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Fostering Opportunity,
Building Community and
Enhancing Quality of Life for All

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Community Profile

THE CITY OF St. Charles

Promoting Local Businesses

The City of St. Charles has unveiled a new program to promote local, independent businesses. The "Shop St. Charles Challenge" encourages residents to spend their shopping dollars within the community, with one lucky resident each month earning a \$100 rebate on purchases made at three different independent stores or restaurants. The promotion kicked off in June and runs through April 2014.

Residents simply download and submit a Shop St. Charles Challenge Entry Form. If they qualify, they will be entered into a monthly drawing. The winner selected will have 30 days to spend at least \$100 at three St. Charles businesses and complete a written review/questionnaire about each business.

More information, including entry form and rules, please visit the "Shop St. Charles Challenge" page www.stcharlesil.gov/shop-local. Or contact the Economic Development Department at 630-443-4093/econdev@stcharlesil.gov.



- *International employers, innovative schools, beautiful parks, local & regional resources and unique architecture have earned St. Charles its reputation as the Pride of the Fox!*
- *Located in both DuPage & Kane counties, the City of St. Charles is 35 miles west of downtown Chicago. State Highways 25, 31, 38 & 64 cross St. Charles, as do county thoroughfares Randall & Kirk roads.*
- *Visitors enjoy more than 2,402 hotel rooms, 3 shopping districts, a full service resort and spa, golf courses, several live theaters, convention centers and free parking downtown.*
- *More than 2,100 businesses employ 18,000 people, consisting of a balanced mix of retailers, restaurants, and manufacturing facilities. They are assisted by an active Chamber of Commerce, a full service Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Downtown St. Charles Partnership.*

Building Bridges: Time-Lapse Video of the Red Gate Bridge Construction

The long-awaited completion of the Red Gate Bridge came earlier this year in May, about two years after ground was broken for the project in August 2011. Throughout the construction, the City maintained two cameras that streamed live video and captured still images, documenting the construction from start to finish. What took decades to imagine and two years to construct is encapsulated in a compact 3-1/2 minute time lapse video. Links to the video are in our blog at www.insidestcharles.com.



The American Public Works Association named the Red Gate Bridge "2013 Project of the Year" in the Transportation category for Small Cities/Rural Communities (population less than 75,000). The award recognizes outstanding individuals, groups and chapters representing the best in the public works profession.

Welcome New Businesses

Businesses are a tremendous asset to our community, especially in this time of slower economic growth. Please show support for these or any of the other

1,700+ businesses in St. Charles. For a complete list of businesses in St. Charles visit the Business page of our website www.stcharlesil.gov.

DOWNTOWN

Aaron's Sales & Lease Corporate Office
210 S 5th Street, Ste. 207, 630-444-0921

Acquaviva Tasting and Wine Bar
210 W. Main St., 630-513-6770

All Things Art Studio
505 W. Main Street, 630-360-1410

Belmonte PSYD Clinical Psychologist
210 S 5th Street, Ste. 104, 847-971-6941

Biggby Coffee
117 W. Main St. #120, 630-377-2215

Forever Yogurt
117 W. Main St., 630-549-6076

Fuseneo, Inc. Packaging Design
309 N 2nd Street, 815-981-4164

Greenleaf Yoga & Meditation
16 N. Riverside Ave., 630-917-9171

Martinez Creative Group Advertising & Marketing Communications
210 S 5th Street, Ste. 107, 630-945-3390

Mr. Cromwell's Basement Antiques
17 N. 2nd Ave., 630-549-5217

Pro-Tek Inc. Business Products
209 S. 3rd St., 630-444-1627

200 W. Main St., 630-513-9800

Shooting Star Studios Modeling/Talent Agency
15 S. 2nd St., 2nd Floor, 847-401-0406

Sportiva Sporting Goods
113 E. Main St., 630-549-7361

Vanek, Larson & Kolb LLC Law Firm

WEST GATEWAY

Ferruzca Auto Repair
761 N 17th Street, 630-881-7724

Happy Life Nutrition and Wellness
546 S. Randall Rd., Suite B, 313-218-2203

Ratliff Enterprises, LLC Land Development
761 N. 17th St. #20, 630-878-9055

REM Inc Staffing
2075 Prairie Street, Ste. 100, 630-444-0602

Blue Sky Spa
1700 Lincoln Hwy., 312-863-1642

Integrative Family Health
1400 Lincoln Hwy., Suite C, 630-549-7199

Mathnasium Education Center
902 S. Randall Rd., Suite B, 630-444-1805

Pamper Nail Spa
615 S. Randall Rd. #111, 224-600-1836

EAST GATEWAY

Baltia Corp. Classic Auto Showroom/Vehicle Sales & Service
4200 E. Main St., 630-443-4582

Bosi Performance Institute, LLC
Private Business Accelerator
125 N. 11th Ave., 847-815-8956

Direct Contact, Inc. Agricultural Consulting
2560 E Foxfield Road, Ste. 340, 630-485-5700

InStyle Salon & Spa Suites
457 N. Dunham Rd., 847-529-5498

Pure Essential Supply, Inc. Soap Wholesale Supplier
2734 E Main Street, 630-262-2522

Spa Vargas Wellness at Pheasant Run Resort
4051 E. Main St., 630-307-1100

Taoist Tai Chi Society Martial Arts Instruction
Charlestowne Mall, 630-443-3489

EAST GATEWAY – INDUSTRIAL

AKT Midwest Tax Credit Services
1815 Wallace Avenue, Ste. 307, 630-549-6353

Carzmetology Auto Repair
3540 Stern Ave. #102, 630-444-0542

Elite Extrusion Technologies Plastics Extrusion
3620 Ohio Ave., 630-484-2020

ETS Environmental & Associates Consulting
1820 Wallace Ave. #123, 630-513-4710

Midwest Underground Technology Telecom Constr.
3890 Commerce Dr., 217-819-3040

Specialty Graphics Supply
3875 Commerce Dr., 630-584-8202

The Seat Guy Upholstery
1815 Wallace Ave. #301, 630-650-6002

Edge Machine Tools Auto Repair
3540 Stern Ave. #104, 630-444-0542

Fox Ballet Dance Training Center
3720 Illinois Ave., 630-444-1464



City Resources Right in the Palm of Your Hand

Connect with the City right from your mobile device, with St. Charles Connect. St. Charles Connect is a real-time, mobile tool that gives citizens direct access to the City. The free app is available for iPhone, Android and Windows 8; with Blackberry coming soon. St. Charles Connect also can be accessed from the City website www.stcharlesil.gov. The intuitive design makes it easy for anyone to report an issue, such as a broken streetlight, pothole, etc. The City encourages civic engagement and recognizes the value of mobile technology in quickly resolving these issues, while saving both time and money.

As new technologies emerge and create new methods of communication, the City's communications efforts have evolved right along with them. St. Charles Connect joins the City's other electronic communications, including the City website and mobile website, Den newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, Inside St. Charles blog, Community website and RSS feeds, as one more way the City is reaching out and connecting with greater efficiency to its audiences.



Community Resources



Utilities and Services

Natural Gas: Nicor (888) 642-6748
Cable TV: Comcast (800) 266-2278
Local Phone: AT&T (800) 288-2020
Residential Refuse
& Recycling: Advanced
Disposal Services (630) 587-8282
Utility Billing (630) 377-4426
(City of St. Charles
Water & Electric)

Community Organizations

City of St. Charles (630) 377-4400
Community School District #303 (331) 228-2000
Downtown St. Charles Partnership (630) 513-5386
Kane County Government (630) 232-3400
St. Charles Arts Council (630) 443-3794
St. Charles Chamber of Commerce (630) 584-8384
St. Charles Conv. & Visitor's Bureau (800) 777-4373
St. Charles Main Post Office (630) 584-2318
St. Charles Park District (630) 584-1055
St. Charles Public Library (630) 584-0076
St. Charles Township (630) 584-9342

ST. CHARLES QUICK FACTS

Population

2017 Projection*	34,694
2012 Estimate*	33,153
2010 Census	32,919

Households

2017 Projection*	12,943
2012 Estimate*	12,404
2010 Census	12,424
Average Household Size*	2.58

Education

Public Elementary Schools	12
Public Middle Schools	3
Public High Schools	2
Private Elementary Schools	4
Special Education Schools	1

Tax Rates

Telecommunications Tax	12%
Sales Tax	8%
Property Tax	6.36%
Utility Tax (incl. electric)	5%

Income*

Avg. Household	\$98,530
Median Household	\$75,800
Per Capita	\$37,356

Recreation

Hotels	11
Resorts	1
Total Rooms	2,402
Eating & Drinking Establishments	117
Banquet Facilities	6
Churches	12
Museums	3

Expo Space (Sq. Ft.)

Kane County Fairgrounds	
Enclosed Buildings	82,120
Open Buildings	81,480
DuPage Expo Center	25,000
Pheasant Run	38,000

**Based on 2012 estimates
provided by Nielsen Claritas*

Upcoming Events in St. Charles

Sculpture in the Park runs now through October 7. Over a dozen original artworks from local and Midwestern artists are on display (and available for purchase) at Mt. St. Mary Park.

www.st-charlesparks.org.

Concerts in the Park are held every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. through Aug. 15 in the Lincoln Park gazebo. Every week, a new musical act is featured from classic rock to country to pop. All performances are free of charge. www.st-charlesparks.org.

St. Charles 1st Street Cruise Nites are held downtown every Tuesday evening through Aug. 27, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Enjoy an extensive display of vintage cars, food, drinks, and music. There is no admission fee and no cost to participate.

www.stcharleschamber.com

St. Charles Farmers Market is open every Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. through October. The market is at 4th Avenue and Main Street, next to Baker Memorial United Methodist Church, event sponsor. Besides fresh meats, cheeses, and produce, the market offers arts and crafts, lawn and garden products, and an array of prepared breakfast and lunch items. www.bakermemorialchurch.org/fmarket.htm

Bob Leonard 5K Run & Walk-A-Thon is August 10. Enjoy scenic views of the Fox River in downtown St. Charles. There's also the Kids' Turtle Hurdle Obstacle Course. www.stcrivercorridor.org.

Fox Valley Marathon once again will start and finish in downtown St. Charles. Nearly 2,000 participants are expected at this Boston Marathon qualifier. The event begins at 7:00 a.m. on Sept. 22. www.foxvalleymarathon.com

Scarecrow Fest will be held October 11-13. More than 150 hand-crafted scarecrows gather in downtown St. Charles during this annual, family-friendly, fall festival. Enjoy live entertainment, great food, numerous interactive children's activities and so much more! www.scarecrowfest.com

Holiday Homecoming and Electric Christmas Parade. Celebrate the holidays in downtown St. Charles during this free, fun-filled festive weekend. www.downtownstcharles.org



Transportation

INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS

I-90 (9 miles north)
I-88 (7.5 miles south)
I-355 (11 miles east)

STATE HIGHWAYS

IL 25 5th Ave./Riverside Ave.
IL 31 2nd St./Geneva Road
IL 38 Lincoln Highway/Roosevelt Road
IL 64 Main St./North Ave.

COUNTY HIGHWAYS

Kirk Road Kane County Highway 77
Randall Road Kane County Highway 34

RAIL

Geneva Metra Station, Union Pacific
West Line
(1.5 miles south)

PACE BUS LINES

St. Charles-Geneva Call n Ride

AIRPORTS

DuPage County Airport
(Eastern border of St. Charles)
O'Hare International Airport
(20 miles northeast)
Midway (35 miles southeast)



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#1 City for Families
St. Charles named by FamilyCircle 2011