



Fall 2013

# Talk of the Township

Your St. Charles Township Newsletter  
Exclusively for Township Residents

## A Memorial Day Tradition...

Every year on Memorial Day, my family and I (this year 24 of us) visit family graves. We travel to four cemeteries from West Chicago to DeKalb and I can honestly say our cemeteries are superior. It has been said that you can tell the character of a community by the way they respect those who have come before them. St. Charles Township truly honors our past residents.

*John Arthur Anderson, Township Supervisor*

### A Few Facts about our Township Cemeteries:

Q: How many cemeteries are owned and maintained by St. Charles Township?

A: There are 6.

- Union and North Cemeteries, located on the 1200 block of N. 5th Avenue next to and across from Bethlehem Lutheran Church.
- South Cemetery, located on S. 7th Avenue across from Langum Park. (Closed to new burials.)
- Little Woods Cemetery, located on the corner of Dunham and Stearns Road.
- Prairie Cemetery, located on Crane Road between Bolcum and Silver Glen Roads.
- Round Grove Cemetery, located in the Royal Fox subdivision between Dunham and Kirk Roads. (Closed to new burials.)

Q: Which of the above-listed cemeteries is the oldest?

A: South Cemetery.

South Cemetery burials include Civil War era graves and founding families of St. Charles.

Q: Which cemetery is the most recently acquired?

A: Round Grove Cemetery. It was “discovered” when the Royal Fox development was built. It is a family cemetery with about 10 graves. It was given to the township who maintains it.

Q: Who maintains our cemeteries?

A: The cemetery crew has 4 full time employees, a part-time office administrator and in the summer 3 additional seasonal employees. They maintain all properties all year long. In addition to the maintenance work, they sell grave sites and open and close graves. Roger Ronzheimer is our Cemetery Superintendent. He is the 3rd generation of his family to hold this position. Roger’s son Brooks also works at St. Charles Township Cemeteries.

Q: Where is the Cemetery Office located?

A: The office is located at Union Cemetery at 1206 N. 5th Avenue.

Q: Do you know what a “Columbarium” is?

A: Columbarium is a brick or stone structure with niches in which urns containing ashes are “buried.”

### Coming Soon to Union Cemetery...

John Arthur Anderson, Township Supervisor, and the Cemetery Board of Trustees (Timothy Bober, Jim Holderfield and Steve Catlin) are currently working on a site for a Columbarium in Union Cemetery. They hope it will be completed by the fall of 2014.



## Township Board Meetings

All 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.

### **October**

9.....7pm — Town Board Meeting

**14.....Closed: Columbus Day**

### **November**

3.....Daylight Saving Time Ends

**11.....Closed: Veterans Day**

13.....6:30pm — Public Hearing/Adopt Levies

13.....7pm — Town Board Meeting

**28.....Closed: Thanksgiving**

**29.....Closed: Thanksgiving**

### **December**

4.....7pm — Cemetery Board Meeting

11.....7pm — Town Board Meeting

**24.....Closed: 1/2 Day Winter Holiday**

**25.....Closed: Winter Holiday**

**26.....Closed: Winter Holiday**

**31.....Closed: 1/2 Day New Year's Eve**

### **January 2014**

**1.....Closed: New Year's Day**

8.....7pm — Town Board Meeting

### **February**

12.....6:30pm — Public Hearing/Adopt Levies

12.....7pm — Town Board Meeting

**17.....Closed: Presidents Day**

### **March**

9.....Daylight Saving Time Begins

12.....7pm — Town Board Meeting

19.....7pm — Cemetery Board Meeting

### **April**

8.....7pm — Annual Town Meeting

9.....7pm — Town Board Meeting

**18.....Closed 1/2 Day Spring Holiday**

*Additional Meeting Dates are available online.*

## **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.

## Of Interest in the Area...

St. Charles Park District Sponsored Events:

### **Star Gazing:**

Join members of the Chicago Astronomers as they gaze into the night sky for a view that's out of this world! Watch the beauty unfold at Hickory Knolls Discovery Center on Saturday, October 5 from 7-10pm. Advance registration is required for this free program. For more information, call 630-513-4399.

### **Photography:**

Do you have an interest in film or digital photography? Join the Fox River Camera Club! Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 7-9pm beginning in September at the Pottawatomie Community Center. The annual membership fee is only \$39 per household so make it a family affair. For more information, call Jeff at 630-513-4335.

### **October Hay Rides:**

Get your family and friends out to Primrose Farm for an evening of old-fashioned farm fun by the light of the moon. Enjoy a thirty minute tractor-drawn hayride while you cruise around the crop fields at the height of the fall harvest. Gather 'round a bonfire for a marshmallow roast and warm beverages. Hayrides will be held on Friday and Saturday evenings, October 4, 5, 18, 19, 25 & 26. For more information call Kirk at 630-513-4370.

### **Volunteer for Fall Seed Harvesting:**

Fall is the season of volunteering for people of all ages! Seed Harvesting will be held October 5 from 10am-2pm at Otter Creek Bend Wetland Park. Make A Difference Day is October 26 from 9am-noon at the Hickory Knolls Natural Area. Here's a great way to spend time with your family and friends while doing a valuable service for your community. It's great for scout troops, too! To volunteer, call 630-513-4399.

### **St. Charles Heritage Center:**

The Heritage Center is excited to unveil its new website, at [www.stcmuseum.org](http://www.stcmuseum.org). Please check out the new site for information about the Center, links to newsletters, updates on programs and events, and our new St. Charles History Blog.

### **Salvation Army:**

We are currently looking for volunteer Computer Trainers. Folks who would be able to lead an hour and a half - two hour class for Beginners, Advanced Beginners or possibly others. Please feel free to contact Cathy Winters (Health & Education Director) at 630-377-2769 for questions or you can email her at [cathy\\_winters@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:cathy_winters@usc.salvationarmy.org)



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Supervisor's Fax: 630-584-7082

**Assessor's Office: 630-584-2040**

Assessor's Fax: 630-584-7963

**Road District Office: 630-584-3496**

Road District Fax: 630-762-0861

**Cemetery Office: 630-584-8699**

Cemetery Fax: 630-584-4301

### Elected Officials

John Arthur Anderson,  
Supervisor ..... 630-584-9342  
Jack Brainard,  
Clerk..... 630-584-9342  
Ron Johnson,  
Highway Commissioner ..... 630-584-3496  
Colleen Lang,  
Assessor ..... 630-584-2040

### Township Trustees

Terry Cross  
Paul Lencioni  
Mary Lynn Swanson  
Todd Wallace

### Township Office Hours

*Supervisor's Office*  
8am to 3:30pm • Monday through Friday

*Road District Office*  
8am to 3pm • Monday through Friday

*Assessor's Office*  
8am to 4pm • Monday through Friday

### Kane County Sheriff

Non-emergency: 630-232-6840  
EMERGENCY: 911

### Kane County Animal Control

630-232-3555

### Kane County Environmental

630-208-3841

### Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District

630-584-3473

## Township Newsletter Website Update...

Sign up for a notification as to when the *Talk of the Township* Newsletter will be available online.

You can find the sign-up notice at the bottom of the home page on the St. Charles Township website. Go to:

**www.stcharlestownship.org** and scroll down to where it reads: "Sign up for our Email Newsletter."

From there, you can register your email address and you will receive an email notification when future newsletters are available. Your email address will **only** be used for receiving St. Charles Township information. Should you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call at 630-584-9342.

### St. Charles Township Provides the Following Services:

- Voter Registration
- Notary Public (no fee)
- Ride in Kane (See below for more information)

### 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.

### Ride in Kane Update:

In addition to the existing rides for medical and employment purposes, recently the Township Supervisor, John Arthur Anderson has made available to our unincorporated township riders, rides to the Elderday Center in Batavia and for School. For further information, please contact St. Charles Township Supervisor's Office at (630) 584-9342.

### ATTENTION:

To continue providing transportation services to the community, the Ride In Kane fare will be increased by \$1.00 to a rate of \$4.00 per ride. **The effective date will be January 1, 2014.**

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## Final Brush Pick-up Dates for INSIDE the City Limits of St. Charles...

<i>East Side of the Fox</i>	<i>West Side of the Fox</i>
September 16	September 23
October 21	October 28
November 18	November 25

When available, free mulch is offered at the City's facility on Rt. 38/Lincoln Hwy., west of Peck Road. Facility hours are Mon-Fri, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring a shovel and containers. The City does not deliver or load mulch.

# Road District News

## Leaf Disposal and "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, 719 Batavia Ave., Geneva, IL 60134. Phone **630-208-3841**.

## 2014 Brush Pick-up

The last pickup for the 2013 season will be the week of October 28th..

2014 schedules will be available on our website, so please bookmark: [www.stcharlestownship.org](http://www.stcharlestownship.org)

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## Managing Your Leaves

- Mulching - Place shredded material on lawn and around trees and shrubs, in gardens or in adjacent wooded areas.
- DO NOT put leaves or grass for mulching in roadway or ditches. They will plug up storm drains especially in subdivisions that have curbs and will cause flooding.
- Composting - Produces a valuable soil amendment for garden areas.
- Bagged Collection of Leaves & Other Landscape Wastes - Local garbage companies provide this service for a fee.

### **Suggestions:**

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

### **Mowing:**

If you live in a curbed subdivision, please keep your grass clipping from going into the road. They clog the drains that causes flooding.

## A Word about Yard Waste

Residents in the unincorporated areas who would like yard waste pickup service (not brush pickup) should contact their refuse hauler for details. St. Charles Township does not provide yard waste pickup; however, many of the contracted waste haulers do offer this service.

## Safety Tidbits - Changes on Township Roads

- Street Signs – It is against the law to take any signage posted by the road district and those caught stealing these signs will be prosecuted. These signs are not to be used for decoration in your children's room, and if you should see these signs anywhere but posted on the road where they belong, please call us or the Sheriff's Department.
- People driving on Burr or Crane Road should be aware of the hidden driveways on these hilly and curving roads. Be watchful for deer as well as bicyclists. Obey the posted speed limits at all times.
- School Speed Limits and Work Zone Speed Limits should be strictly adhered to – let the kids and road crew come home safe.
- Watch for new speed limit signs in subdivision entrances that state the speed limit and then reads "on all streets unless otherwise posted."
- Be aware of new school traffic on Crane Road for St. Pat's Mission Church school.
- Violations: If you have a problem with drivers speeding or parking on your street, please call the Sheriff's Department at **630-232-6840**. They enforce the law.
- Reminder: Watch your speed limit on all Township roads. Speed limits must be adhered to and will be enforced! WATCH YOUR SPEED for your safety as well as your neighbors!



## Snow Season

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

We will make every effort to keep your streets clear and safe. We will also have it completed for you in a timely manner. But, we can only do that with your cooperation. Please do not park your vehicle along the roadways until after we have plowed. In the past, we have had a problem with parents parking by school bus pickups. Remember, we can't plow if cars are parked on the road. And please be considerate of our staff and move if our trucks are in the vicinity trying to plow the roads.

Remember, if your mailbox is accidentally pushed over by one of our Township snowplows, please call the Township and we will correct the situation as soon as possible. This does NOT apply to private contractors plowing your or your neighbors' driveways. We do not fix mailboxes if they are knocked over for any other reason or accident. Keep in mind that our drivers do not knock these mailboxes over on purpose; they are just trying to move the snow and most of the time it's the weight of the snow pushed up against an old post that causes the post to break.

If the Township has to replace a mailbox, it will be replaced with a legal mailbox and post as required by the Postal Service not the fancy mailboxes that may have been there before. In the meantime, try to place the mailbox temporarily upright so your mail will get delivered.

### ***Also, please be aware of the following:***

605 ILCS 5/9-130. Deposit of snow or ice upon public highway—Prohibition. Section 9-130. No person, firm, corporation or institution, public or private, shall plow or remove or cause to be plowed or removed ice or snow from any shopping center, parking lot, commercial or institutional service area or driveway or any other public or private service area or driveway and deposit such ice or snow upon a public highway or along the shoulder or edge of a public highway. Any person, firm, corporation or institution, public or private which violates this Section is guilty of a petty offense.

**ALSO NOTE:** No Parking on any Township road until after all snow has been cleared. Please use your driveway for parking so we can clear the roads of snow without having to dodge parked cars.



## Closing from Highway Commissioner . . . .

Ronald C. Johnson, Highway Commissioner

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 over 87 miles of road.

We also provide emergency services when needed, we are on call 24 hours a day and can be reached through the Sheriff's Office if needed after our regular office hours. Please be sure to call the Road District phone number, not the Supervisor's Office, if you have flooding problems, signs down, trees down, or any other emergency situation that needs immediate assistance. If the situation arises and you are in need of sand and the bags because of flooding, call us and we will get them out to you. Remember to call the Township Road District 630-584-3496 besides calling Kane County Office of Emergency Management at 630-208-2050 when help is needed in emergency situations. In closing I would just like to say that I am looking forward to working for you, the taxpayers, for many years to come. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions or problems don't hesitate to call me at my office.



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

# Elderday Center Adult Day Program & Caregiver Support

Elderday Center has been providing adult day services for over 23 years. Located in Batavia, Elderday Center offers specialized day memory care to enhance quality of life, cognition, socialization and overall wellness. Elderday Center is the only not-for-profit adult day center in the Tri-Cities. The organization strives to make services available for all through grants funding, United Way and township support, supply donations and the generous time donated by volunteers.

The programming at Elderday Center is carefully designed to promote overall wellness through therapeutic activities, socialization and fun. Services have been shown to slow cognitive decline associated with aging and dementia as well as increase the quality of life. Elderday's services can benefit those with dementia, Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, Lewy Body Dementia, Huntington's Disease, cognition impairments and other age-related ailments. Those suffering from loneliness, isolation, anxiety and depression benefit tremendously from these services.

Caregivers of senior citizens can also benefit through the programming at Elderday Center. Whether a caregiver works full time and needs respite or somewhere safe and fun for their loved one to attend or if they would like someone to accompany them through their caregiver journey – Elderday Center staff is here for them. The adult day program is offered Monday through Friday and can be a great alternative to premature nursing home placement. Caregiver support services are offered free of charge to any caregiver (providing care for an individual over 60) in Kane County. Individual counseling, support groups and training are offered.

St. Charles Township residents can use special funding for transportation to and from Elderday Center to make these great services more accessible. To learn more about Elderday Center – call 630-761-9750 or visit us at [ElderdayCenter.org](http://ElderdayCenter.org).

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## Free Medical Clinic Need Continues



Tri City Health Partnership (TCHP) provides free quality medical care to approximately 600 local residents each year. Assisted by a small staff, 116 volunteer medical professionals donate the gift of care to meet the needs of friends and neighbors who have little resource for healthcare other than the local emergency department.

While there seems to be confusion regarding the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, there is no confusion when it comes to the realization that many in our communities are facing foreclosure, struggling to make ends meet and are in need of medical attention today. TCHP is committed to serve those who are uninsured and are truly unable to pay for services as long as the need exists in central Kane County.

Operating as a not-for-profit organization, TCHP depends on donations from the community, local trusts and foundations, United Ways, service clubs, churches, merchants, charity and fund raising events.

"The benevolence of our local community is the key to successfully providing medical assistance to those residents who are caught in the current health care gap and we are honored to be able to offer help," states Shannon Watson, Executive Director.

The clinic is at 318 Walnut Street in St. Charles. Operating hours are M-TH, 8am-4pm. For more information; to volunteer, donate or schedule an appointment, call 630-377-9277.

## Discount Prescription Program

St. Charles Township in conjunction with Township officials of Illinois are now offering a free discount prescription card to all residents of the Township through the "Rx SavingsPlus" plan.

The plan offers an average savings of 22% on medication depending on the prescription. It can be used by anyone at more than 60,000 pharmacies nationwide, and offers discounts on medical visits at local walk-in clinics. No fee is ever charged for the use of the card, and it can be used in conjunction with health insurance plans if the use of this card would result in a lower co-pay.

Rx SavingsPlus can also be used for any pet medications that you would pick up at the pharmacy, such as insulin.

Cards can be obtained at the Township offices, 1725 Dean Street or at our St. Charles partner organizations:

- Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave.
- Tri City Health Partnership, 318 Walnut St.
- Lazarus House, 214 Walnut St.

Interested residents may also go online at: <http://stcharles.rxsavingsplus.com>

## Lazarus House News

Lazarus House is an emergency shelter in St. Charles that provides assistance to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and connected to St. Charles, Geneva, Batavia and western rural Kane County. In addition to meals and safe lodging, shelter guests receive individualized case management, life skills and job preparedness training and more to help them overcome their issues. Lazarus House has also provided grant-funded rental assistance subsidies to qualifying individuals and offered them other support services to the extent allowed by the grants. In short, Lazarus House has worked to provide our neighbors in need with a “hand up” to a better future.

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 paper towels, drink mixes, laundry detergent or other needs lists item posted on the website: [www.lazarushouseonline.com](http://www.lazarushouseonline.com) For those wishing to volunteer, orientations are held about every six weeks with a chance to hear about all the different aspects of lending a hand at Lazarus House. Without the generous support of this community, Lazarus House would not be able to continue to provide help to those in need.

The community is invited to our open house slated for September 7 from 10am-2pm. During this event we will be celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the Center for Transitional Living with a rededication at 11:30am. Come and visit with staff and board members to learn about our programs and tour the Emergency Shelter, Center for Transitional Living, Women and Children Day Center and Community Resource Center.

Lazarus House has many other special events coming up as well. Please plan to join us on December 7 for “A Home Town Celebration” musical event featuring Ides of March and Live Wire at the Arcada Theater. Use the promo code Lazarus13 when purchasing tickets at [oshows.com](http://oshows.com) and we will receive 75% of ticket price. This event will also include an opportunity to do some early holiday shopping at sponsored tables. If you are home for the holidays, please feel welcome to join us as Lazarus House hosts its traditional Thanksgiving Feast and Christmas brunch again this year.

Details about these events and how to donate or volunteer are available at [www.lazarushouseonline.com](http://www.lazarushouseonline.com)

Julie Purcell

Lazarus House

214 Walnut Street, St. Charles, IL 60175

Phone: 630-587-2144

## Thanksgiving Wishes & Warnings from the Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District...

Fox River & Countryside Fire and Rescue District would like to wish everyone an upcoming happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

Among the key considerations to keep in mind during this day of feast and family is one very sobering fact: unattended cooking is the leading cause of house fires on Thanksgiving Day.

House fires due to unattended cooking more than double on Thanksgiving when compared to the average day. So please be mindful as to what is cooking in the kitchen and set timers for things that require extended cooking times. Also, keep flammable items such as pot holders and dish towels away from heat source, i.e. burners on top of the stove. Children, also, should be kept a safe distance from cooking surfaces as well as hot dishes on the counter or table.

Also worth noting: many people, especially the elderly, will experience injuries from falls during this day. Many people are not as familiar in someone else’s home and changes in elevation between rooms can cause falls. Simple things like transition strips (the strips that are usually present when a floor changes from tile to carpet) can cause falls. Also food that ends up on the floor can cause one to slip and fall.

Last but not least, as we all devour our mountainous plates full of food, choking is easily another risk that increases during Thanksgiving. Remember that if someone starts to choke, call 911 for medical assistance immediately.

Family or guests who are trained in CPR should attempt to clear the airway while emergency services are on their way.

One of the best gifts you could give your family this holiday season is training in CPR. Nationwide statistics and experiences reinforce the critical role people already on the scene have in first five minutes before arrival of paramedics. Knowing what to do can mean the difference between keeping and losing a loved one.

Please contact the District Office at 630-584-3473 or email us at [admin@frcfr.org](mailto:admin@frcfr.org) if you would like CPR class information.

This article selected for its timely information and taken from the Fox River Fire and Rescue District’s website at: [www.frcfr.org](http://www.frcfr.org).

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## **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.**