Welcome Alderman David Pietryla

Alderman Ward 4

David Pietryla was elected Ward 4 Alderman in the April 2, 2019, election. A long-time resident, David moved to St. Charles as a teenager in 1995. Prior to being elected alderman in 2019, he served on the St. Charles Plan Commission and Housing Commission for nearly two years, having previously served on the St. Charles Corridor Improvement Commission from 2013-2016.

David is a current member of the St. Charles Breakfast Rotary Club, serving as president for the 2018-2019 term. He also currently serves on the D303 Education Foundation Board of Directors and served as vice president of the St. Charles History Board of Directors from 2018-2019. David is a parishioner at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

A graduate of St. Charles High School, David holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a master’s degree from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He is currently manager of community affairs at Nicor Gas.

And Welcome Back Returning Alderman

Welcome back to our returning alderman, re-elected in the April 2, 2019, election:

Daniel P. Stellato
Alderman Ward 1

Rita Anne Payleitner
Alderman Ward 2

Todd A. Bancroft
Alderman Ward 3

Ed Bessner
Alderman Ward 5

Farewell to Alderman Steve Gaugel and New & Returning Aldermen to be Sworn In at the May 6 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. in Council Chambers

Special guests State Senator Don DeWitte and State Representative Dan Ugaste also will be there to recognize St. Charles Police Officer Jen Larsen for being named Kane County Officer of the Year after saving a baby’s life.
Community Offers Ideas for the Downtown Comprehensive Plan at Open House

An Estimated 200 People Attended

Development opportunities potentially will be available in the downtown—the Police Department relocating is one example. To prepare for this, the City is updating a portion of its 2013 Comprehensive Plan that focuses on the area shown.

We reached out to the community for their input and were very pleased with the response. An estimated 200 area residents, and property and business owners came out to an Open House April 24 to offer feedback on several issues and learn more about potential opportunities for this downtown area. The event was hosted by the City’s Community & Economic Development Department. We appreciate the input and are compiling the information gathered into a report for the Plan Commission to review at an upcoming public meeting.

Interactive Exercises Kept the Ideas Flowing

Land Use Mapping
Participants identified their preference for how land within the study area should be used in the future—residential, commercial, mixed-use, office, parking or open space.

Visual Preference Survey
Attendees viewed images showing different types of developments and ranked their preferences of examples in each category—residential, commercial, mixed-use, open space, parking, and streetscapes.

Development Visioning Map
Participants indicated what they wanted to see preserved or changed within the study area, or provided a location-specific comment. Everything from the old railroad bridge to iconic structures like the Municipal Building was under review.

Active River Concept
Concept plans for the Active River project were on display and comments were collected.

More photos are on our flickr page. For more information, visit the project webpage or contact the Community & Economic Development Department at 630.377.4443 or cd@stcharlesil.gov.
Honoring Fallen Police Officers

National Police Week is May 12-18

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.

Stop by the Municipal Building window to see a special display honoring National Police Week. Also, on May 8, the Kane County Chiefs of Police Association will hold their annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Ceremony at Mooseheart in Batavia.

Please join us in welcoming our new officers to the St. Charles Police Department: Matt Kraus, Joe Bonifas, Bryce Rentschler and Tom Fawkes. The four were sworn in at the April 15 City Council Meeting.

Free Document Shredding at the Police Department

Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. to Noon

This event is for individuals only. Sorry, no businesses please. Do you have confidential paperwork at home that needs to be properly and securely destroyed? Bring it to the FREE document shredding event at the St. Charles Police Station, 211 N. Riverside Ave. The City’s shredding contractor, ProShred, will set up in the Police Department parking lot. The event is sponsored by the Police Department and the Kane County Teacher’s Credit Union. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Jim Burden at 630.443.3835 or jburden@stcharlesil.gov.

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The Latest Issue of Police Beat is Out

The Police Department Crime Prevention newsletter is out. It offers helpful crime prevention tips, public safety information and police news. Read it online. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Jim Burden at jburden@stcharlesil.gov.

Know a Student Who’s Interested in Police Work?

Sign Them Up for the Youth Police Academy This Summer! Applications are Due June 6

The St. Charles Police Department will host its Youth Police Academy June 10-14. Students accepted into this program will learn about law enforcement in a fun, friendly, hands-on environment. Several topics will be covered:

• How to become a police officer
• Personal safety, Internet safety, bullying
• Crime scene evidence collection and more
• Tours of the police and fire departments
• Free CPR by the St. Charles Fire Dept, sponsored by the St. Charles Youth Commission
• A day at the Kane County Judicial Center for classes led by state’s attorneys and judges

The Academy classes meet from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are open to the first 25 District 303 students, ages 13 to 16, who register. Applications are available on our website. Or pick one up at any St. Charles high school or middle school, or at the front desk of the Police Department, 211 N. Riverside Ave. Contact Crime Prevention Officer Jim Burden for more information at jburden@stcharlesil.gov or 630.443.3835.
Why Do We **Sweep the Streets?**

*Community Beautification is Just the Beginning…*

Spring marks the beginning of the City of St. Charles’ Street Sweeping Program. Sure sweeping the streets makes our city look nice and clean. But street sweeping also has a number of environmental, health, and safety benefits. When we clean the streets, we remove both organic and inorganic materials from the roadway that will eventually find their way into our storm sewers and river ecosystem. By removing contaminates like petroleum products, sediments, metals, and green waste from the streets, we are helping to protect our local environment from these harmful pollutants. Regular sweeping removes potential roadway hazards and debris, which helps minimize the likelihood of street flooding from clogged gutter drains—all while increasing the aesthetic appeal of our City streets and neighborhoods.

### 2019 Street Rehabilitation Project Underway

The City of St. Charles has contracted with J.A. Johnson Paving for 2019’s Street Rehabilitation Project. This year’s project locations are as follows:

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Work is anticipated to start in early May. All roadway work is scheduled to be completed in mid-August with parkway restoration to take place in September. For residents on streets scheduled to be resurfaced, keep an eye out for a letter from Public Works with additional information. If you receive an orange parking pass, work is anticipated to impact access to your driveway.

Please visit the 2019 Street Rehabilitation Program page on the City’s website at [www.stcharlesil.gov/projects](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/projects) for construction updates for each street. Look under **2019 Street Rehabilitation Project**.

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**PUBLIC WORKS NOTES**

**Brush Collection Schedule**

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**BRUSH COLLECTION REMINDERS**

- Brush should be put out before 7am on Monday of the scheduled pick up week.
- Cut ends facing the street, branches must be at least 3 feet in length and less than 12 inches in diameter. Do not tie bundles of brush with rope or wire and do not pile higher than 4 feet.
- Branches must be put on the parkway, in front of your house or along the frontage where refuse/recycling is collected.
- Please make every attempt not to park in front of the piles; crews will be unable to pick up the brush.
- For more information visit the City’s website at [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov)

**YARD WASTE**

Yard waste is collected on your regular refuse days.

**STREET SWEEPING**

Street sweeping has resumed.
Be Aware of Flood Warnings

As we head into late spring, flooding becomes a potential threat. At times flooding can be predicted days in advance, giving ample warning for preparation and evacuation. There are also warnings for conditions that may create flash flooding which are released from the National Weather Service.

Flash flooding is defined as: A flood caused by heavy or excessive rainfall in a short period of time, generally less than 6 hours. Flash floods are usually characterized by raging torrents after heavy rains. They can occur within minutes or a few hours of excessive rainfall. They can also occur after a sudden release of water by a debris jam.

If you notice flash flooding, call 911 and the City’s Police, Fire and Emergency Management Agency will coordinate a response.

Residents should watch out for alerts from the National Weather Service on radio, television, social media, online or from the agency’s mobile app.

Garage Sale Season is Heating Up

Summer is just around the corner and soon garage sales will be in full swing! The Building & Code Enforcement Division receives many calls regarding the rules and regulations for garage sales.

No Permits Needed

The City does not require a permit for garage sales. According to the ordinance, Title 17.20.050 D, which is based off the State of Illinois regulations, no more than two garage sales can be conducted at the same address within a 12-month period. Each sale cannot be longer than three days.

What About Garage Sale Signage?

Requirements for garage sale signs can be found under Title 17.28.090 in the City’s code. Signs are not to be placed on any public property, such as parkways, utility poles, street intersections, etc. The City can without notice remove any sign located on public property. The only permissible locations for signs on private property are in the yard of the sale and/or in a neighbor’s yard with their permission. Garage sale signs can be posted up to 48-hours prior to the start of the sale and must be removed no later than 24 hours after the sale is complete.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact the Building and Code Enforcement Division at 630.377.4406 or bceadm@stcharlesil.gov. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Coming to a Dunkin’ Donuts Rooftop Near You...

May 17 is Cop on a Rooftop!

On May 17, you will have one more reason to look up to our Police officers. They will be perched atop Dunkin’ Donuts buildings in town for the 17th Annual Cop on a Rooftop event supporting Special Olympics Illinois. Stop in to the Dunkin’ Donuts at 1711 W. Main St. or/and 1566 E. Main St. to say hello, offer a donation, buy t-shirts, hats, pins, etc. More at www.soill.org/event/dunkin-cop-on-rooftop.
St. Charles’ 1st & Current Mayors

The mayor of St. Charles has always had the job of ensuring that St. Charles lives up to our well-deserved motto, “The Pride of the Fox.” Continuing to admire the City’s history for its 185th Anniversary, this month we look back at our first mayor, Mayor James Lewis, and see how times have changed, as we compared him to our current Mayor, Mayor Ray Rogina.

1st Mayor James K. Lewis

• First mayor of the City of St. Charles, from 1875-1877, and again from 1879-1881
• Served as a physician in St. Charles
• Born in Onondaga County New York in 1822
• Graduated from the Geneva Medical College of New York in 1846
• Moved to St. Charles with his wife and two children in 1852
• Built his Greek Revival house in 1859, which was restored in 2001 and is now a Historic Landmark
• During his terms as mayor, he banned nude bathing in the Fox River during daylight hours, as well as kite flying, hoop rolling, throwing banana peels on the sidewalk, and other activities that he thought interfered with pedestrians
• His daughter, Jenny Lewis, was the librarian at the first St. Charles Library

Current Mayor Raymond P. Rogina

• Took office as St. Charles’ 18th mayor on May 6, 2013, and continues to hold office
• Previously served as Alderman of Ward 3 on the St. Charles City Council for two years
• Served as a department chairperson in Business Education and instructor in Law and Economics at St. Charles East High School for 30 years, as well as a part-time faculty member at Aurora University in the College of Education
• Earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Business Education from Illinois State University
• Has lived in St. Charles for more than 40 years
• Enjoys seeking out America’s sports’ stadiums, having visited every major league baseball park. Favorite sports team: Chicago White Sox; close second: Notre Dame football and basketball.
• He is a long distance runner and has completed 15 marathons
• His wife Diane is a retired elementary teacher and his son Matthew, a lawyer, is Assistant Director for the University of Illinois FOIA Administration. Daughter-in-law Anna is a lawyer in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General
• Grandson Henry (four months old) was born on the Mayor’s father’s 95th birthday.
• Favorite authors–Modern: John Grisham, Stephen King; Classic: John Steinbeck and Edgar Allan Poe
• Calls himself a “clothes hound;” loves to color coordinate, especially socks with ties, shirts and pocket squares.
• Working with city council and staff, is proud of: construction of new police station which will bring interesting choices for redevelopment along river; near completion of First Street development from Main Street to Illinois; several commercial developments and residential developments and redevelopments; numerous new service, retail and industrial businesses entering St. Charles; proposed liquor commission and working with staff and council now regulates alcohol, tobacco and massage locally.
• Feels very honored and humbled to be in a “club” of only 18 mayors since 1875; and for being mayor of a town he fell in love with as a teacher.
**Historic Landmarks in the Spotlight**

**“John Stone House”**

May’s Landmark of the Month is the John Stone House. This house is located at 411 Prairie St., and was designated as a landmark early last year. The house was originally constructed as a one-story structure around 1874 and was located at the corner of Rt. 31/Geneva Road and Prairie Street (the location of what is now the Jalapeno Grill). Built in the Italianate style, a second floor and the porch were added after original construction. A gas station was also attached to the structure for a time. In 1931, the house was moved from Rt. 31 and Prairie St. to its current location. Today, the house maintains the original architectural style and many unique details of the original structure and porch remain intact. For more information about Historic Preservation, please visit [www.stcharlesil.gov/historic-preservation](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/historic-preservation).

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**Spotlight on Public Service  May 5-11, 2019**

**She Lost a Valuable Item and Found the True Meaning of Public Service**

*Below are excerpts from an email sent to us from a longtime resident. It originally was published on Inside St. Charles, the City’s blog. Visit the blog to read it in its entirety.*

“I wanted to take a moment to bring an incident to your attention. Jan 18th my husband and I were having dinner with friends in St. Charles. Afterwards we decided to head over to the Rox City Grill at the Hotel Baker. The city was in the process of being hit with quite a snowstorm. Maybe the first snowfall of the season. Snow was coming down hard and fast. Plows and salt trucks were out keeping the roads safe.

When we returned home that evening I noticed a valuable and sentimental piece of jewelry was missing. Panicked, I hurried back to the parking lots where we parked and retraced my steps. The snow was too heavy to find anything. The next morning, the hunt started. We noticed the sidewalks were shoveled and lots cleaned. No luck. I kept retracing my steps daily and even brought a friend out with metal detectors and hunted. Still no luck.

I filed a police report for insurance purposes and just in case someone found it.

Yesterday, my cell phone rang. I called the number back and it was the St. Charles Police Department. The police officer asked me if I had filed a lost items report at any time. Shocked I said yes. He explained to me that a City employee had turned in an item and asked if I could give a description. I quickly responded that I had a photo of the item and would be right down! Indeed it was my lost, valuable item!

It is an incredible feeling to know you have an honest and kind man working for you. This employee is my hero. He told me he found it out of the west side of town where all the snow is dumped after being hauled away from city lots. He was out walking the area in preparation of spring cleanup when he noticed something shiny on the ground. Covered in mud he took it back to the shop and rinsed it off. He noticed a 14k marking and knew someone may be missing this item and he took it to the Police Department. He could have very easily kept it for himself but knew the right thing to do was to turn it in.

He was pleased that it made it back to its rightful owner. I told him I wanted to thank him in person. He said that would be fine but he would not accept any reward. He said if his wife lost something valuable he hoped someone would do the same thing.

I just want you to know you have a fine employee working for this amazing city. I have always been blessed with kind people and a loving community. St. Charles has been our home for 20 years and we look forward to many more wonderful years surrounded with kind and honest people like this one.”
Spotlight on Public Service May 5-11, 2019
A Day in the Life...Career Day Presentation about Government Jobs is an Eye-Opener
By Jennifer Kuhn, Human Resources Sr. Administrative Assistant, originally posted on the City’s blog Inside St. Charles

“What’s the first thing you do in the morning when you wake up?”

Jenn McMahon, the City’s Director of Human Resources, recently asked this same question of four different classes at Wredling Middle School’s career day. Besides the obvious, “Roll over and go back to sleep,” students answered that they used the restroom or turned on a light. Even with those two simple tasks, they could identify City services they needed such as clean water, sanitary sewer, and electricity.

And, as they thought of riding to school, they discussed well-maintained roads, sidewalks, and even the beautiful trees that line many of our neighborhoods, directly serviced by our public works department.

And speaking of neighborhoods, community development and planning and engineering are intimately involved in establishing our neighborhoods. Feeling safe in our neighborhoods is a direct outcome of our award-winning fire and police departments.

All City services require communication, technology, financial management and governance. It’s pretty amazing how intertwined our daily lives are with the daily tasks performed by dedicated employees at the City of St. Charles. Employees serve in over 100 different positions, offering a wide variety of career choices. We invited the Wredling students, and extend this invitation to all in our community, to consider career options in local government.

Working for City government encompasses many work preferences (like working outdoors, working in an office, or working alone or with teams of people). City government careers also cater to many forms of education, such as a high school diploma coupled with trade certifications, associates degrees, bachelor’s degrees, and master’s degrees. All positions within the City offer a noble purpose of serving our community.

Our Human Resources department would like to invite students planning a career choice to consider local government options. Both St. Charles East and North High Schools have internship programs with which the City is associated. We also have college internship opportunities in several departments.

If you or a student you know would like more information about city government careers, please contact us at hr@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4446. We also have some career information listed on our webpage. We commend the St. Charles middle schools for providing important career education for our students, and we hope that some of those students will choose local government careers, offering them a positive work environment, good compensation, and the chance to make a lasting impact in our hometown.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Charles Fine Art Show
Sat, May 25, 10:00am - 6:00pm
Sun, May 26, 10:00am - 5:00pm
Riverside Ave. & Main Street (Rt 64) in downtown St. Charles

This award-winning, highly regarded show features the work of over 100 juried artists in mediums including watercolor, oil, sculpture, photography, jewelry, ceramics, fiber, wood, mixed media, glass and more. Paint the Pavement Chalk Art Fest returns to the show again this year. Free admission & parking. Brought to you by the Downtown St. Charles Partnership. For more information visit www.stcharlesfineartshow.com.

Woodland Wildflower Walk
May 5, 3-3 p.m., in Langum Woods

Historic oaks host a myriad of woodland wildflowers. Take this short stroll through Langum Woods to learn and identify these native flowers. More information is on the St. Charles Natural Resource Commission Facebook page.
Memorial Day Activities

Monday, May 27, 2019

Flag Raising and Cemetery Ceremonies - 6:00 a.m.

The ceremony begins at Baker Community Center, 101 S. 2nd St., with Boy Scouts posting colors, Honor Guard and an honorary gun salute. Boy Scout Troops will 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).

Parade - 10:00 a.m.

The parade steps off at 6th and Main streets, and continues to Riverside Ave. Parade registration forms for groups that want to march in the parade are due May 15. Download the form here.

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.

The Memorial Service is led by Event Coordinator Lt. Colonel Mark Powell (Ret.), and will include Mayor Ray Rogina reading the Annual Proclamation, a Keynote Address from St. Charles Veteran and Fireman Andrew Perry and “Taps” played by resident Jim Stombres, former band director for St. Charles North High School.

For more information or if you would like to march in the parade, contact Lieutenant Colonel Mark Powell (Retired) at mpowell@onpathfinancial.com 630.329.6444.

Sculpture in the Park Kicks Off

May to September
Mt. St. Mary Park
Prairie Street, East of Rt. 31