



## Upcoming Meetings

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

### Plan Commission

11.1.16..... 7:00 pm

### Historic Preservation Commission

11.2.16.....7:00 pm

### Youth Commission

11.7.16..... 6:00 pm

### City Council

11.7.16.....7:00 pm

### Government Operations

11.7.16.....7:05 pm

### Tree Commission

11.10.16..... 7:00 pm

### Planning & Development

11.14.16..... 7:00 pm

### Historic Preservation Commission

11.16.16.....7:00 pm

### Housing Commission

11.17.16.....7:00 pm

### Liquor Control Commission

11.21.16.....4:30 pm

### City Council

11.21.16.....7:00 pm

### Government Operations

11.21.16.....7:05 pm

### Plan Commission

11.22.16.....7:00 pm

### Government Services

11.28.16.....7:00 pm

## Be a Part of St. Charles Holiday Magic



Celebrate the season at the Holiday Homecoming events in Downtown St. Charles. Festivities kick off Friday, Nov. 25 at 5 p.m. 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 will make a special appearance.

Saturday starts at 10 a.m. with a FREE showing of the movie *Elf* at the Arcada Theatre. Doors

open at 9 a.m. Santa will be at his house on the 1st Street Plaza from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and enjoy FREE horse-drawn carriage rides around town from 1-4 p.m. Everybody's favorite, the Electric Christmas Parade down Main Street, steps off at 5:30 p.m., with special guests Jenny and Donnie Wahlberg and family serving as Grand Marshals. The Wahlberg family is being recognized for the positive light they have shed on our community and the entire Tri-Cities area with their reality show *Donnie Loves Jenny*. More at [www.downtownstcharles.org/holidays](http://www.downtownstcharles.org/holidays).



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## St. Charles Annual Veterans Day Ceremony

November 11, 10:30 a.m., Fire Station #1, 112 N. Riverside Ave.

Honor and thank all who served our country at the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony. All are welcome. The ceremony will begin with a reading of the official Veterans Day Proclamation, followed by an invocation, salute to the flag, gun salute and Taps.



# BUSINESS REPORT

## Small Business Saturday is Nov. 26

Think St. Charles for All Your Purchases and Support Your Local Businesses



Think about this: you could live your whole life and get everything you ever needed without ever having to leave St. Charles city limits. That's right. It's possible to work, live, purchase clothing, food, automobiles, furniture, electronics, phones, etc., all within St. Charles. Check out the [list of 1750 businesses](#) on the City's website to see all you can choose from right here in St. Charles.

Sales taxes from your purchases help fund everyday City services, like police, fire and public works. So what's bought in St. Charles, really does stay in St. Charles. Remember to **Think St. Charles** when you shop.

**THINK ST. CHARLES FOR ALL YOUR PURCHASES**

**HOW IT WORKS & WHAT IT PROVIDES:**

**CITY OF ST. CHARLES BUDGET\***

**40% OF CITY BUDGET FUNDED WITH SALES TAX**

**YOUR PURCHASES**

**CITY SERVICES PROVIDED:**

- SNOW PLOWING
- INFRASTRUCTURE
- CITY SERVICES PROVIDED
- POLICE SERVICE
- FIRE SERVICE

**THE MONEY YOU SPEND HERE REALLY DOES STAY HERE.**

**Think ST. CHARLES, IL**

\*DOES NOT INCLUDE SEWER, WATER, ELECTRIC & SPECIAL FUNDS

The infographic features a large blue circle on the left containing the City of St. Charles logo and the text "CITY OF ST. CHARLES BUDGET\*". A blue arrow points from this circle to a smaller blue circle on the right containing "40% OF CITY BUDGET FUNDED WITH SALES TAX". To the right of this is a green circle labeled "YOUR PURCHASES" with icons for a smartphone, a car, a waiter, a shopping cart, and a shirt. Further right are five blue icons representing city services: a snowplow, a road sign, a police officer, a fire truck, and a fire hydrant. At the bottom left are several green \$100 bills. At the bottom right is the "Think St. Charles, IL" logo.

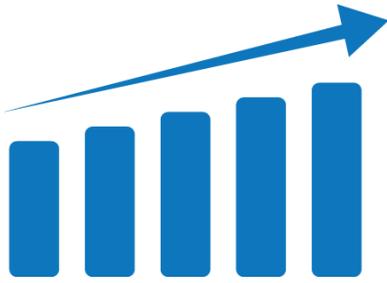
## St. Charles Economic Development Staff Work to Bring New Businesses to St. Charles

For the third straight year, Economic Development staff exhibited at the International Council for Shopping Centers Deal Making Event. This trade show brings local government, commercial brokers, developers, and retailers together at Navy Pier every October to discuss potential deals. St. Charles Staff had a very active and eventful day and generated several leads. There will be more information as these conversations become focused on physical locations.



# BUSINESS REPORT

## Business News Update



### 1st Street Happenings

Building #1 is nearly complete. It will be filled with the new ALE Solutions headquarters office on the upper floors and three retail spaces on the ground floor. One of the street-level shops, Kilwins Chocolates, has opened. Coming soon is the Brunch Café and a Vintage 53 wine tasting lounge. Also, the new public parking deck opened last month, bringing much needed parking downtown.

*Looking ahead:* Plans for Building #3, a five-story bank/office and residential building, have been approved. It will be the Chicago headquarters for Sterling Bank.

Still to come, is Building #2, and also an extension of the First Street plaza east to the riverfront, along with a bi-level pedestrian riverwalk. More at [www.1ststreet.org](http://www.1ststreet.org)

### Volkswagen Car Dealership Opens

Fox Valley Volkswagen dealership recently celebrated a grand opening at its new building at 4050 E. Main St., on the former site of the DuPage Expo. The site includes nearly double the number of service bays than it had at its former location.

### AJR Expansion Nearly Complete

AJR Filtration Inc. is putting the finishing touches on its newly expanded (180,000-square foot) facility on S. Kirk Road in the east side industrial park. AJR is a manufacturer of custom filters used in liquid processing, medical equipment, automotive and natural gas applications. The City was able to keep this business in St. Charles which means their existing 250 employees will continue to work and shop here, and we will see an additional new 150 jobs in the next three years.

## SAFETY UPDATE

### Police Offer Tips to Prevent Neighborhood Crime

The St. Charles Police Department reminds you that the best way to protect your valuables from theft is by making sure car and home doors are locked. There have been thefts that have occurred throughout the Tri-City area where thieves will go through a neighborhood or parking lot looking for unlocked cars. Thwart these attempts by making it a habit to lock your car at all times.

“This is especially important as we head into the shopping season, when people often have packages in their cars,” says St. Charles Crime Prevention Officer Bill Tynan. “Lock all packages in the trunk where they are out of sight. Also, be sure to disconnect GPS units and stow away in a locked compartment of your car.”

If you see any suspicious activity, report it to 911 immediately.

### Be Careful with Outdoor Gas-Fueled Turkey Fryers

Planning to deep-fry your turkey this Thanksgiving? Please read these safety tips to avoid burns and fires.



- **Be careful not to overfill the fryer.** It can be difficult to know how much oil to use. If it is too full, the turkey may overflow the boiling hot oil.
- **Make sure the fryer is secure.** Most turkey fryers can easily tip over.
- **Do not overheat the oil.** Because there are no temperature controls on most turkey fryers, the oil can overheat causing a fire hazard.
- **Beware of hot handles and lid.** They can get very hot and can easily cause burns.

NFPA urges consumers to buy a fried turkey already prepared or consider a new type of “oil-less” turkey fryer.

*Source: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)*

# SAFETY UPDATE



## Overnight Parking Regulations for Recreational and Commercial Vehicles

*The City does not ban parking on City streets overnight for most vehicles. There are, however, restrictions on parking recreational and commercial vehicles overnight.*

### Which vehicles are allowed to park on City streets overnight?

One passenger car or a truck with a “B” license plate, such as a pickup truck.

### How long can allowed vehicles be parked on the street?

No longer than 24 hours.

### Which vehicles are not allowed to park overnight on the street?

1. Any vehicle with a “D” license plate or higher, and vehicles such as motor homes, pop-up campers, trailers, boats, boat trailers, tow trucks, buses, cargo trucks, semi trucks, etc.
2. Pickup trucks equipped with a snow plow—even though they may have a “B” license plate.

### Can prohibited vehicles ever park overnight on the street?

1. Permission may be granted by the Police Department to park one unoccupied motor home for a maximum of 48 hours on a residential street. A permit must be obtained in advance and displayed in the front windshield of the vehicle. No more than 2 permits shall be granted in any 12-month period.
2. One recreational vehicle only may be parked on a driveway or other hard surface from April 15 to October 15. From October 15 to April 15, no recreational vehicle shall be parked or stored in the required front yard or exterior side yard except for a period of 48 hours for loading or unloading. Building and Code Enforcement staff will be enforcing the front yard and exterior side yard parking restriction.

### Storage of Recreational Vehicles

Recreational vehicles may be stored outside all year in residential districts according to these regulations:

- Only one per lot
- On a hard surface
- In the rear or interior side of the lot

For more information, contact the Building and Code Enforcement Division at 630.377.4406 or review the ordinance [17.24.120 - Commercial Vehicles and 17.24.130 Recreational Vehicles](#) online.



*Pictured: James Barron, DPCA President; Marj Brooks, DPCA; Fire Lt. Guy Gresser; Firefighter Andrew Perry; Fire Chief Joe Schelstreet; Firefighter Steve Dries; Lynn Malik, DPCA; Kelly Randall, DPCA.*

## Fire Department is Prepared to Save Your Pets Too!

On Oct. 7, the St. Charles Fire Department received a welcome donation of four oxygen masks designed specifically for pets from the Doberman Pinscher Club of America (DPCA). Each set of masks contains various sizes, enabling emergency oxygen to be delivered to animals as small as cats, up to large dogs.

“The St. Charles Fire Department truly understands that our residents view their pets as family members” said Fire Chief Joe Schelstreet. “We put a great deal of effort in assisting them in any way that we can. This equipment will enable us to provide as much care as possible in that time of need and we are very grateful to have it.”

The Fire Department already had three animal masks in use. This donation means each truck and ambulance is now fitted with a mask to help residents’ pets.

# PUBLIC WORKS NOTES



## Collection Services Help Keep Your Yard Looking Good through the Fall

### Leaf Collection Reminders

- Please have leaves on the parkway by 6:30 a.m. on the beginning day of pick up for your area.
- It may take three to four days for leaves to be collected in your specific area.
- A smaller truck will collect leaves in cul-de-sacs.
- Leaves cannot be collected if the parkway is obstructed by parked vehicles or other obstacles. Leaves will be picked up on the next scheduled leaf collection when the obstruction is removed.
- Please keep a distance of approximately 10' between leaf piles and permanent structures (fire hydrants, trees, streetlight poles, etc.). Please rake leaves in a row parallel to the street at least 1' back from the curb and off of the sidewalk.
- Pushing leaves into the street is a violation of Ordinance 12.04.170, punishable by fines up to \$500 for each offense.
- This program is funded by a portion of the fees collected on the utility bills of eligible homeowners living within St. Charles city limits. Please review your utility bill or contact the City's Utility Billing Department at 630.377.4426, if you have questions regarding your eligibility for this program.
- Be sure to check the City's website at [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov), call Public Works at 630.377.4405 or connect via email at [pw@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:pw@stcharlesil.gov) for the any updates.

### YARD WASTE

Yard waste bags will be picked up on your weekly refuse pickup day. The last day for yard waste bag pick up is November 29, 2016.

Yard waste collection will resume April 2017.

## Leaf Collection Pick-Up

### EAST SIDE OF RIVER

November 4

November 16

Pick up is unavailable for the following areas & subdivisions:

Cumberland Green  
Delnor Glen Drive  
Delnor Townhomes  
Dunham Place Commons  
Royal Fox private streets  
Whittington Course

### WEST SIDE OF RIVER

November 10

November 21

Pick up is unavailable for the following areas & subdivisions:

Auburn Court  
Benham Court  
Oak Crest  
Viewpointe  
Wildrose Springs Townhomes  
Willowgate

## Brush Collection Pick-Up

### EAST SIDE OF RIVER

November 14

### WEST SIDE OF RIVER

November 21

## A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT LEAVES IN THE STREET

Leaves which have been raked, blown or piled into the streets can clog storm sewer drains causing localized flooding or slippery roads and sidewalks. Depositing leaves in the street is in violation of the City's ordinance and repeat offenders will be subject to fines of up to \$500.00 per day that the violation exists. For the safety of all drivers, bikers and pedestrians, this regulation will be strictly enforced. Notices will be left at residences requiring removal of the leaves from the street within 24-hours.

# PUBLIC WORKS NOTES

## Recycling Leaves & Winter Tree Care for Trees in Your Yard

*Winter brings extreme temperatures, icy winds and plenty of snow. Just as people are challenged by winter weather, so are trees. Although trees appear to be in a state of hibernation during the winter, exposure to severe winter weather can stress them.*

**Please do not prune the City's parkway trees; Public Works takes care of trimming and maintenance of public trees located in the parkways.**

You can help your trees, shrubs and lawn get through the cold winter months with some easy, low cost tips:

1. Place composted organic mulch under trees and shrubs in the fall or early winter to help retain water and reduce temperature extremes. A thin, flat layer of mulch (not mounded) will act like a blanket and give tree roots a little extra winter protection. Recycled leaves make excellent mulch. And as leaves break down, they also add nutrients to the soil. Rake shredded leaves through your grass to help your lawn.



correct mulching



incorrect 'volcano' mulching

2. Prune trees. Winter is actually one of the best times to prune because it is easier to see the structure of trees without their leaves. But limit pruning to deadwood and poorly placed branches in order to save as many living branches as possible.

3. Broken branches and splitting wood can be caused by ice and snow accumulation, or chewing and rubbing by animals. Prevent this on young trees by wrapping the base of trees with burlap or plastic cloth. Just remember to remove the wraps in the spring to prevent damage when the tree begins to grow.

Contact the Public Works Department at [630.377.4405](tel:630.377.4405) or [pw@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:pw@stcharlesil.gov) for more.

## Come to the ON TO 2050 Planning Workshop

*Nov. 9, 2016, 6:30 p.m., at St. Charles Council Chambers, 2 E. Main St.*

How do you envision the future? What are the priorities of our towns, and the people who live and visit? Come to the interactive ON TO 2050 Workshop and share your opinions about the future of the region. The workshop is hosted by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), along with Senator McConnaughay.



For more information on the ON TO 2050 initiative, visit [www.cmap.illinois.gov/onto2050](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/onto2050). RSVP to Lesli Melendy by Nov. 7, at [leslimelendy33@gmail.com](mailto:leslimelendy33@gmail.com) or [847.214.8245](tel:847.214.8245).

## Winterize Your Water Service

Public Works receives numerous inquiries on how to “winterize” a water service. You may need to winterize your home’s water service if your home will be vacant due to move/sale of your home or an extended vacation, or home renovations that require having the water shut off, etc.

Here are a few suggestions to avoid frozen pipes:

- Pipes **MUST BE DRAINED** when water is turned off for an extended period of time.
- Always allow heated air to circulate around pipes and water meters. Insulate problem areas and leave cabinet doors open.
- In empty/vacant homes, don’t turn off the heat – instead turn down thermostats to maintain a minimum temperature to keep pipes from freezing. Installing a programmable thermostat is recommended to regulate the temperature when needed.
- Allow water to slowly drip from faucets with water pipes adjacent to an outside wall.
- Do not use an air compressor to “blow out” a private water service. This can allow dirt and other contaminants to enter the private and public water supply causing a potential health risk to residents and others drinking City water.

If you have any questions please contact the Public Works Department Meter Division at [630.377.4404](tel:630.377.4404).

# SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## St. Charles Receives Highest Rating from America in Bloom Awards Program

### *Judges Give Landscape Areas Outstanding Achievement Award*

The St. Charles America in Bloom Committee recently announced St. Charles earned Five Blooms, the highest rating, in the America in Bloom program. St. Charles also was recognized with an Outstanding Achievement Award for Landscapes over the 39 other entrants across the country. The results were presented at the Oct. 17 City Council meeting.

From July 10-12, two program judges toured St. Charles' floral displays, landscaped areas and environmental project sites. They also reviewed St. Charles' heritage preservation, urban forestry, community involvement and overall community impression.

St. Charles also was recognized for Best Combination of Plants in Hanging Baskets and Best Use of Local Bloom Committee Logo, which were used in the yard signs that were on display at tour stops.

"We are proud of our performance this year and grateful for the recognition. Thanks go out to all who volunteered their time and talents," said Ward 5 Alderman and St. Charles America in Bloom Committee Member Maureen Lewis. "We have learned so much through this experience over the last two years. And I never get tired of showing off our wonderful community."

### **Excerpts from the judges' report:**

*"Bravo to St. Charles for your second year of participation in the America in Bloom Awards program and for reaching the highest level of achievement with a FIVE Bloom rating. The picturesque setting of your city along the Fox River is compelling. At certain points, one feels like they are in Europe. There are many spots to just site, soak it in, and stay awhile. A real strength of St. Charles...is the cooperation and collaboration between many volunteer and civic groups and municipal leaders."*

Kudos to the St. Charles in Bloom Committee, the hundreds of community volunteers, the St. Charles Park District, Pottawatomie Garden Club, Downtown St. Charles Partnership and City staff for their hard work.



*Ward 5 Alderman and St. Charles in Bloom Committee Member Maureen Lewis and Mayor Ray Rogina with the America in Bloom Awards.*



*St. Charles in Bloom Committee Members Pictured: Nona Koivula; John Thornhill; Isabel Soderlind, City of St. Charles; Pam Otto, St. Charles Park District; Diane Cullen; Steve Martin, First State Bank; Barbara Campbell; Holly Cabel, St. Charles Park District; Frank Esposito; and Chris Adesso, City of St. Charles. Not Pictured: Ward 5 Alderman Member Maureen Lewis; Jenna Sawicki, Downtown St. Charles Partnership; and Steve Amatangelo.*

# SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## City of St. Charles Employees Give Back



On Oct. 14, 27 employees and their families volunteered at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora. The charity provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. Our employees were busy! They packed 97 boxes, filled with 20,952 meals! That's enough to feed 57 children for a year.



## Thanks American Powder Coatings, Inc. for the Generous \$3,000 Donation to the City's Neighbors in Need Program

*Businesses are an important part of the St. Charles community. They are crucial to a healthy local economy, provide vital employment opportunities and consistently invest in our community.*

American Powder Coatings, Inc. (APC) at 420 S. 38th Ave. in St. Charles, presented Mayor Rogina with a generous \$3,000 donation to the City's Neighbors in Need utility bill assistance program. This is the second year APC has made a charitable contribution to the program.



*Dave Suvagia, President of APC; with Mayor Ray Rogina; and Batuk Shukla and Bharat Thakkar, both of APC.*

APC is a family owned and operated manufacturer of high quality powder coatings for thousands of metal products found in everyday life, such as street lights, play grounds and school lockers. For more, visit their website [www.americanpowder.com](http://www.americanpowder.com).

For more information about the Neighbors in Need program, contact the Utility Billing Department at 630.377.4426 or [utilitybilling@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:utilitybilling@stcharlesil.gov).

## GIS Manager Earns Industry Award



Congratulations to Keith Nightlinger, Manager Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Division (left), who has been awarded the Illinois GIS Association Service Award for his exemplary professional service and support of the GIS community. The GIS division provides information, analysis, and mapping services to City departments.

### CELEBRATING VETERANS THROUGH ART

### Celebrating Veterans Through Art is Back!

November 5-12

The Second Annual Celebrating Veterans Through Art is November 5-12, 2016. The weeklong event, organized by the St. Charles Arts Council, features concerts, veteran interview videos, and more.

#### Scheduled Activities

##### Pop Up Arts on 2nd Avenue – Opening Reception

Saturday, Nov. 5 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 7 S. Second Avenue

The Gallery Theme “From Sea to Shining Sea” will include artwork and a video presentation from the St. Charles East High School’s Library of Congress Veteran Interview Project.

##### Veterans Reception

Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 5:30 p.m. – Arcada Theater, 105 E. Main St.  
Only for Veterans/Active Duty Personnel and one Guest

##### Veteran Honor Show

Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. – Arcada Theater, 105 E. Main St.  
Free to All. Special seating section reserved for Veterans.

##### Veterans Day Ceremony & Gallery Reception

Friday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m. with Reception immediately following – Municipal Campus & then 7 S. Second Avenue  
All are invited

##### Veterans Day Concert

Friday, November 11, 6:30 p.m. – St. Charles North High School  
Free to all

For more information or to make reservations, contact the St. Charles Arts Council at 630.443.3794 or visit [www.stcharlesartscouncil.org/celebrating-veterans-through-art](http://www.stcharlesartscouncil.org/celebrating-veterans-through-art).



### Your Vote – Your Voice

Nov. 8 is the 2016 General Election. Be sure to get out and vote. Contact the Kane County Clerk’s Office at 630.232.5990 or visit [www.kanecountyelections.org](http://www.kanecountyelections.org) for polling places and voter requirements.

When it comes to voting and elections, do you know which candidate will impact you the most? *Hint: It’s not Trump OR Clinton.*

Read the latest post from our Human Resources Director Jennifer McMahon in our [Inside St. Charles Blog](#) to learn more about upcoming elections and the importance of your vote.

## Annual Lazarus House Community Thanksgiving Feast

Thursday, November 24, 2016

11:30am-2:00pm, Dining Will Begin at Noon

The Salvation Army

1710 S. 7th Ave. St. Charles



Lazarus House extends a warm invitation to all in the community who would like to join their annual Community Thanksgiving Feast. Come and enjoy a bountiful potluck buffet dinner with friends and neighbors. You are welcome to bring a dish to share or supplies if you choose, or drop one off if you are not able to attend.

Food should be delivered on Thanksgiving Day ready to serve in a disposable container approximately 15 to 30 minutes prior to the meal, which is served at noon. More at [www.lazarushouseonline.com](http://www.lazarushouseonline.com).

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Getting from Giving

There's a lot of attention on Black Friday and Cyber Monday and all the gifts you can buy on those days. But consider joining the global #GivingTuesday effort ([www.givingtuesday.org](http://www.givingtuesday.org)) Nov. 29 and give some real gifts this holiday season. There are many opportunities right here in your community for you to donate your time, talent or treasure on Nov. 29 and beyond. Here are a few ideas:

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 29, 2016

## Giving Tree at the Municipal Building



The City's employee Wellness Team once again is coordinating a Giving Tree program for the holidays. This year, the program will benefit the local Elderday Center ([www.elderdaycenter.org](http://www.elderdaycenter.org)) and families in need from the St. Charles school district. Beginning Nov. 21, a Giving Tree will be on display in the Municipal Building lobby.

If you would like to participate, simply select one or more tags from the tree, purchase the item(s), and return the unwrapped gift(s) to the Giving Tree Dec. 12. Items on the tags are at all price levels. The gifts will be wrapped and delivered in time for Christmas. Cash donations are welcome, too, and will be used to purchase items on tags not selected. Cash donations may be left with the City receptionist. Contact the City's Human Resources Department at [630.377.4446](tel:630.377.4446) with questions.

## Neighbors in Need

Neighbors in Need helps financially struggling St. Charles residents pay their City utility bills. Write the amount you would like to donate on the payment stub of your utility bill and add it to the amount of your payment. 100% of donations go directly to helping St. Charles residents. Contact Utility Billing at [630.377.4426](tel:630.377.4426) or [utilitybilling@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:utilitybilling@stcharlesil.gov) for more information.



## Salvation Army Golden Diners



The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to deliver meals and "goodwill" to homebound seniors in the Tri-Cities. Volunteer a day or two a month, Monday to Friday, 10am-noon. You can make a difference! Contact Kathy at [630.232.6676](tel:630.232.6676).

## Lazarus House

Lazarus House offers shelter, food and support to the Tri-Cities' homeless. Volunteer, donate needed items. More information on how to get involved is at [www.lazarushouseonline.com](http://www.lazarushouseonline.com).



## Northern Illinois Food Bank

Northern Illinois Food Bank is the source of nutritious food, innovative feeding programs, and hope for more than 71,000 people each week in the northern Illinois area. You can help by volunteering at one of their three centers (Geneva, Park City or Rockford); become a financial or food donor and help spread the word about hunger. More at <http://solvehungertoday.org>.

## Share the Good

Because the wonderful feeling you get from giving is contagious, send us a photo of your give-back moments so we can share the joy and inspire others. Message us on our Facebook page, tag us #cityofstcharlesil on Instagram, tweet us @cityofstcharles or email [lgarhan@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:lgarhan@stcharlesil.gov).

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## St. Charles River Corridor Foundation Projects are Underway

Several projects that enhance the beauty and quality of the Fox River are underway. Initiatives include significant landscaping and furnishing additions to the Bob Leonard Walkway, the addition of a signature sculpture along the riverfront and a water quality testing program involving St. Charles East and St. Charles North high school students.

Funding for these projects is provided from grants by the Grand Victoria Riverboat Fund, the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, the City of St. Charles and the family of Tom and Cris Anderson. In addition, the St. Charles Park District has developed some initial concept plans for Boy Scout Island to improve boater access and to consider methods for re-channeling some of Fox River flow through the lagoon west of the island to potentially reduce silt build-up and enhance overall downstream water quality.

Individuals interested in funding memorial benches or trees, contact the River Corridor Foundation of St. Charles at [www.stcriverrivercorridor.org](http://www.stcriverrivercorridor.org).

## Visit the St. Charles Farmers Market Inside

When the air gets as crisp as the apples, that means it's time for the St. Charles Farmers Market to head indoors. Beginning November 1 and continuing through May, the St. Charles Farmers Market will be inside Baker Hall at the Baker Memorial United Methodist Church, 307 Cedar Avenue. It is open Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. Come and get all of your locally sourced goodies!



Remember to set your clocks back Sunday, November 6 and get an extra hour of sleep!

City Offices will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26 for Thanksgiving. Enjoy your holiday!

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