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St. Charles to Host Memorial Day Activities May 27 ***Parade Down Main Street Steps Off at 10 a.m.***

ST. CHARLES, III. (May 8, 2024) – Show respect for our troops who have given their lives in service to our country and thank our local veterans at the St. Charles Memorial Day events Monday, May 27. Activities include cemetery ceremonies, a parade, and a memorial service, and a community breakfast fundraiser.

“I look forward to an outpouring of community support for our fallen service men and women at the Memorial Day activities in St. Charles,” said Mayor Lora Vitek. “Events like these are so important to remember, recognize, and show respect for all those who have sacrificed their lives in the service of our nation.”

Schedule of Events

Flag Raising and Cemetery Ceremonies - 6 a.m.

The ceremony begins at Baker Community Center, 101 S. 2nd St., with the Boy Scouts posting colors, an Honor Guard and an honorary gun salute. Boy Scout Troops will then lead Flag Ceremonies beginning at the South Cemetery (east side of 7th Ave., north of Madison), continue on to the North Cemetery (west side of IL 25/5th Ave, north of Johnor Ave.), then conclude at the Union Cemetery (east side of IL 25/5th Ave., north of Stonehedge Road).

Veterans Community Breakfast Fundraiser – 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The St Charles Veterans are hosting a Veterans Community Breakfast Fundraiser at Baker Memorial Church, 307 Cedar Ave. All are invited; the cost is \$5 per person. For all current and former fire, police, uniformed scouts, emergency services, and military/veterans, the breakfast is FREE as a thank you for your service.

Parade - 10 a.m.

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

Memorial Service - 10:45 a.m.

A special memorial service will immediately follow the parade at the Freedom Shrine along the river, west of the former 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.

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The Memorial Service is led by Event Coordinator Lt. Colonel Mark Powell, (Ret.) and will include Mayor Lora Vitek reading the Annual Proclamation, a Keynote Address, and “Taps” will be played. For more information, contact Powell at mark.powell6444@gmail.com or 630.329.6444.

About the City of St. Charles

The City of St. Charles, Illinois, is guided by the three driving principles in its Mission: *Service. Tradition. Community.* Together, these principles create a thriving environment for people who live or visit here, and for businesses to prosper. Our City has gained national recognition as a family-friendly town and wide acclaim for its architecture, living up to its nickname *Pride of the Fox*. Conveniently located 35 miles west of Chicago, in Kane and northwestern DuPage counties, St. Charles is home to 33,000 residents and a balanced mix of more than 2,000 businesses that employ approximately 28,700 people. More at www.stcharlesil.gov, and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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