



Fall 2016

Talk of the Township

*Your St. Charles Township Newsletter
Exclusively for Township Residents*

The Columbaria at Union Cemetery

The Columbaria area in Union Cemetery is all landscaped and beautiful. Please drive in and see this impressive new addition to the St. Charles Township Union Cemetery. Information on purchasing a niche is available at the Cemetery Office at Union Cemetery, 1206 N. 5th Avenue, St. Charles, or call 630-584-8699.

For a brochure and price list, you may also stop by the Township Office at 1725 Dean Street, St. Charles.



PLEASE BE ADVISED:

In an effort to save taxpayer dollars, The Talk of the Township Newsletter will no longer be printed, beginning with this issue.

It will be available only on our website at www.stcharlestownship.org.



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St. Charles, IL 60174

www.stcharlestownship.org

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Supervisor's Fax: 630-584-7082

Assessor's Office: 630-584-2040

Assessor's Fax: 630-584-7963

Road District Office: 630-584-3496

Road District Fax: 630-762-0861

Cemetery Office: 630-584-8699

Cemetery Fax: 630-584-4301

Elected Officials

John Arthur Anderson,

Supervisor 630-584-9342

Terry Cross,

Clerk..... 630-584-9342

Steve Frohling

Highway Commissioner 630-584-3496

Diane Hemmingsen,

Assessor 630-584-2040

Township Trustees

Jeff Jerdee

Peter Smith

Mary Lynn Swanson

Todd Wallace

Township Office Hours

Supervisor's Office

8am to 3:30pm • Monday through Friday

Road District Office

8am to 3pm • Monday through Friday

Assessor's Office

8am to 4pm • Monday through Friday

Kane County Sheriff

Non-emergency: 630-232-6840

EMERGENCY: 911

Kane County Animal Control

630-232-3555

Kane County Environmental

630-208-3841

Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District

630-584-3473

Township Board Meetings

All Town Board meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and begin at 7pm at the Township Offices in the Donald E. Scheib Hall.

Cemetery Board of Trustee meetings are held quarterly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for March, June and September. The December meeting is held on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

NOVEMBER

6.....Daylight Savings Time Ends

9 @ 6:30pm – Public Hearing/Adopt Levies

9 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

11Closed – Veterans Day

24.....Closed – Thanksgiving

25.....Closed – Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

7 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

14 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

23.....Closed – Winter Holiday

26.....Closed – Winter Holiday

30.....Closed – New Years Eve

JANUARY

2.....Closed – New Years Day

11 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

FEBRUARY

8 @ 6:50 – Budget Hearing

8 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

20.....Closed – President's Day

MARCH

8 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

15 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

APRIL

11 @ 7pm – Annual Town Meeting

12 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

14.....Closed – Good Friday

MAY

10 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

29.....Closed – Memorial Day

JUNE

14 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

21 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

JULY

4.....Closed – Independence Day

12 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

AUGUST

9 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER

4.....Closed – Labor Day

13 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

20 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting



Elderday Center

Providing quality of life since 1990

Don't let the changing seasons keep you or your loved one isolated. Elderday Center continues to provide adult day programming for older adults facing isolation, depression, memory impairment and age related decline. Winter can often be a challenging time for older adults experiencing feelings of isolation and loss of independence. Find friendship, belonging and enjoyment through our specialized adult day program. Program outcome measures have found that participants experience less depression, slower cognitive decline and increased feelings of belonging. To learn more about special programming available to older adults, see our contact information here.

Elderday Center is excited to announce the launch of our Early Onset Alzheimer's Support Group which will be held monthly on the first Tuesday of the month beginning on October 4. This group is designed to meet the unique needs of the newly diagnosed and find support from others facing similar challenges. The group is open to the public.

Caregivers are invited to join our Caregiver Support Group held every third Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm. Caregivers are invited to share their experiences, learn practical caregiving tips, and find emotional support. For questions or to learn more about our support groups, call Mollie Blum, MSW, 630-761-9750.

Caregiver Support Group Upcoming Topics

- October 20: Affordable Assisted Lifestyle Communities for the Older Adult. Learn about the many housing options available.
- November 17: You matter Too: the Journey of Caregiving. The holiday season can be confusing and challenging for caregivers and persons living with dementia. Please join us to talk about holiday tips for caregivers and make your holiday season brighter.
- December 15: Holiday Party. Caregivers are invited to join us to celebrate the season and the caregiving journey. Light refreshments provided.

Elderday Center

328 W. Wilson Street, Batavia, IL 60510

630-761-9750

www.ElderdayCenter.org

Tri City Health Partnership • Free Medical Clinic • St. Charles

The Need Continues and You Can Help With Laughing!

Tri City Health Partnership (TCHP) is cordially inviting you to a night of laughter that will benefit those in the community who are low-income, uninsured and under insured. The public is invited to a fun night out on Thursday, November 10, 2016, to ZANIES COMEDY CLUB, located at Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 E. Main Street, St. Charles. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased by calling 630-377-9277 or online via PayPal at www.tchpfreeclinic.org (Events/News Page). All proceeds from the ticket price go to support the delivery of medical and dental care at TCHP.

Doors open at 7pm at which time you can enter the 50/50 Raffle and Silent Auction. Show begins at 8 p.m. Those attending must be age 21+ with a photo ID (2 drink or 1 drink and appetizer or entrée minimum).

Each year TCHP provides approximately 1,800 visits to our friends and neighbors who are struggling financially

and are in-between jobs, waiting for insurance to “kick in,” have filed bankruptcy, cannot afford their medicine, are ineligible for insurance and more. Without TCHP services, many of these individuals would be forced to ignore their medical issues and/or utilized the emergency department for their care. Your participation and a little laughter will enable us to provide medical and dental care and could even save a life!



St. Charles Township Road District News

Steve Frohling, Highway Commissioner

I would like for you to know that the Road District receives 1 percent of the 1.6 percent that the taxpayers pay to the Township for their taxes. With this 1 percent, we provide such services as: **resurfacing, road repair, edge of road repair, culvert and drainage work, plowing and salting of the roads, brush trimming and mowing, brush pickup program, signage on the road, truck and equipment repairs and maintenance, and various other jobs on 90 miles of road.**

We also provide emergency services when needed, and we are on call 24 hours a day and can be reached through the Sheriff's Office if needed after our regular office hours.

Please be sure to call the Road District phone number not the Supervisor's Office if you have flooding problems, signs down, trees down, or any other emergency situation

that needs immediate assistance. If the situation arises and you are in need of sand and the bags because of flooding, please call our office and we will get them out right away to you. Remember, we can't help if we don't know you need it, so remember to call the Township Road District 630-584-3496 besides calling Kane County Office of Emergency Management in the future when help is needed in emergency situations. Kane County Office of Emergency Management phone 630-208-2050.

In closing I would just like to say thank you for your support and that I am looking forward to working for you, the taxpayers, for many years to come. If you have any questions or problems please don't hesitate to call me at my office.



**Know What's Below!
Call J.U.L.I.E.**

800-892-0123

Soliciting Guidelines

Anyone soliciting in unincorporated St. Charles Township must register with the Kane County Sheriff's Office at 37W755 Route 38, St. Charles, IL.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE Digging, Building, Planting in Road Right-of-Way

The road right-of-way is the area usually 33' feet from the center of the road (some roads vary). That area (33' feet from the center of the road) belongs to the Road District. You must get permission from the Highway Commissioner to do anything in that easement area. Boulders, underground fencing and sprinkler systems must be kept out of the road right-of-way. Stay in your property line when installing these things.

Also, MONUMENT MAILBOXES on road right-of-ways are illegal and not safe to the motoring public. Mailboxes must not be bigger than a 4x4 post per Post Office Regulations. When these regulations are not followed properly and things are built or planted in the road right-of-way, it cost the taxpayer because the township is forced to pay legal fees to have these situation remedied. Contact the Road District before putting anything in the easement (right-of-way) in front of your house.

REMEMBER TO CALL J.U.L.I.E. BEFORE YOU DIG UNLESS YOU HAVE A CONTRACTOR DOING THE WORK AND THEN THEY ARE TO CALL IT IN! THE NUMBER TO CALL IS 1-800-892-0123 AND BE SURE TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFO READY WHEN YOU CALL:

- Your name, address, and telephone number
- County and city or unincorporated township
- Location of the dig site
- Extent of the work involved (reason for dig)
- Date work will begin
- Permit number (if applicable)
- Section and quarter section numbers (if available)

Please do not dig without marks unless utility has indicated there are no facilities in the dig area. For more info about J.U.L.I.E. visit them online at www.illinois1call.com.

Brush Pickup for Unincorporated Township: Not City of St. Charles

We will conclude our brush pickup for the Unincorporated Township Roads the week of October 24th and will start up again next spring, probably the fourth Monday of April. We will be posting the schedule of brush pickups for the 2017 season on the website and in the spring newsletter.

Managing Your Leaves

- Mulching - Leave shredded material on lawn and around trees and shrubs.
- Place shredded material in gardens or in adjacent wooded areas.
- Do not put leaves or grass for mulching in roadway or ditches. They will plug up storm drains especially in subdivisions that have curbs and will cause flooding.
- Composting - Produce a valuable soil amendment for garden areas.

Bagged Collection of Leaves & Other Landscape Wastes - Please Note that local garbage companies provide this service to Township residents for a fee

Suggestions:

- No single approach will easily handle all your leaves. Try mulching as many as you possibly can, composting some, and then maybe bag the rest for your garbage pickup.
- Always shred or chop your leaves. Chopped leaves work best for mulch, compost faster, and fill fewer yard waste bags.

"Brush Only" Burning Regulations

Kane County has a burn ordinance that prohibits the burning of "landscape waste," which means all accumulations of grass cuttings, shrubbery cuttings, leaves, flowers and weeds. Residents may, however, still burn "brush" as long as they follow the Standard Restrictions.

Standard Restrictions:

- Only on the property where the landscape brush was generated;
- Only on sunny days from 10am to 3pm;
- Not when wind exceeds 10 mph;
- Not within 20 feet of any building, structure or property line;
- Not during announced inversion conditions or ozone alerts

Any burning must be supervised until the fire is extinguished; a fire extinguisher, garden hose or water source must be available at the burning site.

Exemptions:

- Any property zoned or used for agricultural purposes.
- Burning for prairie restoration or firefighter training.
- Burning of brush for recreational fires, but the fire cannot be larger than 3 ft. x 3 ft. x 3 ft.
- Ceremonial fires for a scheduled public or private event.
Notice must be given to the local Fire Department, and a permit obtained from the Kane County Health Dept. at 630-208-3801.

Penalties:

- Any person who violates any provision shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100 for a first offense and a fine of \$500 for subsequent offenses.

Complaints:

- Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm, please call the Kane County Health Department at **630-208-3801**.

All other days/hours, please call the Kane County Sheriff's Office at **630-232-6840**.

More Information is available from the Kane County Department of Environmental Management, **630-208-3841**.

Junk Cars

If you have a problem with vehicle parking, please call the Sheriff's Office first. If you have a problem with junk cars that are abandoned in your neighborhood, please call the Kane County Health Department at 630-208-3801 because it is a health problem.

No one wants to have this view out their window. Junk cars don't have to be a problem. You can even turn rust into cash. Just Google: *Junk car buyers Chicago*, and a list of options are available to owners.



Meeting Space is Available

The Donald E. Scheib Town Meeting Hall is available to local, not-for-profit, non-political groups and organizational meetings at nominal rates.

For more info, contact Sharon Bober at 630-584-9342.

Safety Tidbits - Changes on Township Roads

- Street Signs – you may have noticed on most of the main roads that the signs are larger now due to the changes in street sign regulations. We also have had a large number of street signs disappearing in our township. It is against the law to take any signage posted by the road district and those caught stealing these signs will be prosecuted. These signs are not to be used for decoration in your children's room and if you should see these signs anywhere but posted on the road where they belong please call your local road district or the sheriff's department.
- People driving on Burr Road or Crane Road should be aware of the hidden driveways on the top and bottom of hills and around curves. Be aware of the deer that run out in front of the cars and the bicyclists who sometime use the road right-of-way. These roads are very hilly and potentially dangerous to people who travel over the speed limit of 35mph on Crane Road and 40mph on Burr Road.
- School Speed Limits and Work Zone Speed Limits should be strictly adhered to – let the kids and road crew come home safe.
- Watch for new speed limit signs in subdivision entrances like on Old Homestead Rd., Mallard Lake Rd. and Heritage Oaks Rd. that state the speed limit 25mph and then reads "on all streets unless otherwise posted."
- Violations – if you have a problem with speeding or parking on your street, please let the first call be to the sheriff's department at 630-232-6840.
- Reminder: Watch your speed limit on all Township Roads, the speed limit must be adhered to and will be enforced! There have been a number of complaints and the Sheriff's Office is aware of this. WATCH YOUR SPEED for your safety as well as your neighbors!

Homeowner's Association Information

The Township is seeking homeowner's association information for subdivisions that are in our unincorporated area. We want to keep you informed of any road improvements that may be happening in your subdivision, such as blacktopping or road closures.

Please call the Road District at 630-584-3496 to leave any info. If you call after hours, please leave a message and we'll call back if needed. Thanks in advance for all your help and to those who have already called to keep us up to date.



The winter weather will soon be here, and the Township is asking everyone to buckle up and drive safely throughout the season.

We will make every effort to keep your streets clear and safe for you. We will also have it done for you in a timely manner. But, we can only do that with your cooperation, by not parking your vehicle along the roadways until after they have been plowed and widened. We have been having a problem with parents parking by school bus pickups. Remember, we can't plow if cars are parked on the road. Please be considerate of our plows and move if our trucks are in the vicinity trying to plow the roads. We are doing this for you and the safety of your children.

Remember, if your mailbox is accidentally pushed over during a snowfall by one of the township snowplows only, please call the township and we will correct the situation as soon as possible. In the meantime try to place the mailbox temporarily upright so your mail will get delivered. However, we do not fix mailboxes if they are knocked over by someone backing into them, another vehicle hitting them or possibly a hired snowplow company clearing a drive and pushing the snow into your mailbox. Remember, no one knocks these mailboxes over on purpose, they are just trying to move the snow and most of the time it's the weight of the snow pushed up against an old post that causes the post to break. If the township has to replace a mailbox it will be replaced with a legal mailbox and post as required by the Postal Service not the fancy mailboxes that may have been there before.

Also, please be aware of the following:

605 ILCS 5/9-130. Deposit of snow or ice upon public highway—Prohibition

Section 9-130. No person, firm, corporation or institution, public or private, shall plow or remove or cause to be plowed or removed ice or snow from any shopping center, parking lot, commercial or institutional service area or driveway or any other public or private service area or driveway and deposit such ice or snow upon a public highway or along the shoulder or edge of a public highway.

Any person, firm, corporation or institution, public or private, which violates this Section, is guilty of a petty offense.

ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER: NO PARKING ON ANY TOWNSHIP ROADS UNTIL AFTER ALL SNOW HAS BEEN CLEARED.



No one can anticipate what the future may hold.

The guests we serve never imagined that living in a homeless shelter was in their future, yet this is where they find themselves. Through the generosity of our community, we are able to provide a “hand up” to these neighbors in crisis. YOUR contributions help make life-changing differences in the lives of others.

Lazarus House offers emergency shelter, transitional living and homeless prevention programs to individuals from St. Charles, Batavia, Geneva and western rural Kane County. Our mission is to offer those who are homeless or in need hope for the future by providing hospitality, food, safe shelter, and education – tools for life.

Upcoming Events ...

The community is invited to share in our “potluck style” Thanksgiving and Christmas buffets.

Everyone is welcome to share in a wonderful meal and fellowship. Community Thanksgiving Feast ~ 11:30am - 2:00pm, November 24 at the St. Charles Salvation Army, 1710 South 7th Avenue, St. Charles.

Community Christmas Brunch ~ 11:30 am - 2:00 pm on Christmas Day at the St. Charles Free Methodist Church at 214 Walnut Street, St. Charles.

Special fund-raising dinner “Unmasking the Face of Homelessness” on Saturday, January 21, at the St. Charles Country Club. Mingle during the cocktail hour, bid on silent auction items, enjoy a delicious dinner with background music, and take part in the exciting live auction. Dinner tickets are \$100 each. Sponsorships are available too!

If you know someone who needs shelter, encourage them to us. If you are in a position to help, please consider a monetary donation and/or urgent needs items such as paper towels, bottled water or others posted on our website. For those wishing to volunteer, orientations are held about every six weeks with a chance to hear about all the different aspects of lending a hand at Lazarus House. Without the generous support of this community, Lazarus House would not be able to continue to provide help to those in need.

Lazarus House
214 Walnut Street • 630-587-2144
www.lazarushouseonline.com



**Fox River & Countryside
Fire Rescue District
34W500 Carl Lee Road,
St. Charles, IL 60174**

Fall Fire Safety Cooking Tips

Cooking is often a relaxing and fun task that brings the family together on crisp fall days. It provides a great way to showcase your creativity and love of great food with friends and family. But cooking is also the number one cause of home fires and home injuries. Being mindful while you cook can go a long way to helping prevent these fires and injuries.

Here's is what you need to know!

- Keep an eye on what you fry
- Keep alert while cooking with oils
- Keep things that catch fire away from your cooking area
- Keep a proper fire extinguisher nearby

Give yourself every advantage while cooking to avoid a possibly devastating fire in your home. Based on recent fire statistics, the ***fall season is our greatest risk for cooking fires in the home.*** Unattended cooking was the leading factor in home cooking fires. Here are some important facts:

- Two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires started with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.
- Clothing was the item first ignited in less than 1% of these fires, but these incidents accounted for 18% of the cooking fire deaths.
- Ranges or cooktops accounted for the majority (61%) of home cooking fire incidents, while ovens accounted for 13%. More than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves. Precious time is lost when homeowners fail to call 911 for help right away.
- Frying poses the greatest risk of fire. Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires. **If you plan to deep fry your turkey this season, please follow all safety tips provided by the appliance maker.**

For more information or to request a free home fire safety evaluation, please contact the
Fox River and Countryside Fire District
630-584-3473

Fire Safety is Everyone's Business

St. Charles Heritage Center

Fall Exhibit • September 2016 - December 2016
Arcada Theatre • Celebrating 90 years

Step back in time and see the history of the Arcada Theatre. Through ups and downs, and twists and turns, the lovely Arcada Building has stood as the Norris family's grand palace of the arts since 1926.

Before Lester J. Norris was the CEO of Texaco, he dreamed of being a famous cartoonist, a dream he gave up to manage his other responsibility: Texaco, and carry the company through the Great Depression. The Arcada Theatre is a lasting legacy of Mr. Norris's career as an artist and of the early days of cinema. Step back into Old Spain—the ultramodern lobby welcomes you—and experience a world of grandeur, of old world opulence and baronial charm. A place that could only be built in the crazy 20s, a time of excess mixed with the most modern of technologies

See the Arcada! Our new temporary exhibit will tell you all about it and how the Arcada has played a surprising role in the development of the downtown. The exhibit will open along with Ron Onesti's new Club Arcada and in honor of the Theatre's Grand Opening on Labor Day 90 years ago.



215 E. Main Street

Open TUESDAY - SATURDAY 10AM - 4PM

630-584-6967

www.stcmuseum

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Home Repair Help Line

630-375-7227

If you are on a limited or fixed income, in need of minor household repairs and can't afford to hire a commercial service contractor, help is near.

Health, safety and quality of life repairs are provided to homeowners in the Tri-City school boundary areas.

Labor is FREE and work is provided by a group of trustworthy volunteers experienced in plumbing, electrical, carpentry and other types of repairs. All volunteers are insured. Charges for materials will vary according to need and project. Depending on circumstances, materials may be free to low-income homeowners.

A volunteer will set up a meeting to assess your needs. Work is then scheduled based on those needs, repairs are evaluated and materials are assembled.

Home Repair Assistance services include:

- Handicap ramps • Railings and grab bars
- Stairs and steps • Light switches and light bulbs
- Plumbing fixtures/drains • Doors and windows
- Furnace filters • Shower stalls • Smoke detectors

If you are a trades person and would like to volunteer or donate, monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday at the Congregational Church of Batavia, 21 S. Batavia Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

RIDE IN KANE UPDATE...

Currently residents of unincorporated St. Charles Township are sponsored for 2 round trip rides (or 4 one way) per week for medical visits, employment, school and to the Elderday Center in Batavia.

For any questions, please call
630-584-9342.

Cemetery Notification:

Cement flower pots that are not maintained for a summer season will be moved to the Cemetery Office at Union Cemetery, 1206 N. 5th Avenue. Contact the Cemetery Office for more information at 630-584-8699.

Fall Behind One Hour on
Sunday, November 6.
Set your clocks back.
Gain an extra hour of sleep!