



Work Slated to Begin on Municipal Lot

Learn More at the Project Open House July 10

At its June 23 meeting, the Government Services Committee approved a \$1 million renovation of the downtown Municipal Parking Lot. The project will go before the full City Council July 7.

Work is scheduled to begin the week of July 14 and be finished in time for ScarecrowFest in October. A-Lamp Construction has been selected as the contractor for the project.

The project will replace the existing parking lot, bordered by the Municipal Building, Police Department, the river and Riverside Ave. The new lot will have a similar parking space count.

Plans also call for a public plaza and additional green space. Improved traffic flow patterns, walkways and lighting will enhance pedestrian safety in the lot. Much-needed replacement of a water main, electric systems and storm sewer infrastructure also will be completed.

The City secured a \$65,000 grant from the Kane County Riverboat Fund for the project.

An Open House will be held July 10, from 2–3 p.m. in Council Chambers, 2 E. Main St., to offer more information on about the project.

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July 4th Celebration at Pottawatomie Park

Fun & Entertainment for the Whole Family

Have Fun All Day

picnic • swim • mini-golf

Enjoy Music 'Til Dark

Fox Valley Concert Band

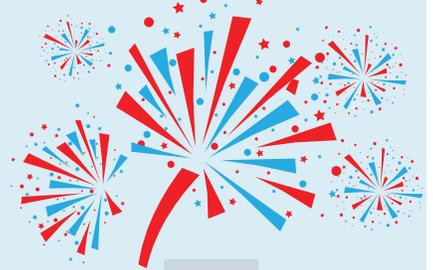
4-5:30 p.m. • Amphitheater

The Student Body Band

6 p.m. to Dark • Historic Pavilion

Fireworks at Dark

Best viewed from Pottawatomie Park or Ferson Creek Park



More at www.steparks.org

Upcoming Meetings

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

Corridor Improvement Commission	7.2.14	7:00 pm
Historic Preservation Commission	7.2.14 & 7.16.14	7:00 pm
City Council	7.7.14 & 7.21.14	7:00 pm
Government Operations	7.7.14 & 7.21.14	7:05 pm
Plan Commission	7.8.14 & 7.22.14	7:00 pm
Tree Commission	7.10.14	7:00 pm
Planning & Development	7.14.14	7:00 pm
Housing Commission	7.17.14	7:00 pm
Liquor Control Commission	7.21.14	4:30 pm
Government Services	7.28.14	7:00 pm

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St. Charles' Patriotism on Display

As we get ready to stake out our favorite spots to watch the spectacular July 4th fireworks display, we continue St. Charles' longstanding tradition of celebrating its patriotism.

For more than three decades, the St. Charles Park District and the City have partnered to bring you the

family-friendly 4th of July celebration and amazing fireworks each year. In the past, parades have been a popular way for St. Charles to show its pride in our country.

(Photos courtesy of the St. Charles Heritage Center)



Municipal Parking Lot Renovation

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North Entrance Closed

The north entrance to the Municipal Building will be closed during construction. Please use the south entrance, which will remain open for the duration of the project.

Short-Term Public Parking

The parking lot located on the southeast corner of the Municipal Building (also known as the "checkerboard lot") will be open during the duration of the project. However, parking will be limited to 30 minutes on weekdays, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Post Office Box & City Drop Box

The post office box and City drop box currently located in the parking lot near the Police Department will be relocated during construction to an island north of the corner of State and Riverside avenues.

Sidewalk Closures

At various times during construction, sidewalks along Riverside Ave. will be closed and marked with detour routes. The river walk directly adjacent to the parking lot will be closed for the duration of the construction.

Police Department Access

The sidewalk leading to the main entrance of the Police Department will remain open at all times during construction.

More Information & Parking Maps

Additional information, including maps showing alternative parking options and regular project updates will be available on the City website, www.stcharlesil.gov. Or contact the Public Works Department at pw@stcharlesil.gov, or 630.377.4405.

Brokers Tour Shows Off the Highlights of St. Charles

On June 12, more than 25 Commercial Real Estate Brokers from around the Chicagoland area visited St. Charles. They were accompanied by the City's Economic Development staff on a two-hour bus tour of available properties around town and took a walking tour of available downtown properties.

This is the second time the City has hosted a brokers tour. The tour provides an opportunity for brokers to share information about properties they represent in St. Charles. With shared insight into the various properties,

participating brokers gain a clearer understanding of what each site has to offer while assisting them with occupying empty commercial spaces.

After the tour, everyone gathered at The Office to socialize and network. Staff would like to thank Spare Wheels Transportation Company, The Office Dining & Spirits, as well as representatives from our local broker community for making the tour a success. For more information, contact Matt O'Rourke, Economic Development Division Manager at morourke@stcharlesil.gov or 630.443.4093.

Chief Keegan to be Sworn In at the July 7 City Council Meeting

James Keegan will officially be sworn in as the new Chief of the St. Charles Police Department at the July 7 City Council meeting, 7 p.m., 2 E. Main Street. Come and wish him well! Chief Keegan can be reached at jkeegan@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4435.

Congrats!

Congratulations to Officer Adam Stander for being named a finalist for Kane County Officer of the Year by the Kane County Chiefs of Police Association.



Thank You for Supporting 'Cop on Top'



Thanks to all who helped make this year's Cop on Top fundraiser at the 1711 W. Main St. Dunkin Donuts such a success. Your generosity helped the Police Department raise \$3934.58 for Illinois Special Olympics! As a bonus, Dunkin Donuts customers were treated to Interim Chief Steve Huffman strumming his guitar that morning.



Streetlight Out? Let Us Know

The St. Charles Electric Utility proactively maintains City streetlights. But we also rely on alert residents letting us know when a streetlight is out, flickering or has other maintenance concerns.

If you notice an issue with a streetlight (not traffic signals),

please contact us at pw@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4407. You also can report it through St. Charles Connect with your mobile device or on the website at www.stcharlesil.gov/connect. Streetlights are typically repaired on Fridays. Thank you!

Tips for Enjoying the Summer Heat from our Emergency Management Agency

It's July and the temperatures are really heating up. As you enjoy the warmer weather, it's important to remember some safety tips.

Before venturing out for a day of fun in the sun, be sure to check the weather forecast for the expected high temperatures and the temperature humidity index (how hot it feels). This information can help you adequately prepare for the heat.

Some hot weather tips:

- Slow down, reduce strenuous activity
- Wear lightweight, non-restrictive, light-colored clothing
- Drink plenty of water or other non-alcoholic fluids
- Eat light, easy-to-digest foods
- Seek out shade
- Check on elderly neighbors, friends

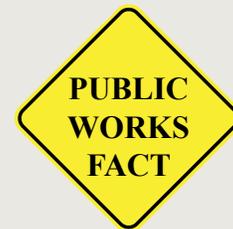
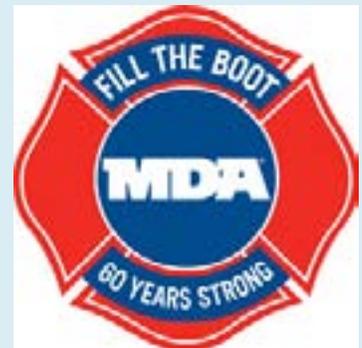


- and relatives.
- Apply high-SPF sunscreen often
- Take a dip in a pool or mist yourself with water
- Get help immediately if you feel the symptoms of heat illness
 - Never leave children, the elderly, or pets in the car for any reason, for any length of time
 - Do not stay in the sun for long periods
 - Do not take salt tablets unless directed by a physician
 - Avoid alcoholic beverages; they can dehydrate you and increase the risk of heat stroke or other heat-related illnesses

For more information, contact Paul Bumba, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at 630.762.7091 or pbumba@stcharlesil.gov.

Thanks for Filling our Boots!

Thanks to all who generously donated to the St. Charles Fire Department's Fill the Boot campaign this year. Our firefighters were able to raise \$4,454.36 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



628 trees were planted this Spring



When working around the house, use reusable rags and wipes. And reuse old milk jugs, coffee cans, or other plastic containers to hold paint, cleaners or other supplies. Be sure to label and date these containers properly, and store them safely away from children and pets.

Flood Safety Reminders

The following common sense guidelines can help you from the dangers of flooding:

- Do not drive through flood waters. More people drown in cars than anywhere else.
- Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive. Six inches of flowing water can knock you off your feet.
- Stay away from power lines and turn off your power before it floods. Electrical current travels through water. Electrocution is the second leading cause of death during floods.
- Beware of gas leaks. Turn off the gas to your house before it floods. If you smell gas, report it and do not use candles, lanterns or open flames.
- Keep children away from flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains. Flood waters can carry dangerous items and suck children into culverts or drains.
- Clean things that got wet; they may be contaminated with sewage or chemicals
- Look out for animals, especially snakes.
- Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages. Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious a health hazard.

Visit www.stcharlesil.gov/flood for information and links to flood-related sites. Or, contact the Public Works Engineering Division at 630.377.4486.

Police Department Earns Traffic Safety Award



The St. Charles Police Department finished 3rd in the Champion Class Category of the 2013 Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge. The award is sponsored by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Traffic Committee.

The Traffic Safety Challenge Program recognizes the top traffic safety programs in Illinois. It targets three major traffic safety priorities: occupant protection (proper use of seat belts and child safety seats), speeding and impaired driving.

Along with enforcement initiatives, agencies are evaluated for innovating problem solving in their communities,

public information activities, and creating departmental policies that support traffic enforcement efforts. Winning programs effectively combine many different strategies to reduce crashes and injuries in their jurisdiction. Ultimately, the Traffic Safety Challenge is about saving lives and reducing traffic related injuries.

For more information, contact the Police Department at police@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4435.

A Reminder about Door-to-Door Soliciting

Door-to-door soliciting is permissible within the City of St. Charles. However, both charitable and commercial solicitors are required to obtain approval and register prior to soliciting. According to City code, sections 5.36.020 & 5.36.030:

- All solicitors must register with the St. Charles Police Department
- An application fee of \$50.00 (for commercial solicitation only; no fee for charitable solicitations) is to be paid at time of registration
- Organizations must wait for approval before soliciting may start
- Do not enter a property that displays “NO

SOLICITORS INVITED”

- No person shall engage in solicitation prior to 9 a.m. or after 7 p.m. on any day
- No person shall engage in commercial solicitation at any time on a Sunday or any state/national holiday.
- No solicitation on any school property.

If you do not want solicitors at your home, the Police and Public Works departments have “No Soliciting” cards available for residents. Contact the Police Department at police@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4435; contact Public Works Department at pw@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4405.

Remember No Brush Pick Up this Month

East Side	West Side
No pick up in July	
Aug 18	Aug 25
Sept 15	Sept 22
Oct 20	Oct 27
Nov 17	Nov 24

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

of the scheduled pick up (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday). **Please note:** Pick up in your area may take 3 to 4 days.

Do not tie bundles of brush with rope or wire. Piles should not be higher than 4 feet and never put in the street. **Don't park in front of the piles, crews will be unable to pick up the brush.** More is at www.stcharlesil.gov/services/brush.

Have a New Lawn? Be Sure to Get a Watering Permit

A permit is required for watering newly sodded or seeded lawns.

The permit allows residents to water their new lawn with a sprinkling device(s) for up to eight hours the first day. The next consecutive nine days, watering is permitted from 12-9 a.m., and 6-10 p.m. Following this 10-day period, the resident must comply with the water conservation schedule. Permits are \$10 and are available at the Utility Billing Office, 2 E. Main St., or the Public Works Facility, 200 Devereaux Way.

Water Conservation Schedule in Effect May 1-August 31:

- **Even-numbered addresses** may water on even-numbered days.
- **Odd-numbered addresses** may water on odd-numbered days.

Sprinkling hours are midnight to 9 a.m., & 6 - 10 p.m.

The Mosquitos are Out

St. Charles has an effective program for combating mosquito outbreaks, which includes surveillance and monitoring, larval control and adult control.



What you can do:

1. Discard old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles, or any water holding containers sitting outside.
2. Fill in or drain any low places in the yard.
3. Cover trash containers to keep out rainwater.
4. Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.
5. Empty plastic wading pools at least once each week and store indoors when not in use.
6. Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while on vacation.
7. Change the water in birdbaths and planters frequently.
8. Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around the house.
9. To prevent bites, the Illinois Department of Public Health encourages residents to use insect repellent, avoid being outdoors during dawn and dusk hours when mosquitoes are most active, and to wear long sleeves.

Clarke conducts the City's mosquito control program. The objective of this program is to reduce the potential of mosquito-borne disease transmission. For more information about mosquitos, treatments and schedules, call Clark Mosquito Management at 800.942.2555. Information also is available on the [Mosquito Abatement page](#) of the City website. Or, contact Public Works at pw@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4405.

Note: Clarke recently relocated their headquarters in St. Charles. [Read this article](#) from the *Daily Herald* about their innovative new facility here.

Fall 50/50 Parkway Tree Program

The City again is offering trees for planting in the parkway this fall for the 50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program.

Contact the Public Works Department to request a review of your parkway if you are interested. Parkway must be reviewed and approved for planting before an order will be placed. **Please do not send payment now.** Once approved, you will receive a confirmation letter, order form, and details on how to order. Orders must be placed by Aug. 1, 2014.

Available Trees for Fall 2014

Accolade Elm \$175
London Planetree \$180
Redmond Linden \$175
Skyline Honey Locust \$175
State Street Maple \$175

Good Under Power Lines

- Prairie Fire Crabapple \$135
- Red Jewel Crabapple \$135
- Japanese Tree Lilac \$175

More information on tree species is available on the [50/50 Parkway Tree page](#) of our website. Larger size trees are available at an additional cost of \$100 per ½ inch diameter upgrade. For more information, contact the Public Works department at pw@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4405.

Tree Conservation Areas Bring Many Benefits

If you live in one of these subdivisions, you more than likely have a Tree Conservation Area located somewhere 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 are unique community assets and are regulated by City Code. Besides the inherent value of trees—cleaner air, reduced noise, energy conservation, etc.—trees also enhance the value of property.

Per City Code, any property owner proposing to make changes within a Tree Conservation Area must submit a written request to the City. The request should clearly describe the work to be done, locations, quantities, project specifications, and the name and licensing of any contractor

performing the work. Written approval from the City must be received before proceeding with any alterations, even if such alterations are allowed by the Tree Conservation Area Guidelines. Additionally, you should seek approval from your Homeowner's Association.

Tree Conservation Areas are identified on the plat of survey that you received when you purchased your property. If you cannot locate your plat of survey, contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 630.377.4443.

Watering Newly Planted Trees

Did you receive a new tree in the parkway in front of your home this spring? The City works to minimize transplant shock for new trees and promote healthy plantings in several ways:

- New trees are planted with the trunk flare a few inches above grade. The trunk flare is where the trunk expands at the base of the tree. This point should be partially visible after the tree has been planted. If the tree is planted too deep, new roots will have difficulty developing because of a lack of oxygen.
- Most newly planted trees will receive a gator bag to facilitate watering needs. The City will fill the bag at the time of planting and again when the landscape is restored.
- Homeowners may take the initiative to fill the bag. Visit our Tree Watering web page for instructions on how to add water to a gator bag. Please note that watering a new

tree should be done no more than twice per month during normal weather conditions. Gator bags are designed to slowly release water at the base of the tree. It should empty within a 24-48 hour period on its own.

- The green twine around the base of newly planted trees is made of a biodegradable material. The twine is designed to disintegrate within a few months.
- Mulch and landscape seed is provided at the time the landscape is restored around the tree. This may happen several days after a tree has been planted. The City takes care to add mulch to a depth of 2-4 inches and several inches away from the trunk of the tree. Piling mulch right up against the trunk of a tree causes decay.

If you have any questions contact us at 630.377.4405 or pw@stcharlesil.gov.

Be Sure to Review Your Water Quality Report

The City of St. Charles is committed to providing a continuous supply of safe, reliable and economical water to its customers. Every year, the City of St. Charles Water Division distributes a report that summarizes the quality of the City's drinking water.

We are pleased to report that again this year, your tap water met all Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water health standards. The water is tested in accordance with strict EPA regulations. So you can be assured that your drinking water is safe and meets or exceeds all water quality standards as listed in the Safe Drinking Act.

The **Water Quality Report** is available on the City website. Or, residents also can obtain copies of the report at the Municipal building or the Public Works facility.

What Is a Water Quality Report?

A water quality report, also called a Consumer Confidence Report, lets you know what contaminants, if any, are in your drinking water and how they may affect your health. It lists all the regulated constituents that were detected in the water

either over the preceding calendar year (2013) or the last sampling event. The testing frequency varies; not all are tested annually. The frequency of testing is mandated by the EPA.

What Does a Water Quality Report Tell You?

- The source of the drinking water--river, lake, aquifer, etc. In St. Charles it is an underground aquifer that supplies the City wells.
- EPA regulations and health goals for drinking water contaminants.
- A list of all detected contaminants and their levels.
- Potential health effects of any contaminant detected at a level that violates EPA's health standard.
- Information about cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants for people with weakened immune systems.

For more information, contact the EPA at 800.426.4791 or the St. Charles Public Works Department at pw@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4405.

Call J.U.L.I.E. Before You Dig

Before beginning any project that requires digging, be sure to call JULIE to locate underground lines to prevent costly damage or an emergency. Call JULIE at 800-892-0123 or 811 before you dig.

Call J.U.L.I.E.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

New Refuse & Recycling Fees

Starting July 1, 2014, the following fees are in effect:

Refuse Sticker	\$2.98 ea.
Yard Waste Sticker	\$2.98 ea.
Half-size Refuse Bag	\$1.59 ea.
65-Gallon Yard Waste Toter	\$26.13 ea.
35-Gallon Refuse Toter	\$19.86/mo.
65-Gallon Refuse Toter	\$18.57/mo.
95-Gallon Refuse Toter	\$21.95/mo.

Service Notes

- A 35-gallon refuse toter is now available in addition to the 65- and 95-gallon sizes.
- A 65-gallon toter is now available for yard waste.
- Yard Waste stickers can be used on generic yard waste bags. Advanced Disposal will honor current yard waste bags.
- Waste oil and batteries are no longer picked up by

Advanced Disposal. Motor oil and batteries can be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off in Naperville. Call 630.420.6095 for inquiries and directions.

Please contact Advanced Disposal with any questions on toter services at 630.587.8282.

Refuse containers that are not Advanced Disposal toters must be no larger than 32 gallons and weigh no more than 50 lbs.

Refuse and recycling containers should be at the curb by 6 a.m. Even though pick-up times are fairly consistent from week to week, please consider that pick-up time can vary.

If you have any questions please contact Advanced Disposal at 630.587.8282 or contact the Public Works Department at pw@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4405.

Electric Safety Tips

To help keep your home safe from electrical fire and shock hazards, please keep the following tips in mind:

- Check outlets for loose-fitting plugs. If you have young children at home, install tamper-resistant outlets or cover unused outlets with plastic safety caps.
- Never force plugs into outlets. Avoid overloading outlets.
- Make sure cords are not frayed or cracked. Do not nail or staple them to walls, floors or other objects.
- Do not use extension cords as a permanent wiring option.
- Check wattage to ensure light bulbs match the fixture requirements.
- Make sure outlets in any area with water are equipped with Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs). Test them monthly to ensure they are working properly.
- If an appliance repeatedly blows a fuse, trips a circuit breaker or has given you an electrical shock, immediately

unplug it and have it repaired or replaced. Look for cracks or damage in wiring and connectors. Use surge protectors to protect electronics.

- As you continue to upgrade your home with more lighting, appliances and electronics, your home's service capacity may become overburdened. If fuses blow or trip frequently, have a professional determine the appropriate service requirements for your home.

For more information, please contact the Electric Division in the Public Works Department at electric@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4407.



Electric Outage Hotline

Report an Outage to 866.444.0016

St. Charles Electric Utility customers, be sure to register your phone number with the automated telephone notification system.

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 the **Electric Reporting Sign Up** page of our website.

Christmas in July

Your eyes aren't deceiving you... there are holiday trees in the Municipal Building, Public Works, and the Police Department in July.

The City's Wellness Team will again accept donations to help our furry friends at Rover Rescue and H.E.L.P.

- Rover Rescue - www.roverrescue.org
- H.E.L.P. - helpinganimals.org

Simply select a tag from a tree and purchase the item listed. Then attach the tag to the unwrapped item(s) and place under the tree by July 25. The team will be happy to make purchases on your behalf if you prefer to donate money, which may be left with the City receptionist.

Any size donation is appreciated. Contact the Human Resources Department at hr@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4446 with questions or for more information.



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