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Kids are Back in School, Proceed with Caution

Be Extra Careful in School Zones, Near School Buses and Bus Stops

The St. Charles Police Department would like to remind motorists to observe traffic laws to keep children safe in neighborhoods and around schools.

Please remember cell phone use is prohibited while driving in a school zone and all Illinois drivers are prohibited from texting while driving.

Be sure to watch for young children walking or riding their bikes, especially around our schools and in residential areas. Be extra careful while backing out of driveways to be sure a child isn't behind your vehicle. Come to a complete stop when approaching stop intersections and if children are present, give them a chance to cross safely.

On a two-lane road, you must stop in either lane when you approach a school bus with lights flashing and stop arm extended, as it loads or unloads its passengers. You may proceed when the school bus resumes motion, the bus driver signals you to do so, or when the flashing lights are turned off and the stop arm is no longer extended. On a road with four or more lanes, oncoming traffic does not need to stop.

Please help keep our children safe! Our officers will be spending additional time patrolling to ensure compliance.



City Offices Closed on Labor Day Monday, September 3

Garbage Pick Up Delayed One Day All Week

The City of St. Charles would like to remind residents that City offices are closed Monday, Sept. 3, for the Labor Day holiday and that there will be no refuse or recycling pickup that day. Scheduled collection will be delayed one day throughout the rest of the week. Please remember to have containers out at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on collection day. For more information, contact Public Works at 630-377-4405.

Leaf Pick Up Beginning Soon

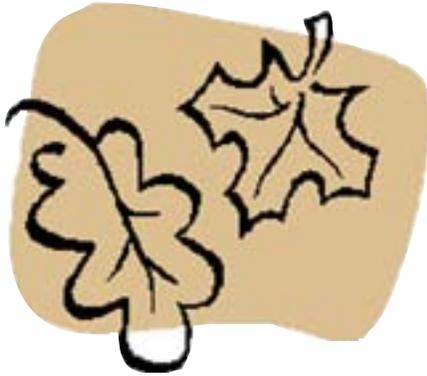
Leaves also Make Great Mulch

The city's Leaf Pick Up program will be starting soon, but please remember that leaves make wonderful mulch in garden beds. Using leaves as mulch is an environmentally friendly way to dispose of them.

Leaf pick up will begin October 25 and continue through November 30. The complete schedule currently is on the website, www.stcharlesil.gov, and will appear in the October issue of the Den.

As an alternative to pickup, leaves also may be put into yard waste bags for disposal.

For questions, contact the Public Works Department at 630-377-4405.



Brush Pick Up Schedule

East Side	West Side
Sept. 17	Sept. 24
Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Nov. 19	Nov. 26

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 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 the Public Works Department at 630-377-4405, or visit www.stcharlesil.gov.

Why Do Some Trees have Purple or Pink Dots?

Since the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was first found in St. Charles in 2008, the Public Works Department has documented the presence of the beetle in all areas of the City. Ash trees confirmed with EAB in public right-of-ways (parkways) are marked with a purple dot. The purple dot does not indicate the degree of infestation, or if and when a tree will need to be removed.

Confirmed, infested trees selected for removal and replacement are marked with a pink dot and usually removed within 45 days.



Homeowners adjacent to the parkways will be notified if trees are confirmed and/or scheduled for removal and will be given detailed information regarding removal and replacement options. Please visit the City's website www.stcharlesil.gov for more EAB information or call the Public Works office at 630-377-4405.

Calculate Your Home Energy Costs

And Find Out How to Save Energy in Your Home

The City of St. Charles Municipal Electric Utility customers now have the ability to perform energy audits on their homes. Customers may access this web-based program by logging onto our website, www.stcharlesil.gov, and under the About St. Charles tab, click on "A Green City." The Home Energy Calculator" box is on that page. There, you can enter data about your home, and calculate total energy costs and energy savings expected by making specific improvements. There also is a "Library" section for energy information and a "Fun" area for kids and teachers to learn about energy savings. This program is provided in conjunction with our energy supplier, the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency.



Pace Offers Student Discounts

To help reduce the price of commuting to and from class, Pace is pleased to offer the Student Haul Pass for high school students and the Campus Connection for college students. These passes offer unlimited rides on Pace's fixed route and Call-n-Ride services (not valid on CTA or Metra) any time, including weekends and holidays, from September through May.

For more information on the Student Haul Pass or the Campus Connection, visit pacebus.com or contact Customer Relations at 847-364-PACE (7223).

City Launches New Electronics Recycling Drop-Off Program

Supports State Landfill Ban of Home Electronics

St. Charles residents now can dispose of their old electronics at the City of St. Charles Public Works facility, 1405 S. 7th Ave., Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The City's new Electronics Recycling Drop-Off program offers a way to properly dispose of home electronics, which were banned from landfills in Illinois as of Jan. 1, 2012.

Computers, TVs, DVD players, printers and power tools are some examples of what can be recycled. A complete list of acceptable items is on the City website, www.stcharlesil.gov, on the Recycling and Waste page. It also is posted at the drop-off facility. Items that will not be accepted include white goods, large appliances, extra-large wooden speakers, loose batteries and household hazardous waste.

"We encourage residents to take advantage of this convenient, self-service program and dispose of their old electronics in the proper way," said John Lamb, Environmental Services Manager.

"Not only is it the law, but recycling these items is the right thing to do since many of the components can be salvaged and reused again and again."

The program is a partnership between the City and Kane County. The Kane County Circuit Clerk facility at 540 S. Randall Road will continue to serve as a drop-off location for electronics on the second Saturday of each month, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Items should be put in the containers provided. Large televisions can be placed on the floor towards the back. Please note there is no assistance available for unloading.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 630-377-4405.



Fuel efficiency decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. For every 5 mph you drive over 60, you pay an additional 31 cents per gallon.



“50/50” Parkway Tree Program is Back

The City once is again offering to share in the cost of planting trees in parkways with the “50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program.” Our tree consultant will plant, mulch and provide a gator bag (property of the City of St. Charles) to help you water your new tree.

Trees will be planted in late October/early November OR early April/May. Each tree delivered is balled and burlapped and averages 2.5” in diameter. Species may vary upon availability and diversification needs for your area. You will receive a door hanger with your tree with care instructions. Each tree is covered by a one-year warranty. If the tree dies or looks unhealthy, call 630-377-4405.

Choose from these carefully selected trees:

Japanese Lilac \$165 (Good under power lines.) Mature height: 20-30 ft./Mature width: 15-20 ft./Vigorous growth, blooms mid-summer with white flowers.

Prairie Fire Crabapple \$115 (Good under power lines.) Mature height: 20 ft./Leaves deep red-purple mature to dark green, bright orange fall foliage; attract songbirds.

Red Jewel Crabapple \$115 (Good under power lines.) Mature height: 15 ft./Width: 12 ft./Pink buds open to pure white blooms in early May, strong medium green leaves turn a slight burgundy bronze in the fall, lively 1/2 inch bright red "jewel" fruits lasting all winter.

Accolade Elm \$165 Mature height: 75 ft./Vigorous growth, excellent drought tolerance and good strong yellow fall color, has excellent disease resistance to both Elm Yellows and Dutch Elm Disease.

Crescendo Maple \$165 Height: 65 ft./Green foliage with a yellow cast in summer, yellow with a red margin in fall.

London Planetree \$165 Mature height: 60 ft./Mature width: 40-50 ft./Excellent shade tree; large, lustrous, green foliage in summer and yellow fall color. Wonderful park or street tree.

Redmond Linden \$165 Height: 40 ft./Mature width: 35 ft./Light green leaves with showy yellow fall color.

State Street Maple \$165 Mature height: 60 ft./50-ft. spread at base/Excellent branching character, clean foliage and good yellow fall color; superior heat/drought tolerance.



Japanese Lilac

Mail or deliver the order form below, along with a check or money order payable to the City of St. Charles. Order forms also may be downloaded at www.stcharlesil.gov. Send to the Utility Billing Office, 2 E. Main Street, St. Charles, IL 60174. Orders will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. Sept. 30. Questions? Contact Public Works at 630-377-4405.

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50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program Order Form

Date _____
 Name _____

Address _____

Phone # (Daytime) _____

Choice of Tree(s) from the above list _____

Total Order Amount: _____

What You Should Know about Flood Insurance

Because the City of St. Charles is a participating member in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), residents can purchase flood insurance through their local insurance agents 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 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. That's 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 City's Engineering Division at 630-443-3744.

St. Charles Arts Council Holds Month-long "Pop-Up" Art Event

The St. Charles Arts Council, in partnership with School District 303, the St. Charles Public Library, and the St. Charles Park District, is holding a unique, month-long "pop-up" arts event. Charlie's Center for the Arts will be held in the Charlestowne Mall from September 22 to October 27.

Fourteen stores will showcase temporary art galleries, music, literature, dance, theater, film, and magic. Work and performances from professional, emerging, and student artists will be on display. This is an incredible opportunity to support the arts, both locally and nationally.

The Council is seeking volunteers who are willing to give a few hours to assist with, and supervise, this exciting event. For more information on Charlie's Center for the Arts, including a full schedule or to sign-up as a volunteer, please visit www.stcharlesartscouncil.org.



Electric Outage Reporting System

Register Today

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 or registering online at www.stcharlesil.gov.



Comprehensive Plan Events

Task Force Meeting & Charlestowne Mall Open House

Residents, property owners, and members of the business community are encouraged to come to two events for the city's Comprehensive Plan development. Both will be held in Council Chambers, 2 E. Main St.

- **Task Force Meeting** Wed., Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m.
 - **Open House for East Gateway/Charlestowne Mall and Main St. Corridor Plans** Thurs., Oct. 4, 6-7:30 p.m.
- For more information, contact Russell Colby, Planning Division Manager, at 630-377-4443.

Live Jazz in Downtown St. Charles

Enjoy live jazz music in Downtown St. Charles, while dining at local restaurants! The St. Charles Jazz Weekend, September 20 – 23, will feature live jazz at Bistro One West, McNally's Traditional Irish Pub, River Rockhouse, and Hotel Baker's Rox City Grill. The music is complimentary for in-house guests at the participating venues.

"The purpose of Jazz Weekend is to give people the opportunity to enjoy great jazz music at a host of dining options and expose people to the charm of Downtown St. Charles," said Lynne Schwartz, Executive Director of the Downtown St. Charles Partnership. The event is sponsored by the Kane County Chronicle and the Downtown St. Charles Partnership.

For more information about schedules, musicians, and dining and hotel options, visit www.stcjazzweekend.com.

Donate Old Clothes for Scarecrow Fest Scarecrows

Scarecrow Fest is Oct. 5-7

St. Charles Boy Scout Troop #60 is looking for clothing donations for the popular "Make Your Own Scarecrow" activity at Scarecrow Fest. The troop is looking for long sleeve shirts (button or pull over) and long pants (jeans, pants, sweatpants, etc.) in children sizes Toddler to Size 14, and adult small.

Clothing CAN be torn, stained or faded...but it must be clean! Drop off clothes in the collection boxes in the lobbies of these City buildings:

- St. Charles Police Department
211 N. Riverside Ave
- Municipal Building
2 E. Main Street

For more information, contact Bob Tolemy, Boy Scout Troop #60, at 630-632-7619 or Bljp.tolemy@sbcglobal.net.



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

Register to Vote



Do you need to register to vote in the November election? You may register until October 9 at the city's Utility Billing office, 2 E. Main St., 8 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. If you have changed your name or moved since last registering you must re-register to be eligible to vote.

To register, you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older on or before the next election, a resident of the precinct 30 days or more prior to the next 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 the Kane County Office of Voter's Registration at 630-232-5990 or visit www.kanecountyelections.com.

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