



# THE DEN

News & Highlights from the City of St. Charles

May 2015  
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## Upcoming Meetings

To see a complete list of meetings go to [www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings)

- Youth Commission**  
5.4.15..... 6:00 pm
- City Council**  
5.4.15..... 7:00 pm
- Plan Commission**  
5.5.15..... 7:00 pm
- Corridor Improvement Commission**  
5.6.15..... 7:00 pm
- Historic Preservation Commission**  
5.6.15..... 7:00 pm
- Planning & Development**  
5.11.15..... 7:00 pm
- Tree Commission**  
5.14.15..... 7:00 pm
- Liquor Control Commission**  
5.18.15..... 4:30 pm
- Visitors Cultural Commission**  
5.18.15..... 5:15 pm
- City Council**  
5.18.15..... 7:00 pm
- Government Operations**  
5.18.15..... 7:05 pm
- Student Government Day**  
5.18.15..... 7:05 pm
- Plan Commission**  
5.19.15..... 7:00 pm
- Historic Preservation Commission**  
5.20.15..... 7:00 pm
- Housing Commission**  
5.21.15..... 7:00 pm
- Government Services**  
5.26.15..... 7:00 pm



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## Welcome Alderman Steve Gaugel

*Alderman 4th Ward*



Steve Gaugel was elected Alderman of the 4th Ward in the Consolidated Election April 7.

Steve grew up in St. Charles,

attending St. Charles schools from kindergarten through high school. A graduate of the University of Illinois, he currently works in the Procurement Department at Fermilab.

This is not Steve's first experience serving the community. He was a member of the Comprehensive Plan Task Force from 2011 to 2013 and then

was appointed to the Plan Commission in January 2014.

Steve and his wife, Jennifer, have four children, Elizabeth, Julia, Charlie and Brigita. Steve has been active in coaching baseball, softball and football with his kids teams, and enjoys attending all their activities.

He also is an avid jazz fan who once played the saxophone in a band that opened for Ray Charles at the Norris Cultural Arts Center.

### Looking forward to...

"I enjoy one-on-one interaction and feel it's critical to bring the concerns of the residents to the Council. Also, I

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## And Welcome Back Returning Aldermen

*Welcome back to our returning aldermen, elected in the April 7 Consolidated Election:*

Daniel P. Stellato  
*Alderman Ward 1*



Todd A. Bancroft  
*Alderman Ward 3*



Rita Anne Payleitner  
*Alderman Ward 2*



Ed Bessner  
*Alderman Ward 5*



Farewell to Alderman Martin and  
New & Returning Aldermen to be Sworn In  
May 4, 7 p.m., City Council Chambers

# welcome!

## NEW BUSINESSES

### DOWNTOWN

#### Clear Perspective Advisors

202 W. Main St.  
630.780.1710

#### Shakou St. Charles

(Japanese Restaurant)  
312 W. Main St.  
630.444.0850

### EAST GATEWAY

#### Clear Insight Benefits Consulting, Inc.

451 Dunham Rd., Ste. F  
630.496.8200

#### INBusiness Consulting

857 Pheasant Trail  
630.240.9241

### EAST GATEWAY - INDUSTRIAL

#### Performance Heating & Air, Inc.

(HVAC Contractor)  
602 Sidwell Ct., Unit R  
630.762.3950

### WEST GATEWAY

#### Shangri-La Massage & Spa

2015 Dean St., Ste. 7  
630.605.8360

#### ICon Building & Supply, Inc.

(Carpentry)  
720 N. 17th St., Ste. 5  
630.587.6546

#### Eyelevel Learning Center

2422 W. Main St., Ste. 3B  
630.888.5846

#### Bull Creek Investments, LLC

1005 W. Main St.  
630.217.8271



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## Alderman Gaugel

look forward to being a part of shaping the future of St. Charles.”

### About serving on City Council...

“I felt it was important to run for City Council because citizen involvement in local government is vital to a vibrant community. I don’t have an agenda. I simply want to make sure things are done right and in a fiscally responsible manner. I have been involved in multi-million dollar procurements at Fermilab and know what it takes to get the best value for taxpayers dollars.”

## What you want everyone to know about St. Charles...

St. Charles is an outstanding place to live, work, and play. St. Charles has many diverse neighborhoods and offers housing for everyone. Some of the top employers in the region are here both in our industrial business parks as well as our downtown. And with a vibrant arts scene from the Arcada and “Sculpture in the Park” to summer concerts at Lincoln Park and all our great restaurants, residents and visitors alike are never at a loss for things to do.”

## Have You Visited our List of Businesses on the Website?

As an active partner to the local business community, the City of St. Charles is always looking to assist with business promotion and raising the profile of our city. We know that our business community is a large part of what makes St. Charles so special. Here are a couple of ways that we are working to get the word out.

Did you know that all St. Charles businesses are listed on the City of St. Charles website? Staff constantly monitors the business community to ensure that all existing and new businesses are listed on the website with correct contact information. Follow this link, [www.stcharlesil.gov/business/listings](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/business/listings), to check out the City’s business listing.

We recognize how important current information is to both our existing and prospective businesses. So we are always updating the information on the City’s website. We recently refreshed our Community Profile page. This offers a summary of important demographic information for existing business and new businesses to use. The profile is available at [www.stcharlesil.gov/profile](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/profile).

For more information, contact us at [econdev@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:econdev@stcharlesil.gov) or 630.444.4093.

### DEMOGRAPHICS & FACTS



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

Households	
2019 Projection*	12,599
2014 Estimate*	12,493
2010 Census	12,424
Average Household Size*	2.56

Population	
2019 Projection*	33,533
2014 Estimate*	33,267
2010 Census	32,974

Income*	
Avg. Household	\$111,452
Median Household	\$84,300
Per Capita	\$42,189

\* Source: ESRI forecasts for 2014 and 2019

## Liquor Control Commission Expands to Oversee Tobacco and Massage Licensing

The City of St. Charles Liquor Control Commission is an advisory and hearing commission established under Mayor Raymond Rogina in July 2013. It provides input and guidance for alcohol licensing, including applications and renewals, violations, liquor code revisions, etc.

The Commission is comprised of the Mayor, who serves as Liquor Commissioner; two alderman, Rita Payleitner and Maureen Lewis; and two St. Charles residents, Charles “Chuck” Amenta, II, and Robert Gehm. The members are appointed by the Liquor Commissioner and serve a four-year term.

In recent months, the role of the Liquor Commission has expanded to include tobacco and massage business licensing. The Municipal Code was revised to strengthen licensing provisions for both tobacco and massage businesses and to include due process for license violations. The Commission now also provides input and guidance for tobacco and massage business license applications and renewals, license violations, etc.

The Police Department works closely with the Commission for direction during code revision proposals or requests, and initial license applications or renewals. The Commission, in turn, often seeks input from Police

Department staff on alcohol, tobacco or massage-related issues. The result is an open dialog in a public forum as to how best to proceed. The Commission reviews the final presentation from staff, and makes a recommendation to proceed to Committee (of the whole) and ultimately to City Council for review and consideration. It is through this process that we are able to develop solutions that best represent the interests of both the community and the business owners.

For more information, contact the Police Department at [police@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:police@stcharlesil.gov) or 630.377.4435.

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## Commercial Solicitors Now Must Show City-Issued ID

The Police Department has made changes to the local ordinance regarding solicitors to help residents identify which solicitors have registered with the City.

Both charitable and commercial solicitors must register with the City before they can go door-to-door. In addition, charitable organizations must show the Police Department that they are registered with the State of Illinois as a charitable organization.

Commercial solicitors must go through a much more rigorous process. They must register each person who will be soliciting in the city limits. They also will be subject to a fingerprint background check. The biggest change for residents is that commercial solicitors will be required to display a photo identification card issued by the Police Department that will list the business name, solicitor name and date the permit expires.

### *Some general restrictions on solicitors:*

- Solicitors are required to check for notice that solicitors are not wanted at that residence. “No Solicitors Invited” cards are available at the police department for display on the front door.
- Soliciting may only be performed between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. No soliciting is allowed on Sundays or state and federal holidays.
- A commercial solicitor must prominently display the City-issued ID card.
- Any solicitor is required to depart immediately at the request of the resident.

Residents are encouraged to call 911 if they have any questions or complaints about a solicitor at their home. They may call the Police Department at 630.377.4435 for general questions about the new changes. [Applications for soliciting](#) are available on the City website, [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov).

For more information, contact the Police Department at [police@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:police@stcharlesil.gov) or 630.377.4435.

## City Receives Award for Preservation Efforts

*The City of St. Charles recently received the Star Award from the Preservation Partners of the Fox Valley for preserving the historic Jones Law Office and moving it to its new home in Camp Kane in Langum Park.*

The building once belonged to Steven Sandborn Jones, a lawyer, who moved to St. Charles in 1838 from Vermont. He is credited with proposing the town change its name from its original Charleston to St. Charles after he learned another Illinois town already had the Charleston name.

During the Civil War, the small law office building served as a holding cell for deserting soldiers. Evidence of the soldiers' presence is still apparent in the graffiti they left behind.

Fourth Ward Alderman Jo Krieger worked with the Camp Kane Heritage Foundation to make sure the building was preserved when the property it previously stood on was sold. "It was important to save the building because it is a major part of the history of St. Charles, with Jones being one of our founders, and of Kane County," Krieger said.

Alderman Krieger has a keen interest in history, especially Civil War History. Two of her great, great uncles fought side-by-side in the Civil War—and survived.



## Honoring Fallen Police Officers

*National Police Week is May 10-16*

This week is set aside to remember law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty and to thank officers who serve and protect our communities every day.

A Law Enforcement exhibition in honor of National Police Week will be on display in the Municipal Building window. Also, on May 13, the Kane County Chiefs of Police Association will hold their annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Ceremony at Mooseheart in Batavia.

## Come Out and Witness an Historic Reenactment

*Civil War Era 'Train the Troops' at Camp Kane in Langum Park*

Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Camp Kane Heritage Foundation and the 8th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry Regiment will present a day-long "Train the Troops" event at Camp Kane (lower portion of Langum Park, along Rt. 25) in St. Charles.

All are invited to this free event that will feature Civil War cavalry troops being put through actual drills, including uniform and weapons inspections, firing, saber and marching drills, and much more. "This is representative of life as lived by the original members of the 8th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry Regiment during the Civil War," explains Captain Jeff Johnson.

And not only can you watch the maneuvers, you can even participate in the training exercises. Free parking is available at the Langum Park parking lot on 7th Avenue. For more information, visit the Camp Kane Heritage Foundation website at [www.campkane.org](http://www.campkane.org).

**17th Annual**

**ST. CHARLES FINE ART SHOW**

- ◆ Live music through the weekend
- ◆ Artist Merit Awards
- ◆ Free Trolley Tours

**Memorial Day Weekend**  
**May 23 & 24**

Scott Wilson, Painting

## PLEASE NOTE

Refuse Collection will be delayed one day all week due to the Memorial Day Holiday Monday, May 25. Also, brush pick up will be conducted Tuesday, May 26.

## Scald Prevention Safety Tips

*A scald injury can happen at any age. Children, older adults and people with disabilities are especially at risk. Hot bath water, coffee and even microwaved soup can cause devastating injuries. Scald burns are the second leading cause of all burn injuries.*

### Safety Tips

- Teach children that hot things can burn. Install anti-scald devices on tub faucets and shower heads.
- Test the water at the faucet. It should be less than 100° F (38° C). Move your hand, wrist and forearm through the water. The water should feel warm, not hot, to touch.
- Place hot liquids and food in the center of a table or towards the back of a counter.
- Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Open microwaved food slowly, away from the face.
- Never hold a child while you are cooking, drinking a hot liquid, or carrying hot foods or liquids.
- Never heat a baby bottle in the microwave oven. Heat baby bottles in warm water from the faucet.
- Prepackaged microwaveable soups are a frequent cause of scald injuries (especially noodle soups) because they can easily tip over, pouring hot liquids (and noodles) on the person.

Source: National Fire Protection Association

For more information, contact the Fire Department at [630.377.4458](tel:630.377.4458).

## Changes to Water Conservation Ordinance

### Lawn Sprinkling Provisions

The City Council recently adopted several changes to the City’s Water Conservation Ordinance:

- Water Conservation requirements now apply year round.
- Hours for morning sprinkling are now 6 to 9 a.m.
- Hours for evening sprinkling are now 6 to 9 p.m.
- Installing sod, seed or landscaping will be prohibited in July and August. (Sod laying and seeded lawn installation permits are still required during permissible months.)
- Waste of Water Prohibited – This provision is to address water that runs in a continuous stream into any gutter, ditch, drain or street inlet while using water for restricted purposes, and does not allow spraying or sprinkling of streets and sidewalks.
- Progression of Fines – The new ordinance language allows for a progression of fines from \$50 for the first offense to \$100 for second offense and \$300 for third offense.

These changes assist with ongoing water conservation and sustainability efforts that help ensure future water supplies, and are consistent with neighboring cities. The City’s ordinance changes are also endorsed by the Northwest Planning Alliance, a group comprised of 80 communities to implement consistent water supply planning and conservation programs throughout the region.

## Remember to Keep Your Dogs on a Leash

Now that the weather is warming up, more people will be out biking, jogging or walking their dogs. Please remember that St. Charles does have a leash law that requires all pets to be on leashes while off the owner’s property, except in a designated off-leash area. The law is for everyone’s safety and enjoyment of our wonderful parks, trails and walkways.

Free off-leash dog areas are available at the East Side Sports Complex, James O. Breen Community Park, Fox River Bluff West and River Bend Community Park. For more information, visit the [St. Charles Park District](http://www.stcharlesil.gov) website.

## FEMA Improves its Severe Weather Alert App

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) launched a new feature to its free app that lets users receive weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations across the nation. This new feature allows users to receive alerts on severe weather happening anywhere in the country, making it easy to follow severe weather that may be threatening family and friends. This [quick video](#) explains more about the app. Download the app from your device’s app store. For more information, contact Paul Bumba, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, at [pbumba@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:pbumba@stcharlesil.gov) or [630.762.7091](tel:630.762.7091).

WEATHER THE STORM  
DOWNLOAD THE FEMA APP



# Installing a Lawn Irrigation System or Swimming Pool? You May Need a Backflow Preventer

The City's Plumbing Code calls for residents and businesses to have a backflow valve installed for certain water-connected equipment as an additional safety measure to guard against cross-connection and potential contamination of the city water supply.

Residential backflow preventers may be required on lawn irrigation systems, wet fire protection systems, hot water heating (boiler) systems, swimming pool fills, water features, etc. They also may be needed if there is another water source on the site such as a well, pond or river.

Typically, commercial and industrial customers will have backflow preventers just after the water meter, on wet fire protection systems, lawn

irrigation systems or other water connections throughout their facilities.

Lawn sprinkler systems will be starting up soon, and the City's Plumbing Code requires your backflow preventer be tested when the backflow preventer is re-installed every season. Testing is the responsibility of the resident or business and must be performed by a licensed tester. Most plumbing contractors are certified to test backflow preventers.

In addition, the City is required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to have a cross connection control tracking program in place. We are moving forward with an eco-friendly online program that will be conducted by Aqua Backflow of Elgin.

If you have or require backflow protection, you may be notified for compliance (testing, repairs, installations, inspections or surveys) by Aqua Backflow. They can be reached at [847.742.2296](tel:847.742.2296).

The St. Charles Cross Connection Control Program is designed to safeguard public health. We ask for your cooperation with the program, its enforcement, and any requests for information from Aqua Backflow or City staff. If you have any questions, contact the Public Works Department at [pw@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:pw@stcharlesil.gov) or [630.377.4918](tel:630.377.4918).

## St. Charles City Services & Resources Brochure Available in Spanish

The City of St. Charles has developed a brochure in Spanish that outlines some useful city services and important safety information. The brochure contains information based on questions the City has received from Spanish-speaking residents as well as other helpful information.

*"One of our priorities at the City is building quality relationships with our citizens and fostering a sense of community for all," said Mark Koenen, City Administrator. "We wanted to make sure our Spanish-speaking residents have access to the information that is included in this brochure."*

The brochure is available at these St. Charles locations:

- The City of St. Charles Municipal Building, 2 E. Main St./Police Department, 211 N. Riverside/Public Works, 200 Devereaux Way
- La Huerta Supermarket, Randall Plaza Shopping Center, 580 S. Randall Rd.
- Fast Lane Laundry, Randall Plaza Shopping Center, 576 Randall Rd.
- Los Burritos Mexicanos #3, 2125 W. Main St.
- The Jalapeno Grille, 602 Geneva Rd.
- Salsa Verde Mexican Restaurant & Taqueria, 1850 Lincoln Highway

It also is available on our website at [www.stcharlesil.gov/espanol](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/espanol). For more information, contact the City Administrator's Office at [cao@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:cao@stcharlesil.gov) or [630.377.4422](tel:630.377.4422).



### Los Servicios Comunitarios



#### Los servicios comunitarios de la ciudad de St. Charles

En la ciudad de St. Charles, una de nuestras prioridades es establecer relaciones de alta calidad con nuestros ciudadanos y promover un sentido de comunidad para todos. Se encuentra información general para los servicios de la ciudad y recursos en esta carta. Le pedimos que nos llame o nos visite si usted tiene cualquier pregunta o problema.

## How Does the City Prepare for Spring Storms?

April is famous for its showers; however May is historically the rainiest month of the year. As the weather warms and the springtime temperature fluctuations vary, the potential for severe weather increases.

While the City's Emergency Management Agency monitors the weather constantly to make sure we issue the necessary information and warnings regarding upcoming storms, our Public Works staff jump into action and make preparations as well.

Keeping a keen eye on the weather, Public Works staff take preemptive measures to keep the potential for flooding to a minimum by:

- Visually inspecting key infrastructure in advance of major forecasted events
- Performing extra street sweeping of catch basins in areas with flooding potential
- Inspecting streets & storm drains in trouble areas to be sure they are clear of debris
- Performing routine maintenance on equipment that may be needed during a storm
- Briefing on-call personnel and putting a tentative plan in place
- Reviewing key system checkpoints in conjunction with criteria for concern

The primary cause of power outages during storms are tree limbs that break and fall into the power lines. The City has an active tree trimming program but some trees grow faster than expected. Please report any tree limbs that hang over or are growing up into the power lines directly to the Electric Office at 630.377.4407.

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

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## Utility Scam Continues to Hit St. Charles Businesses

The City of St. Charles continues to receive reports of our utility customers – especially businesses – being the target of a scam. If you get a call from someone claiming to be from the City or ComEd demanding immediate payment for an overdue bill, hang up and report the incident to the Police Department 630.377.4435.

### Scam Details/Red Flags

- The scammer will say the bill is overdue and threaten electricity shut off.
- They will demand immediate payment over the phone either with a credit card, Green Dot Money Pak or PayPal.
- Often they even will provide a fake reference number for the transaction.
- The caller ID shows a phone number with an area code from out of the area.

### When the City Does Contact You

- The Caller ID will display “City of St. Charles.”
- The City of St. Charles does NOT request immediate payment over the phone.
- Credit card payments may only be made online through our website.
- For questions about your account status, contact Utility Billing during normal business hours at 630.377.4426 or [utilitybilling@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:utilitybilling@stcharlesil.gov).

## Memorial Day Activities

*Monday, May 25, 2015*

### Flag Raising - 6:00 a.m.

Baker Community Center, 101 S. Second Street

### Cemetery Ceremonies - 6:30 a.m.

Boy Scouts from Troop 1 will place flags on the gravesites of our veterans at each of the cemeteries in St. Charles. The cemetery ceremonies also include an honor guard, gun salute and posting of colors. The cemetery ceremonies will begin at the South Cemetery (east side of 7th Ave., north of Madison), then continue on to the North Cemetery (west side of IL 25/5th Ave, north of Johnor Ave.), and then conclude at the Union Cemetery (east side of IL 25/5th Ave., north of Stonehedge Road).

### Parade - 10:00 a.m.

The parade steps off at 6th St. & Main St., and continues to Riverside Ave.

### Memorial Ceremony Event - 10:45 a.m.

A special memorial ceremony at the Freedom Shrine will immediately follow the parade. It will take place along the river, west of the St. Charles Police Department, 211 N. Riverside Ave. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held inside the St. Charles Fire Station 1, at 112 N. Riverside Ave.

For more information, contact Mark Powell at 630.385.1948.



## 2015 Spring Hydrant Flushing Finishes in May

*Regular maintenance of the City's water distribution system includes annual hydrant flushing. Flushing, opening hydrants to allow water to flow rapidly through them, improves water quality and minimizes mineral build-up in the water mains. Hydrant flushing also ensures that hydrants are ready for emergency use.*



St. Charles is divided into four quadrants for hydrant flushing. Main Street (IL Rt. 64) divides the north/south quadrants, and the Fox River divides the east/west quadrants. Flushing may start as early as 5 a.m. and continue through 4 p.m. The hydrant flushing schedule for the final quadrant:

- Northeast (West of Dunham Road) – Monday, May 4 – Friday, May 8
- Northeast (East of Dunham Road) – Monday, May 11 – Friday, May 15

There is a [hydrant flushing map](#) on the City website [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov) which shows dates the areas will be flushed. You also may enter your address in My Neighborhood on the City's website for dates. Signs announcing hydrant flushing also will be posted prior to flushing.

**Water is safe to use and consume during hydrant flushing. However, if the water appears rust colored:**

- Limit water use.
- Once flushing has concluded, turn on the cold water tap until 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 remover at no cost at the following facilities:

Public Works, 200 Devereaux Way

City Hall, Reception Desk, 2 East Main Street

Police Department, 211 North Riverside Avenue

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

## Watering Permits for New Lawns

New lawns require special care until they are established. It's important for homeowners to apply for a Sod Laying and Seeded Lawn Installation Permit to allow extra watering for lawns with new seed or sod. The permit allows watering for 10 consecutive days, from 5 to 9 a.m. and 6 to 10 p.m. Display permit on a front window. Residents can obtain a permit for \$10 from Utility Billing Office in the Municipal Building, 630.377.4426 or at the Public Works Facility 630.377.4405.

## May 20 Blood Drive at City Hall

Mark your calendars for the City's next blood drive on May 20. Heartland Blood Center will bring their mobile donation bus to City Hall on May 20, 12 to 5 p.m. More than 500 blood donations are needed daily to treat patients in the Illinois and Indiana hospitals supplied by Heartland. If all blood donors would give four times a year, it would help prevent blood shortages. Donors can give blood about every 56 days because your blood cells are produced inside the bone marrow at a rate of 4-5 billion an hour. If you haven't given blood for a while or if you've never done it, consider signing up for this spring blood drive. This is truly a donation you can feel good about.

To make an appointment online (available later in April) or find out more about Heartland, go to <https://ht.heartlandbc.org/>. You also may call the Human Resources Department at 630-377-4446 or by email at [hr@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:hr@stcharlesil.gov) with questions or for scheduling assistance.



# National Public Works Week

May 17-23, 2015

**Public Works: Planning, building, managing and operating the heart of local communities while building quality of life.**

## On Street

### Parking Reminders

*Unless otherwise stipulated by a posted “No Parking” sign, parking is allowed on City streets. However there are parking time limits according to City Ordinance.*

- Vehicles cannot be parked on City streets for more than 24 consecutive hours. Vehicles must be moved from the street daily to help alleviate crowded streets, assist our Public Works Department in street sweeping and road maintenance, and most importantly, help our first responders by providing easier access.
- In addition, vehicles that do not show signs of being moved are in violation City Ordinance and are subject to a parking citation and possibly towing.

Be a good neighbor and follow our parking ordinances. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. For more information, contact the Police Department at [police@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:police@stcharlesil.gov) or 630.377.4435.

## Thunderstorm Safety Tips

The following precautions should be taken if you during a thunderstorm when you are unable to take shelter inside:

- Go into a vehicle with a solid metal roof. Close the windows, avoid contact with electrical conducting paths – such as the steering wheel, ignition, gear shifter or radio.
- Avoid water, high ground or open spaces.
- Do not seek shelter under tall, solitary trees; canopies; small picnic or rain shelters; or in any open-frame vehicles such as jeeps, convertibles, golf carts, tractors or mowers.
- Do not stand near power, light or flag poles; machinery; fences; gates; metal bleachers; or even other people. If in a group, spread out so that you are at least 20 feet apart.
- If your skin tingles or your hair stands on end, lightning may be about to strike. Squat down low to the ground with your head between your knees making yourself the smallest target possible.

If a person is struck by lightning, call 911 and care for the victim immediately. You are not in danger of being electrocuted by the victim.

Lightning can strike up to 10 miles from the area in which it is raining and you do not have to see clouds. This means that if you can hear thunder, you’re within striking distance, and it is time to take safe shelter. When the storm is over wait 30 minutes after the last lightning strike you see before going out.

Source: [Safeelectricity.org](http://Safeelectricity.org)

## Building Improvement and Floodplain Management Standards

The National Flood Insurance Program requires that if the cost of improvements to a building or the cost to repair damages (from any cause) to a building exceeds 50% of the market value of the building (excluding land value), the entire building must

be brought up to current floodplain management standards. Building improvement projects include exterior and interior remodeling, rehabilitation, additions, repairs and reconstruction projects. Additionally, the cost of currently planned improvements will

be added to the cost of previously made improvements and compared to the existing market value to determine if the improvements exceed 50% of the structure’s value. Please contact the Public Works Engineering Division at [630.377.4486](tel:630.377.4486) for further information.



**GO LOCAL** – There’s plenty of delicious and healthy food right in your neighborhood. Support your local farmers while enjoying fresh produce and organically grown goodies. Stop at your local farmer’s market to find healthy choices.

### Subscribe

Encourage a friend to sign up for their own copy of **The Den** at [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov) and click on [Subscribe to City eNews](#)

### Connect with Us

Connect with the city right from your mobile device. Download our St. Charles Connect app at [www.stcharlesil.gov/connect](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/connect)

## America in Bloom Chooses Planting Colors

The St. Charles America in Bloom Committee is digging right in to prepare our community for the 2015 America in Bloom national awards program. America in Bloom promotes nationwide beautification through education and community involvement by encouraging the use of flowers, plants and trees, and making other environmental and lifestyle enhancements.

From July 12-14, two program judges will be in St. Charles touring floral displays and landscaped areas. They also will be reviewing heritage preservation, urban forestry and environmental efforts, in addition to the overall community impression.

The Committee has been hard at work preparing for the judging by finalizing plans and completing the required documentation.

Pink, purple, white and yellow have been chosen as the colors for the program’s plantings. Considering these colors as you plant your spring flowers and be a part of the effort!

Volunteers are always welcome. For more information, contact Steve Amatangelo at [Steve.amatangelo@sartorius-intec.com](mailto:Steve.amatangelo@sartorius-intec.com) or 630.338.7085; Diane Cullen at [dianecullen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianecullen@sbcglobal.net) or 630.377.3555; or Maureen Lewis at [mlewis@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:mlewis@stcharlesil.gov) or 630.584.4622.

## Brush Pick-Up Schedule

EAST SIDE	WEST SIDE
May 18	May 26*
June 15	June 22
July 20	July 27
Aug 17	Aug 24
Sept 21	Sept 28
Oct 19	Oct 26

### November: No Pick Up

\*Pick up is Tuesday due to the Memorial Day Holiday  
 \*\* There is no pick up in November.

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](tel: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](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/services/brush). For more information, contact the Public Works Department at [pw@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:pw@stcharlesil.gov) or [630.377.4405](tel:630.377.4405).

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