



LIVE. WORK. PLAY.  
*Experience* **St. Charles**



*Family-oriented, business-friendly and rich with culture and historic charm, the riverfront community of St. Charles, Illinois, is a standout among Chicago's western suburbs. Nestled in the Fox Valley an hour west of Chicago, St. Charles has earned distinction as the number one place to raise a family by Family Circle magazine in 2011.*

*St. Charles is great people, ideas, geography and more all working together to create a unique place. Unique because regardless of who you are, St. Charles has the rare ability to support both wants and needs of today alongside the hopes and opportunities of tomorrow. And it's real because whether visiting, doing business or making a home in St. Charles, you are surrounded by everything you need to be happy and thrive.*

## **When everything is in place – anything is possible.**

**Named #1 City for Families** by Family Circle Magazine for:

- Quality Schools
- Open Green Spaces
- Safe Neighborhoods
- Financial Stability
- Affordable Housing
- Access to Healthcare
- Good Neighbors
- Giving Spirits

**Coveted By Businesses** for:

- High Median Income
- High-Volume Commerce Traffic
- Available Spec Buildings and Vacant Land
- Diverse Complementary Businesses
- Proximity to Chicago and Worldwide Transportation
- Low Utility Rates
- Labor Pool With Education, Skill and Tech Savvy

*St. Charles, Illinois where people of all walks go to...*



# BREATHE: *the open air*

Miles of trails for walking, running and biking. A major river for boating, fishing and canoeing. Vast green space for just about anything. St. Charles' award-winning park district maintains more than 1,500 acres with parks, facilities, classes and other organized activities that keep a community in motion.



# WORK

*in a vibrant business community*

Hotels, retail and entertainment. Commercial, industrial and manufacturing. Businesses of all shapes and sizes find everything they need to thrive. Talent, traffic, infrastructure and city support. An active Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Partnership foster commerce, serving businesses from three distinct business districts.



# LEARN



*from a leading school system*

District 303 consistently surpasses state and national averages on standardized tests and other assessments – with 80% of students continuing to college. Our schools have been recognized with honors, including the U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon, Chicago Sun-Times Top 50 and 100, and the Illinois State Board of Education Academic Excellence Award.



# PLAY

## *from dawn to dusk*

Shopping, golfing and adventure await you by day – dinner and live entertainment by night. St. Charles offers the complete spectrum of indoor and outdoor activities for daytime distraction and then blossoms into an energetic night-life. Enjoy restaurants, cafes and bistros, complemented by comedy shows, live theatre and entertainment. The city also boasts festivals and events throughout the year, including the award-winning Scarecrow Fest and Pride of the Fox RiverFest.







# DISCOVER

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*life-long education*

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St. Charles cultivates life-long learning and enrichment with a nationally-recognized public library that offers easy access to information for patrons of all ages through virtual resources and knowledgeable librarians. As a community center, this progressive facility includes computer labs, Wi-Fi, downloadable music, meeting spaces, snack area and hosts a wide variety of programs and special events.



# STAY

*at an eclectic mix of hotels*

Whether visiting for business, pleasure or both, there are 11 distinct hotels to choose from in our charming community. From the all-encompassing **PHEASANT RUN RESORT** to the historic **HOTEL BAKER**, St. Charles' lodging provides a home base for weekenders, explorers and business people alike.



# CONNECT

## *in a business destination*

A first choice for meeting planners, St. Charles offers more than 2,400 guest rooms, four unique conference and training venues, two expo centers, and free parking. Several venues in the city's hospitality portfolio are IACC-approved, and are served by a hands-on Convention and Visitors Bureau. And, when the day is over or an off-site activity is planned, St. Charles becomes a city full of dining, shopping and entertainment for after-hours business events.





# GROW

*in a future-minded  
community*

While St. Charles revels in its rich history, it sets a deliberate course for the future. Careful planning and community development ensure a diverse tax base, reliable services, affordability and a well-maintained and updated infrastructure vital for a sustainable community. And, an aggressive development philosophy creates an active climate for business, industry and housing growth.

*You've imagined the place. See it for real.*

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City of St. Charles ..... [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov)

St. Charles Park District.....[www.stcparks.org](http://www.stcparks.org)

Community Unit School  
District 303..... [www.d303.org](http://www.d303.org)

St. Charles Public Library.....[www.stcharleslibrary.org](http://www.stcharleslibrary.org)

Greater St. Charles Convention  
& Visitors Bureau..... [www.visitsstcharles.com](http://www.visitsstcharles.com)

St. Charles Chamber  
of Commerce..... [www.stcharleschamber.com](http://www.stcharleschamber.com)

Downtown St. Charles  
Partnership..... [www.downtownstcharles.org](http://www.downtownstcharles.org)

St. Charles Community Site..... [www.st-charles.il.us](http://www.st-charles.il.us)