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Early Voting Offered at City Hall Oct. 22 to Nov. 1

In the Rotunda of the Municipal Bldg., 2 E. Main Street, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Early voting allows voters to cast a full ballot before Election Day. It is intended to make voting easier for everyone by reducing lines at polling places and allowing voters to vote when it fits their schedule. According to the United States Election Assistance Commission, early voting has steadily increased over the past decade.

Early voting will be available in St. Charles in the rotunda at City Hall, 2 E. Main St., Oct. 22 to Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Illinois is one of 32 states (along with the District of Columbia) that offer “no excuse” early voting. This means voters don’t need to provide a reason for voting early. The ballot is the same as the one used for voting on Election Day.

Early voting is NOT conducted at your usual polling place.

It is administered at assigned locations throughout Kane County. The City of St. Charles Municipal Building is one of several early voting locations around Kane County. For a complete list of dates, times, and locations for early voting, visit www.kanecountyelections.com or call Kane County Elections at 630-232-5990.



Be Sure to Register to Vote by Oct. 9

You Can’t Vote if You’re Not Registered

Election Day, Nov. 6, will be here before you know it. If you have not registered to vote, there’s still time. You may register until Oct. 9 at the city’s Utility Billing office, 2 E. Main St., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

If you’ve changed your name or moved since last registering you must re-register to be eligible to vote in the November election.

To register, you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older on or before the election, a resident of the precinct 30 days or more prior to the election, and a current resident of Kane County. In addition, you must provide two forms of identification, at least one of which contains your current address. For more information, contact Kane County Elections at 630-232-5990 or visit www.kanecountyelections.com.

It's Time to Plant Parkway Trees

The Fall Tree Planting Program Kicks Off

Beginning mid-October, nearly 810 parkway locations will have new trees planted as part of the city's 50/50 Parkway Tree program. Through this program, the city shares the cost of planting parkway trees with residents who choose from a list of carefully selected trees. The burlapped, 2.5" diameter trees are planted, mulched and fitted with a gator bag.

You may notice white hash marks on some curbs. This indicates where the trees will be planted. All newly planted trees will be fitted with a gator bag to provide a slow drip of water to the roots.

So far the fall season has been fairly dry. If this continues, residents should place a hose at the end of the tree drip line letting the water flow at a slow trickle for approximately 15 minutes. Watering this way once a month should be sufficient and is vital to the health of the tree. Please note: overwatering symptoms are the same drought symptoms--brown, wilted or falling leaves.

For questions about the city's tree planting program or general tree care, visit www.stcharlesil.gov or call the Public Works department at 630-377-4405.



Look for the City's
Entry in this Year's
Scarecrow Fest
Oct. 5-7

Brush Pick Up Schedule

East Side	West Side
Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Nov. 19	Nov. 26

Please place your brush along the street in front of your home. 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. The City also asks that residents place brush as close to collection day as possible to minimize damage to grass and maintain the attractiveness of our neighborhoods.

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

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.

For more information, contact Public Works at 630-377-4405, or visit www.stcharlesil.gov.

Last Yard Waste Pick Up is Nov. 26

The last yard waste collection for 2012 will be on your regular refuse day during the week of Nov. 26. Collections will resume April 2013.

Leaves and Storm Sewers Don't Mix

When preparing your leaves for collection, do not place them on the street. This is a violation of a city code and residents will receive a fine up to \$500! The public storm system plays a vital role in protecting our properties and roadways from flooding during rain storms. If the grates and inlets are clogged with leaves and litter, the system can't manage storm water runoff during heavy rains. Help protect your property from flooding by keeping the storm sewer grates free of debris. Contact Public Works at 630-377-4405 if you have any questions.



2012 Leaf Pick Up Schedule

Below is the 2012 Leaf Pick Up Schedule. Please consult the map on the following page for corresponding area boundaries.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER				
	EAST SIDE OF THE RIVER		WEST SIDE OF THE RIVER	
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
1 ST PICK UP	OCTOBER 25	OCTOBER 29	OCTOBER 31	NOVEMBER 2
NOVEMBER				
	EAST SIDE OF THE RIVER		WEST SIDE OF THE RIVER	
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
2 ND PICK UP	NOVEMBER 5	NOVEMBER 7	NOVEMBER 9	NOVEMBER 13
3 RD PICK UP	NOVEMBER 14	NOVEMBER 16	NOVEMBER 20	NOVEMBER 26
4 TH PICK UP	NOVEMBER 27	NOVEMBER 28	NOVEMBER 29	NOVEMBER 30
Pick up is not available for these subdivisions/ areas	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

Leaf Collection Information & Tips

With the onset of Autumn comes falling leaves, which usually means plenty of raking. The City of St. Charles will provide fall leaf pick up according to the above schedule, beginning Oct. 25. An area map is provided on the next page.

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 curb area 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.

Leaf collection regulations will be enforced. 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 \$500.00 per day.

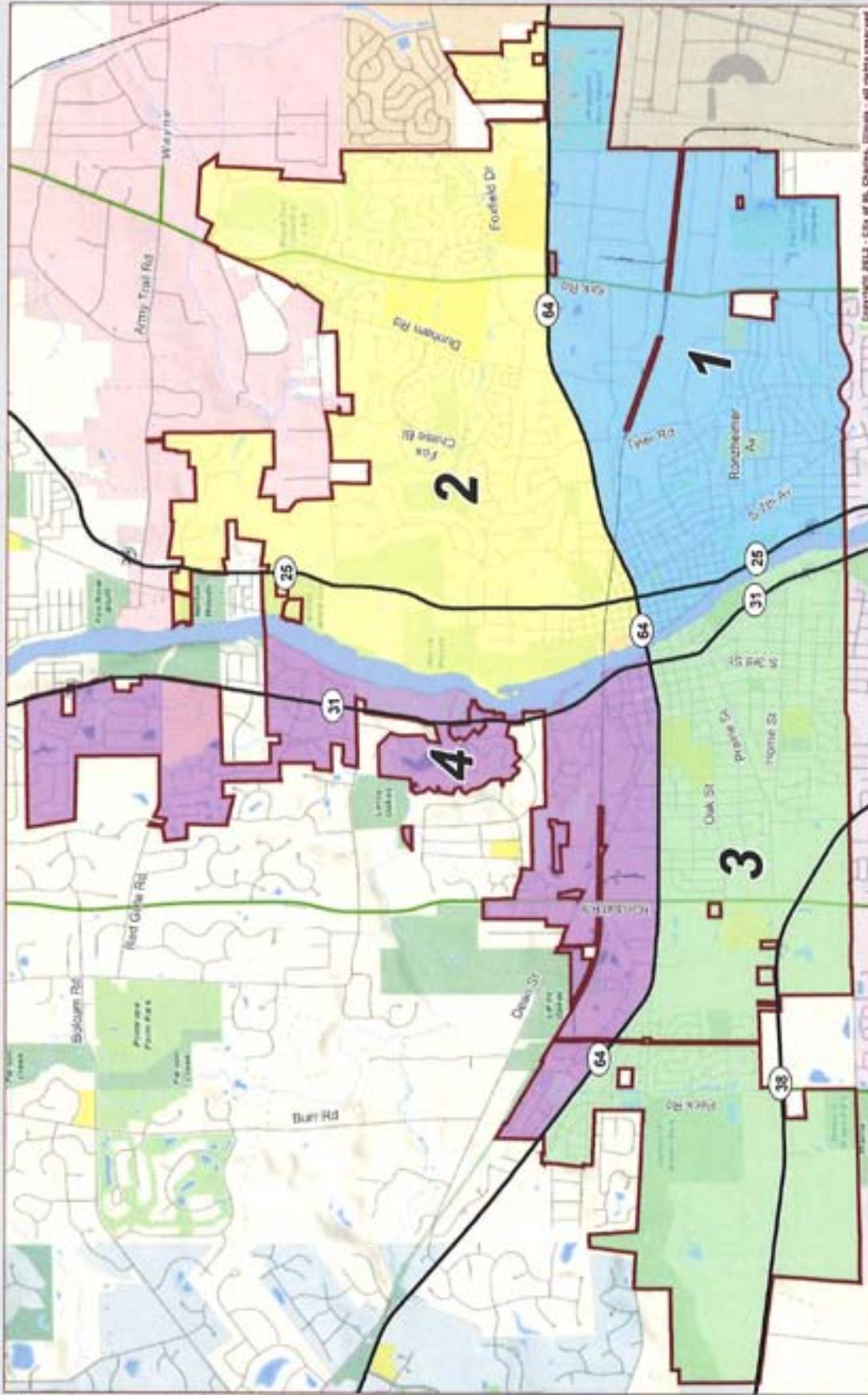
- Inclement weather or a large volume of leaves could alter the leaf pickup schedule.
- Leaf piles with vehicles parked in front of them will not be picked up.
- Leaves must be on the parkway by 6:30 a.m. on your designated collection day.
- Rake leaves in a row parallel to the street at least one foot back from the curb and off the sidewalk.
- Leaf piles will not kill grass, although they may cause it to discolor.
- Avoid raking foreign materials into leaf piles. This could damage equipment or cause injury to personnel collecting the leaves.
- As an alternative to pickup, leaves also may be put into yard waste bags for disposal.
- Yard waste bag pickup by Veolia ends Nov. 28.
- This schedule and other updates are available on the city website www.stcharlesil.gov.



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2012 Leaf Pickup Schedule

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Collection Dates:

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
October 25	October 29	October 31	November 2
November 5	November 7	November 9	November 13
November 14	November 16	November 20	November 26
November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30

City Purchases Renewable Energy Certificates

The City of St. Charles has agreed to purchase 1,360,000 kWh of renewable energy certificates from Chicago-based Carbon Solutions Group, an environmental asset consulting firm. This is second Green Power transaction for the city since 2010. The City of St. Charles continues its path to creating a more sustainable tomorrow through its Green Power Program by supporting renewable energy generated from wind, landfill gas, biomass, and hydro facilities located throughout the country.

The Green Power Program is a 100% voluntary, opt-in program. When residents and business owners pay their electric bill, they may choose to contribute an additional \$5-\$25 each month to go towards procuring renewable energy. 100% of the funds in the Green Power Program go towards purchasing renewable energy.

Currently, the City of St. Charles provides electricity service to approximately 15,000 total customers, of which 80% are residential. For more information or to enroll, call the Electric Division at 630-377-4407.

Credit & Debit Cards Now Accepted to Pay Utility Bills

The City of St. Charles now accepts credit and debit cards for utility payments made either online or in person. The cards must carry the MasterCard or VISA logo.

To set up online payments, simply go to the city's website at www.stcharlesil.gov/ubills and follow the directions.

For questions, please call one of our Utility Billing account representatives at 630-377-4426 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Pace Launches QR Code and Text Options for Real Time Information



Riders may have noticed something new in Pace bus shelters - Quick Response (QR) codes for real-time information. When scanned with a smart phone, these codes lead to a web page with the next real-time bus arrival and the scheduled times for two subsequent buses. The QR codes are only accessible to those with smart phones and a QR reader application (app) that can be downloaded, typically for free.

For riders without smart phones who want to receive the same information, text message automated responses will be available later this year. Riders will be able to text a five-digit code specific to their bus stop location and receive a response with the next real-time bus arrival and the scheduled times for two subsequent buses. Another way to receive texts about a specific route is to sign up for text alerts about service changes at PaceBus.com. While there is no charge to sign up for wireless updates, your wireless service provider may charge per message. Check with your provider for details. For more information, contact Mary Robb at 847-271-1017 or mary.robbs@pacebus.com.



Many gadgets continue to use power even when they are off. TVs, DVRs, game consoles and computers are just a few examples. To save energy and money on your electric bill, unplug electronics when you don't need them. For convenience, plug devices into a power strip and turn it off.



St. Charles Fire Department Recognizes Fire Prevention Week Oct. 7-13



October 7-13 is Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme, "Have 2 Ways Out" highlights the importance of having a home fire escape plan with two escape routes if your first way out is not passable.

The St. Charles Fire Department encourages everyone to have an escape plan, practice home fire drills, stay low in smoke, and remember to stop, drop and roll. Representatives from the Fire Department will visit all of the elementary schools during this week to bring safety messages to children. For more information on fire prevention and preparedness, visit www.nfpa.org, or www.sparky.org for fun stuff for kids.

Oct. 3 is Walk to School Day

Making Kane County Fit for Kids presents the 3rd Annual International Walk to School Day Wednesday, October 3. In an effort to promote healthy choices, children are encouraged to walk or bike to school on this day. Last year, 49 Kane County schools participated. Visit www.makingkanefitforkids.org for more information.



Charlestowne Mall Plan Open House

Take Part in Planning the Future of St. Charles

Residents, property owners, and members of the business community are encouraged to come to an Open House to view plans for the East Gateway/Charlestowne Mall and Main St. Corridor. The event is part of the city's comprehensive planning process. The Open House is Thurs., Oct. 4, from 6-7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 2 E. Main St. For more information, contact Russell Colby, Planning Division Manager, at 630-377-4443.

Welcome New Businesses

DOWNTOWN

David Charles Salon

21 S. 4th St.
630-444-3535

Integrated Medical Options

305 N. 2nd St.
847-695-6262

Spring Salon & Spa

11 N. 3rd St., Suite D
630-444-1600

WEST GATEWAY

Clean Curls

2460 W. Main St. #105
630-584-1579

Dancor Construction

720 N. 17th St. #5
630-688-3863

TitleMax Title Lending

2015 W. Main St.
630-797-9113

EAST GATEWAY

Junior Rank Sports

1750 E. Main St. #90
630-945-3959

Let's Make a Deal Resale Shop

1150 N. 5th Ave.
630-549-6685

Murrin Woodworking Studio

951 State Ave., Unit K2
630-398-2893

Savvy Etail Internet Retailer

951 State Ave., Unit C
888-281-9417

Titan Plumbing & Drain Services

1830 Wallace Ave. #217
630-907-9655

EAST GATEWAY - INDUSTRIAL

Joint Resources Towing Accessories

3668 Swenson Ave.
630-318-4875

Progressive Physical Med

602 Sidwell Ct., Unit D
630-620-0100

Welding Material Sales

1900 E. Tyler Rd. #700
630-232-6421

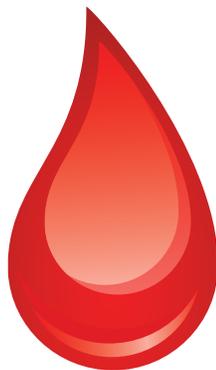
Oct. 26 Trick-or-Treat, Snack or Sweet Sale at City Hall

The City of St. Charles Wellness Team is sponsoring a Trick-or-Treat, Snack or Sweet bake sale on Friday, Oct. 26. 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 Community Crisis Center in Elgin. For more information, contact the Human Resources office at 630-377-4446. Remember to stop by to pick up a fall treat!



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came out to donate blood at our Aug. 29 blood drive held at City Hall. Heartland Blood Center collected 23 donations - that's 69 people who will be helped because of your donations!



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
Electric Outage Hotline.....	866-444-0016

Main St./Rt. 64 Relief

All Four Lanes Reopen Nights & Weekends

Did you know all four lanes on E. Main St./Rt. 64 from Dunham to Powis roads usually reopen on nights and weekends? This will make it easier to visit your favorite businesses on this road. And, you can look forward to mid-November when construction halts for the year and all lanes reopen until Spring 2013 when construction resumes.



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