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June

City Council and Committee Meetings

City Council	
7 p.m.	4
Government Operations	
7:05 p.m.	4
Planning & Development	
7 p.m.	11
City Council	
7 p.m.	18
Government Operations	
7:05 p.m.	18
Government Services	
7:00 p.m.	25

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

Mayor on Comcast Newsmakers

Mayor Donald DeWitte will be on Comcast Newsmakers June 4-10, discussing the great things to do in St. Charles this summer. Comcast subscribers can watch the segments on HLN Headline News on Channel 56 or HD Channel 318 at :24 and :54 minutes past the hour. Be sure to tune in!



3/50 Project Presentation June 14 at the Arcada Program Supports Local Businesses and Local Economies

On June 14, Cinda Baxter, founder of the 3/50 Project, will discuss the movement to support independent, locally owned businesses and the positive effect this has on the local economy. The presentation will be at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with the presentation beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Local, independent business owners and residents are encouraged to attend. The cost is \$10.00, which must be paid in advance by cash or check only, and includes appetizers and refreshments. Please sign up by June 6 at the Downtown St. Charles Partnership, Chamber of Commerce or the City's Economic Development Department.

The 3/50 Project is based on a simple idea: Pick 3 local businesses. Spend \$50 at each. Save your local economy. The Project supports locally owned brick-and-mortar businesses of all types: retail stores, movie theaters, restaurants, dry cleaners, barber shops, etc. Baxter understands many of the challenges encountered by today's independent business owners and will share her hard-earned knowledge and expertise.

The presentation is sponsored by the City, in collaboration with the Downtown St. Charles Partnership, Chamber of Commerce and the Greater St. Charles Convention & Visitors Bureau. Special thanks to Ron Onesti, President of Onesti Entertainment Corporation, for hosting the event.



After mowing the lawn, what do you do with the clippings? Every year, Americans produce millions of tons of leaf and grass clippings; some end up in landfills. In most cases, leaving the grass on your lawn is greener, and actually makes the soil healthier.



## Citizen Police Academy Offers Insights into Police Work

Fifteen participants attended this year's Citizen Police Academy conducted by the St. Charles Police Department. Now in its twelfth year, the Academy offers residents, students, businesses and their employees a varied, in-depth look at police work. "Participants learn the ins and outs of the police department, while having the opportunity to interact with officers on a personal level," said Crime Prevention Officer Bill Tynan, who runs the program.

Class topics range from new officer training and SWAT team operations to what officers look for on traffic stops. This year, Judge Clint Hull led a class on how criminal cases proceed through the courts, and Assistant State's Attorney Jody Gleason discussed her office's involvement in criminal proceedings. The class also had many hands-on learning opportunities,

including instruction for handcuffing techniques and the chance to use the Kane County Sheriff's Firearms Training Simulator. The simulator gives a glimpse of what it's like for an officer on the street by placing class members in virtual shoot or don't shoot scenarios through a video program. Participants even witnessed an officer get "Tasered" as part of his certification to carry a Taser device.

"We're always glad to receive very positive feedback from participants," said Tynan. "They say what a great experience it is and that they're happy the City provides this program. Planning already is underway for next year's class, which will be held in March."

For more information, contact Officer Bill Tynan at 630-443-3730 or [btynan@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:btynan@stcharlesil.gov) or visit the City website [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov) or click [here](#).



There are plenty of demonstrations and hands-on activities at the St. Charles Police Department's Citizen Police Academy.



## Welcome New Businesses!

### WEST GATEWAY

#### Autumn Leaves

Alzheimer's/Dementia Senior Living  
10 N. Peck Rd., 888-598-2375

#### EagleRider Motorcycle Rental

131 S. Randall Rd., 630-444-0960

#### Under the Big Top

Family Entertainment

731 N. 17th St., 630-377-4386

### DOWNTOWN

#### Alibi

12 N. 3rd St., 630-461-7368

#### Lighthouse Behavioral Health

222 State St., 630-371-7733

### EAST GATEWAY

#### Culver's

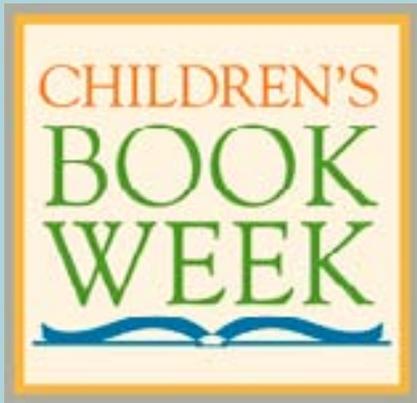
4068 E. Main St., 630-444-1700



## Look Who Helped the Library Celebrate Children's Book Week

The St. Charles Public Library recently celebrated National Children's Book Week with a great line up of local Celebrity Readers. This special week, which highlights the importance of reading to children and the transformative power of literacy, is the longest-

running literacy initiative in the country. Police Chief Jim Lamkin (*top left*), Fire Chief Patrick Mullen (*top right*), and Mayor Donald DeWitte (*below*), spent some time reading and talking to kids.



## Pay Your Utility Bill Online

City of St. Charles utility customers can pay their utility bills online from any checking account and get monthly email notifications when new bills are available for viewing online. An automatic payment option is available as well. To take advantage of online bill pay, simply

log on to the City website at [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov) and click on the "Utility Bills Online," badge on the right. Then click "Utility Bills Online Log In" and register by entering your utility account number and the last four digits of your phone number. Please contact the Utility Billing office at 630-377-4426 for more information.



## Prevent Storm Flooding



With warmer weather comes the threat of summer storms. Please take these precautions to avoid flooding:

- Do not stack, dump or rake leaves, grass clippings or yard waste into the street or curb line. This could cause street flooding during heavy rains. Instead dispose of these materials with the appropriate yard waste bags.
- Check 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 that 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. Proper pruning also improves airflow and can help prevent moisture problems.

NOTE: Never dispose of liquids into street drains or curb lines as storm inlets drain directly into the river. Notify the Public Works Department at 630-377-4405 if a spill or dumping is observed.

## Here Come the Mosquitoes!

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 [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov) or click [here](#).

## Watering Newly Planted Parkway Trees

Every new parkway tree the City's Arbor Team plants receives a "gator bag" slow release watering bag for easy and efficient watering of a newly planted tree. The City will fill it with water at the time of planting and then once again when the landscape is restored.



The City's Arbor Team will be watering newly planted trees about once a month from June through September. If your parkway tree appears thirsty in between these waterings, you may want to refill the bag. Simply lift the white "Tregator" tag to expose the hole in the bag, insert the hose and fill the bag with water. If you have questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-377-4405.



## Refuse Services Notes

Veolia, the City's refuse contractor, recently began offering a 65-gallon recycling toter for a monthly rental fee of \$3.00. If you're interested, contact them at 630-587-8282 for more information.

Refuse containers that are not Veolia toters must be no larger than 32 gallons and weigh no more than 50 lbs. As a reminder, refuse and recycling containers should be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. Please consider that while refuse and recycling may be picked up the same time most weeks, pick-up times could vary. Please visit the website [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov) or click [here](#) for information.

Please note refuse fees will increase on July 1. July is the only time these fees increase. Refuse and recycling services will remain the same.

## Brush Pick Up Schedule

East Side	West Side
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 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 on each bag.

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.

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

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

### Effective July 1, 2012, the following fees will be in effect:

Refuse Sticker	\$2.70 each
Refuse Bag	\$2.98 each
Half Size Refuse Bag	\$1.50 each
65-Gallon Refuse Toter	\$17.50 month
95-Gallon Refuse Toter	\$20.69 month
Yardwaste Bag	\$2.70 each

**Reminder:** Yard waste collection started April 1, and will end on Nov. 30

## Did You See the Beautiful Flowers?

Thanks Pottawatomic Garden Club (*pictured below*) for once again beautifying the landscape with plantings on the bridges, around City Hall, and at the Freedom Shrine.



# RIVERFEST

Check out the full schedule of events at [www.prideofthefox.com/riverfest](http://www.prideofthefox.com/riverfest) or click [here](#)

## June 8-10 Downtown

## Christmas in July is Coming Event Benefits our Furry Friends

The City's employee Wellness Team will again be sponsoring Christmas in July at City Hall to benefit local homeless animals. Please watch the July issue of *The Den* for more details.

## Kane County Police Officer of the Year Nomination

Congratulations to St. Charles Police Officer Steve Heike who was nominated for Kane County Police Officer of the Year by the Kane County Chiefs of Police Association and the Batavia Moose Lodge #682!



## 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>

**Is your lawn a water guzzler?**

**Every drop counts!**

**Did you know...**  
more than 50% of commercial and residential irrigation water use goes to waste due to overwatering, evaporation, or runoff?

**You can help by...**  
Following your local water usage and restriction ordinance. If your community does not have one, please consider watering your lawn no more than twice a week before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

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).

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## Try the Pace Express Service to Popular Destinations

Looking for an easy way to get to your favorite sporting event or concert? Pace offers convenient and affordable express bus service to popular destinations throughout Chicagoland. Pace's Express Service to Popular Destinations provides a great alternative to the hassles of event traffic and expensive parking.

Routes depart from transit centers or free Pace Park-n-Rides and drop passengers off at or near the main entrance of the stadium or event center.

Destinations include Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Wrigley Field, U.S. Cellular Field, Toyota Park in Bridgeview, Six Flags Great America, Soldier Field, and Ravinia Festival in Highland Park.

Fares and departure points vary, so visit [PaceBus.com](http://PaceBus.com) or call Pace's Popular Destinations Line at (847) 228-2416 for more details including schedules, events served, and more.

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