



Upcoming Meetings

To see a complete list of meetings go to www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings

- Youth Commission**
10.3.16.....6:00 pm
- City Council**
10.3.16.....7:00 pm
- Government Operations**
10.3.16.....7:05 pm
- Plan Commission**
10.4.16.....7:00 pm
- Corridor Improvement Commission**
10.5.16.....7:00 pm
- Historic Preservation Commission**
10.5.16.....7:00 pm
- Planning & Development**
10.10.16.....7:00 pm
- Liquor Control Commission**
10.17.16.....4:30 pm
- City Council**
10.17.16.....7:00 pm
- Government Operations**
10.17.16.....7:05 pm
- Plan Commission**
10.18.16.....7:00 pm
- Historic Preservation Commission**
10.19.16.....7:00 pm
- Housing Commission**
10.20.16.....7:00 pm
- Tree Commission**
Joint Meeting of St. Charles & Batavia
Tree Commissions and Geneva
Natural Resource Committee
10.20.16.....7:00 pm
- Government Services**
10.24.16.....7:00 pm



Resident Surveys To Be Mailed Soon

New This Year: You can Choose to Complete the Survey Online

It's that time again. The City of St. Charles is conducting a survey of

residents to gather feedback and set benchmarks for tracking the quality of services the City provides. The 2016 Residents Survey will be mailed to a sample of 1,200 randomly selected households in St. Charles. The City has been conducting the survey since 1996.

If you received a survey in the mail, please follow the directions for completing it either on online or fill out the paper form. Your responses will remain completely anonymous. Participation is very important to develop a statistically representative sample. Residents' answers definitely will be useful in helping the City better serve our citizens.

"Just like the last survey in 2013, we are again using a standardized survey," said City Administrator Mark Koenen. "So in addition to evaluating how residents view City services, it will allow us to track our performance compared with other municipalities."

If you have any questions about the survey, please call the City Administrator's office at [630.377.4422](tel:630.377.4422).

Get Out and Vote!

Vote Early at the Municipal Building

Nov. 8 is the 2016 General Election, but you can beat the crowds and vote early. Early voting is available at the St. Charles Municipal Building, 2 E. Main St., for Kane County residents who are registered to vote. Early voting is offered from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Oct. 24-Nov. 3.

Contact the Kane County Clerk's Office at 630-232-5990 or visit www.kanecountyelections.org for early voting requirements.

St. Charles residents in DuPage County should check the DuPage County's website www.dupageco.org for early voting locations, hours and requirements.



Coming Soon: 110 New Parking Spaces Downtown

City to Cut the Ribbon for the New 1st Street Parking Garage

The City of St. Charles recently completed construction of a 110-space public parking garage as part of Phase 3 of the 1st Street Project.

The ceremony will take place on the top deck of the new structure on Monday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m.

“We are glad to be able to bring more parking downtown,” said City Administrator Mark Koenen. “Parking is an important element for a vibrant downtown. And this will open just in time for Scarecrow Fest.”

About the 1st Street Project and New Parking Garage-East

Construction is now underway for Phase 3 of the 1st Street Project, which includes the riverfront property located at the northeast corner of Illinois and First streets. Project plans call for three mixed-use buildings, the public parking deck, an extension of the First Street plaza east to the riverfront, and a bi-level pedestrian riverwalk.

Ground was broken Sept. 16, 2015, for Building #1, which will house ALE Solutions headquarters. The City recently approved

plans for Building #3, a five-story bank/office and residential condominium building, located along the future riverwalk. In between Buildings #1 & #3 is the new Parking Garage.



The Public Parking Garage is constructed of precast concrete panels and features two levels. The lower level entrance will be at street level from Illinois Street. The lower level slopes down to the north, going below grade. It provides access to basement-level parking beneath each of the adjacent buildings— #1 & #3. The upper level will be accessed from a ramp from First Street.

Pedestrian access to the future riverwalk will be provided from both levels at the north end of the deck.

For more information on the 1st Street Project, visit <https://1ststreetstc.org>

Be Sure to Register to Vote by Oct. 11

You Can't Vote If You're Not Registered

Oct. 11 is the last day for Regular Voter Registration to be eligible to vote in the Nov. 8, 2016, General Election.



Register to vote in the City's Utility Billing office, 2 E. Main St., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You also can register to vote by mail or online.

Information about these ways to register are on the Kane County Clerk's website www.kanecountyelections.com.

After Oct. 11, you can still register to vote during Grace Period Voter Registration. But this is only available in person at the Kane County Clerk Office or at early voting sites. The St. Charles Municipal Building is an early voting site. However, if you register to vote during Grace Period Registration, you MUST also vote at the time of registration.

To register, you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older on or before the election, a resident of the precinct 30 days or more prior to the election. In addition, you must provide two forms of identification, at least one of which contains your current address. For more information, contact Kane County Clerk's office at 630.232.5990 or visit www.kanecountyelections.com.

Thanks for the Fall Flowers!



Thanks to the Pottawatomie Garden Club for planting beautiful fall flowers around the Municipal Building and the Main Street Bridge! We sure appreciate how you keeping our city blooming!

BUSINESS REPORT



The City of St. Charles Retains its Aa1 Credit Rating from Moody's Investors Service

Moody's Investors Service, a leading provider of credit ratings, research and risk analysis, once again affirmed the City of St. Charles' impressive Aa1 bond rating. The Aa1 rating is the second highest rating offered by the independent credit rating agency.

“We are very pleased to retain this outstanding rating that places the City of St. Charles among the top rated organizations,” said Chris Minick, Director of Finance for the City of St. Charles. “This rating is independent verification of the City’s commitment to sound fiscal planning, sound fiscal policy, and sound fiscal results.”

The report cited several positive financial performance factors and noted: The Aa1 rating reflects the city’s large tax base, healthy operating trend, conservative budgeting practices resulting in strong reserve levels, and financial flexibility derived from home rule status. For more information, contact Chris Minick at cminick@stcharlesil.gov.

Welcome New Businesses!

DOWNTOWN

Abby's Breakfast & Lunch

Expansion Completed

11 N 3rd St
630-377-0797
Restaurant

Haines & Associates, LLC

606 Riverside Ave, Ste. B
630-564-1803
Accounting Firm

EAST GATEWAY

American Hobbies & Merchandising

Expanded

602 Sidwell Ct, Units F-H
630-377-2290
Distributor of die cast miniatures

Owens & Associates

1118 E Main St, Ste. 2A
847-854-4333
Counseling & Therapy

EAST GATEWAY INDUSTRIAL

A B Zenco Welding, Inc

3805 Commerce Dr
630-234-8021
Fabrication & Welding

Strictly Training

1900 E Tyler Rd, Ste 700
630-745-0003
Softball & Baseball Training

WEST GATEWAY

Gaia Title, Inc

1700 Lincoln Hwy, Ste K
630-560-4940
Title Insurance Company

Summit Construction Co.

2075 Prairie St, Ste 105
773-276-4600
General Construction Contractor

Tianyu Arts & Culture, Inc

731 N 17th St, Ste 11 & 13
509-319-8641
Event Service

Urban Counter

1820 Bricher Rd
630-402-0470
Restaurant

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE



Flashing Pedestrian Signs Alert Drivers to People Waiting to Cross the Road

Flashing Pedestrian Signs are installed at crosswalks where there is no traffic light to stop traffic and give pedestrians a Walk Sign to cross the street.

These signs are installed at two locations in St. Charles: Kirk Rd. & Stadium Dr. near St. Charles East High School Stadium and Peck Rd. & Springfield Way near Otter Cove. When pedestrians are ready to cross, they push a button that activates flashing orange lights around the sign.

“The lights alert drivers that is someone waiting to cross,” said Police Commander Erik Mahan. “Illinois law requires all drivers to stop for pedestrians entering a crosswalk. So please be aware of this when you are out driving.”



The Safe Haven Law Saves Babies from Unsafe Abandonment

Not too long ago, an infant was found deceased in a backpack along a roadway in unincorporated Wheaton. Incidents like this are incredibly sad, and they should not happen. Please help us spread the word about Illinois' Safe Haven law, which gives a desperate parent a safe alternative to abandoning their baby.

Newborns up to 30 days old can be brought to any hospital, emergency care facility, staffed police station or staffed fire station—no questions asked. The baby is taken to a hospital for a check up and then placed with a pre-approved adoptive family.

What are Safe Havens?

- Staffed fire stations
- Staffed police stations
- Hospitals
- Emergency care facilities
- Campus police stations

More information is at:

www.SaveAbandonedBabies.org



Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15

“Don't Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years”

In support of Fire Prevention Week, the St. Charles Fire Department is hosting an Open House at Fire Station #1, 112 N. Riverside Avenue on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016, from 12-3 p.m. Please join us for a host of activities, including fire station tours, demonstrations, kids' activities, and more.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), most American homes have at least one smoke alarm. Do you know how old your smoke alarms are? If you are like most people, you are probably not so sure.

A recent survey conducted by NFPA revealed only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are or how often they need to be replaced. That lack of awareness is a concern because smoke alarms do not last forever.

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years. This year's theme: Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years.

To find out how old your smoke alarm is, simply look on the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture. The smoke alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date (not the date of purchase). Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and batteries replaced at least once a year or when they begin to “chirp,” signaling that they are running low. A good reminder is to “Change Your Clock Change Your Battery” so you remember to change smoke alarm batteries when you change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time.

For more information, contact the St. Charles Fire Department at 630.377.4458.

PUBLIC WORKS NOTES

City Tackles Local Flooding Issues

State Street Creek Study

The City of St. Charles is developing a comprehensive Stormwater and Watershed plan for the State Street Creek area. If you are a property owner in the State Street Creek area, we want to hear from you.

State Street Creek Storm Water Plan

The goal of the storm water master plan is to identify any flooding problem areas within the watershed and develop possible solutions to address the flooding. Over the next few weeks, the City's consultants, HR Green, Inc. and Applied Ecological Services, will be conducting field inspections and surveying the storm sewer system and the State Street Creek within the watershed.

EPA Watershed Plan

We also will be developing a watershed plan to address the quality of storm water runoff that flows into the creek. The watershed plan assesses the overall condition of the watershed and provides a framework to restore the quality of the storm water within the creek. Pollutants found in storm water runoff typically are sediments resulting from bank erosion and nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous that wash off into the creek.

Please Fill Out the Property Owner Questionnaire

We're asking stakeholders who live or own property in the State Street Creek Watershed Area or were impacted by previous flooding in this area to provide input by filling out an online questionnaire here: www.stcharlesil.gov/state-street-creek-watershed-questionnaire.



7th Avenue Creek Update

There are two ongoing initiatives to address flooding along the 7th Avenue Creek and its tributary. One initiative is lead by the City of St. Charles and the other by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

City of St. Charles Activities

The City continues to move forward with its 7th Avenue Creek Project, which includes development of a Master Plan, Project Phasing Plan, Project Costs and Watershed Plan. For more details, including a timeline and public involvement information, visit the project website at <http://www.hlplanning.com/portals/stcharles/>.

FEMA Floodplain Mapping Revisions

FEMA held a public meeting Sept. 8 regarding the proposed mapping revisions. Those in attendance had the opportunity to review the preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and its accompanying preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the 7th Avenue Creek and 7th Avenue Creek Tributary within the City of St. Charles. Digital copies of the FIRMs and FIS report materials can be found on FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata or on the City's 7th Avenue Creek project website at <http://www.hlplanning.com/portals/stcharles/>. The FIS and the FIRMs provide base flood information, delineate areas subject to significant flood hazards within the county, and offer information public officials may use when permitting development in the floodplain. Once the maps become effective, they can be used to determine flood risk, develop mitigation measures, and encourage wise and responsible risk management decision-making.

For more information about the 7th Avenue Creek or State Street Creek projects, visit the City's website at www.stcharlesil.gov/projects or contact the Public Works Department at 630.584.5353 or [email stormwater@stcharles.gov](mailto:stormwater@stcharles.gov).

PUBLIC WORKS NOTES



Leaf, Brush and Yard Waste Collection Services Help Keep Your Yard Looking Good through the Fall

The City offers leaf, brush and yard waste bag collection services through the fall to help with your end of the season yard clean up.

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, call Public Works at 630.377.4405 or connect via email at pw@stcharlesil.gov for the any updates.

Yard Waste Bag Pick Up

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

October 24
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

October 31
November 10
November 21

Pick up is unavailable for the following areas & subdivisions:

Auburn Court
Benham Court
Oak Crest
Viewpointe
Wildrose Springs Townhomes
Willowgate

Final Brush Collections

EAST SIDE OF RIVER

October 17
November 14

WEST SIDE OF RIVER

October 24
November 21

PUBLIC WORKS NOTES



Public Power Week Celebrates Local Service

Oct. 2-8, 2016

St. Charles is one of more than 2,000 community electric utilities nationwide that provides not-for-profit electric service to its citizens. National Public Power Week, Oct. 2-8, recognizes electric utility staff for operating and maintaining a reliable, efficient electric service.

Improving Service Reliability

Here at the City of St. Charles, we are always working to improve electric reliability. Our electric utility crews are finishing up restoration of older electric cables in the Hunt Club neighborhood using an innovative technique called cable injection.

Cable injection pushes a special substance through the cable that restores it to near-original condition—and the best part, no excavation is necessary. About 80% of the cables in the project can be restored this way. The others will be replaced by traditional methods.

Thinking Green

Did you know in 2013 we installed two electric vehicle chargers in the 1st Street Parking Garage on Illinois & 1st Streets? Over the last year alone, there have been more than 600 charging sessions, saving more than 2,000 kg of greenhouse gases.

For more information, contact Tom Bruhl, Electric Services Manager, at 630.377.4401 or tbruhl@stcharlesil.gov.

With Fall Comes Flood Warnings

As we head into fall, 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.

The National Weather Service defines Flash Flooding 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 or ice jam.

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

Residents should be aware of radio and television alerts, and updates available via social media. Please visit the [St. Charles website](#), on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), as well as the [National Weather Service website](#) for additional information.



Winterizing a Lawn Sprinkler System? Remember the Backflow Preventer Valve

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires every water supplier to implement a comprehensive cross-connection control program to eliminate cross connections on potable drinking water systems. These regulations help keep our drinking water safe.

The City requires residents to install a backflow preventer valve for certain water-connected equipment. The valve serves as an additional safety measure to guard against potential contamination from cross-connection with the City's water supply.

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

Note that lawn sprinkler systems will be getting winterized soon. If your backflow preventer is outside, remember to remove and store it someplace warm for the winter. Insulation and/or heat tape may be insufficient.

You will need to give the backflow preventer to your lawn irrigation contractor or plumber next spring to re-install it. Plumbing Code requires testing immediately upon re-installation every season. Annual tests must be performed by a certified tester and be submitted to the city's contractor, Aqua Backflow, for compliance through the online portal of TrackMyBackflow.com.

Our Cross Connection Control Program is designed to safeguard public health. We ask for your cooperation with our program, its enforcement, and any requests for information from Aqua Backflow or City staff. For more information, contact Tim Wilson, Environmental Services Manager, at twilson@stcharlesil.gov or 630.377.4405.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

City of St. Charles Supports "CASAtober"

Visit our bake sale and raffle at City Hall Oct. 28



Our employees are hosting a special initiative in October to benefit CASA Kane County. In addition to our internal weekly jeans Fridays to raise funds for CASA, a bake sale and raffle will be held at City Hall on Oct. 28.

You can buy baked goods crafted by City employees in the reception area from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Raffle tickets also will be available for \$3 each, with some amazing prizes from local businesses.

If you would like to donate to CASA Kane County and help us meet our goal of \$1,000, donation boxes will be available at City buildings. All proceeds go to CASA, where the funds will be used for recruitment, training, and supervision of community volunteers who serve as Court Appointed

Special Advocates/Guardians ad Litem for Kane County children who are in court due to abuse and neglect. In 2014, the program's 281 volunteers served 587 children throughout Kane County.

CASAtober is part of CASA Kane County's "Partnerships with a Purpose" program where companies, organizations, or individuals hold an event to benefit CASA's child advocacy program. "It is not just about the dollars raised for our organization, but it is also about creating awareness about the children we serve," said Lori Hewitt, Director of Development.



Please join us in supporting CASA Kane County and the children they serve. To learn more, please visit www.casakanecounty.org. To learn more about the City's bake sale and raffle, contact the Human Resources Department at 630.377.4446. Businesses interested in partnering with CASA may contact Hewitt at 630.444.3107.



St. Charles Police Support Project Mobility

Police Officer Joe Dony represented the St. Charles Police Department at the 4th Annual "Everybody Rides" fundraising bike ride at James O. Breen Park on September 11th. Participants rode in a 10- mile family trail ride or a 30-, 45-, or 60-mile road ride

benefitting Project Mobility which brings adaptive cycling opportunities to the lives of children, adults, and wounded service members with emotional and physical challenges. At the event, three wounded veterans received adaptive bicycles, thanks to the fundraising efforts.

Aries Celebrates 8 Years with the City!



At the Sept. 19 City Council Meeting, Officer Nic Anson and Aries of our Police K-9 Unit were recognized for 8 years of service to the community.

Aries duties include narcotics detection, tracking, and building searches, handler protections, and apprehensions.

Aries has had several successful tracks in his career. One notable event was in Geneva a few years ago, when he located a young girl who ran away from her house with no shoes or coat. Aries also was commended for completing a successful narcotics search for another law enforcement agency.

Aries also is a member of the Kane County SWAT Team and earns recertification during a week-long training session with the Illinois State Police. Officer Anson and Aries also train two days every month.

At the meeting, the Mayor read a special proclamation and presented Aries with a special edible key to the City. Watch the video here <https://vimeo.com/184759494>

COMMUNITY NEWS



Scarecrow Fest is October 7-9

Stroll among more than 100 hand-crafted scarecrows on display during the festival. Also enjoy live entertainment in the Arcada Theatre Zone, a carnival in the Jewel-Osco Zone, simulated golf and the Fox Valley Ice Arena Challenge in the Topgolf Action Zone, and vintage cars and a petting zoo in the Baltria Vintage Auto Zone. There also will be plenty of kids activities, a craft show, delicious food and much more. Presented by the Greater St. Charles Convention and Visitors Bureau. Thanks to ComEd and all event sponsors. More at www.scarecrowfest.com.

Be extra careful, children are out



Halloween is
Monday, Oct. 31.
Trick-or-Treating
3-7 p.m.



Oct. 5 is Walk to School Day!

Making Kane County Fit for Kids reminds us that Oct. 5 is International Walk to School Day! Making Kane County Fit for Kids promotes community-based initiatives of healthy eating and active lifestyles to reduce childhood obesity in

the county. Last year more than 60 schools throughout the county participated. So expect to see kids out walking in their neighborhoods that day. Please be extra careful when driving, especially during rush hour. More information is at www.makingkanefitforkids.org.

Streetlight Out? Let us Know

If you notice a streetlight is out, flickering, or needs repair, notify us either through the St. Charles Connect mobile app, with the [online service form](#), or call us at 630.377.4407. Streetlights are generally repaired on Fridays. Thanks for your help!

City of St. Charles Directory

<i>Building & Code Enforcement</i>	377.4406	<i>Fire Administration</i>	377.4458
<i>City Administrator Mark Koenen</i>	377.4422	<i>Fire Prevention Bureau</i>	377.4457
<i>Community Development</i>	377.4443	<i>Human Resources</i>	377.4446
<i>Development Engineering</i>	443.3677	<i>Mayor Raymond P. Rogina</i>	377.4444
<i>Economic Development</i>	443.4093	<i>Police Administration/Investigation/ Crime Prevention</i>	377.4435
<i>Electric Division</i>	377.4407	<i>Public Works: Water/Sewer/Street</i>	377.4405
<i>Engineering Division</i>	377.4486	<i>Refuse Pickup Information</i>	587.8282
<i>Emergency Management Agency</i>	377.4416	<i>TDD</i>	800.526.0844
<i>Flood Protection Assistance</i>	377.4486	<i>Utility Billing: Electric/Water/Sewer</i>	377.4426
<i>Finance/Accounting</i>	762.7002	<i>Electric Outage Hotline</i>	866.444.0016