



# THE DEN

News & Highlights from the City of St. Charles

November 2015

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## Upcoming Meetings

To see a complete list of meetings go to [www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings)

### Youth Commission

11.2.15.....6:00 pm

### City Council

11.2.15.....7:00 pm

### Government Operations

11.2.15.....7:05 pm

### Plan Commission

11.3.15.....7:00 pm

### Corridor Improvement Commission

11.4.15.....7:00 pm

### Historic Preservation Commission

11.4.15.....7:00 pm

### Mental Health Board Meeting

11.5.15.....6:30 pm

### Planning & Development

11.9.15.....7:00 pm

### Tree Commission

11.12.15.....7:00 pm

### Liquor Control Commission

11.16.15.....4:30 pm

### City Council

11.16.15.....7:00 pm

### Government Operations

11.16.15.....7:05 pm

### Plan Commission

11.17.15.....7:00 pm

### Historic Preservation Commission

11.18.15.....7:00 pm

### Housing Commission

11.19.15.....7:00 pm

### Government Services

11.23.15.....7:00 pm



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## Be a Part of St. Charles Holiday Magic

Holiday Homecoming in Downtown St. Charles kicks off Friday, Nov. 27 at 5 pm with the Lighting of the Lights Ceremony on the 1st Street Plaza. Mayor Ray Rogina leads the ceremony with musical performances by the St. Charles North and East High School chorales. Santa Claus and his elves also will make a special appearance.

Saturday starts with a FREE holiday movie at the Arcada Theater. There will be visits with Santa from 1-4pm and FREE horse-drawn carriage rides from 1-5pm, both on the 1st Street Plaza. The Electric Christmas Parade on Main Street steps off at 5:30pm. You have until Monday, Nov. 2 to submit your application to be in the parade. More at [www.downtownstcharles.org/holidays](http://www.downtownstcharles.org/holidays).

## St. Charles Veterans Ceremony

Wednesday, Nov. 11

*Join Us at 10:30 a.m. in Fire Station 1*



Veterans Day is a holiday set aside to honor and thank the men and women who served our nation in the military, both in wartime and peace. It is a day when everyone can acknowledge what our veterans have sacrificed in performing the honorable duty of guarding national security.

The City of St. Charles Annual Veterans Day Ceremony is Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 10:30 a.m., inside St. Charles Fire Station 1, at 112 N. Riverside Ave. All are welcome to attend. Please join us to show your appreciation to our country's vets. The ceremony will begin with a reading of the official Veterans Day Proclamation, followed by an invocation, salute to the flag, a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps.

# BUSINESS REPORT

## First Street Update

*Construction activity is picking up on First Street as work continues on the new buildings.*

Crews have completed the excavation of the basement level of Building #1 and have begun placing the foundations for the building.

Building #1 will include retail/commercial uses on the ground floor, with the corporate headquarters of ALE Solutions on all three upper floors. The basement level will include private parking to serve the tenants of the building.

Also, excavation for the City's public parking deck immediately to the east of Building #1 has begun.

### Parking Near the Site

The City's Public Works crews have paved a parking area north of the project site, across from the plaza for public use. In addition, three diagonal spots across from Starbucks on the east side of First Street have been added. Please remember three-hour parking on the first level of the existing parking deck has been limited temporarily to 90-minute parking, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The [City's Downtown Parking Map](#) shows alternate parking options.

For more information, visit the project's website [www.1ststreetstc.org](http://www.1ststreetstc.org). Or, contact the Community & Economic Development Department at 630.377.4443, or email [1ststreet@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:1ststreet@stcharlesil.gov).



Foundation walls for Building #1 are going up.

## Promoting the City as a Business Destination

One of the City's Economic Development Division's core goals is to promote St. Charles as a great business destination and attract new businesses to our City. To that end, the Economic Development Division recently participated in the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) annual Chicago Deal Making conference at Chicago's Navy Pier, Oct. 7-8. The conference provided an opportunity to showcase St. Charles as a prime destination for businesses to representatives of retail companies, developers, commercial brokers and fellow municipalities.

Economic Development staff created materials for the City's display booth that highlighted St. Charles' desirable demographics and opportunities for new investment. "This was our second time exhibiting at this show," said Matthew O'Rourke, Economic Development Division Manager. "Our booth was very active. We had many visitors stopping to ask questions and learn more about St. Charles."

For more information, contact O'Rourke at [morourke@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:morourke@stcharlesil.gov) or 630.443.4093.



# BUSINESS REPORT

## Chamber & City Co-Host Developer's Breakfast



On October 21, 2015, the City of St. Charles and the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce co-hosted an event aimed specifically at local developers. The Developers Breakfast was directly marketed to commercial brokers and land developers, and was attended by City officials and development staff. At its core, the breakfast was an opportunity for developers and brokers to all be in the same room and discuss opportunities and visit with representatives from featured development sites. Mayor Raymond Rogina and First Ward Alderman Dan Stellato delivered the keynote address that focused on the current economic and development activity in St. Charles. Most importantly, everyone was able to network and determine how they can work together to bring new businesses to St. Charles.

This event featured four developers/property owners that are in the process of developing or having a new development entitled in the City. Featured were: Corporate Reserves (proposed single-family residential and commercial out lots along Rt. 64), the new Pheasant Run concept plan, available industrial properties along Kirk Road, and the First Street Development.

## In Other Business News

### CVS Pharmacy is Coming Soon

Earlier this year, the City Council approved an amendment to a PUD to make way for a new CVS Pharmacy at the northwest corner of Rt. 38 & S. 14th St. The developers will now submit their building permit plans so they can prepare to start demolition of the vacant bank building and construction of the new store.



### Pheasant Run Resort Redevelopment

At the Oct. 12 Planning & Development Committee meeting, owners of the 149-acre Pheasant Run Resort site presented a redevelopment concept plan that keeps the 22-acre resort intact and targets the remaining land for retail and residential uses.

### Volkswagen is Rolling into Town

Fox Valley Volkswagen will be moving into the former DuPage Expo building at 4050 E. Main St. in St. Charles. The new location will allow nearly double the number of service bays the dealership operates at its current location in West Chicago.

### AJR Expands

AJR Filtration Inc. is an existing St. Charles manufacturer located in the east side industrial park. They are a great growing business that has exceeded the manufacturing capacity of their current facilities. The City was able to keep this business in St. Charles by assisting their relocation to a new, larger facility (currently under construction) on S. Kirk Road. Keeping this business in St. Charles means their existing 250 employees will continue to work and shop here, and we will see an additional new 150 jobs in the next three years.

## Connect with Us On the Go

We're mobile!  
Download our St. Charles Connect app from your mobile device app store.



## Streetlight Out? Let Us Know

The St. Charles Electric Utility proactively maintains City streetlights, however, your help is always appreciated. If you notice a streetlight (not traffic signal) is out, flickering or needs repair, notify us either through the [St. Charles Connect](#) mobile app, with the online service form or call us at **630.377.4407**. Include your name and telephone number so we may contact you if more information is needed. Streetlights are generally repaired on Fridays. Thanks for your help!



## PUBLIC SAFETY

### The Police Department Wants to Hear from You

The dedicated officers and staff in the St. Charles Police Department believe strongly in community-oriented public service. If you need a police officer for any reason, whether it's a simple service call or an emergency, please call 911. Many people are reluctant to call 911 for barking dogs, parking complaints or loud music because they don't want to "bother" our officers. We do not view our residents or businesses as a bother. If it is of concern to you, please let us know. We believe, "If you see it, say it!" Call 911. Remember, crime prevention is everyone's responsibility.

IF YOU SEE IT... SAY IT  
**CALL  
911**

### Outdoor Gas-Fueled Turkey Fryers

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) says turkey fryers that use cooking oil are not safe for even a well-informed and careful consumer.



The fryers use a lot of cooking oil at high temperatures. Home-use fryers pose a danger that hot oil will be released while cooking, potentially causing burns or fires. Some dangers to be aware of:

- **Overfilling the fryer.** It can be difficult to know how much oil to use. If it is too full, the turkey may overflow the boiling hot oil.
- **Tipping the fryer over.** Most turkey fryers can easily tip over.
- **Overheating the oil.** Because there are no temperature controls on most turkey fryers, the oil can overheat causing a fire hazard.
- **Burns from the handles and lid.** The fryers lid and handles can become extremely hot and can easily cause burns.

NFPA urges consumers to buy a fried turkey already prepared or consider a new type of "oil-less" turkey fryer.

Source: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

### Utility Scam Alert

Residents are reporting that someone is going door-to-door and asking homeowners if they received their utility rebate and then asking for bank information. This is a scam.

If someone has contacted you, do not give out personal or banking information and report the incident to the St. Charles Police Department 630.377.4435.

## A Green St. Charles



If you notice a spike in your energy bill during the hottest parts of summer or the coldest months of winter, inspect your windows. Leaky windows can cost you up to \$300 more on your utility bills each year. Airtight, dirt-free

windows will protect your home from the elements and help you save as much as 30 percent on your heating and cooling bills!

### Solar Panel Project Advances

The Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA) wholesale electric supplier will construct its first utility-scale solar project here in St. Charles. The project includes a solar panel and battery storage system to be built on a four-acre city-owned lot in the Legacy Business Center on South Kirk Rd. & Legacy Blvd. The siting agreement between the city and IMEA cleared the Oct. 26 Government Services Committee and will be considered for approval by the full City Council Nov. 2.

# PUBLIC WORKS

## 2015 Leaf Pick Up Schedule



EAST SIDE	WEST SIDE
Oct. 27	Nov. 2
Nov. 6	Nov. 12
Nov. 18	Nov. 23

## Leaf Collection Reminders

- Please have leaves on the parkway by 6:30 a.m. on the first day of pick up for your area.
- It may take three to four days for leaves to be collected in your specific area.
- A smaller truck will collect leaves in cul-de-sacs.
- Leaves cannot be collected if the parkway is obstructed by parked vehicles or other obstacles. Leaves will be picked up on the next scheduled leaf collection when the obstruction is removed.
- Keep leaf piles 10 feet away from any permanent structures (fire hydrants, trees, streetlight poles, etc.). Rake leaves in a row parallel to the street at least 1 foot back from the curb and off the sidewalk.
- Pushing leaves into the street is a violation of Ordinance 12.04.170, with fines up to \$500 for each offense.
- This program is funded by a portion of the fees collected on the utility bills of eligible homeowners living within St. Charles city limits. Please review your utility bill or contact the City's Utility Billing Department at 630.377.4426 if you have questions regarding your eligibility for this program.
- Be sure to check the City's website [www.stcharlesil.gov/services/leaf](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/services/leaf), call Public Works at 630.377.4405 or email [pw@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:pw@stcharlesil.gov) for any updates.

## Yard Waste

**Yard waste bag pickup by Advanced Disposal ends December 1, 2015.**

Yard waste collection will resume April 2016

## Street Sweeping Schedule

Mid-November

Last week of November  
(after leaf collection)

Please make every effort to park off-street during this time.

## Electric Line Replacement Update

In August, the City launched a project on the Northeast side to replace some electric poles and relocate some overhead cables underground to continue to improve electric reliability. The work area included Iroquois, 3rd, 2nd and Marion avenues. To date, work is about done between Iroquois & Delnor in the rear yards on 3rd Ave., and is finishing up on 2nd Ave. north & south of Delnor. For more information, contact Tom Bruhl, Electric Services Manager at [tbruhl@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:tbruhl@stcharlesil.gov) or 630.377.4407.

## Winterizing a Lawn Sprinkler System? Remember the Backflow Preventer Valve

The City's Plumbing Code requires a backflow preventer valve be installed for certain water-connected equipment. The valve serves as an additional safety measure to guard against potential contamination from cross-connection with the city water supply, keeping our drinking water safe.

Residential backflow preventers may be found on lawn irrigation systems, wet fire protection systems, hot water heating (boiler) systems, swimming pool fills, water features, etc. They also may be needed if there is another water source on the site such as a well, pond, river, etc.

It's almost time to winterize lawn sprinkler systems. So if your backflow preventer is located outside, remember to remove and store it in a warm place for the winter. Insulation and/or heat tape may not be sufficient. Allowing it to freeze can be a costly mistake.

Remember where you stored your backflow preventer. You will need to give it to your lawn irrigation contractor or plumber next spring for re-installation. Plumbing Code requires that your backflow preventer must be tested when reinstalled annually. Testing should be performed by a certified testing professional. Test results are submitted to the City's contractor, Aqua Backflow, for compliance through the online portal [TrackMyBackflow.com](http://TrackMyBackflow.com).

The Cross-Connection Control Program is designed to safeguard public health. We appreciate your cooperation with the program and any requests for information that come from Aqua Backflow or the City's Water Division. For more information, contact John Lamb, Environmental Services Manager, at [jlamb@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:jlamb@stcharlesil.gov) or 630.377.4405.

## Chamber News

Check out these St. Charles Chamber of Commerce events in November.

For more information, visit [www.stcharleschamber.com](http://www.stcharleschamber.com).

### Women's Business Council Fashion Show

Thursday, Nov. 19, 11am-2pm  
Oscar Swan Country Inn, 1800 W. State Street, Geneva

### After Hours Mixer

Thursday, Nov. 19, 4:30-6pm  
Strohschein Law Group, LLC, 455 Dunham Road, Suite 200, St. Charles

## Celebrating Veterans Through the Arts

November 7 – 14



Come and witness the stories of veterans' service and sacrifice through the arts at this inaugural event. "Celebrating Veterans Through the Arts" is presented and Sponsored by the St. Charles Arts Council, American Legion Post 342, AMVETS Post 503, Veterans of Foreign

Wars Post 5036, and P-ARTS/East High School in partnership with School District 303. A series of events is planned for the whole week. Log on to [www.StCharlesArtsCouncil.org](http://www.StCharlesArtsCouncil.org) for a complete schedule and times and locations.

## Annual Lazarus House Community Thanksgiving Feast

Thursday, November 26, 2015

11:30am-2:00pm

Dining will begin at Noon

The Salvation Army  
1710 S. 7th Ave. St. Charles

Lazarus House extends a warm invitation to all who would like to join the annual Community Thanksgiving Feast. Come and enjoy a bountiful "potluck" buffet dinner with friends and neighbors and give thanks for the many blessings of our community. Partake of extraordinary food, delightful entertainment and fun fellowship together. You are welcome to bring a dish to share or supplies if you choose. Or drop one off if you are not able to attend. Dress is casual. If you have any questions or are able to volunteer and/or donate food/supplies, please email [holidays@lazarushouseonline.com](mailto:holidays@lazarushouseonline.com) or call Beth at 630.587.2144 ext. 115.



## Giving Tree Makes the Holidays Bright

The City's employee Wellness Team once again is coordinating a Giving Tree program for the holidays. This year, the program will benefit the local Elderday Center ([www.elderdaycenter.org](http://www.elderdaycenter.org)) and a family in need from a St. Charles school. Beginning November 18, a Giving Tree will be on display in the Municipal Building lobby. Everyone in the community is invited to be a part of this worthwhile program.



To participate, simply select one or more tags from the tree, purchase the item(s), and return the unwrapped gift(s) to the Giving Tree by early December. Items on the tags are at all price levels. The gifts will be wrapped and delivered in time for Christmas. Cash donations are welcome, too, and will be used to purchase items on tags not selected. Cash donations may be left with the City receptionist. Contact the Human Resources Department at 630.377.4446 with questions.

## St. Charles Farmer's Market Moves Inside for the Winter

When the air gets as crisp as the apples, that means it's time for the St. Charles Farmers Market to head indoors. Beginning Friday, Nov. 6, 2015, and continuing through May 27, 2016, the farmer's market will be open Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon in Baker Hall at the Baker Memorial United Methodist Church, 4th Avenue & Main Street in St. Charles. For more information visit the market's [Facebook page](#).



## From Hamburg, Germany to St. Charles, Illinois

The Mayor was lucky enough to visit with 13 high school exchange students from Hamburg, Germany. The students are staying with host families in St. Charles from both East and North High Schools. The students and two teachers wound up their 13-week tour of Illinois in St. Charles. After a tour of the Municipal Building, the Mayor put his teacher hat back on and gave the students a lesson in municipal government in the U.S. Thanks to German Language teachers Brian Maloney from St. Charles North and Nicole Johnson from St. Charles East for arranging the visit.



## Keep it Local!

Small Business Saturday is Nov. 28 the same Saturday as the Holiday Homecoming Parade! While you're downtown enjoying the festivities, stop into our local businesses and celebrate this annual day of shopping local. *(We encourage you to make the Season of Shopping Small last all year long!)*



**City Offices will be closed**  
Thursday & Friday November 26  
& 27 for Thanksgiving.  
Enjoy your holiday!

**Remember to set your clocks  
back Sunday, Nov. 1 and  
sleep in an extra hour!**



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Thanks American Powder Coatings, Inc. for the Generous \$2,000 Donation to Neighbors in Need

*Businesses are an important part of the St. Charles community. They are crucial to a healthy local economy, provide vital employment opportunities and consistently invest in our community.*

One local business, American Powder Coatings, Inc. (APC) at 420 S. 38th Ave. in St. Charles, wanted to give back. APC is a family owned and operated manufacturer of high quality powder coatings for thousands of metal products found in everyday life, such as street lights, play grounds and school lockers. Recently, Dave Suvagia, President of APC, presented Mayor Rogina with a \$2,000 donation to the City’s Neighbors in Need utility bill assistance program.

“Dave represents many of our businesses that give back regularly to St. Charles,” said Mayor Ray Rogina. “I am proud of our friendship and his benevolence.”



Neighbors in Need helps struggling St. Charles residents pay their city utility bills. Over the last eight years, businesses and residents have donated generously to help local families with their utility bills. The City works with the Salvation Army and St. Vincent DePaul to administer the program and all donations go directly to helping St. Charles residents—none of the funds are used for administrative costs.

For more information on the Neighbors in Need program, contact Utility Billing at **630.377.4426** or [utilitybilling@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:utilitybilling@stcharlesil.gov).

For more information on American Powder Coatings, visit their website [www.americanpowder.com](http://www.americanpowder.com).

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