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News & Highlights from the City of St. Charles

April 2016
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Upcoming Meetings

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- Youth Commission**
4.4.16.....6:00 pm
- City Council**
4.4.16.....7:00 pm
- Government Operations**
4.4.16.....7:05 pm
- Plan Commission**
4.5.16.....7:00 pm
- Corridor Improvement Commission**
4.6.16.....7:00 pm
- Historic Preservation Commission**
4.6.16.....7:00 pm
- Planning & Development**
4.11.16.....7:00 pm
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- City Council**
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- Government Operations**
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- Plan Commission**
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- Historic Preservation Commission**
4.20.16.....7:00 pm
- Housing Commission**
4.21.16.....7:00 pm
- Government Services**
4.25.16.....7:00 pm



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From the Mayor's Desk



Mayor Raymond P. Rogina

Spring is here after a relatively mild winter. Now is time when things start budding and blooming. Spring also means it's time for the adoption of a new city budget.

Before discussion of the new fiscal year budget, it is fair to say that City staff, with oversight from your elected officials, has exercised careful fiscal responsibility by finishing the current year's budget with a surplus that will exceed \$1 million. In a year where the State of Illinois has not even passed a budget—keeping municipalities on high alert with respect to what may or may not be cut—the City of St. Charles exercised caution in its approach to municipal spending and the results speak for themselves.

It is also important to note that the maintenance of strong reserves, a staple of city financial policy, allows us to continue to hold an extremely high bond rating.

In addition, progress on First Street provides us with an opportunity to create increases in property value for the site. This is important because it allows for the payment of bonds that were issued in support of the First Street project more than a decade ago.

The new City of St. Charles budget will once again be balanced with no increase in the amount of tax dollars being levied by the City. This is the 7th straight year the City is working with the same property tax amount. Having such a positive fiscal track record is no accident. It is the result of careful planning.

That planning continues in our newly adopted strategic plan. One important goal outlined in the plan is to develop a comprehensive financial assessment *“with the aim of developing a path to financial independence from State funding, as needed; study should include consolidation opportunities, capitalizing on grant funding, and developing creative revenue sources.”* So we will continue to look for ways to increase efficiencies and develop new funding streams.

I am proud of our staff for its diligence on these fiscal priorities. I also am proud of my colleagues on the City Council for taking an active role in providing staff with input, advice and approval of a road map that recognizes the importance of fiscal integrity and responsibility.

Public Hearing—Annual Budget
4.4.16 6:45 p.m.
Council Chambers

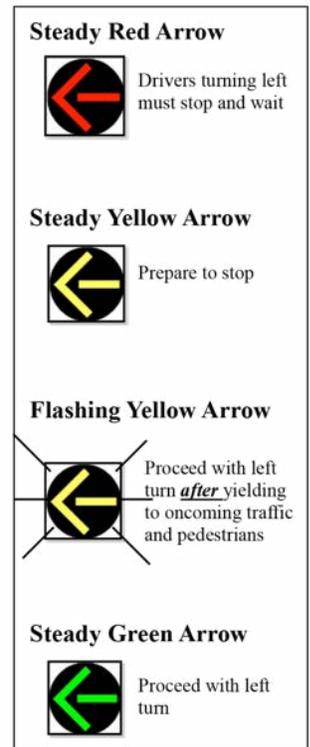
Yellow Flashing Turn Arrows Have Arrived

The flashing yellow turn arrows have come to St. Charles. The Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) has begun installing the signals at intersections along Randall Road. Bricher Road, Prairie Street and Oak Street have the new signals installed. Intersections at Dean Street, Red Haw Lane, Red Gate Road, Bolcum Road, and Silver Glen Road will get them too.

This flashing yellow arrow allows motorists to turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. As with traditional arrow turn signals, traffic waiting to turn left will receive a protected left turn with a green arrow while oncoming traffic has a red light. What's different with these new signals is while both directions of traffic have a green light, left-turners will receive the flashing yellow arrow indicating they may turn if it is safe to do so. Also, once the flashing yellow left-turn signal is solid yellow and no longer flashing, the light is about to turn red.

The Federal Highway Administration conducted a national study that shows the new signal helps prevent crashes, moves more traffic through an intersection, and provides additional traffic management flexibility.

For more information visit the [KDOT webpage](#).



welcome!
NEW BUSINESSES

DOWNTOWN
Magnolia Bridal
141 S. 1st Street
Bridal Shop
815-228-7592

WEST GATEWAY
Hot Runner Technology Chicago, Inc.
1500 Foundry St., Ste. 12
Manifold Cleaning & Repair
908-431-5711

EAST GATEWAY
Neri Landscape
1820 Wallace, Suites 108-109
Landscape Contractor
630-443-4742



IDOT Narrows Rt. 31 to One Lane for Both Directions

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) indicated plans to narrow IL Rt. 31 to one lane south of Crane Road to Ferson Creek Road. Temporary traffic signals have been installed at either end of the closure and at affected side streets to regulate traffic flow through the constricted area. Only one direction of traffic will be allowed to flow through the area at a time. Please expect delays and allow extra travel time.

IDOT is replacing the culvert under the roadway at Ferson Creek, and widening and resurfacing the road. The project is expected to be completed Fall 2016.

For more information, contact Chris Kustes at IDOT at christopher.kustes@illinois.gov or 224.238.7720.

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 signals) 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, 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!

You're Invited to the Fire Department Monument Dedication

*Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m.
Volunteer Plaza, 112 N. Riverside Ave.*

The monument which memorializes previous members of the St. Charles Fire Department has been moved from its original home in Baker Park to Volunteer Plaza, the redeveloped green space across from Fire Station 1, 112 N. Riverside Avenue.

There will be a special dedication ceremony Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m. All are invited.

“Moving the monument closer to the Fire Department and City buildings made sense. We appreciate the Park District being a good custodian of the monument for many years,” said Fire Chief Joe Schelstreet. “The benches, lighting and flagpole make it an ideal spot for ceremonial assemblies.”

The monument, which has the Firefighter's Prayer inscribed on the back, had been in Baker Park since 1972.

Our PD is Keeping Pace with Technology



25 years ago, the only items in a squad were a radar, radio and flashlight. There was not much available in the way of technology. Fast forward to today's police cars which really are mobile offices. The radar, radio and flashlight are still there, but now a ruggedized laptop serves as the nerve center of the car. St. Charles Police cars are outfitted with a Panasonic Toughbook, which is capable

of operating in the elements and can withstand all the vibrations of a squad car.

The computer allows the officer to stay connected to the 9-1-1 center and receive detailed information about each call for service. The patrol car uses GPS so officers can see the location of other police cars and pinpoint the location of 9-1-1 calls on a live map.

Long gone are the days of hand written reports and the bottle of white out kept nearby to fix mistakes. Reports are generated on the computer and sent electronically for approval through the records system. Officers can now generate traffic tickets and warning citations on the spot and print them out in the car. The Department is looking to add electronic crash reports this coming year. Officers will be able to swipe a driver's license and have all the information auto-fill the crash report. This will save time in the field, get drivers on their way faster and reduce errors.

“Technology has helped enhance communication and the strategic deployment of resources in the field,” said Deputy Chief Dave Kintz. “It also has greatly expedited reporting. All of these advancements increase safety and efficiency for our officers and help them better serve the community.”

For more information, contact Deputy Chief Kintz at 630.377.4435 or dkintz@stcharlesil.gov.

Please Be Aware of the IRS Scam



Residents Have Reported the Scam

It's the height of tax season and accountants aren't the only ones working overtime. Scammers claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are busy. The Police Department has received calls from residents about this scam.

The scammers call and say you owe the government money. They will press you, be very threatening or rude and say you need to comply or you will be arrested, perhaps within the hour. The IRS does not operate this way. Sometimes they will say they are from the Police Department. We do not operate this way either. The scammers' scare tactics often are directed toward senior citizens.

If you get a call like this hang up and report it to our Crime Prevention Officer Bill Tynan at **630.443.3847** or btynan@stcharlesil.gov.

PUBLIC WORKS NOTES

Spring Clean Up Dates

May 14 for East Side/May 21 for West Side

The popular Spring Clean Up program will be back again this year, pending final approval of the FY 16-17 budget this month. Offered every two years, Spring Clean up allows residents to place unwanted items at the curb for pick up. Collection dates are May 14 for East Side and May 21 for West Side. This is a service for residents within St. Charles city limits only.

Advanced Disposal will pick up items which must be placed on the curb (not in the street) before 7 a.m. to ensure pickup. Once collection crews have passed through an area they will not come back. Also, please do not place items out more than 48 hours before the collection.

Please mark containers used to hold items with "Do not throw away." They cannot be retrieved once they have been collected.

For more information about Spring Cleanup, contact the Public Works Department at [630.377.4405](tel:630.377.4405) or pw@stcharlesil.gov.



Prohibited from Spring Clean Up – these items will not be picked up:

- Electronics
- Large home appliances
- Loose batteries
- Household hazardous waste (paints, solvents, auto fluids, pesticides, etc.)
- Devices containing mercury (thermostats, thermometers, etc.)
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Liquids and gases
- Contractor construction debris (doors, windows, large amounts of lumber, masonry products, drywall, siding, roofing materials)
- Tires
- Yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, brush, garden waste, rocks)
- Household refuse normally collected each week

Electronics Recycling to Close

The City is ending its Electronics Recycling Program. The facility will no longer accept items after April 8.

Illinois does not allow electronics to be placed in landfills.

You can still take your electronics to the Kane County Electronics and Book Recycling events. The County's monthly collection is held from 8 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of each month, April through November, at the County Circuit Court Clerk's Office, 540 S. Randall Road, St. Charles. More information is on the [Kane County Recycling webpage](#). The next county electronic recycling is April 9.

City of St. Charles Arbor Day Celebration 2016

Spring is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for the annual Arbor Day event in St. Charles on Friday, April 29, 2016. The event will take place at Lincoln Park on Main Street, between 4th and 5th Streets. All ages are welcome to this annual celebration of trees. All entries for the 2016 Tribute to Trees will be on display at the Municipal Center beginning April 15 and at Arbor Day as part of our celebration. Come and enjoy live music, a tree raffle, tree care demonstrations, a play presented by the 4th graders from Munhall School, presentation of colors by Cub Scout Pack 113 from Lincoln School, delicious cookies and more on April 29! The fun begins at 4:00 p.m.!

Natural and Beneficial Functions of Floodplains

The benefits of floodplains are numerous. Floodplains can offer aesthetic pleasure while performing important functions, such as filtering nutrients and farm chemicals in run-off so these areas can maintain biodiversity and ecosystem sustainability. Floodplains enhance the habitats of waterfowl, fish and other wildlife habitats, sustain feeding/breeding grounds, and provide natural erosion control and open space to reduce future flooding. Floodplains even contain historic and archeological sites that offer opportunities for education and study.

Public Works Fact: In the City of St. Charles, there are over 150 miles of storm sewers, which carry rainwater.

PUBLIC WORKS NOTES

Be Careful Where You Plant Trees

Planting trees this spring? Be sure you place them carefully. Trees can provide your home with beauty and shade. However, if those trees are planted in the wrong location in your yard, they can also be expensive to maintain and even be dangerous.

Tree limbs can fall during bad weather and damage the electrical wires resulting in power flickers or outages.

Trees that grow 40 feet high or more should be planted at least 50 feet away from power lines.

You should never plant trees directly under power lines. And a mature height of less than 15 feet is recommended if planting near lines. Some trees that are generally not tall enough to interfere with lines are: crabapple, honeysuckle, juniper, flowering dogwood and hawthorn.

Keep in mind, trees and other landscape materials also shouldn't be planted near poles or too close to electrical equipment. It makes it difficult to access the equipment for maintenance. And always call 811 before digging so underground lines can be located and marked. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at [630.377.4405](tel:630.377.4405) or pw@stcharlesil.gov.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Reading Your Utility Meters

Every month the City of St. Charles dispatches meter readers to gather usage data for electric, water and wastewater usage.

Occasionally, we will estimate your electric or water readings. Estimates are done when our readers can't access the meters or if the information didn't register on their handheld readers. The most common reasons a reading can't be performed is because a gate is locked or blocked, or there's a dog in the yard. Even large amounts of snow can block a gate from opening and it is our policy not to force a gate open.

When we estimate the reading, we leave a red doorhanger that asks residents to take the reading themselves and either email the readings to us or fill out the card and mail it in to us. On the card, our readers will write the reason the reading was estimated. They often take a picture to illustrate it as well.

If your reading is estimated, you will see an 'E' on your bill. To avoid estimated readings, if you receive a card, be sure to take the reading and either email it to utilitybilling@stcharlesil.gov, drop it in the mail, or bring it to us at 2 E. Main Street. For more information, contact Utility Billing at utilitybilling@stcharlesil.gov or [630.377.4426](tel:630.377.4426).



Can you see the meter here? Neither can our meter readers!

Preparing for Spring Storms

Severe storms can take down power lines, creating a dangerous situation for all of us. How long it takes to get your power restored depends on the extent of the storm's destruction.

To help you get through, have a storm kit prepared. Keep it in a cool, dry place and inform everyone in your household of its location.

City of St. Charles residents can use the Electric Outage Line at [866.444.0016](tel:866.444.0016) to report the outage and get updates on restoration times. For automatic outage updates, sign up for our electric outage reporting system at [630.377.4426](tel:630.377.4426).

Storm Safety Kit

- Drinking water & non-perishable food
- Blankets, pillows & clothing
- Basic first-aid supplies
- Prescriptions
- Basic toiletries
- Flashlights
- Battery-operated radio
- Extra supply of batteries
- Phone
- Cash & credit cards
- Emergency numbers
- Baby supplies
- Pet supplies

PUBLIC WORKS NOTES

2016 SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE



As part of the regular maintenance to the City's water distribution system, the Public Works Water Division performs annual hydrant flushing. By simply flushing or opening hydrants to allow water to flow rapidly through them (in a controlled manner), water quality is improved and mineral build-up in the water mains is minimized. Hydrant flushing also ensures that hydrants are ready for emergency use.

St. Charles is divided into four quadrants for hydrant flushing: Main Street (Illinois Route 64) divides the north/south quadrants, and the Fox River divides the east/west quadrants. The spring 2016 hydrant flushing schedule:

- Northwest Quadrant – Monday April 4 - Friday April 8
- Southwest Quadrant – Monday April 11 - Friday April 15
- Southeast Quadrant – Monday April 18 - Friday April 22
- Northeast Quadrant (West of Dunham Road) – Monday April 25 - Friday April 29
- Northeast Quadrant (East of Dunham Road) – Monday May 2 -Friday May 6

Please note: Flushing operations may start as early at 5 a.m. and continue through 4 p.m.

For more information, you may also visit the My Neighborhood section of the City's website (www.stcharlesil.gov), enter your address and click on the City Services tab. As a reminder, signs announcing hydrant flushing operations will also be posted throughout the area prior to the commencement of flushing work.

Please note water is safe to use and consume during hydrant flushing, however, some residents may temporarily experience rust colored water. Public Works recommends that residents take the following steps during hydrant flushing:

- If possible, limit your water use.
- If you experience rust colored water, wait until flushing has subsided then run the cold water tap until the water runs clear.
- Remember rust colored water is safe, but it may stain laundry. If this happens, keep clothes wet and treat them with stain remover.
- The City offers a stain removal product at no cost and is available for pick up at the following facilities:

Public Works, 1405 South 7th Avenue

City Hall, Reception Desk, 2 East Main Street

Police Department, 211 North Riverside Avenue

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at [630.377.4405](tel:630.377.4405) or pw@stcharlesil.gov.

PLEASE NOTE:

Open burning of leaves or brush is not allowed in the City. Instead, put leaves in yard refuse bags. Weekly yard waste pick up and brush pick up resumes this month so that resource is once again available to you.

Also, a permit is required for all bonfires. Contact the Fire Department for more information [630.377.4458](tel:630.377.4458).

PUBLIC WORKS NOTES

Spring Trees Arriving Soon!

With warmer days approaching, the Public Services arbor team is busy preparing to plant new and replacement parkway trees in the City right-of-way. Weather permitting, Spring planting will begin in early April with more than 150 trees!

New trees are planted in several phases. A few reminders :

- Be aware of J.U.L.I.E. markings and flags in or around parkways and public areas. They are necessary to identify underground utilities in areas where new trees will be planted. White markings on the curb help the planting crews identify new tree locations.
- Depending on conditions in your area, trees may be delivered and planted in phases. Please be patient as the planting team works to plant all of the trees in a timely and efficient manner.
- Restoration of the parkway will be completed a few days after planting. We restore the planting sites by adding top soil, grass seed and finally mulch around newly planted trees. Then, watering will be addressed and, if necessary, gator bags will be provided for further watering. Please remember to fill the gator bag when it is empty. Simply insert a garden hose into the slot on the top and fill the bag with water.
- The City's Urban Forest is a valuable asset to our community and the Public Works Department has been working diligently to ensure its health for future generations. Diversification is important to maintain a vibrant and healthy cross section of trees in our City parkways and help moderate the effects of diseases and pests. All new trees are covered by a one-year warranty.

For questions about spring planting, contact the Public Services Division at **630.377.4405** or pw@stcharlesil.gov.

Brush Collection Pick-Up for 2016

EAST SIDE OF RIVER	WEST SIDE OF RIVER
April 18	April 25
May 16	May 23
June 20	June 27
July 18	July 25
August 15	August 22
September 19	September 26
October 17	October 24

BRUSH COLLECTION REMINDERS

- Brush should be put out before 7am on Monday of the scheduled pick up.
- With cut ends facing the street, branches must be at least 3 feet in length and less than 12 inches in diameter.
- Do not tie bundles of brush with rope or wire and do not pile higher than 4 feet
- Branches must be put on the parkway, in front of your house or along the frontage where refuse/recycling is collected. Do not place brush in the street.
- Please make every attempt not to park in front of the piles; crews will be unable to pick up the brush.
- For more information visit www.stcharlesil.gov

YARD WASTE

Yard waste collection will resume April 4-5 on your regular refuse days.

STREET SWEEPING

With the onset of spring, the City will resume street sweeping.

Sign Up for the Electric Outage Reporting System

St. Charles Electric Utility customers: register your phone number with the automated telephone notification system. Your outage location will automatically be detected when you call to report an issue and you will receive outage updates. Register up to three phone numbers at **630.377.4426** or online on our [Electric Outage Reporting](#) sign up page.

Earth Day is April 22

Ride a bike, hop on a bus or take a walk and reduce your carbon footprint to observe the day.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Engaging St. Charles' Youth

Crime Prevention Officer Bill Tynan recently spoke to a group of Daisy scouts at Wild Rose Elementary.

Officer Tynan gave the girls many safety tips. He spoke about Stranger Danger, what information to give the operators if they have to call 911 and what to do if the children ever got separated from their parents.



Fire Chief Joe Schelstreet recently was guest speaker at the St. Charles East High School Human Relations Award ceremony.

The awards recognize students who demonstrated care and concern for others. Chief Schelstreet shared how he feels service is a priority for each of us.

Mayor Rogina recently delivered a wonderful message about John Wredling at his namesake middle school at an assembly celebrating what would have been Mr. Wredling's 102nd birthday.



In the audience were two of Mr. Wredling's children, along with 1300 students, and current and retired staff members.

Youth Commission Awards 3 Grants

At a recent City Council Meeting, the Youth Commission awarded grants to these three student groups from the seven applications received:



St. Charles East High School – **\$1,000 for the Hope Hustle 5K**. An annual event to raise awareness for suicide prevention by bringing together the community to promote positive thoughts through teamwork.



Richmond Intermediate School – **\$670.00 for Little Free Libraries**. A grassroots project to install small wooden boxes around town with free books for anyone to borrow.



Wredling Middle School – **\$350.00 for the Share and Care Program**. Makes pillows to offer comfort for breast cancer patients who have just had surgery.

The Youth Commission directs services and grants to support the welfare of the City's youth. The Commission believes our young people have insights into both the issues that impact our youth and ideas to bring about positive change. For more information, contact Nancy McFarland, Chair of Youth Commission at [630.377.7059](tel:630.377.7059) or nancy_mcfarland@ameritech.net.

City Finance Reporting on a 30-Year Streak!

For the 30th year in a row, the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was awarded the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. The Finance Department will continue to work to ensure the streak continues. This achievement will be recognized with a special presentation at the May 2 City Council meeting.

The Certificate of Achievement program has been in operation since 1946. The program encourages and assists governments to prepare financial reports of the highest quality for the benefit of citizens and others with a vital interest in a government's finances. The program has gained widespread recognition as the premier indicator of excellence in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

"The City of St. Charles is committed to following fiscally prudent policies and maintaining transparency and accountability," said Christopher Minick, Director of Finance. "Our financial documents are always available online for anyone to access."

This latest award is for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2015. To review the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and other financial documents, visit www.stcharlesil.gov/departments/finance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

GIS: Putting St. Charles on the Map

Mapping has always been an integral function for municipalities. Many routine City operations are tied to a location and rely on the use of maps to provide effective services. From locating water, sewer or electric lines to helping emergency crews calculate the best route with the lowest response time, maps are vital to City operations.

Today, printed maps and markers have been replaced by interactive digital systems, known as Geographic Information Systems (GIS). GIS has made creating, customizing and sharing maps and geographical information much easier. Access to the latest maps and data is at your fingertips, which is especially helpful for crews in the field who need mobile access to the information.

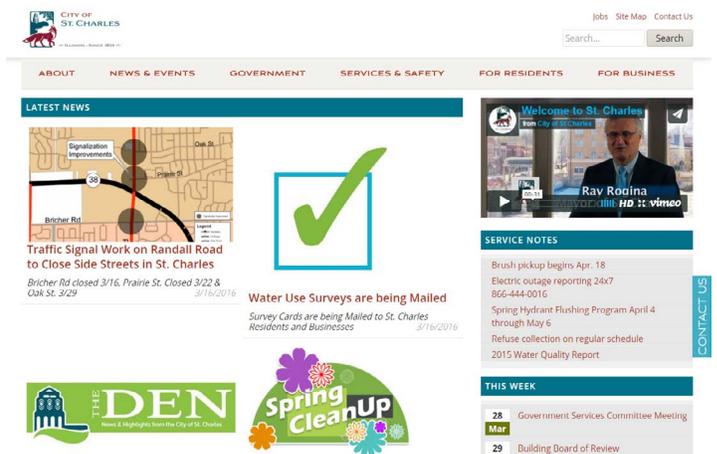
Our GIS Division was created in 2004 as part of the Information Systems Department. Our focus is on improving City services and value to the residents. The success of the system is due largely in part by the City Council and Administration's ability to embrace new technologies that improve decision making and streamline business processes.

Recently, our GIS Division was recognized by ESRI GIS company for our participation as a Community Map Contributor in the Living Atlas project that collects geographic information around the world. For more information about the City's GIS Division, contact Keith Nightlinger at knightlinger@stcharlesil.gov.

Website Refresh

Have you seen the new look of our website? We upgraded our site's content management system and simplified things a bit. Now it's easier than ever to find what you are looking for. And because mobile usage continues to grow, our new site is more mobile friendly.

Thanks to all of you who visit our website regularly. In 2015, you logged in 1 million visits to our site. Be sure to check back often. There's always something new! For more information about the website, contact Carolyn Shannon, Web Administrator, at cshannon@stcharlesil.gov.



COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Charles Community Garage Sale

April 22-23, 2016 8am-4pm

Registration fees benefit local teens at the STC Underground

The Community Garage Sale is organized by the St. Charles Park District. For more information and to register, visit www.stcparks.org.

St. Charles Golden Diners

The Golden Diners has something to offer you...

Those 60+ years can enjoy a hot, nutritious lunch Monday to Friday, at 11:30 a.m. at The Salvation Army Tri-City Corps, 1710 S. 7th Ave. in St. Charles. Call 630.377.2769, ext. 213 to make a reservation. Come early on Tuesdays and Thursdays for BINGO at 9 a.m.



For those with free time in the mornings and a heart to serve others, volunteer to deliver meals to homebound seniors. Call Kathy at 630.232.6676, ext. 15 for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Charles Consumer Expo is April 16

10am to 4pm

Sportsplex of St. Charles, 1400 Foundry Street

This free event is open to the public and includes door prizes, giveaways, raffles, Taste of Fox Valley featuring food & samples from local restaurants, and more than 60 vendors.

Entertainment is sponsored by Rocket Fizz and includes Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles, dance performances from 3rd Street Dance & Theatre Academy, Fred Astaire Dance Studios and St. Charles Park District. There will be face painting all day provided by Colonial Café and a Bounce House sponsored by the Park District. So bring your kids to have some fun at the Expo! The event is sponsored by Fox River Tire & Auto and Excel Automotive Repair and organized by the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce. More at www.stcharleschamber.com.

CHAIR-ITY

May 27 – August 12

Chair-ity is a downtown St. Charles, outdoor, public art exhibition sponsored by the Downtown St. Charles Partnership. Use your imagination to create works of art with Adirondack chairs as canvases. Any resident, group or business can participate. More at www.downtownstcharles.org.

One Book, One Community

Join your friends. Join your neighbors. Join the St. Charles Public Library for One Book, One Community.

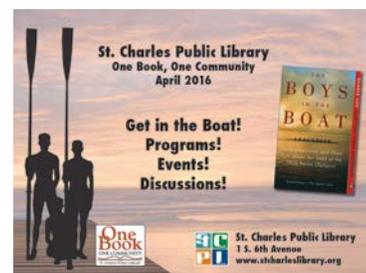
Throughout April, experience the epic tale of *The Boys in the Boat*, by Dan James Brown as a community. It's an improbable yet true story of nine working class boys and their quest for gold at Hitler's Berlin Olympics.

There also are several events planned as part of the program. Visit www.stcharleslibrary.org for more information.

Here's what readers are saying about the book:

This book is much more than a story about rowing. It's an unexpected surprise filled with interest and emotion. Themes of love, teamwork, perseverance, national pride are beautifully used throughout the book. It is very well written and definitely worth reading.

—Diane Cullen



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