



Talk of the Township

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

A Few Facts About Township Cemeteries

by John Arthur Anderson, Township Supervisor

Every year on Memorial Day weekend, my family and I take time to visit our ancestors' grave sites. Just this past year, there were 27 of us gathered to visit. We travel to four cemeteries from West Chicago to DeKalb. I can honestly say the St. Charles Township cemeteries are exceptionally maintained. It has been said that you can tell the character of a community by the way they respect those who have come before them. St. Charles Township truly honors our past residents.

A few facts about our Township Cemeteries:

There are six cemeteries maintained by the Township:

1. North Cemetery, located on the 1200 block of north 5th Avenue (Rt. 25).
2. Union Cemetery, which is directly across from North Cemetery on 5th Avenue.
3. South Cemetery is located on the east side of south 7th Avenue across from Langum Park. This historic area is closed to new burials.
4. Little Woods Cemetery, located at the corners of Dunham and Stearns Roads.
5. Prairie Cemetery, which is located on Crane Road between Bolcum and Silver Glen Roads.
6. Round Grove Cemetery is closed to new burials.

The oldest cemetery is south on 7th Avenue. This site contains Civil War era graves and many resting places of the founding families of St. Charles.

The most recently acquired is Round Grove Cemetery, which was discovered when the Royal Fox development was built east of Dunham Road. It is a family cemetery of about 10 graves and is closed to new burials.. The cemetery was given to the Township who now maintains it.

Speaking of maintaining such sites, the Township has a crew of four full-time employees, a part-time administrator and 3 seasonal staff during the summer months. However, the Township maintains the properties all year long. In addition to upkeep, the team opens/closes gravesites and administers the sale of sites. Roger Ronzheimer is our Cemetery Superintendent. He is the third generation in his family to hold this position. When Roger retires this spring - after 42 years with the Township - his son, Brooks, will be taking over making it four generations of Ronzheimers in care of our cemeteries.

The cemetery office is at Union Cemetery on 5th Avenue (Rt. 25), which is where the new Columbarium is found. A Columbarium is a brick or stone structure with niches in which urns containing ashes are buried. Cremations are nearly 50% of all burials in Illinois. St. Charles Township added this Columbarium a few years ago.

See page 9 for details on the Columbarium and some more facts about these historic sites.

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.

PLEASE BE ADVISED:

In an effort to save taxpayer dollars, The Talk of the Township Newsletter will no longer be printed, as of fall 2016. It will be available only on our website at www.stcharlestownship.org Also NOTE that URLs are now linked for your convenience.



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Assessor's Fax: 630-584-7963

Road District Office: 630-584-3496

Road District Fax: 630-762-0861

Cemetery Office: 630-584-8699

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Township Trustees

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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.

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

OCTOBER

9.....Closed – Columbus Day

11 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

NOVEMBER

5..... Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall back 1 hr.)

8 @ 6:30pm – Public Hearing/Adopt Levies

8 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

23-24.....Closed – Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

6 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

13 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

22.....Closed – Winter Holiday

25-26..... Closed – Winter Holiday

29.....Closed – New Years Eve

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.

An Important Message from your St. Charles Township Assessor

Diane Hemmingsen

2017 assessment notices will be mailed to property owners only if there has been a change in the value of the parcel from its 2016 assessment. Likewise, only parcels that had a value change will be published in the local newspaper.

St. Charles Township generally revalues all parcels every year, based on the prior three years of sales. Per the Illinois Property Tax Code, each property – other than farmland – must be viewed, inspected, and revalued once every four years. Farmland is reassessed each year.

This year, in an effort to reduce the cost of publication and therefore the cost to taxpayers, we will not be revaluing all of the parcels in St. Charles Township. But this does not mean that the assessment on a parcel will not change at all.

Per Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/12-10):

“...the chief county assessment officer shall publish a list of property for which assessments have been added or changed since the preceding assessment..., except that publication of individual assessment changes shall not be required if the changes result from equalization by the supervisor of assessments...”

This means that even though the St. Charles Township Assessor might not have made a change in value to parcels, the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments, Mark Armstrong, can still apply a factor to the assessments, decreasing or increasing the values across the Township to reflect the 33-1/3 level of assessment, and is not required by state statute to publish the assessments.

Another reason this change is being made is due to rulings from the State Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB), on assessment complaints filed with the PTAB, to only revalue parcels during a general reassessment year (every 4 years), so the next general reassessment year will be 2019.

We anticipate having 2017 equalized assessment values sometime the end of July or first part of August. At that time you will be able to view your 2017 assessment on our website at: www.stcharlestownship.org/index.php/assessor/parcel-info
Please call our office with any questions you may have regarding your assessment. 630-584-2040.



TriCity Family Services

PLEASE JOIN US!

On Saturday, April 22, 2017, TriCity Family Services will host its 28th Annual Gala, Festival of Color, ‘Live Life Brilliantly’, at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles.

The festival is our nonprofit’s largest fundraising event of the year to benefit the agency’s mental health counseling and emotional wellness programs. This year also marks our Golden Jubilee anniversary, a milestone we are recognizing throughout the year with the Gala taking center stage as our main celebration.

Join us for a wonderful sit-down dinner, enjoy live musical entertainment during cocktail hour, participate in our Silent and Live Auctions, and witness the presentation of the Golden Heart Awards for long-standing and meritorious philanthropic support of our organization.

For 50 years, TCFS has been dedicated to strengthening

people and building community by providing quality, affordable mental health services to support effective family functioning. Our experienced team of professional therapists provides the residents of Central Kane County and other neighboring Chicagoland communities with counseling, emotional wellness and employee assistance programs and family-based treatment for eating disorders.

On behalf of this year’s Gala committee, please know how grateful we are for your support. We sincerely hope you will join us in making this event one of the very best.

For tickets, visit: www.tricityfamilyservices.org/tcfs-annual-gala-benefit/

St. Charles Township Road District News

Steve Frohling, Highway Commissioner

After having such a mild winter this year we can now look forward to the next season in Illinois and that is “Construction” season. With the county and state having projects going on all the time, we can always expect some kind of traffic detours, so be careful.

With the costs of blacktop at about \$75 per ton, we are only able to resurface about 3 miles of road each year as opposed to about 10 miles of road like we used to do many, many years ago. When determining what roads to resurface each year I always look at how long it’s been since it was resurfaced last and what condition it is in. Therefore, roads in the worse condition and the longest time since resurfaced will come first. All roads being resurfaced are anywhere from 15 to 20 years since they were last resurfaced. We try to patch as quickly as we can other roads to help with their longevity.

I would like for you to know that the Road District receives 1% of the 1.6% that the taxpayers pay to the Township for their taxes. With this 1% 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 almost 90 miles of road.

Just a reminder to those of you that should have any trouble with flooding, if you need immediate assistance, first please call Kane County Office of Emergency Management, Don Bryant at 630-232-5985. Then call the township for sand bags or sand if during regular office hours 630-584-3496 or the Sheriff’s Department if after hours 630-232-6840 for an emergency and they can get a hold of us. Remember, we can’t help if we are not contacted.

In closing I would just like to say that as the new highway commissioner, I look forward to working for you, the taxpayers, for many years to come. I want to thank you in advance for your support and if you have any questions or problems please don’t hesitate to call me at my office.

Resurfacing Projects for Summer of 2017

Bids on the contracts for resurfacing will be out soon for the following roads or subdivisions:

- Cranston Meadows: Northern Court
- Cranston Meadows/Three Lakes: Cloverfield Dr./Rd. (from Fielding Court to Steven’s Glen Road)
- Crossings of Red Gate: Baker Hill Court
- Baker’s Acres: Leola Lane
- Fox River Heights: Elgin Avenue; Woodlawn Avenue; Oak Drive; Maple Avenue; Jackson Avenue; Irving Avenue; Kane Avenue; Aurora Avenue; and Rose Avenue

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.

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.

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

St. Charles Township Road District has contracted with Kramer Tree Service to pick up the brush in unincorporated St. Charles Township again this year.

The following procedures must be followed to ensure your brush being picked up:

- Brush/limbs are to be out by the road, not in the road, no later than 7 a.m. on the Monday of the scheduled week pick up
- Max diameter is 12 inches; Max length is 12 feet
- Stack brush in large piles with cut ends facing the road keeping away from mailboxes, utility poles/boxes, hydrants and parked cars
- Brush should be placed in the front or side parkway It will not be picked up from vacant lots
- Do not tie or bundle brush/limbs or put brush/limbs in containers or bags
- Do not place stumps, roots, landscape material, lumber, firewood, or foreign objects in piles
- This program is strictly for residentially generated brush; NOT FOR CONTRACTOR REMOVALS OR TRIMMINGS
- If you hire a tree service to cut down any tree(s) they are responsible for taking away all logs and brush
- We do not pick up after any lot clearings
- Limbs/brush exceeding the requirements for the Residential Brush Pickup Program can contact a private service to have them removed at the resident's expense
- If your brush was out at 7 a.m. on Monday of the scheduled pickup week and **NOT** collected by the end of the workday on Friday, please notify the Road District no later than the following Monday. For calls on missed brush received after that Monday, they will be picked up on the next scheduled brush pickup

Here are the weeks scheduled for the 2017 Brush Pickup that start on the 4th Monday of each month, April thru October:

**April 24 • May 22 • June 26 • July 24 • August 28
September 25 • last pickup October 23**

If you have any questions, please contact the Road District at 630-584-3496.

"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.

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.



**Know What's Below!
Call J.U.L.I.E.
800-892-0123**

SUMMER CONSTRUCTION & SAFETY

Please be aware and watch for construction workers on the roads. Their safety is in your hands. Whether it's Township, County, State, Municipality, Utility, or Blacktop Crews - they all should be obeyed. Please reduce your speed, stop talking or texting on your cells and pay attention to the road signs and the Flagger's!

Speed Limits & Signage

Kane County Division of Transportation passed authorization for us to put up Speed Limit signs in subdivisions. This will greatly reduce the amount of signs needed to be posted within a subdivision and save the township monies.

You may have also noticed on some of the main roads in the townships that we have gone to a larger street sign. This is in compliance with MUTCD laws.

With the expansion of the sign shop in our garage, we are able to make our own signs. The sign shop enables us, with the help of computer software and a new cutting machine, to make new signs at a cost saving at so we are starting to update all the signs to meet with MUTCD laws.

Safety Tidbits - Township Roads

- Street Signs – you may have noticed on most of the main roads that the signs are larger now. 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.
- 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.
- 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! 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!



Anyone can face homelessness. A job loss, a natural disaster, a relationship ending all can bring the risk of losing one's home. Personal and societal issues can also come into play. Physical and mental health issues, substance abuse, domestic violence, lack of affordable housing, loss of social assistance and other income supports all can be contributing factors. Homelessness happens in all communities, across all cultures and within all age groups. It is just not always visible. Individuals and families may double-up with relatives, live in motels or cars, couch-surf or end up on the streets. Each story is unique.

That is why Lazarus House, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, strives to provide services to men, women, and children who are in need of shelter, food, homeless prevention services and resources. It is a great privilege to be able to lend support to neighbors in one of the most frightening times of their lives and often witness their amazing transformation from despair to hope. We wish to thank you, the community, for being an integral part of this change. Through the time, talent and donations of so many, we can attempt to meet the needs of each individual or family no matter what circumstances bring them to our door. YOU create change in our community!

Lazarus House has some great special events coming up this summer. Please plan to join us on June 9 for the "Golfing for Good" outing and/or dinner event to benefit Lazarus House and the St. Charles Kiwanis. There will be golfing at Mill Creek Golf Club, games, great food, auctions, entertainment and more! Then plan to start your July 4th off with a bang at the 11th annual Great Western Freedom 4 Run and Walk. This event offers a competitive 4-mile run, a 2-mile scenic walk suitable for all age groups and a fun Kids' Dash.

Details about all of these events and how to donate or volunteer are available at: www.lazarushouseonline.com



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Looking for a great souvenir or memento? Our gift shop features a wide selection of everything St. Charles — Tee shirts, wall art, glasses, crocks, postcards, ornaments and more. All proceeds from Gift Shop purchases support the Museum and our mission.

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We've opened an online version of our Gift Shop featuring some of our best-selling products. Now you can purchase online for in store pick-up or delivery. Check it out today!

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, meetings are held on the second Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at the Congregational Church of Batavia, 21 S. Batavia Ave.

630-377-9277

318 Walnut Street, St. Charles

Tri City Health Partnership provides a wide range of high-quality medical care to individuals in Central Kane County. At our clinic in St. Charles, we treat all patients with dignity and respect, and they receive quality health care from qualified volunteer specialists. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding our treatment or the requirements necessary to receive free care.

The Clinic offers On-Site Services for Free:

- Care for acute illness such as pain, injury, etc.
- Chronic illness: asthma, diabetes, hypertension
- Flu immunizations
- Healthy lifestyles programming
- Basic wellness checks & health screenings
- Lab draws
- Medication assistance
- TB screening
- Women's health
- Dental: diagnostic, preventive, restorative

Additional Services:

- Acupuncture
- Chiropractic
- Dermatology
- Mammography
- Physical Therapy
- Podiatry
- Smoking Cessation
- Vision
- X-Ray, diagnostic procedures, limited surgery

RIDE IN KANE

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.



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

Main Station: (630) 584-3473

Rural Fire Address Signs:

Can we read your address? Is your sign missing? Go online to fill out a form, then send it to us. Questions? Email us at info@frcfr.org

IN THE KNOW ... Ambulance Services:

EMS is 67 percent of what we do and services are provided from two stations covering our entire 38 square mile district. This call volume percentage has been rising each year during the last five years. At the present time, we provide two fully equipped ambulances as our response to serve our residents. Each of our stations is staffed with 4 people currently, two are assigned EMS duties at each station. During 2016, Fox River and Countryside Fire/Rescue Responded to 1,344 calls for service. Of that total, 905 calls (67.34%) were requests for ambulance or rescue assistance

Ambulance 1851 is the primary Advanced Life Support Mobile Intensive Care Unit assigned at Fire Station 1 and responds primarily on our area east of Randall Road. The east area call volume comprised about one-third of all fire and medical emergencies this past year. Ambulance 1852 is our ALS MICU covering from Fire Station 2 serving our west area. The west area is our busiest station, which accounts for two-thirds of all fire and EMS activity this past year. Overall our average response time is a very respectable 6:10 on average to the emergency from the time our crews are alerted by dispatch. Approximately 10 percent of all incidents overlap, and in those cases we rely on aid agreements with our neighboring Fire/EMS agencies should a third incident occur while we are busy with existing incidents. In those cases, response time may be longer.

Our emergency personnel are cross-trained firefighters who are also certified Paramedics or EMTs. Our crew staffing presently consists of both full and part-time members. Each of our medical personnel are required to 130 hours of continuing education each year to maintain the IDPH license in good standing.

The Columbaria at Union Cemetery

The newest addition to St. Charles Township Cemeteries is the Columbarium at Union Cemetery, 1206 N. 5th Avenue. Please feel free to stop by and view a beautiful picturesque setting for the internment of cremains.

There is a one-time charge for the niche and opening/closing to intern up to 2 urns. The only other cost will be for the engraving of the marble front.

Please contact the cemetery office for a brochure, more information or to purchase a niche at (630) 584-8699. For a brochure and price list, you may also stop by the Township Office at 1725 Dean Street, St. Charles.



<i>Cemetery</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Founded</i>	<i>Township Owned & Maintained Since</i>
North	North 5th Ave	1840	1945
South	South 7th Ave	1815	1945
Little Woods	Dunham Road	1856	1951
Union	North 5th Ave	1900	1972
Prairie	Crane Road	1849	1957
Round Grove	Mosley Lane	1849	1997

Of interesting note: The City of St. Charles was founded in 1834. The cemetery at 7th Avenue predates the establishment of our city.

Please feel free to visit our public cemeteries. We kindly ask that you help us maintain the dignity so greatly earned by respecting the sites and graves. Your St. Charles Township.