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News & Highlights from the City of St. Charles

September 2015

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Upcoming Meetings

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

Corridor Improvement Commission

9.2.15.....7:00 pm

Historic Preservation Commission

9.2.15.....7:00 pm

Youth Commission

9.8.15.....6:00 pm

Plan Commission

9.8.15.....7:00 pm

City Council

9.8.15.....7:00 pm

Government Operations

9.8.15.....7:05 pm

Tree Commission

9.10.15.....7:00 pm

Planning & Development

9.14.15.....7:00 pm

Historic Preservation Commission

9.16.15.....7:00 pm

Housing Commission

9.17.15.....7:00 pm

Liquor Control Commission

9.21.15.....4:30 pm

City Council

9.21.15.....7:00 pm

Government Operations

9.21.15.....7:05 pm

Plan Commission

9.22.15.....7:00 pm

Government Services

9.28.15.....7:00 pm



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Tours, Music, Trivia and Museum Exhibit Celebrate the Municipal Building's 75th

Anniversary Celebration Sept. 12, from 1-3 p.m.



The Municipal Building has been a hallmark of the St. Charles landscape since it opened Labor Day weekend in 1940. For 75 years it has majestically stood guard over our community from its perch on Fox.

The City of St. Charles and the St. Charles History Museum invite the community to join a celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Municipal Building on Sat., Sept. 12, from 1-3 p.m., at the building and plaza, 2 E. Main Street.

Take a guided tour of the building and learn some fun facts about its history. There also will be an architectural treasure hunt for kids. After your tour, find a spot on the lawn in Volunteer Plaza and enjoy some cake and live music. A jazz trio will play at the Plaza as part of the Downtown St. Charles Partnership's Jazz Weekend. Also plan to visit the Municipal Building Exhibit, "A Look at Zook," running Aug. 29-Nov. 28 at the St. Charles History Museum, 215 E. Main St., for a more in depth look at the building and its designer architect R. Harold Zook.

"Be sure to come out to celebrate the Municipal Building's anniversary and visit the History Museum exhibit," said Mayor Ray Rogina. "As a longtime resident, I know that we in St. Charles take great pride in our roots and in preserving our heritage. This event brings together the historic highlights of the building with its present-day attractions—Volunteer Plaza, the Reflections sculpture and Jazz Weekend music."

The celebration also will be attended by representatives of the American Institute of Architects Illinois Council, who will present the 2015 Charles Nothnagel Award for Public Service to St. Charles resident Mike Dixon. Dixon, an architect and longtime volunteer serving numerous civic organizations both locally and internationally, was instrumental in the Municipal Building being named to the National Register of Historic Places and was the principal architect on the atrium annex connecting the 1940s Municipal Building with the original 1890s City Building.

Show Off Your St. Charles History IQ

Take the 10-question Municipal Building-themed survey and in addition to bragging rights, you could win a \$10 Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificate to use around town. Access the Trivia Questions at www.surveymonkey.com/r/MunicipalBuilding75th.

See p. 2 for contest rules.

Good luck!

Municipal Building Trivia Contest Rules

1. Contest runs from Aug. 20, 2015 to Sept. 9, 2015.
2. The top three respondents with the most number of correct answers will be eligible for a \$10 Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificate.
3. In the event of a tie, three winners will be drawn from the eligible names with the most number of answers correct.
4. Winners will be notified by email. You will have the opportunity to enter your email once you have completed the contest.
5. Employees of the City of St. Charles and St. Charles History Museum are not eligible to win a prize but can take the survey for fun!



We Support "CASAtober"

City employees once again will conduct a special event to benefit CASA Kane County in October, in support of the "CASAtober" initiative. We're holding a bake sale Oct. 30 at the Public Works building, 405 South 7th Ave., from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m., and then at the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There also will be a raffle for prizes including theatre tickets, gift baskets and more. Donation boxes also will be out at City buildings. More details in the October *Den*.

welcome new business!

DOWNTOWN

Rocket Fizz

Soda Pop & Candy Shop
301 W. Main St.
630-797-5889

Kryssage Wellness

20 N 2nd Ave.
630-649-2864

Gallagher Benefit Services

Insurance
100 Illinois St., Ste. 207
630-536-2002

EWN, Inc.

Psychiatry Office
240 S. 5th Ave.
314-952-3379

Izel Salon & Spa

11 N. 3rd St., Ste. D
630-254-9349

The Finery & Blacksmith Bar

Restaurant
305 W. Main St.
630-904-2379

I'm In

Discounts/Coupon Offerings
100 Illinois St., Ste. 200
855-464-6123

DOWNTOWN

From Scratch Wellness Services

Nutritional Wellness/Healing
210 S. 5th St., Ste. 202
630-945-3867

Plum Tree Psychology, Ltd.

511 Illinois Ave.
630-549-6245

****Starbuck's – New Downtown***

Location (Formerly 101 E. Main)
111 1st Street
630-443-0990

EAST GATEWAY

Strategic Marketing Services

Direct Mail Marketer
103 N. 11th Ave., Ste. 203
502-425-3660

Beardsley's Barber Shop

1558 E. Main St.
636-797-5949

Shima's Sushi

2400 E. Main St., Ste. 107A
630-444-1790

Larry Laino State Farm

Insurance Services
3837 E. Main St.
630-587-0200

WEST GATEWAY

Buona Beef

2425 W. Main St.
630-405-5557

Still Waters Spa

2075 Prairie St., Ste. 104
331-229-1530

Truth & Grace Counseling

2210 Dean St., Ste. F-1
224-578-5548

Dallas Hudson Natural Soap

902 S. Randall Rd., Ste. C-291
503-622-9277

EAST GATEWAY - INDUSTRIAL

Elegant Presentations

Event Rental
3945 Stern Ave.
847-741-2877

Tool Mex Industrial Solutions

Machine Parts Manufacturing
1835 Wallace Ave
815-575-4994

MJN Services

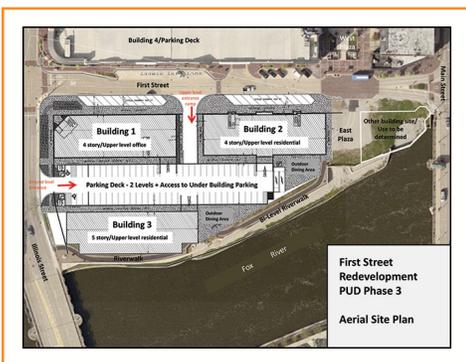
Sandblasting/Snow Removal
1820 Wallace Ave., Ste. 112
630-742-4785

New Parking Lot Configurations on First Street Site

Some parking spots downtown will temporarily be unavailable in the name of permanent progress on the 1st Street project. When the construction fencing goes up (represented by the yellow outline in the diagram below), the surface lot currently on the site and some of the diagonal street spots on the east side of 1st Street will no longer be accessible. However some new parking will be available on the location of the future-planned East Plaza to the north of the project site. Please consult the [Downtown Parking Map](#) on the City website for alternative parking options.



The work is part of Phase 3 of the 1st Street Project which includes construction of three mixed-use buildings and a two-level public parking deck in the area bounded by 1st Street, Illinois Street and the Fox River. Building #1, which will be located on the northeast corner of Illinois and 1st streets, will contain upper level office space, street level retail space and private underground parking. This building and the public parking deck will be the first structures constructed on the site, with an anticipated completion of late summer 2016.



“We will do our best to leave as much parking available as possible,” said Community and Economic Development Director Rita Tungare. “Some spots may be available intermittently throughout the course of the construction. We ask for your patience as we proceed with this exciting project.”

For more information, visit the project’s website at www.1ststreetstc.org. Or, contact the Community and Economic Development Department at **630.377.4443**, or email 1ststreet@stcharlesil.gov.

2015 Street Sweeping Schedule

The City sweeps its streets to remove debris from roads. Besides keeping our streets clean and presentable, sweeping also helps eliminate potential pollutants from entering the storm sewer system.

Street Sweeping Schedule

Last week of September

Last week of October

Mid November

Last week of November
(after leaf collection)

In addition, there will be special sweepings for parades, festivals, special events, emergencies, accidents, leaf pick-up and severe weather events. Please try not to park on the streets during sweeping. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at pw@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4405, or check the [Street Sweeping](#) page of the City website for updates.



Back to School Required Reading: Cell Phone & School Bus Traffic Laws



School is back in session and kids are out at bus stops, buses are stopping on the roads, and parents are driving their children to and from school. So please proceed with extra caution around our schools and in our neighborhoods, especially during the morning rush hours.

“We know this time of year can be hectic,” says St. Charles Chief of Police Jim Keegan, “But it only takes a few minutes to wait for a school bus or stop for a crossing guard. Our officers will be spending additional time patrolling to ensure safety and compliance because we want to be sure our children have a happy and safe school year.”

Help us keep children safe and review these traffic laws:

Cell Phone Ban

- As of January 1, 2014, Illinois law bans the use of all hand-held devices while driving. Only hands-free technology such as speakerphones, bluetooth, and headsets are permitted. In addition:
 - (1) All cell phone use is prohibited while driving in a school zone
 - (2) All cell phone use is prohibited while driving in a highway construction zone
 - (3) All cell phone use is prohibited if you are a novice driver
- All Illinois drivers are prohibited from texting.

Don't Pass a Stopped School Bus

- On a two-lane road, you must stop in either lane for a school bus loading or unloading passengers. The school bus driver will give a warning at least 100 feet in advance of a stop by flashing the amber and red lights on the front and rear of the bus and extending the stop signal arm. You must come to a complete stop.
 - (1) You may proceed when the school bus resumes motion or the bus driver signals you to do so.
 - (2) You also may proceed when the flashing lights are turned off and the stop arm is no longer extended.
- You do not always need to stop when meeting a stopped school bus on a roadway with four or more lanes.

Watch for Children Walking and Biking

- Please watch for young children walking and riding their bikes especially around our schools and in residential areas.
- Take extra care when backing out of driveways.
- Come to a complete stop when approaching stop intersections and give kids a chance to cross safely.

Police & Fire Join Forces for a Safe School Start

Members of the St. Charles Police and Fire Departments were out in full force to make sure children started their first day of school safely.



St. Charles Deputy Police Chief Steve Huffman Retires

After serving the St. Charles community for nearly 22 years, Deputy Chief of Police Steven Huffman has retired from the St. Charles Police Department. Huffman has accepted the position as Chief of Police for the Village of Antioch.

Huffman started with the St. Charles Police Department in 1993 as a patrol officer. He rose through the ranks, holding positions of Detective Sergeant in Charge of Investigations, Deputy Chief of Operations, Deputy Chief of Administration and Interim Chief of Police. Prior to joining the department, Huffman was an Aviation Mechanic with the United States Marine Corps. Huffman holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia Southern University.

Deputy Chief Huffman was instrumental in revising and implementing the City's Liquor Code, and served on the team that successfully earned the St. Charles Police Department its 8th National Accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

"Steve's knowledge and experience in law enforcement and commitment to public safety resulted in quality relationships within the community and the City organization," said St. Charles Police Chief Jim Keegan. "I wish Chief Huffman well in his future endeavors and thank him for his service to our community, the police department and the citizens of St. Charles."

Deputy Chief Huffman receives the Distinguished Service Medal from Police Chief Jim Keegan at a retirement ceremony for Huffman.



Mayor Rogina thanked Deputy Huffman for his dedicated years of service.

Sign Up for the Electric Outage Reporting System

If you are a St. Charles Electric Utility customer, then be sure to register your phone number with the automated telephone notification system.

Based on caller I.D. technology, 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](tel:630.377.4426) or registering online on our [Electric Outage Reporting](#) sign up page.

A banner for the Advocate Dreyer Fox Valley Marathon. On the left is a logo featuring a stylized fox and the year 2015. In the center, the text reads "Advocate Dreyer Fox Valley MARATHON Half Marathon & Fall Final 20 Sunday September 20, 2015 7am St. Charles IL". On the right is a photograph of a large group of runners participating in the marathon.



ArtsFest — St Charles —

The St. Charles Arts Council, in partnership with the St. Charles Park District, announces the 3rd Annual ArtsFest St. Charles. From Friday, Sept. 11 to Sunday, Sept. 20, experience ALL of the ARTS, ALL over TOWN. ArtsFest includes venues all over the city featuring art pieces, music, spoken word, dance, and live theater. Details at www.stcharlesartscouncil.org.



2015 is the Year of the Scarecrow!

Display your own scarecrow and be a part of this year's 30th Anniversary event!

The deadline for scarecrow applications is Sept. 25.

Details at www.scarecrowfest.com.

Chamber News

September is packed with events from the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce. For more information, visit www.stcharleschamber.com.

Essentials for Your Business Toolbox: Gearing Up For the Holidays - Sept. 9

St. Charles Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Week - September 14—18

- *Monday* - Discover Your Culinary Side - Sample signature dishes & paired beverages.
- *Tuesday* - Historic St. Charles Tour given by the St. Charles History Museum
- *Wednesday* - Speed Networking at Abby's Breakfast and Lunch
- *Thursday* - After Hours Mixer at Colonial Café & Ice Cream
- *Friday* - Chamber Open House

Federal Update Legislative Luncheon with Congressman Randy Hultgren & Representative Peter Roskam - September 22

Hilton Garden Inn - RSVP by Sept. 15

Fox River Luncheon & B2B Expo with Guest Speaker Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti - Sept. 30

St. Andrews Golf Club - RSVP by Sept. 18

September 10-13, 2015

St. Charles JAZZ Weekend
Downtown St. Charles

www.downtownstcharles.org/events/stcjazzweekend

Logos: Downtown St. Charles, The PrivateBank, 90.9 FM WATL, FOX VALLEY WMTV WMCN, KANE COUNTY CHRONICLE

A Note About Flood Insurance

Because the City of St. Charles is a participating member of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), any St. Charles citizen can purchase flood insurance through a local agent via the NFIP. There is a 30-day waiting period for flood insurance coverage to begin.

A home located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) has a 26% chance of being damaged by a flood over the life of a 30-year mortgage, and your homeowner's insurance will not cover flood damage. This is why flood insurance is mandatory for all federally backed mortgages for buildings in the floodplain.

Your home does not have to be in a flood zone to get flooded. Flood insurance is available at a reduced rate for these properties. Also, the City of St. Charles currently has a FEMA Community Rating System number of 5, which helps to further reduce insurance premiums. For more information contact the Public Works Engineering Division at **630.377.4486**.

Hydrant Flushing Begins Sept. 28

Hydrant flushing improves water quality and minimizes mineral build-up in the water mains. It also ensures that hydrants are ready for emergency use.

Fall Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Sept. 28 – Oct. 2 - Hydrant flushing will begin on the west side of the Fox River south of the Timbers subdivision, continuing south to Gray Street and west to North/South 16th Street.

Oct. 5 - 9 – Hydrant flushing will begin on the east side of the river south of Iroquois Avenue, continuing south to Division Street and east to North/South 14th Avenue.

Please watch for signs announcing hydrant flushing in specific areas. Flushing may start as early as 5 a.m. and continue through 4 p.m. For approximate dates in your neighborhood, visit the [My Neighborhood](#) section of the City website. View the [Hydrant Flushing Map](#).

Water is safe to use and consume during hydrant flushing, however, residents may temporarily experience rusty-colored water. During hydrant flushing:

- If possible, limit water use.
- If water is rust-colored, wait until flushing has subsided, then turn on the cold water tap until water runs clear.
- Rust-colored water may stain laundry. Keep stained clothes wet and treat them with stain remover, available free of charge at Public Works, 1405 South 7th Ave.; Municipal Building Reception Desk, 2 East Main St.; Police Department, 211 North Riverside Ave.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at pw@stcharlesil.gov or **630.377.4405**.



Protect Your Property from Flood Damage

Reduce damages on property that is susceptible to flooding:

- Apply watertight seals to brick and block walls to protect against low level flooding. (less than 2 feet).
- Elevate furnaces, air conditioners, water heaters and major appliances on platforms or move them to higher floors.
- Sandbag and remove items from areas prone to flooding.
- Elevating or relocating the entire structure may also be a feasible option.

For more information visit www.fema.gov, the [Floodplain](#) page of our website or contact the Public Works Engineering Division at **630.377.4486**.

Fall Trees will be Planted Soon

Nearly 250 parkway trees were ordered last month as part of the 50/50 Parkway Tree Program. Planting will begin in early October. The contractor will begin marking white hash marks on the curbs indicating 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. In addition, the contractor has begun to remove the gator bags off any trees that were planted in the spring.



If the fall season is dry, you may need to refill the gator bag. Simply lift the white “Tregator” tag to expose the hole in the bag, then insert a hose to fill the bag with water.

You also could place a hose at the end of the tree drip line, letting the water flow at a slow trickle for about 20 minutes. Watering once a month should be sufficient. Note: overwatering symptoms for trees are the same as those for under watering – leaves fall off, turn brown or appear wilted.

Contact Public Works for more at pw@stcharlesil.gov or **630.377.4405**. Or visit the [Tree Care: Watering Trees](#) page of the City website.

Connect with Us

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2015 Leaf Pick Up Schedule



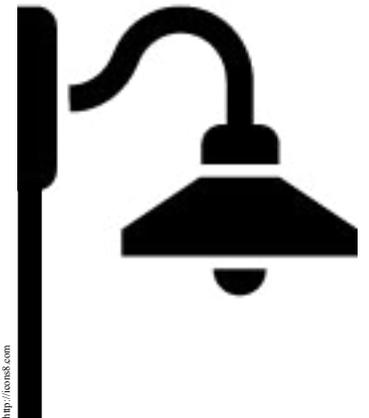
Leaf pick up begins Oct. 27 and runs through Nov. 25. This year’s schedule will follow an East/West schedule similar to the City’s Brush Pick Up program. There will be a total of three pickups for the season. As with brush pick up, all leaves need to be placed out on the parkway by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled pickup date, even though it may take 3 to 4 days before your specific area is picked up. Pick up schedules may vary. Once the crews move through an area, they will not return until the next scheduled pick up.

The [complete schedule, pick up procedures and a collection map](#) are available online and will be published in the October *Den*.

Remember, leaves also make wonderful mulch in garden beds. Or, you can put them in yard waste bags for pickup through Dec. 1. For more information, contact Public Works at pw@stcharlesil.gov or **630.377.4405**.

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**. Please provide the location of the streetlight including the nearest house number, intersection, midblock (between streets) or other location information, along with a brief description of the problem. Include your name and telephone number so we may contact you if additional information is needed. Streetlights are generally repaired on Fridays. Thanks for your help!



Street Maintenance Program Finishes Up

We’re wrapping up our 2015 Street Resurfacing Program. Much of the work has been completed. There are two more projects that will continue into the fall. Updates are available on the 2015 Street Program page on the City’s website at www.stcharlesil.gov/projects. For more information, contact Gary Long at glong@stcharlesil.gov or **630.377.4486**.

2015 STREET PROGRAM

September Completion

Peck Road from IL Route 38 to South of Dean Street

October Completion

North Tyler Road from East Main Street to Allen Lane

September is National Preparedness Month

FEMA Has Designated September as National Preparedness Month



This is a good time to take action to prepare for natural and/or manmade disasters. Please keep these preparedness tips in mind:

- *Be Informed*
- *Make a Plan*
- *Get an Emergency Kit*

For preparedness ideas and more information, visit www.Ready.gov.

PLEASE NOTE:

City Offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 7 for the Labor Day Holiday

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Refuse collection will be delayed one day all week.

Brush Pick-Up Schedule

EAST SIDE	WEST SIDE
Sept 21	Sept 28
Oct 19	Oct 26
November: No Pick Up	

Please note: Only City of St. Charles residents who pay a monthly fee on their utility bill are eligible. To find out if you are eligible for the program, review your City utility bill for the fee, input your address in [My Neighborhood](#) on the City website, or call Utility Billing at **630.377.4426** for verification.

Brush must be placed on the parkway in front of the house or along the frontage where refuse/recycling is collected, before 7 a.m. on Monday (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday). It may take 3 to 4 days to get to your neighborhood. This schedule and pick up requirements are available on the city website at www.stcharlesil.gov/services/brush.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at pw@stcharlesil.gov or **630.377.4405**.

City of St. Charles Directory

<i>Building & Code Enforcement</i>	377.4406	<i>Fire Administration</i>	377.4458
<i>City Administrator Mark Koenen</i>	377.4422	<i>Fire Prevention Bureau</i>	377.4457
<i>Community Development</i>	377.4443	<i>Human Resources</i>	377.4446
<i>Development Engineering</i>	443.3677	<i>Mayor Raymond P. Rogina</i>	377.4444
<i>Economic Development</i>	443.4093	<i>Police Administration/Investigation/ Crime Prevention</i>	377.4435
<i>Electric Division</i>	377.4407	<i>Public Works: Water/Sewer/Street</i>	377.4405
<i>Engineering Division</i>	377.4486	<i>Refuse Pickup Information</i>	587.8282
<i>Emergency Management Agency</i>	377.4416	<i>TDD</i>	800.526.0844
<i>Flood Protection Assistance</i>	377.4486	<i>Utility Billing: Electric/Water/Sewer</i>	377.4426
<i>Finance/Accounting</i>	762.7002	<i>Electric Outage Hotline</i>	866.444.0016