



## Upcoming Meetings

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

- Youth Commission**  
10.5.15.....6:00 pm
- City Council**  
10.5.15.....7:00 pm
- Government Operations**  
10.5.15.....7:05 pm
- Plan Commission**  
10.6.15.....7:00 pm
- Historic Preservation Commission**  
10.7.15.....7:00 pm
- Planning & Development**  
10.12.15.....7:00 pm
- Joint Tree Commission**  
10.14.15.....7:00 pm
- Housing Commission**  
10.15.15.....7:00 pm
- Liquor Control Commission**  
10.19.15.....4:30 pm
- City Council**  
10.19.15.....7:00 pm
- Government Operations**  
10.19.15.....7:05 pm
- Plan Commission**  
10.20.15.....7:00 pm
- Historic Preservation Commission**  
10.21.15.....7:00 pm
- Government Services**  
10.26.15.....7:00 pm



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## First Ground Broken on First Street Phase 3

*ALE Solutions celebrated the groundbreaking, Sept. 14, of their new corporate headquarters in First Street Building #1, marking the beginning of construction on First Street Phase 3. ([View the project site plan.](#))*



Mayor Rogina, Ward 1 Alderman Dan Stellato, Ward 5 Alderman Maureen Lewis, City Administrator Mark Koenen and City staff join ALE Solutions' Rowena Zimmers, President & Owner; and Robert Zimmers, CEO; along with several company representatives at the First Street groundbreaking Sept. 14.

Building #1 will be located on the northeast corner of Illinois and First streets and will contain ALE Solutions office space on the upper floors, street level retail space and private underground parking. Anticipated completion is late summer 2016. It is the first of three private buildings to be constructed as part of Phase 3 of the redevelopment. Construction fencing has been placed around the site and earthwork has begun.

The temporary gravel parking lot east of First Street is closed. A parking area is open north of the site, across from the plaza. Angled parking spaces along the east side of First Street will be closed periodically during the construction. Also three-hour parking on the first level of the existing parking deck has been limited temporarily to 90-minute parking, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The [City's Downtown Parking Map](#) illustrates alternate parking options. Construction of the public parking garage east of Building #1 is scheduled to begin later this fall.

For more information, visit the project's website at [www.1ststreetstc.org](http://www.1ststreetstc.org). Or, contact the Community & Economic Development Department at 630.377.4443, or email [1ststreet@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:1ststreet@stcharlesil.gov).

# welcome! NEW BUSINESSES

## CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

### Values Based Psychiatry LLC

Mental Health Services

22 N 4th St.

630.247.0570

## EAST GATEWAY

### B & R Sporting Goods, Inc.

Ice Hockey Equip. Retailer

220 S. Kirk Rd.

630-232-2165

## EAST GATEWAY - INDUSTRIAL

### Brian Feltes & Associates, Inc.

Insurance Services

2435 Dean St., Ste. D

630-762-9090

### Cunningham Trade Systems, LLC

Software

731 N 17th St., Ste. 1

312-939-0164

### Stair Guy

Stair Carpentry

3N505 17th St., Ste. A

630-742-2573



## North 5th Avenue (IL Rt. 25) Water Main Replacement Project Completion Delayed

*Earlier this year, the City launched a large-scale project to replace the water main on North 5th Ave, (IL Rt. 25). Original project completion was slated for September. Due to the scope and complexity of this project, and some unforeseen circumstances and weather delays, project completion has been pushed back to later this fall.*

### Project Scope

The project includes replacement of 5,400 feet of water main, along with auxiliary items such as fire hydrants, valves and vault boxes. Also being replaced are water mains on Iroquois Ave. between North 5th and 3rd avenues, and on Allen Lane between North 5th Avenue east to the dead end. These sections have a history of water main breaks. Therefore this project will significantly improve reliability in all of these areas.

### Road Patching

There are areas of the project that need to be opened and accessed more than once throughout the course of the project. These areas are covered with temporary patches, some of which are deteriorating. The contractor will examine the roads and fix any patches in need of maintenance.

### Site Clean Up

The contractor also will clean up the right of way and other work areas, removing debris and construction materials that are not needed for future work.

This project is vital to maintaining safe and reliable service to residents. We apologize for the inconvenience and ask for your continued patience.

Please check our website, [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov), and click on the City Projects tab on the front page for weekly project updates. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at [pw@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:pw@stcharlesil.gov) or **630.377.4405**.

## Chamber News

*Check out these St. Charles Chamber of Commerce events in October.*

*For more information, visit [www.stcharleschamber.com](http://www.stcharleschamber.com).*

**Wednesday, October 14th @ 11:30 am – 1 pm**

Legislative Luncheon– City of St. Charles Update

Royal Fox Country Club, 4405 Royal & Ancient Drive, STC

**Thursday, October 22nd @ 11:30 am-1:30 pm**

WBC Business Luncheon

Nuova Italia Ristorante, 18 N. 4th Street, STC

**Thursday, October, 29th @ 4:30-6:30 pm**

YPC Foxtoberfest Craft Beer Tasting Event

Riverside Pizza & Pub, 102 E. Main Street, STC

## The Latest Issue of Police Beat is Out

The St. Charles Police Department Crime Prevention newsletter, **Police Beat**, is out. The newsletter offers helpful crime prevention tips, public safety information and police news. Read it [online](#). For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Bill Tynan at [btynan@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:btynan@stcharlesil.gov).



## Come to the Fire Department Open House Oct. 4

*Sunday, Oct. 4, noon to 3 p.m. at Fire Station 1, 112 N. Riverside Ave.*

There will be something for everyone, including tours of the fire station, a Kid's Firefighter Challenge, equipment displays and safety exhibits from participating vendors. The Department's Special Teams will demonstrate extrication equipment, technical rescue operations and dive operations.

Registration for CPR classes (fee required) will be available, along with sign up for the Vial of Life Project that makes it easy to share important medical information with first responders during an emergency. The program will conclude with a live burn demonstration that highlights the effect of interior sprinklers in controlling building fires.

Please join us to for an afternoon focused on fun and safety education--and don't forget to save room for hot dogs and popcorn. For more information, contact the St. Charles Fire Department at [630.377.4458](tel:630.377.4458).



## Fire Prevention Week October 4-10, 2015

*"Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs A Working Smoke Alarm"*

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire in 1871 and is the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

This year's theme, **"Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm,"** emphasizes that every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm. If you didn't know that, you're not alone. An online questionnaire distributed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) showed that less than half (42 percent) of approximately 36,000 respondents did not know that a smoke alarm should be installed in each bedroom.

According to NFPA statistics, half of all U.S. home fire deaths occur at night between the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00 am, when people are most likely to be sleeping. Having a working smoke alarm in the home cuts the risk of dying in a fire in half. More at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) or contact the St. Charles Fire Department at [630.377.4458](tel:630.377.4458).

## Scarecrow Fest is October 9-11

*Come Out and Celebrate the 30th Anniversary*

Stroll among 150 hand-crafted scarecrows on display during the festival. Also enjoy live entertainment, the Soda Pop Tour featuring over 100 old fashioned sodas, Coca-Cola traveling museum, an arts and crafts show, carnival, petting zoo, delicious food and much more. Presented by the Greater St. Charles Convention and Visitors Bureau. [www.scarecrowfest.com](http://www.scarecrowfest.com). Sponsored by Insurance by AAA, Fox Valley GMC, Rocket Fizz, along with many other local organizations. And while you're there, be sure to look for the City's scarecrow commemorating this special anniversary. Want to be a part of this iconic event? Become a Scarecrow Fest volunteer today! Contact [info@jmfevents.com](mailto:info@jmfevents.com).



## St. Charles Police: "Thank You for Your Support"

The St. Charles Police Department is grateful for the show of support for the difficult work officers perform every day.

Two St. Charles East students were kind enough to drop off a cake at the Police Department on 9/11.



This sign and ribbons greeted our officers upon their return from the memorial services for Fox Lake's Lt. Charles Gliniewicz.

### Public Works Fact:

**Q:** Why does the City flush fire hydrants?

**A:** Hydrant flushing is the controlled, quick release of water from the City's fire hydrants. Hydrant flushing is important for the general maintenance of the City's water distribution system, and ensures adequate water flow is available to fire fighters, residents and businesses. Hydrant flushing also removes sediment from the water mains (distribution pipes) which, although it temporarily makes the water appear rust-colored, it helps maintain the City's water clarity and quality.



**Please Note:** Yard waste bag pickup by Advanced Disposal ends December 1, 2015. Collection will resume April 2016

## Fall Hydrant Flushing Underway Flushing Can Make Water Look Rusty

*Hydrant flushing improves water quality and minimizes mineral build-up in the water mains. It also ensures that hydrants are ready for emergency use.*

### Fall Hydrant Flushing Schedule

**Sept. 28 – Oct. 2** - Hydrant flushing begins on the west side of the Fox River south of the Timbers subdivision, continuing south to Gray Street and west to North/South 16th Street.



**Oct. 5 - 9** – Hydrant flushing begins on the east side of the river south of Iroquois Avenue, continuing south to Division Street and east to North/South 14th Avenue.

Watch for signs announcing hydrant flushing in specific areas. Flushing may start as early as 5 a.m. and continue through 4 p.m. For approximate dates in your neighborhood, visit the [My Neighborhood](#) section of the City website. View the [Hydrant Flushing Map](#).

Water is safe to use and consume during hydrant flushing, but may temporarily appear rust-colored.

- Try to limit water use during hydrant flushing.
- If water is rust-colored, wait until flushing has subsided, then turn on the cold water tap until water runs clear.
- Rust-colored water may stain laundry. Keep stained clothes wet and treat them with stain remover, available free of charge at Public Works, 1405 South 7th Ave.; Municipal Building Reception Desk, 2 East Main St.; Police Department, 211 North Riverside Ave.

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

# Mums the Word for Fall

Mayor Rogina (pictured below) thanks the Pottawatomie Garden Club for the beautiful mums and other fall plantings around the Municipal Center.



## 2015 Leaf Pick Up Schedule



EAST SIDE	WEST SIDE
Oct. 27	Nov. 2
Nov. 6	Nov. 12
Nov. 18	Nov. 23

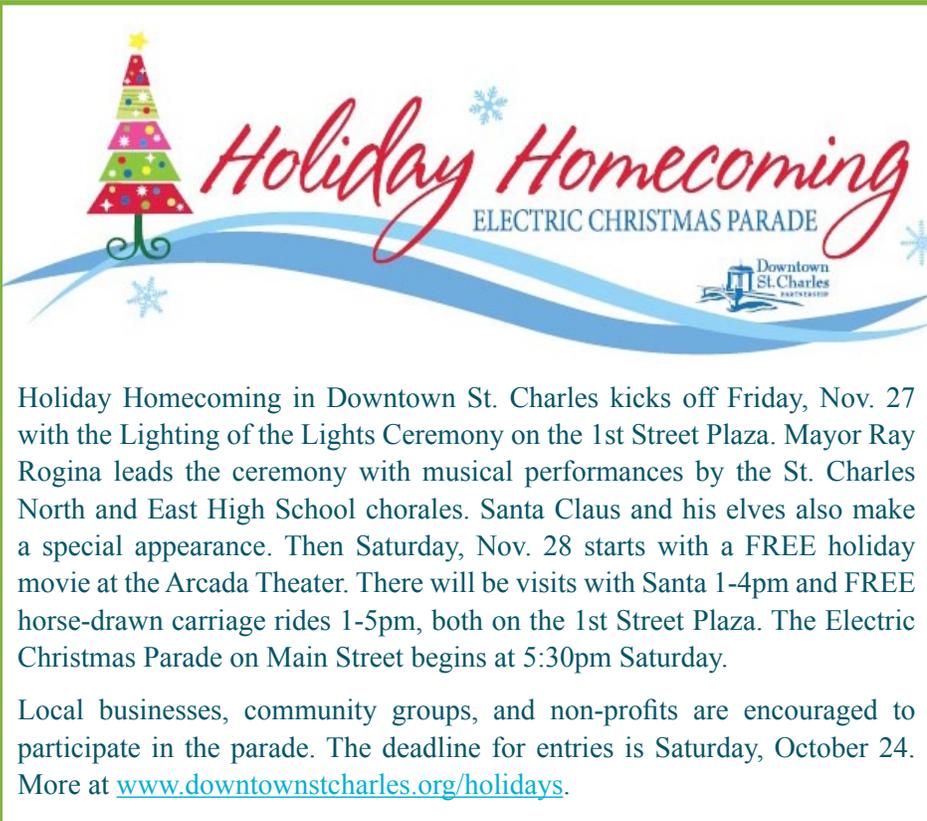
**Please Note:** Pick up is not available for Cumberland Green, Whittington Course, Royal Fox private streets, Dunham Place Commons, Delnor Townhomes, Delnor Glen Drive, Willowgate, Viewpointe, Wildrose Springs Townhomes, Auburn Court, Benham Court, and Oak Crest.

The leaf pick up program runs similarly to the brush pick up program, with the collection areas divided into east and west sides of the river. Leaves must be on the parkway by 6:30 a.m. on your area’s designated day of pick up, but it may take three to four days before the leaves are picked up in your specific area.

### Leaf Collection Tips

- Leaf piles will not be picked up if obstructed by parked vehicles or other obstacles. The piles will be picked on your next scheduled pick up when the obstruction is removed.
- Please keep approximately 10’ between leaf piles and permanent structures e.g., fire hydrants, trees, streetlight poles, etc.
- Rake leaves in a row parallel to the street at least 1’ back from the curb and off of the sidewalk.
- Inclement weather or a large volume of leaves could alter the leaf pickup schedule.
- **Pushing leaves into the street is a violation of City Ordinance, punishable by a fine up to \$500.00 for each offense.**
- Leaf piles will not kill grass although they may cause it to discolor.
- Avoid raking foreign materials into leaf piles as these could damage equipment or injure personnel.
- This program is funded by a portion of the fee collected on the utility bill of **eligible homeowners living within the city limits of St. Charles**. Check your utility bill or call Utility Billing at **630.377.4426** if you have a question regarding your eligibility for this program.
- The residential leaf collection schedule and updates are on the City website at [www.stcharlesil.gov/services/leaf](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/services/leaf). A [Leaf Collection Map](#) also is available. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at **630.377.4405** or [pw@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:pw@stcharlesil.gov).

Also, yard waste bag pickup by Advance Disposal ends the week of November 24.



**Holiday Homecoming**  
ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS PARADE

Holiday Homecoming in Downtown St. Charles kicks off Friday, Nov. 27 with the Lighting of the Lights Ceremony on the 1st Street Plaza. Mayor Ray Rogina leads the ceremony with musical performances by the St. Charles North and East High School chorales. Santa Claus and his elves also make a special appearance. Then Saturday, Nov. 28 starts with a FREE holiday movie at the Arcada Theater. There will be visits with Santa 1-4pm and FREE horse-drawn carriage rides 1-5pm, both on the 1st Street Plaza. The Electric Christmas Parade on Main Street begins at 5:30pm Saturday.

Local businesses, community groups, and non-profits are encouraged to participate in the parade. The deadline for entries is Saturday, October 24. More at [www.downtownstcharles.org/holidays](http://www.downtownstcharles.org/holidays).

## Public Power Week Celebrates Local Service

St. Charles is one of more than 2,000 community electric utilities across the nation that provides not-for-profit electric service to its citizens. National Public Power Week, Oct. 4-10, recognizes electric utility staff for operating and maintaining a reliable, efficient electric service and delivering excellent customer service.



## We Support "CASAtober"

City employees are again hosting a special initiative in October to benefit CASA Kane County. In addition to our own, internal weekly "Jeans Fridays" to raise funds for CASA, we're holding a bake sale and raffle. Yummy treats baked by City employees will be available for sale in the lobby of the Municipal Building October 30 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Raffle tickets also will be available for \$3 each. Prizes include Steele Beam and Fox Valley Repertory theatre tickets, a turkey from Blue Goose, gift baskets, and more. If you would like to donate to CASA Kane County this month and help us meet our goal of \$1,500, donation boxes also will be available at City buildings. All proceeds benefit CASA Kane County, a nonprofit, volunteer organization that advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children within the Juvenile Court system. In 2014, the program's 281 volunteers served 587 children throughout Kane County.

CASAtober events raise not only needed funds, but awareness too. Businesses interested in partnering with CASA may contact Lori Hewitt, Director of Development, at **630.444-3107**. Learn more at [www.casakanecounty.org](http://www.casakanecounty.org).

For questions about the bake sale and raffle, contact the City's Human Resources Department at **630.377.4446**.



## 2% Can Really Add Up

*The State's 2% Foreign Fire Insurance Tax is one fiscally responsible way the St. Charles Fire Department continues to improve service to the community.*

St. Charles, like all other municipalities in Illinois, has a Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board to receive and account for revenues disbursed from the 2% tax the state places on fire insurance policies sold by foreign (out of state) insurance companies. The Illinois Municipal League collects the tax from insurance companies and annually distributes them to fire departments across the state. Distributions are based on the size of the fire department. For St. Charles, that usually amounts to \$68,000-\$74,000 each year.

The St. Charles Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board, comprised of sworn members of the Fire Department elected to the post by their peers, has strict rules as to what the funds can be used for. "The meetings of the Board are open and the request approval process is completely transparent," said Fire Chief Joe

Schelstreet. "It is a fiscally conservative board that adopts a budget and considers each request carefully."

"The Foreign Fire Insurance Fund is one way we have been able to fund special teams and important equipment purchases rather than costing the City or taxpayer," continued Chief Schelstreet. "We are always looking for ways to improve our service to the community, while keeping a watchful eye on costs."

Some notable projects funds provided assistance for last year include:



Airboat for river rescues



Dive team safety equipment



Brush truck

For more information, contact Chief Schelstreet at [jschelstreet@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:jschelstreet@stcharlesil.gov) or 630.377.4458

## Utility Billing Drop Box Locations

The City offers five convenient locations for you to drop off your electric, water or sewer bill payments. You also can pay your utility bill online. Sign up at [www.stcharlesil.gov/services/utilities](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/services/utilities). Contact Utility Billing for more at 630.377.4426 or [utilitybilling@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:utilitybilling@stcharlesil.gov).



North Municipal Building Parking Lot



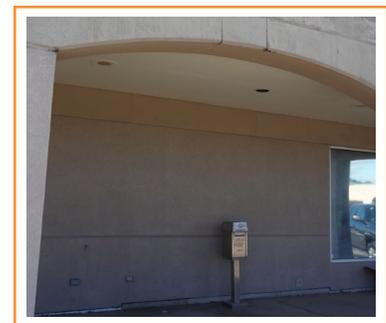
Foxfield Commons Shopping Center on E. Main St., in front of SuperCuts



Slot in the door near south entrance of the Municipal Building



Utility Billing office in the Municipal Building



Southwest corner of the Valley Shopping Center on W. Main St.

# October is the Final Brush Pick Up for the Year

<b>EAST SIDE</b>	<b>WEST SIDE</b>
Oct. 19	Oct. 26
Nov. No Pick Up	

Collection is available to residents who live within the City of St. Charles limits.

Brush (branches at least 3 feet in length and less than 12 inches in diameter) must be placed on the parkway, in front of your house (or along the frontage where refuse/recycling is collected), cut ends facing the street before 7 a.m. on Monday of the scheduled pick up (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday). **Please note:** Pick up in your area may take 3 to 4 days to complete. Don't park in front of the piles, crews will be unable to pick up the brush. More at [www.stcharlesil.gov/services/brush](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/services/brush). Or contact the Public Works Department at [pw@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:pw@stcharlesil.gov) or **630.377.4405**.

# Halloween is Saturday, October 31 "Trick or Treating" 3-7 P.M.



## Congratulations Trivia Contest Winners!



Congratulations to the winners of the St. Charles Municipal Building 75th Anniversary Trivia Contest: Ken Hildreth, Ross Wiegert and Tom Castronovo. Ken scored 100% and Ross and Tom's names were drawn from a group of five who missed only one question. Each winner received a \$10 Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificate to use at participating businesses in St. Charles, an I ❤️ St. Charles mug from the History Museum and of course, bragging rights.

For those of you scoring at home, here are the answers to the Trivia Questions:

- The main floor on the east side of the building used to house a bus terminal.  
**True**
- What local organization used to be located on the ground floor of the Municipal Building behind the tower?  
**The St. Charles History Museum**
- Before the Municipal Building was built, the site was used for a:  
**Mill**

- The Municipal Building was one of several generous gifts from St. Charles' well-known Norris & Baker families. How much did it cost to build it in 1940?  
**\$250,000**
- One of the innovative features of the building was its lighting design; it was the first permanent building to use fluorescent tube lighting.  
**True**

6. If you look up at the tower from within, you will see architect R. Harold Zook's design trademark. What is it?

**A spider web**

7. The striking tower is octagonal in shape and features stained glass windows, pierced grillwork, and a diamond shaped translucent top. How tall does it stand from base to top?  
**84 ft.**

8. How was the Hotel Baker at one time connected to the Municipal Building?

**A wire connecting the hotel's organ to a loud speaker in the tower**

9. The Municipal Building was recognized by the U. S. Department of the Interior as a Historic Place on February 21, 1991.

**True**

10. A mural depicting the history of St. Charles currently is on display in building's lobby. In what year was it painted?

**1998**

## City of St. Charles Directory

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