



Spring 2021

Talk of the Township

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

A Breakdown of Township Officials' Duties

Township Supervisor Ron Johnson

With Township elections approaching on April 6, 2021, here is an overview of the responsibilities and duties of your St. Charles Township Elected Officials.

Township Supervisor:

CEO of Town Board. Serves as the administrator of General Assistance. Is the Treasurer of Town Funds and is ex-officio Treasurer for the Road and Bridge Funds. The Supervisor carries out those policies set by the Town Board. Oversees cemetery daily operations along with an appointed 3-person Cemetery Board of Trustees.

Township Clerk:

Keeper of the records of the Township, including those for the Road District Highway Commissioner. The Clerk must attest to the signatures of the Highway Commissioner and the Supervisor on certain documents. Keep an accurate record of proceedings of all meetings, and is the official responsible for posting and/or publishing all notices and ordinances of the Township.

Township Trustees:

Carry out orders prescribed for them by the electors assembled at a Town Meeting, either annual or a special meeting. Examine and Audit all Town, Road and Bridge and Cemetery bills before they are paid. Fill by appointment all vacancies occurring in their board. Designate the depository for all Township funds. Designate a depository for all Township Road funds and Cemetery funds. Trustees provide for the cutting of weeds on unimproved or partially improved real estate in residential areas in the Township, when the owners of the real estate refuse or neglect to cut them. Provide for the purchase of insurance against any loss or liability of any officer, employee or agent of the Township resulting from the wrongful or negligent act of any such officer, employee or agent while discharging and engaged in his duties and functions and acting within the scope of

his duties and functions as an officer, employee or agent of the Township.

Trustees prepare the Town Budget and Appropriation Ordinance or has it prepared and has it conveniently available to the public for inspection at least 30 days prior to final action thereon. Operate under Dillon's Rule: They shall have only powers granted to them by law and other duties.



Assessor:

Appraises real property and maintains property record cards on all parcels in the Township. The Assessor sets property values in each township but does not levy nor assess the taxes on those properties. Levies are made by the governing body of each unit of government (cities, township, school districts, etc.) and tax rates are set by the clerk of each county.

Highway Commissioner:

Responsible for construction and maintenance of all roads and bridges that are not part of the federal, state, county, or municipal road systems. In Illinois 55% of the total road miles are under the jurisdiction of almost 1,430 township road district commissioners.

**Township* Brush Pickup
Starts April 26**

***For Unincorporated St. Charles Township:
Not the City of St. Charles**



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St. Charles, IL 60174

www.stcharlestownship.org

Supervisor's Office: 630-584-9342

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

Ronald C. Johnson,

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

Jerry Swanson

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 3:30pm • 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

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

The Cemetery Board of Trustee Meetings are held quarterly on the 1st Wednesday of the month in March, June, September and December.

APRIL 2021

2.....Closed – Spring Holiday

6.....Voting Day

13 @ 7pm – Annual Town Meeting

14 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

26....Brush Pickup Begins in Unincorporated Township

MAY

12 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

31.....Closed – Memorial Day

JUNE

2 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

9 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

JULY

5.....Closed – Independence Day Observed

14 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

AUGUST

11 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER

1 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

6.....Closed – Labor Day

8 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

OCTOBER

11....Closed – Columbus Day

13 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

25....LAST Brush Pickup of the Season

NOVEMBER

7.....Daylight Saving Time Ends: clocks 1 hour back

10 @ 6:30pm – Public Hearing/Adopt Levies

10 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

11....Closed – Veterans Day

25-26....Closed – Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

1 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

8 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

24-27...Closed – Winter Holiday

31....Closed – New Year's Eve



Update from Township Assessor

Diane Hemmingsen, Township Assessor, CIAO

It has been a very trying year for everyone. COVID has had an effect on everyone and everything we do. The Assessor's office has been closed to the

public in an effort to follow CDC guidelines and to keep you and our staff safe. We have continued to be available by phone to answer any of your questions. The office is now open and you may come in as long as you are wearing a mask.

The virus has definitely affected our ability to complete fieldwork. The "field team" is tasked with checking on construction projects from new homes being built, updates and remodeling on existing improvements in addition to demolition of improvements. These construction projects need to be physically inspected for Township records and for accurate assessment of the changes made to a property. While it is not ideal for the "field team" to have to knock on your door while most people are working and schooling from home, it is not possible to obtain the necessary information without visiting properties.

Our procedures for visiting your property include wearing masks, ringing your doorbell and then standing back at least 6 feet to allow you to answer the door. The field team is easily identifiable in the Township vehicle and

they also have ID badges and business cards. When you answer the door, they will explain to you why they are visiting your property and will ask you questions pertaining to the reason for their visit.

The St. Charles Township Deputies will **never** tell you that they have to come inside your home. If you have taken out a permit for improvements inside your home, they will just ask you questions about the improvement so that it can be properly recorded for your property.

The field teams schedule is very dependent on the weather and other schedules within the office. Therefore, it is not possible to determine exactly when they might visit your property for inspection. If no one answers the door when they visit your property, they will leave information at your door regarding their visit and if needed, will walk around your home to take new pictures for our records. If you have taken out a permit for a deck, patio, shed or anything else outside, they will measure that and take pictures for assessment purposes.

So, while this has been a very difficult year for all, it seems to have improved the housing market. Homes are selling faster and for more than they have in more than 10 years. It is encouraging to see this confidence in the housing market.

Please call the Assessor's office with any questions regarding the field team visiting your property. We are collecting data to assess each parcel properly as is required by State Statutes.

As always, we are here to answer any assessment questions you may have. The Assessor's Office number is 630-584-2040.



Since 1834, St. Charles has been the Pride of the Fox. We strive to share important stories, history and fun facts through exhibits, educational programs, articles, and social media.

215 E. Main Street

630-584-6967 • www.stcmuseum.org

It's been a long, snow-filled winter. The upside is that spring is right around the corner and time to get out and enjoy the changing season. Stretch your legs and learn about the amazing history of St. Charles via our self-guided Walking Tour of the downtown district.

This historic innovation is a collaborative effort among the Downtown St. Charles Partnership, St. Charles History Museum, the City of St. Charles, and Historic Preservation Commission.

Enjoy walking and viewing our new self-guided walking tour of 27 historic locations. Each sign is numbered, features a historical photograph, and information to keep you following the trail. The walk takes you from the Public Library on the east side of the Fox to Old St. Patrick's Church on the west side and back over the river to additional sites in Century Corners and ending at Baker Memorial Church. Click [HERE](#) for an Historic Walking Tour Map that can be downloaded and printed. It even includes a QR Code to learn more about each site.



Highway Department

This winter we've had a lot of snow and cold weather for sure! We will soon be into that 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 \$80 per ton, we are only able to resurface about 3 to 5 miles of road each year as opposed to about 10 miles of road like we used to be able 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. Most 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.

2021 Road Resurfacing Projects

We are currently waiting on our bids to go out with Kane County's bids. We obtain better prices by joining forces with the County.

We will post on our website the streets that will be resurfaced this summer as soon as we know how the bids come out sometime in April.

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.

Just a reminder to those of you who may 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** at 630-584-3496. **If after office hours**, call the Sheriff's Department at 630-232-6840 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 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.

– *Steve Frohling, Highway Commissioner*

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!

Brush Pickup for Unincorporated Township:

Note: NOT City of St. Charles

2021 Pickup Begins April 26

St. Charles Township Road District has contracted with Trees 'R Us, Inc. to pick up brush in unincorporated St. Charles Township 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 7am on the Monday of the scheduled week pickup
- **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, **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 hire a private service to have them removed at the resident's expense
- If your brush was out at 7am 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 removal received **after** that Monday, the brush will be picked up on the next scheduled pickup

Questions? Please contact us at 630-584-3496.

2021 Brush Pickup Schedule

Brush Pickup is on the 4th Monday of each Month (which is not always the last week of the month) from April to October.

April 26 • May 24

June 28 • July 26 • August 23

September 27 • Oct. 25 (last pickup for 2021)

Regulations & Restrictions for "Brush Only" Burning

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**.

A Few Words About Yard Waste



First and foremost, St. Charles Township **Does Not** provide yard waste service.

Residents in unincorporated areas who would like yard waste pickup service (**NOT** brush pickup) should contact their refuse hauler for details. Many contracted waste haulers offer this option.

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 directions!

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE Digging, Building and/or Planting in the 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 within your property line when installing these items.

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 USPS Regulations. When these regulations are not followed properly and objects are built or planted in the road right-of-way, it cost the taxpayer because your Township is forced to pay legal fees to have these situations remedied. Contact us before putting anything in the easement (right-of-way) in front of your house.



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

**800-892-0123 or 811
or www.illinoiscall.com**

REMEMBER: Call J.U.L.I.E. Before you dig. If you are having a **Contractor** performing the work, **They** must call, not you. Please do not dig without marks unless a utility has indicated there are no facilities in the dig area.

When you call for Service, provide:

- 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)

Did you know ... that J.U.L.I.E. stands for **Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators.**

St. Charles Township Website

Visit our website at www.stcharlestownship.org.

It contains information on all services that your Township offers you: from highway facts to the assessing of your property, to general assistance. It also has updates on meeting dates and times.

No one wants to look at 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.

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.

Where to find Covid Testing & Vaccinations in Kane County



www.kanehealth.com

For Veterans: www.hines.va.gov

The Kane County Health Department posts testing and vaccination location information on the homepage of its website. Residents can sign up for notifications when vaccines become available and where it will be provided through a number of different locations (employers, physician offices, pharmacies, etc).

Note that the pharmacies are not limiting residency. You are welcome to make an appointment at a pharmacy outside of Kane County.

PARTICIPATING PHARMACIES:

Oscor Drugs • Walgreens • CVS • Meijer • Walmart • Kroger/Mariano's

COVID TESTING SITES:

The free drive-through COVID-19 testing site at the Chicago Premium Outlets in Aurora has relocated to 2450 N. Farnsworth Ave. in Aurora, **across** from the Chicago Premium Outlets (west side of Farnsworth).

The drive-through and walk-up testing site is open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Testing is free and available to all regardless of age, COVID-19 symptoms, or insurance status. A parent or guardian must be present and able to provide consent for individuals under the age of 18.

Tests are taken on a **FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE BASIS**. Facility will close by 4 p.m. or when testing capacity is reached for the day, whichever comes first. Individuals being tested at the Aurora site will receive a call from 1-888-297-7208 within 4 and 7 calendar days regarding the results of their test.

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.



630-377-9277

318 Walnut Street, St. Charles
www.tchpfreeclinic.org

– Township Residents –

The Township Offices are now open to the residents/general public. Masks must be worn when entering and conducting business the building. Residents may contact us at inquiry@stcharlestownship.org

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. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding our treatment or the requirements necessary to receive free care.



214 Walnut Street • St. Charles
630-587-2144
www.lazarushouse.net

With the newness of spring approaching, so is a sense of hope & gratitude that we are feeling here at Lazarus House. Grateful that our guests made a smooth transition from the individual hotel rooms back to our communal living setting. Grateful for all the donations that allowed us to make the house as safe as it could be with proper PPE, renovations to create more sleeping & eating spaces, and accommodations for social distancing. We see our guests feeling hopeful about new employment opportunities, reaching sobriety milestones, paying off debt, and being connected here with others that helps alleviate feelings of loneliness.

We are grateful to offer these special events to our community:

Virtual Trivia Fundraiser Nights: on April 8 and May 13 and hopeful that we can resume some in person fundraisers which are:

Posh Picnic: June 11 at Heritage Prairie Farm, Elburn.

Great Western Freedom 4 Run & Walk: July 4 at LeRoy Oaks Forest Preserve, Dean Street, St. Charles. This event offers a competitive 4-mile run, a 2-mile scenic walk suitable for all age groups and a fun Kids' Dash.

Lazarus House Open: September 17 at Prairie Landing Golf Course, West Chicago. As always, please check our website for updates on this year's special events.

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

We are so fortunate to be among such a caring community of people willing to help their neighbors in crisis. If you know someone who needs shelter, encourage them to call Lazarus House at 630-587-2144. If you are in a position to support our mission, please consider a monetary donation and/or urgent needs items, such as paper towels, bottled water or other items posted on the website: www.lazarushouse.net

Due to COVID, we are not utilizing volunteers at this time except for overnight volunteers who sleep in a separate space in the shelter and are a presence in the house for our overnight staff person. Please reach out if you are interested in this role & watch our website for when we will once again have opportunities to volunteer. in house. Thank you to those of you who have reached out during this difficult time to support our neighbors in crisis. YOU make a difference!



The Salvation Army has been serving the St. Charles and the Tri-City area since 1951 with its original location being in Valley View. In 2002, The Salvation Army Tri-City Corps relocated and expanded, becoming The

Tri-City Corps Joe K. Anderson Community Center, 1710 S. 7th Avenue, St. Charles. Since then it has become an area leader in helping others. But it is much more than just bell ringing during the holidays:

Social Services: The Tri-City Social Services Department helps residents with needs for social services such as rental, utility, prescription and other assistance.

Joe K. Anderson Community Center: The community center provides after-school and summer programs for children along with various programming for adults such as open walking in the gym, seated exercise classes, low-impact aerobics, cardio-care exercise, line dancing, yoga, a craft club, computer classes and even bingo.

Food Pantry: The Tri-City Corps has a food pantry for those in need within the area. Relying on the kindness of our community to help keep the shelves stocked, the food pantry is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 am to 12:45 pm by calling and registering. In addition, there is a fresh food distribution that takes place on Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 am – 1 pm, which is open to everyone. No paperwork needed. (Both are contactless during the pandemic.)

Salvation Army Corps: The Salvation Army is also a church. It is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church and offers a family-oriented worship service to allow all ages to continue to grow in their faith and strives to impart a sense of unity and community while learning God's truth. Sunday school for all ages is at 10 am, and worship service begins at 11 am The Tri-City Corps also provides women ministries, bible studies, and family night.

Lt. Scott Smith, who leads the Salvation Army Tri-City Corps alongside his wife, Lt. Dena Smith, says, "The Salvation Army is an international movement. The programs we offer are to help us to better connect with the community we serve."

For more information, please call 630-377-2769, check the website at www.satricity.org, or stop by. You'll learn about opportunities to volunteer or donate (or even how to become a bell ringer next Christmas season).

Serving Our Community Since 1951

Elderday Center



At Elderday Center, we have been blessed to serve the Pearls (Seniors) of our community for 30 years through our Therapeutic Adult Day Services Program. Even in the face of Covid 19 and needing to shut down our on-site services for 3 months, we found a way to stay connected with our members, providing them daily virtual services. I am glad to announce that we are alive and well with our doors wide open to serve your loved ones and have immediate openings for new members. Elderday Center's therapeutic daily activity program provides daytime structure for up to 35 participants. Providing a nutritious lunch as well as two snacks each day, along with therapeutic social activities, music therapy, expressive art activities, therapeutic activities with pets, exercises, and activities of daily living. Our Pearls are well cared for.

We are also very excited to provide in-home compassionate care to our Pearls through Seniors Helping Seniors Fox Valley (SHS). SHS has been serving the Fox Valley area for 6 years and provides quality care for seniors who want to stay home. As the name denotes 90% of our caregivers are seniors 60 years and above. For many of our caregivers they see this as an extension of their personal ministry and a way to keep invested in the lives of some of our most precious members of society, our Pearls. This new venture will allow us to further address the national initiative of helping our seniors "age in place" as long as possible.

We currently have caregiver positions open in Seniors Helping Seniors and would welcome a call to find out more about this position. If you love helping seniors and want to make a difference in their golden years, then we may have a place for you in our family.

Please note that our community outreach team is available to come and speak with community groups, churches etc. who would like to find out more about our services.

Thank You for considering Elderday Center Home of Seniors Helping Seniors Fox Valley to assist with serving your loved ones. For us it is an honor!

FOX RIVER & COUNTRYSIDE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Phone: (630) 584-3473

Fax: (630) 584-8266

E-mail: info@frcfr.org

Did you know... Last year, the Fox River and Countryside Fire Rescue District responded to more than 950 medical emergencies. Many of those 911 calls were for persons having a heart attack.

Our paramedics cover a 38 square mile response area from two fire stations. Our average response time to medical incidents is 7 minutes from the time we are notified. You can help the victim even before the ambulance arrives. Immediate CPR can double or triple a person's chance of survival from sudden cardiac arrest. With the delivery of quality CPR, you can help to sustain the victim until paramedics arrive. CPR is effective because it helps to maintain vital blood flow to the heart and the brain.

Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District is now offering Basic Life Support (BLS) for health care workers, as well as, Heart Saver CPR training for non-medical people who wish to obtain certification. These classes are available to both residents and non-residents. Attendees will be instructed on how to perform effective CPR and also how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). No matter if you work with the public or you just want to have it for loved ones, you are a great candidate for this class. If you are interested and would like to inquire for more information contact us during business hours at 630-584-3473.



Let's save lives together!

We serve from two fire station locations:

- East area - Fire Station 1
34w500 Carl Lee Road, St. Charles 60174
- West area - Fire Station 2
40w361 Route 64, St. Charles 60175



Kane County Frequently Used Telephone Numbers

Note: All numbers are area code 630

Animal Control	232-3555
Circuit Court Clerk	232-3413
<i>FOR Court Dates, Traffic Tickets</i>	
Kane County Clerk	232-5990
<i>FOR Birth Certificates, Marriage Licenses, Election Information, Business Registration, Passports, Tax Extensions</i>	
Development & Community Services	232-3480
<i>FOR Building Requirements & Permits, Planning & Special Projects, Community Service, Historic Preservation</i>	
Kane County Division of Transportation	584-1170
Kane County Health Department	208-3801
<i>FOR Employment Verification, EEOP, ADA Complaints, Ethics Advisor</i>	
Department of Human Resource Management	232-3560
Kane County Purchasing	232-5929
Kane County Recorder	232-5935
Kane County Regional Office of Education	232-5955
Kane County Sheriff Non-Emergency	232-6840
Kane County Sixteenth Judicial Circuit	232-3440
<i>FOR Assessments, Exemptions, Property Search, Board of Review</i>	
Kane County Supervisor of Assessments	208-3818
Kane County Veterans Assistance	232-3550

For a full list of Kane County Services, visit the website at:

www.countyofkane.org/Pages/AZ-Services.aspx



FYI: This site offers information, events and news of Kane County. Be sure to bookmark this in your web browser: kanecountyconnects.com

NEW! RIDE IN KANE

Effective April 1, 2020, Ride In Kane increased the rider's fee from \$4.00 to **\$5.00** for the first 10 miles.

The \$1.50 per mile charge for over 10 miles will remain the same.

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

Ride In Kane

Residents of Unincorporated St. Charles Township who are disabled or over the age of 65 may participate in Ride In Kane, sponsored by St. Charles Township.

Residents may ride within Kane County for 2 round trip rides per week or 4 one-way trips. The purpose of these rides may be for Medical, Dental, Therapy or Chiropractic appointments, a Job, to the Elderday Center or to School.

The fee to the rider is **\$5.00 each way** for the first 10 miles. After 10 miles a \$1.50 per mile over 10 will be charged. St. Charles Township, as the Sponsor will fund the balance. The average cost of a one way ride is approximately \$15.

Residents within **Unincorporated** St. Charles Township can register for rides by calling 630-584-9342.

Residents within the **city limits** of St. Charles can receive information about their ride program by calling 630-377-4426.

To schedule rides, please contact the Ride In Kane Call Center at 866-727-6842. Rides should be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance.

Same day reservations are not guaranteed. Reservation hours are between 6am and 6pm, Monday – Friday and between 8am and 5pm, Saturday and Sunday. Trips can be reserved up to 7 days in advance.

Transportation services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year including holidays.

To cancel a ride, please call 866-727-6842, providing us with at least a 2 hour or more notice.

Strengthening People — Building Community



TriCity Family Services offers family based counseling for children, teens, adults, and seniors for many of the issues faced throughout the family life-cycle. In addition, they provide a variety of service options to meet specific needs, including individual, couples, and family counseling; case management; psychiatric services; and urgent assessments.

The organization is committed to providing compassionate and confidential services that empower individuals and promote family wellness.

Children & Teens Counseling ADULTS & SENIORS Counseling

**1120 Randall Court, Geneva
630-232-1070**

www.tricityfamilyservices.org



Aqua Aid is an assistance program to enable customers in need to receive uninterrupted water service. The program is focused on customers within the communities Aqua serves and is funded by donations from Aqua customers. One hundred percent of each donation goes directly to those who need it and the contribution is tax deductible.

How are funds awarded and disbursed?

When a customer calls Aqua to request assistance on a delinquent account, they are prescreened for eligibility and referred to a Salvation Army office that facilitates the program. The Salvation Army provides an application to the customer and conducts an interview to determine if the customer qualifies for assistance under the Aqua Aid program. Upon approval, credits are applied electronically to the customer's account.

For more info, call 877-987-2782, OR visit our website at:

www.aquaamerica.com/our-states/illinois/aqua-aid



Today's difficult economic conditions are having an impact on all of us. Many families are finding it difficult to make ends meet, and some are even facing the prospect of home foreclosure. This website is designed to link you to the many resources available to Kane County homeowners, from home rehabilitation assistance and property tax exemptions, to property tax freeze options, and foreclosure prevention counseling. Please don't hesitate to contact the agencies listed on the website for more information.

www.countyofkane.org/Pages/hfh.aspx

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 all types of repairs. All volunteers are insured. Charges for materials vary according to need and the 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 pm, at the Congregational Church of Batavia, 21 S. Batavia Ave.

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 interment 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.

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.