescue picks up 30 dogs per trip. The pups' first stop is Virgil Veterinary Clinic in Maple Park, where they receive a check up, all necessary shots, and are spayed and neutered so they are ready for adoption.

Rover Rescue relies on fundraising and in-kind donations to care for the 800 dogs it takes in every year. Vet bills run \$120,000 annually and the hungry canines gobble up more than 60,000 lbs. of food each year, which thankfully is donated by pet stores, big box stores, private organizations and individuals.

"This work is highly rewarding," Teri said. "And so is being a foster pet family. Most first-time foster pet families cry at the adoption of their first few dogs, but then they realize they now have an opening to save another life."

Teri has been fostering dogs for 26 years. She is grateful for the internet, which has made it much easier to show the dogs available for adoption. She remembers many of the pets that have come through Rover Rescue. One memorable dog, a pug-harrier mix named Tootsie, was famous--he starred in several productions of "Annie" at the Paramount Theatre in Aurora. For more information, visit www.roverrescue.org or call 630-897-7454.

Next Shop St. Charles Challenge Winner

It Pays to Shop Local--\$100 to Be Exact

Diane Spurling, a 10-year resident of St. Charles, is the next winner of the Shop St. Charles Challenge after her name was picked in a random drawing of applicants. Spurling visited three local, independent businesses, one each from downtown, the east and west sides of the City and then told us about her experiences. She received \$100 for successfully completing the Challenge.



The St. Charles Challenge looks to spotlight the independent businesses we have right here in town. Spurling had this to say about shopping locally: "Many local businesses are owned and operated by St. Charles residents. You will see more personal service from local shops. Consumers have so many options as to where to shop, St. Charles shops are strong and vibrant and shopping locally will only make them stronger. Keeping your dollars local will not only benefit the merchants it will benefit the community. I encourage residents and non-residents to re-discover all of what downtown, east side and west side businesses have to offer. This is our community, we need to continue supporting it."

Read her glowing reviews of 4 Season Nails, Celtic Custom, and The Jalapeño Grill on our website at www.stcharlesil.gov/shop-local/winners.

For more information, including a program entry form and rules, visit the Shop St. Charles Challenge web page, www.stcharlesil.gov/shop-local or contact the Economic Development Department at 630-443-4093. You could be the next winner!

Welcome New Businesses!

DOWNTOWN

Prime Bistro

106 S. Riverside Ave., 630-513-0074

One of a Kind Find Home Furnishings & Gifts
228 W. Main St., 630-200-4575

Debruyne Insurance Agency

501 W. Main St., 630-377-7799

Geneva Sleep and Lung Center

301 W. Main St., 630-549-0246

Tri City Family Services Mental Health Agency
210 S. 5th St. Ste. 10, 630-232-1070

EAST GATEWAY

DaValle Fine Art

1020 Cedar Ave., Unit 223, 312-925-4316

Paj Oriental Rug

1552 E. Main St., 630-773-0853

Edward Health Ventures Medical Offices
3805 E. Main St., Ste. N, 630-527-5873

Country Financial Insurance

1118 E. Main St., Ste. 1A, 630-549-7694

US Bank

135 Smith Rd., 630-762-7300

EAST GATEWAY - INDUSTRIAL

Allied Painting Services

707 Colomba Ct. Ste. 107, 630-549-7672

Taybrok, LLC Plumbing

1830 Wallace Ave., Ste. 214, 630-918-2301

Only All Sports & Golf Gifts Online Retail
602 Sidwell Ct., Unit X, 630-513-9882

WEST GATEWAY

Muscle Maker Grill

1840 W. Main St., 630-396-014



Oct. 6-12 is Public Power Week

St. Charles is one of more than 2,000 electric utilities in communities across the nation that provide electric service to its citizens on a not-for-profit basis. This week recognizes all electric utility staff do to operate and maintain a reliable, efficient electric service and deliver excellent customer service to residential and business customers.

2013 Leaf Collection Schedule

	EAST SIDE OF RIVER		WEST SIDE OF RIVER	
	South of Main St. (Map Area 1)	North of Main St. (Map Area 2)	South of Main St. (Map Area 3)	North of Main St. (Map Area 4)
	Oct. 22	Oct. 24	Oct. 28	Oct. 30
	Oct. 31	Nov. 4	Nov. 6	Nov. 8
	Nov. 11	Nov. 13	Nov. 18	Nov. 20
	Nov. 21	Nov. 22	Nov. 25	Nov. 26
Pick up is not available for:	Cumberland Green	Whittington Course, Royal Fox private streets, Dunham Place Commons, Delnor Townhomes, Delnor Glen Drive	Viewpointe & Willowgate	Wildrose Townhomes, Auburn Court, Benham Court, Oak Crest

Please consult the map on the following page for leaf collection area designations.

Leaf Collection Information

With the onset of autumn comes falling leaves, which usually means plenty of raking. Beginning Oct. 22, the City of St. Charles will provide fall leaf pick up in the City according to the above schedule. This program is funded by a portion of the fee collected on the utility bills of eligible homeowners. Check your utility bill or call Utility Billing at 630-377-4426 if you have a question about your eligibility for leaf collection.

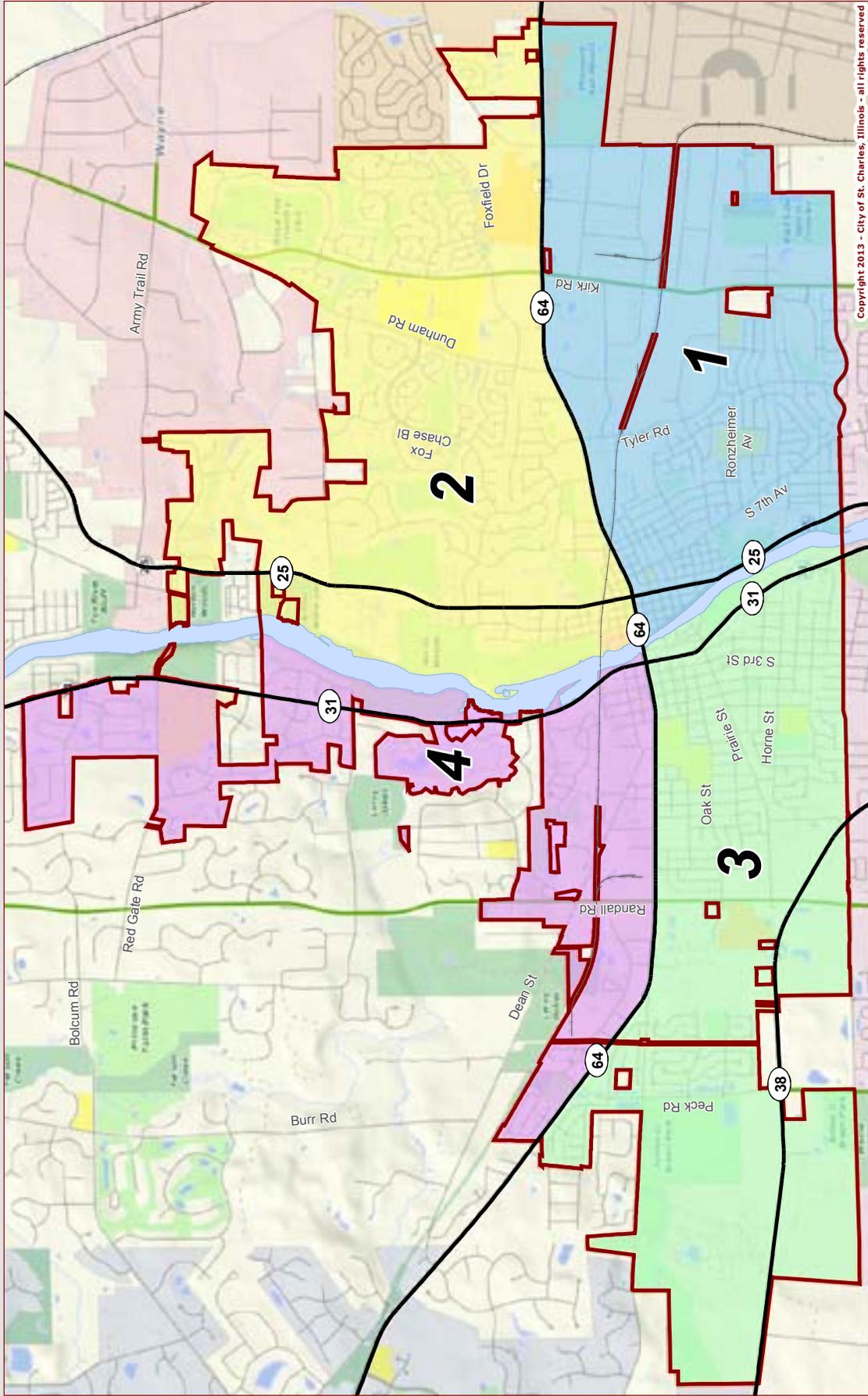
Please remember to pile raked leaves on the right-of-way or parkway in front of your home only. Do not rake, blow, or pile the leaves into the streets. Not only is this in violation of City ordinance, but piles of leaves in the street can clog storm sewer drains, create localized flooding, and make the roads slippery and dangerous for vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians.

The public storm system plays a vital role in protecting our properties and roadways from flooding during rain events. The system's ability to effectively convey storm water runoff during heavy rains can be compromised from leaves and litter being washed down the street in a rain storm and plugging the grates and inlets. Residents can help protect their property from flooding by keeping the storm sewer grating near their home free of leaves, litter, and other debris.

Personnel from Building and Code Enforcement and Public Works will enforce proper leaf collection regulations. Residents in violation will be required to remove the leaves from the street within 24 hours and may be subject to fines of up to \$500 per day.

Tips

- Inclement weather or a large volume of leaves could alter the leaf pickup schedule.
- Please don't park in front of leaf piles; crews cannot pick up leaves if they are blocked by a vehicle.
- Leaves must be on the parkway by 6:30 a.m. on your area's designated day.
- Rake leaves in a row parallel to the street at least one foot back from the curb and off of the sidewalk.
- Leaf piles will not kill grass, although they may cause it to discolor.
- Avoid raking foreign materials into leaf piles as these could damage equipment or cause injury to personnel.
- Yard waste bag pickup by Advanced Disposal ends the week of November 26.
- This schedule and other updates are available on the City website www.stcharlesil.gov/services/leaf.

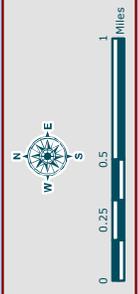


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Area	Collection Dates
Area 1	October 22 October 31 November 11 November 21
Area 2	October 24 November 4 November 13 November 22
Area 3	October 28 November 6 November 18 November 25
Area 4	October 30 November 8 November 20 November 26

Collection Dates:



Publication Date: July 30, 2013
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 North American Datum 1983
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Brush Pick Up Schedule

East Side

Oct 21

Nov 18

West Side

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. on Monday of your scheduled pick up (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday).

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.

Please note: Pick up in your area may take 3 to 4 days to complete. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 630-377-4405, or visit the **Brush Pick Up** page on our website. The week of November 25 will be end of brush pick up for the season, the program will resume in April.

Yard Waste Pick Up Ends Next Month

The last yard waste collection for 2013 will be the week of November 25 on your regular refuse day. Collections will resume April 2014.

Peter Suhr Named Interim Director of Public Works

Peter Suhr has been named Interim Director of Public Works for the City of St. Charles. Suhr has been with the City for four years, most recently as Assistant Director of Public Works.

Suhr, a licensed architect in Illinois, has 15 years' experience in Architecture, Construction and Development. Prior to coming to the City he worked as an architect for a private firm.



Fall Hydrant Flushing Underway

Fall hydrant flushing is now being conducted now.

Sept. 30-Oct. 4

West side of the Fox River south of the Timbers subdivision to Gray St. and west to North/South 16th St.

Oct. 7-10

East side of the Fox River south of Iroquois Ave. to Division St. and east to North/South 14th Ave.

Watch for signs announcing hydrant flushing. For approximate hydrant flushing dates in your neighborhood, visit the **My Neighborhood** page of the City website, enter your address and click on the City Services tab.

Water is safe to use and consume during hydrant flushing. However, water temporarily may be discolored. Please read these tips:

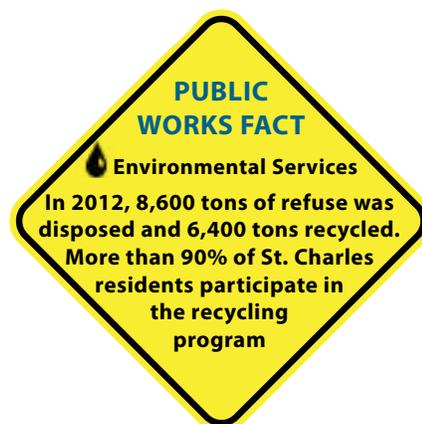
- Limit your water use, if possible.
- If your water looks rusty, wait until flushing is done and run the cold water tap until the water is clear.
- Rust-colored water is safe, but may stain laundry. If this happens, keep clothes wet and treat them with stain remover. The City offers a stain removal product at no cost to residents at the following facilities:
 - Public Works, 1405 South 7th Avenue
 - City Hall, Reception Desk, 2 East Main Street
 - Police Department, 211 North Riverside Avenue

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 630-377-4405.



Durable school products, such as sturdy backpacks and notebooks

can be reused for many years, which helps reduce the amount of broken items tossed away each year.



Fire Department Recognizes Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6-12



October 6-12 is Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme, "Prevent Kitchen Fires," is helping spread the word that more fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the home. According to the latest research from the National Fire Protection Association, cooking is the leading cause of home fires, with two of every five home fires beginning in the kitchen. Cooking fires also are the leading cause of fire-related injuries in the home.

Representatives from the St. Charles Fire Department will visit all of the elementary schools during this week to bring fire prevention safety messages to children. For more information on fire prevention and preparedness, visit www.fpw.org.

28th Annual Scarecrow Fest is Oct. 11 - 13

Enjoy fall family fun at the 28th Annual St. Charles Scarecrow Fest, presented by AAA Insurance. See more than 100 handmade scarecrows on display, vote for your favorites and even make your own scarecrow! Plus enjoy four areas of live entertainment, carnival midway, Fun on First Street, Autumn on the Fox Arts & Crafts show, food vendors, free parking, free shuttle and a trolley service. Presented by the Greater St. Charles Convention & Visitors Bureau.

www.scarecrowfest.com



Fall Tree Planting and Tree Care Tips



About 750 trees will be planted as part of the fall tree planting program. Resident tree orders were due at the end of August and planting will begin this month. White hash marks on curbs will indicate where the trees will be planted. Most newly planted trees will be fitted with a gator bag to provide a slow drip of water to the roots.

The City will fill the gator bag initially when the tree is

first planted, but asks that residents fill the bag thereafter if your parkway tree appears thirsty. Please fill the gator bag no more than once every two weeks, as long as we have not had significant rainfall, to avoid overwatering the tree.

Gator bags also are being removed from the trees that were planted in the spring. If the fall season is dry, residents may place a hose at the end of the tree drip line letting the water flow at a slow trickle for approximately 20 minutes. Watering once a month should be sufficient.

Please note: overwatering symptoms present the same drought/under watering symptoms for trees, i.e., leaves falling off, turning brown or wilted in appearance.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at 630-377-4405 or visit the City's website at www.stcharlesil.gov.

Thank You to All Who Donated at the City's Aug. 28 Blood Drive!

The 23 donations received will help 69 people!



Confidential Document Shredding Oct. 12

Kane County Recycles is holding a FREE Confidential Document Shredding Event Saturday, Oct. 12, 8 a.m.-noon at 540 S. Randall Rd. in St. Charles. For more information, call 630-208-3841.

Ventra-Transit Payment Made Easy



Pace and the CTA are partnering to bring customers Ventra, the easy new way to pay for trains and buses throughout Chicago

and the suburbs. The Ventra™ Card is a durable, reusable contactless/tapped* card that allows riders to pay for bus and train transit with a single card.

On September 9, Ventra was made available to all Pace fixed route bus riders and CTA customers. Riders can buy and register Ventra Cards online at VentraChicago.com or at (877) NOW-VENTRA. Cards also are available at Ventra Vending Machines or at 2,500 retail locations.

Eligible riders, who are currently enrolled in the RTA Reduced Fare and Ride Free programs, including seniors and people with disabilities, will be mailed a new, durable permit that will work as your fare card on CTA and Pace fixed route buses. There is no cost to riders for the new permit. Please note riders holding RTA reduced fare cards also are eligible to ride Metra trains at reduced rates.

New or modified Pace pass products and fare policy changes are proposed as part of the transition to Ventra. Public hearings regarding these will occur in late October. Check www.pace.com for more information.

Customers are encouraged to spend down the balance on any stored value cards and to use up any passes in their possession before transitioning to Ventra. During the second half of 2013, both new and existing fare media will be accepted. In 2014, all CTA and Pace fare media, will be replaced with Ventra.

*Contactless cards transmit data securely via a card reader. Contactless cards provide increased security and durability as well as quicker payment and boarding times. Cash also will still be accepted on buses.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2014, Ride in Kane will institute a \$1 fare increase.

City of St. Charles Directory

Building & Code Enforcement.....	377-4406
City Administrator Mark Koenen.....	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 Raymond P. Rogina.....	377-4444
Police Admin./Investigation/Crime Prevention.....	377-4435
Public Works-Water/Sewer/Street.....	377-4405
Refuse Pickup Info.	587-8282
TDD.....	800-526-0844
Utility Billing - Electric/Water/Sewer.....	377-4426
Electric Outage Hotline.....	866-444-0016

Oct. 25 Bake Sale at City Hall



The City of St. Charles Wellness Team is sponsoring a Trick-or-Treat, Snack or Sweet bake sale on Friday, Oct. 25. An assortment of homemade baked goods and snacks donated by City employees will be available for sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at City Hall in the main reception area. All proceeds will be donated to the Tri-City Health Partnership in St. Charles. Remember to stop by to pick up a fall treat! For more information, contact the Human Resources Department at 630-377-4446.

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