



Talk of the Township

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

Visit the Township Memorial Gardens this season

by Ronald C. Johnson, Township Supervisor

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our beautiful memorial gardens. This is located at Union Cemetery, 1206 North 5th Avenue, behind Swaby's Flowers. The Columbaria (memorial gardens) is located at the far east end of Union Cemetery. You can't miss it!

For those of you who don't know what a Columbaria is; it is a place for your loved ones ashes to rest for eternity. This time of the year, it looks a little rough because we are coming out of our winter doldrums. In a few weeks (spring) it will come to life again and look beautiful.

Please stop by the cemetery office which is on the grounds of Union Cemetery, or you can stop by the St. Charles Township office at 1725 Dean Street to obtain information.

The St. Charles Township Cemetery District maintains six cemeteries, four of which are active and two closed / inactive. Other responsibilities of St. Charles Township, by state statutes, are administering General Assistance and assessing properties. The St. Charles Township Road District is responsible for maintaining roads and bridges and keeping the 90 miles of township roads safe for you to drive on.

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.



The Columbarium at Union Cemetery

Good to Know:

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Each single township has four trustees elected at large. They and the supervisor, comprise the town(ship) board of trustees. Generally speaking, the town board is the legislative branch of township government which establishes policy for the township to follow. Policies established by the town board are generally carried out by the supervisor and clerk in their capacities as administrators. The township trustees are responsible for certifying tax levies for the township and road district. The town board of trustees are also responsible for adopting the annual budget and appropriation ordinance for the town, cemetery, general assistance and the road and bridge funds. The trustees are also responsible for approving all town expenses and auditing bills submitted for payment by the highway commissioner.



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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

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Terry Cross,
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Steve Frohling
Highway Commissioner 630-584-3496
Diane Hemmingsen,
Assessor 630-584-2040

Township Trustees

Jeff Jerdee
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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

Meals & Dining Notice

As of March 1, DuPage Senior Citizens Council doing business as Kane Senior Council has taken over the Meals On Wheels and Community Dining Programs in Kane County. Meals will be delivered 5 days a week Monday through Friday. Kane Senior Council will be serving approximately 2,000 seniors throughout the county and about 120,000 meals.

Executive Director Marylin Krolak states "We are thrilled to be able to continue our mission and services in another geographical area." Kane Senior Council looks forward to providing seniors with comfort and compassion while building relationships within the community.

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

10 @ 7pm – Annual Town Meeting

11 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

MAY

9 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

28 Closed – Memorial Day

JUNE

6 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

13 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

JULY

4 Closed – Independence Day

11 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

AUGUST

8 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER

3 Closed – Labor Day

5 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

12 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

OCTOBER

8 Closed – Columbus Day

10 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

An Important Message from your St. Charles Township Assessor

by Diane Hemmingsen

The St. Charles Township Assessor's Office is currently working on reviewing assessments for 2018. 2018 Assessments are for taxes payable in 2019.

Revised assessments should be published in August. Per Illinois State Law, if the value of your property, prior to County equalization, does not change from the 2017 value, you will not receive an assessment notice or see your parcel in the publication. You can sign up to receive a notification when assessments are published via email from the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments Office at: www.kanecountyassessments.org/Publications.html.

After publication, property owners have 30 days to contact our office, or file a complaint, if you feel the value placed on your property is not correct.

Our field teams are routinely out gathering information regarding permits taken out or updating the information we currently have on properties. We will always knock on your door and identify ourselves before inspecting a property. We carry ID badges and business cards in addition to having vehicles that identify us as being from the St. Charles Township Assessor's Office. If no one answers the door, we will assume no one is home and continue on

with the inspection to gather the information necessary to accurately assess your property. We do not have phone numbers for property owners, unless you have given it to our office. If a "survey form" is left for you, please fill it out and return it to our office, even if you believe nothing has changed on your property.

We are always striving to make sure our records are accurate and information from a property owner is the best way for us to ensure that accuracy. You can review the information we have on your property at our website: www.stcharlestownship.org/index.php/assessor/parcel-info

We hope that if you have any concerns regarding your assessment, you will contact our office, which is open Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 3:30pm. Anyone in the office can answer any assessment questions you may have.

If you would like to have the Assessor come to your homeowners association meeting to speak about assessments, please contact our office and we will be happy to set that up. We can also schedule to have the meeting at the Township Office meeting room. Contact the Assessor's office at (630) 584-2040.

Thanks, Diane Hemmingsen



Strengthening People - Building Community

COUNSELING

TCFS offers family-based counseling for children, teens, adults, and seniors for a variety of issues faced throughout the family life-cycle. Our highly-skilled therapists are committed to providing compassionate and confidential counseling that empowers individuals and promotes family wellness.

FAMILY-BASED TREATMENT FOR EATING DISORDERS

Our practical, evidence-based outpatient approach recognizes parents as the best resource for their child's recovery, and uses a team model that includes the therapist, the family physician, family members, and other partners to achieve success.

EMOTIONAL WELLNESS WORKSHOPS AND SUPPORT GROUPS

TCFS offers emotional wellness workshops for children and teens that focus on anger management, conflict resolution, positive decision-making, and self-esteem development. For adults and seniors, various support groups meet regularly.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

TCFS partners with employers to help employees achieve peak performance in the workplace and at home. Services include training seminars, wellness workshops, and individual counseling sessions.

For more information on TCFS programs, visit: www.tricityfamilyservices.org/our-programs-and-services

St. Charles Township Road District News

Steve Frohling, Highway Commissioner

It's been a long winter with snow, ice and bitter temps. 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 \$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 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 (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 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.

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.

Resurfacing Projects for Summer of 2018

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

- Farmington Subdivision: all streets in subdivision
- Three Lakes Subdivision: Columbine East, Columbine West & Red Bay Court
- Woods of Silver Glen: Oak Pointe Drive and Oak Pointe Court
- Margate/Otter Creek Subdivisions: Pine Road, Sycamore Road (from Pine Road to Oak Drive), Lilac Lane, Oak Drive (from Steven's Road to McDonald Road) and Dogwood Lane

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, they are responsible for removing all logs, branches 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 2018 Brush Pickup on the 4th Monday of each month, April thru October:

April 23 • May 29 (Due to Memorial Day)

June 25 • July 23 • August 27 • September 24

and the last pickup October 22

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 not permitted 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 at either 1-800-892-0123 OR 811. IF you have a contractor doing the work for you, the contractor must call in the project.

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
or 811

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!



What do you think of when you hear the word “homeless?” One definition is: an individual without permanent housing who may live on the streets; stay in a shelter, abandoned building or vehicle. But, the reality is ... it could be any one of us, our neighbors, our friends, or the clerk at your favorite grocery store. Homelessness has no face, no gender, no age. Everyone wants to keep a roof over their head, food on their tables and a job that pays enough to afford their bills. Unfortunately this is not always possible for a variety of reasons and circumstances.

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 within central and rural Kane County. 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, rental or utility assistance, information on area resources or warm meals, encourage them to call us 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, visit: www.lazarushouse.net for more information.

Lazarus House has some great special events coming up. Plan to start your July 4th off with a bang at our 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. Come fall, enjoy a round of golf to benefit Lazarus House on Friday, September 14, at Prairie Landing Golf Club. This will be our first annual golf outing and many exciting plans are underway! Details about all of these events and how to donate or volunteer are on our website above.

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.



215 E. Main Street

Open Tuesday — Saturday 10AM - 4PM

630-584-6967 • www.stcmuseum.org

The perfect place to buy your St. Charles souvenirs

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.

Get 10% off by becoming a Museum Member

We accept all major credit cards

NEW! ONLINE STORE

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!

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

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.

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.

For more information on RIDE IN KANE, please visit:

www.stcharlestownship.org



**Fox River & Countryside
 Fire Rescue District**
**34W500 Carl Lee Road,
 St. Charles, IL 60174**
630-584-3473
www.frcfr.org

The Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District protects more than 25,000 residents over 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. Click [HERE](#) to view our coverage map.

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



9 Ways Kane County Citizens can Combat Credit Card Fraud

Last November, Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon made a presentation to Sun City Huntley residents about credit fraud, identity theft and how to protect yourself.

Below is some of the information we shared about how to protect yourself and what you should do if you believe you're a victim. **SOURCE:** Kane County State's Attorney's Office.



1. Visit www.identitytheft.gov/databreach to learn more about protecting yourself after a data breach.
2. Monitor your personal information, and visit the Federal Trade Commission's website at www.ftc.gov/idtheft to obtain information about steps to take to better protect against identity theft, as well as information about fraud alerts and security freezes.
3. Check your credit reports from Equifax, Experian and TransUnion **for free** by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com. Accounts or activity that you don't recognize could indicate identity theft.
4. Regularly inspect financial account statements and promptly dispute unauthorized charges.
5. Sign up for your bank's free online alerts to help detect any fraudulent activity.
6. Consider placing a credit freeze on your files. A credit freeze makes it harder for someone to open a new account in your name. Keep in mind that a credit freeze won't prevent a thief from making charges to your existing accounts. To learn how to do this, check out this FTC.gov article.
7. If you decide against a credit freeze, consider placing a fraud alert on your files. A fraud alert warns creditors that you could be an identity theft victim and they should verify anyone seeking credit in your name is really you.
8. If you believe you're the victim of identity theft, contact the police and ask about filing a report. In addition, visit www.identitytheft.gov to learn what else to do.
9. Sign up to receive notice from your county recorder if someone tries to alter your property deed. Here's the link for the [Kane County Recorders Office](#).

Special Thank You to [Kane County Connects](#) website and the Kane County State's Attorney Office for first publication of this article: November 2017.