



Spring 2020

# Talk of the Township

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



## St. Charles Township Road District News

*Steve Frohling, Highway Commissioner*

Winter started out mild, but is ending with a roar. Winter just doesn't want to let go! But soon we will 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. 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 before other roads to help with their longevity.

Just a reminder to those of you who should have any trouble with flooding, if you need immediate assistance, first please call the Kane County Office of Emergency Management at 630-232-5985. Then call the Township for sand bags or sand if during regular office hours. Our number is 630-584-3496 or if after regular business hours, please call the Sheriff's Department at 630-232-6840 if you have 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 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.

### Township Residents,

With voluntary and mandated public health closures, please be sure to call first for information on services from the community organizations included in this newsletter. Thank you.

## Township\* Brush Pickup Starts April 27

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



1725 Dean Street  
St. Charles, IL 60174

[www.stcharlestownship.org](http://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**

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.

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

**APRIL**

8 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting  
**10.....Closed – Spring Holiday**  
14 @ 7pm – Annual Town Meeting

**MAY**

13 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting  
**25.....Closed – Memorial Day**

**JUNE**

3 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting  
10 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

**JULY**

**3.....Closed – Independence Day**  
8 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

**AUGUST**

12 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

**SEPTEMBER**

2 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting  
**7.....Closed – Labor Day**  
9 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

**OCTOBER**

**12....Closed – Columbus Day**  
14 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting



# An Important Message from your St. Charles Township Assessor

## Diane Hemmingsen

The St. Charles Township Assessor's Office is currently working on determining values for the 2020 tax year for taxes payable 2021. The field teams are out gathering information based on permits that have been issued. A **Home Improvement Exemption** will be applied if the new construction qualifies for this exemption. The field teams are also updating property information as needed.

You can review the details we have about your property on our website at [stcharlestownship.org](http://stcharlestownship.org). Information can be found under the "Assessor Parcel Info" search. If you find data about your property that you feel is inaccurate, please contact our office and we will be happy to work with you to make any necessary changes to your assessment.

Please make sure to check with the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments office 630-208-3818, or look at your tax bill to make sure you are receiving your Homestead Exemption. In order to qualify for this exemption the property must be the principal residence of the owner. In addition, if you are 65 or older you can apply for the **Senior Exemption**. You can read more information about these and other exemptions at: [kanecountyassessments.org/Exemptions.html](http://kanecountyassessments.org/Exemptions.html).

### 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.

## 2020 Township 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.

Since the implementation of the Federal Solar Tax Credit for Solar Panels, we have been receiving more questions from homeowners about the assessment of solar panels. In St. Charles Township, we do not increase or decrease your assessment due to the installation of solar panels. The long-term value of solar panels will need to be determined as we see more sales of homes with solar panels.

We encourage you to contact our office any time; we are here to answer any questions you may have about your property assessment.

## St. Charles Township Website

Visit our website at [www.stcharlestownship.org](http://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.

## 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: NOT City of St. Charles

2020 Pickup Begins April 27

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 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, **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 received **after** that Monday, the brush will be picked up on the next scheduled pickup

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

## 2020 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 27 • May 26 (due to Memorial Day)**

**June 22 • July 27 • August 24**

**September 28 • Oct. 26 (last pickup for 2020)**

## 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**.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

### **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.

## 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 as so we are starting to update all the signs to meet with MUTCD laws

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

**800-892-0123 or 811  
or [www.illinoiscall.com](http://www.illinoiscall.com)**

ILLINOIS ONE-CALL SYSTEM  
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DAMAGE PREVENTION

**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.**



## DOING THE MOST GOOD®

1710 S. 7th Avenue • St. Charles • 630-377-2769

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, which is located at 1710 S. 7th Avenue in 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 through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with evening hours on Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In addition, there is a fresh food distribution that takes place on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

**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 10:00 a.m. and worship service is at 11:00 a.m. The Tri-City Corps also provides women ministries, bible studies, and family night.

**Acts 2:46 Community Breakfast:** A new addition to the activities of the Tri-City Corps is its Acts 2:46 Community Breakfast, which provides a free hot, healthy meal to any and all without discrimination. The breakfast is scheduled for each Tuesday morning at The Salvation Army Tri-City Corps Joe K. Anderson Community Center at 1710 S. 7th Avenue, St. Charles from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., with the food pantry and fresh food distribution available immediately following.

For more information on the Salvation Army Tri-City Corps, please phone 630-377-2769, check the website at [www.satricity.org](http://www.satricity.org), or stop by its location in St. Charles. You'll learn about opportunities to volunteer or donate (or even how to become a bell ringer next Christmas season).



**630-377-9277**

**318 Walnut Street, St. Charles**

**[www.tchpfreeclinic.org](http://www.tchpfreeclinic.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. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding our treatment or the requirements necessary to receive free care.



Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors  
in Northern Illinois



Northern Illinois Food Bank – a proud member of Feeding America – is the source of nutritious food, innovative feeding programs, and hope for more than half a million people each year.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a goal of solving hunger in our 13-county service area, we rely on our generous donors, volunteers, and community partners – the local food pantries and feeding programs, food manufacturers and retailers, companies, foundations and individuals who join with us in our vision for no one to be hungry in Northern Illinois.

Other Pantry locations in Kane County can be found at the organization's website: <https://solvehungertoday.org/get-help/where-to-get-food/>

## Where to Find Food Pantries

### Salvation Army St. Charles

1710 S. 7th Avenue, St. Charles

Phone: 630-377-2769

Hours: (always call to verify before visiting, as many sites close for holidays and other events):

**Monday - Friday**    **Tuesday**

10 AM - 2 PM        5 - 7 PM

**Tuesday and Friday** (Fresh Food  
Distribution) 9:45 - 11 AM

### St. Peter Food Pantry

1891 Kaneville Road, Geneva

Phone: 630-232-0124

Hours: (always call to verify before visiting, as many sites close for holidays and other events)

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month  
8:30 - 11 AM & 6:30 - 8 PM



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

214 Walnut Street • St. Charles

630-587-2144

[www.lazarushouse.net](http://www.lazarushouse.net)

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!

If you know someone who needs shelter, encourage them to call Lazarus House at 630-587-2144. If you are in a position to help, please consider a donation of an item on our needs list or attending one of our volunteer orientations. For both options go to our website for more information.

Lazarus House has a special event this summer. Plan to start your July 4th off with a bang at the 14th annual Great Western Freedom 4 Run and Walk. This event offers a competitive 4-mile run and a 2-mile scenic walk suitable for all age groups. Details about this event and how to donate or volunteer can be found on the website.



Aqua Aid is an assistance program designed 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 like you. That way, neighbors can help neighbors directly in their own communities. One hundred percent of each donation goes directly to those who need it and the contribution is tax deductible.

In addition to financial assistance, customers can learn about water conservation and leak detection through WaterSmart Tips.

### 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.

### How do I make a donation?

Provide your Aqua account number, name and address  
Select the frequency (one-time contribution or monthly) and amount of your donation.

### How much can I donate?

The Aqua Aid program accepts donations starting a \$1, although customers can choose to donate more. Donations can be set up as a one-time contribution or as a recurring monthly transaction.

For more information, call customer service in Illinois, at 877-987-2782, OR please visit our website at:  
[www.aquaamerica.com/our-states/illinois/aqua-aid.aspx](http://www.aquaamerica.com/our-states/illinois/aqua-aid.aspx)



215 E. Main Street

630-584-6967 • [www.stcmuseum.org](http://www.stcmuseum.org)

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.

## CENSUS 2020

Participation in the 2020 U.S. Census helps your community receive vital funding for many government services. That's why it is important and mandatory that everyone respond.

**Here is the link to official site to respond online. Note: If you have already filled out and mailed the printed form, do not use the online form.**

<https://my2020census.gov>



KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTABLISHED JANUARY 16, 1836

## Kane County Frequently Used Telephone Numbers

**Note: All 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 &amp; Permits, Planning &amp; 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](http://www.countyofkane.org/Pages/AZ-Services.aspx)



Today's tough 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](http://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 p.m., at the Congregational Church of Batavia, 21 S. Batavia Ave.

## **NEW!** RIDE IN KANE

Effective April 1, 2020, Ride In Kane will increase 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.

The riders 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.*



Emergency Dial 911  
Phone: (630) 584-3473  
Fax: (630) 584-8266  
E-mail: [info@frcfr.org](mailto:info@frcfr.org)

The Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District protects more than 25,000 residents throughout 38 square miles. The district provides fire suppression, fire prevention and emergency medical services in Kane and DuPage Counties of Illinois. Our primary response areas are in the unincorporated areas of St. Charles and Campton Townships along with the incorporated Villages of Campton Hills and Wayne. Visit our website to view a map of our Fire Response Areas and Zones.

[www.frcfr.org/content/about](http://www.frcfr.org/content/about)

### 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

## 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](http://www.tricityfamilyservices.org)

## Spring Cleanup Tips & Fire Safety Recommendations

The snow has melted, the rain and wind are beginning to subside, the plants are budding and the trees are blooming. Spring is arriving and your thoughts may be turning to that annual ritual of spring cleaning. With it comes a timely reminder to keep your home safe from the threat of fire. The Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District offers the following safety tips:



- Clean your garage of stored newspapers or other rubbish that can fuel a fire.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- To help prevent nuisance alarms, gently vacuum your smoke alarm every six months or as needed.
- Change batteries in smoke alarms, flashlights and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Never borrow smoke alarm batteries to use for toys or other equipment.
- Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Keep outdoor debris or dead vegetation away from the house.
- Properly dispose of oily or greasy rags. If these items must be stored, they should be kept in labeled, sealed, metal containers.
- If you store gasoline, keep it outside your home in a shed or detached garage. Keep only small quantities in tightly sealed containers. Use gasoline only as a motor fuel - never as a cleaning agent.
- Use outdoor barbecue grills with caution. Place in a safe area away from building, windows, heating, ventilation and air conditioning units or places with high/dead vegetation.
- Never use gasoline to start the fire, and don't add charcoal lighter fluid once the fire has started.
- Use barbecue grills outside only - not under overhangs or balconies, and away from combustibles.
- Check your propane barbecue grill hose for leaks and cracks; never store propane indoors.

If you have any questions or would like help with any fire safety tips, please call Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District at 630-584-3473.

# 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 &amp; 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.