



# Talk of the Township

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

## *The Columbarium Project is Moving Forward*

***John Arthur Anderson, Supervisor***

Bids for the construction of the columbarium site and for the prefabricated columbaria units were awarded and contracts were signed the week of September 29, 2014. Construction will be completed by Thanksgiving and the first 2 columbarium units will be delivered by April 1, 2015.

Pre-sale of columbaria niches, a place for 2 cremains, will go on sale November 17, 2014. The final pricing is currently being decided by the St. Charles Township Cemetery Board. The one time price will cover everything except the engraving on the granite niche front.

For general information, you may call the Cemetery Office at 630-584-8699 or the Township Office at 630-584-9342. A brochure may also be requested.



To pre-order and pay for a niche, you must visit the Union Cemetery office at 1206 N. 5th Avenue in Saint Charles. The Township will accept 3 methods of payment: check, cash and most recently credit cards.

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## ***Meet Our New Trustee...***



Jeff Jerdee was appointed as Trustee to replace Paul Lencioni on July 9, 2014.

Jeff and his wife, Pam, moved to Saint Charles in 1990. They have 2 children, Danielle and Brad, who attended St. Charles School District 303.

Jeff attended high school in Waukegan, Illinois, and college at Illinois State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education. He received his Master's Degree in Education and certificates in Administration.

Employment has been in several school districts through the years, including St. Charles School District 303 in 1981.

Although we have missed Paul Lencioni, Jeff has been a great addition to our board!

## 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

8.....7pm — Town Board Meeting

**13.....Closed: Columbus Day**

### November

2.....Daylight Saving Time Ends

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

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

12.....7pm — Town Board Meeting

**27.....Closed: Thanksgiving**

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

### December

3.....7pm — Cemetery Board Meeting

10.....7pm — Town Board Meeting

**24.....Closed: Winter Holiday**

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

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

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

### January 2015

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

14.....7pm — Town Board Meeting

### February

11.....6:30pm — Public Hearing/Adopt Levies

11.....7pm — Town Board Meeting

**16.....Closed: Presidents Day**

### March

8.....Daylight Saving Time Begins

11.....7pm — Town Board Meeting

18.....7pm — Cemetery Board Meeting

### April

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

8.....7pm — Town Board Meeting

14.....7pm — Annual Town Meeting

### May

13.....7pm — Town Board Meeting

*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.

## Ride in Kane:

Residents of **Unincorporated** St. Charles Township who are disabled or over age of 65 can participate in Ride In Kane, sponsored by St. Charles Township. Call 630-584-9342 to register.

The riders can ride within Kane County for 2 round trip rides per week or 4 one ways. 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 \$4 each way. St. Charles Township, as the Sponsor will fund the balance. The average cost of a one way ride is approximately \$15.

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

Rides should be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. Same day reservations are not guaranteed. Reservation hours are 6am to 6pm Monday–Friday, and from 8am to 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.

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

Voter Registration

Notary Public (no fee)

Ride in Kane (See above for more information)

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### 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.

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## 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.



**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**

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

Jeff Jerdee

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

## Of Interest in the Area...

### **Kane County "Scaregrounds":**

Steel Beam Theatre's haunted house, the Kane County Scaregrounds returns for a fourth scary year. This haunted house, where ALL of the rooms are 3D has new features and loads of fun.

Proceeds benefit Steel Beam Theatre, a 501©(3) not-for-profit. Admission

- Ages 13 and up will be admitted. Under the age of 13 will be admitted with an adult
- General Admission: \$15. Call Steel Beam Theatre at 630.587.8521 or e-mail [BoxOffice@steelbeamtheatre.com](mailto:BoxOffice@steelbeamtheatre.com)
- Monster-Free Admission\*: \$5 Kids (under 12); \$10 Adults (Children in costume receive a special treat! Added "spooky" attractions especially for the little ones!)
- Purchase tickets at the door

### **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.

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

Visit your city's history at [www.stcmuseum.org](http://www.stcmuseum.org). Please check out the new site for information about the Center, links to newsletters, programs and events.

### **Salvation Army:**

We are 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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## **INSIDE the City Limits of St. Charles...**

*These brush pick-up dates are for City of St. Charles proper residents. Township (unincorporated residents: Please note that your last brush pick-up is the week of October 27 for 2014.)*

*East Side of the Fox*

November 17

*West Side of the Fox*

November 24

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, 7am to 3pm. Please bring a shovel and containers. The City does not deliver or load mulch.

# St. Charles Township 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.*

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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.

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## A Word about Yard Waste

Residents in unincorporated areas who need yard waste pickup service (not brush pickup) should contact their refuse hauler for details. We do not provide yard waste pickup.

### **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**.

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## 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.
- New signage will be going up at Crane & Bolcum Roads along with a 4-way flashing stop sign installed to help traffic coming onto Bolcum from Crane.
- 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!

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## 2014 Brush Pick-up

The week of October 27 will conclude our brush pick-up for the UNINCORPORATED Township roads and will start up again in 2015. Please see our website for details next year.





## 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*

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 89 miles of road.

With that being said, we are hoping we don't have another winter like last year, but weather forecasters are predicting another bad one. We were able to purchase salt at only a 5% increase from last year. However, the downside is our salt sheds are starting out empty as opposed to being almost full to start the season. Again this year, we may have to do a sand/salt mixture sometimes like we did for a period last year. We received some complaints for doing this last year but it's what got us through the winter. Just keep your fingers crossed and hope for the best.

We also provide emergency services when needed and 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, please call our office and we will get them out right away to you. Remember, we can't help if we don't know you need it, so remember to call the Township Road District (630-584-3496) besides calling Kane County Office of Emergency Management in the future when help is needed in emergency situations. Kane County Emergency Management phone 630-208-2050.

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.**

**800-892-0123**



## Good News, Bad News, Great News!

The Good News is St. Charles is home to a well-established FREE medical clinic that provides quality healthcare to those in the community who are struggling financially. Tri City Health Partnership (TCHP) serves folks who are uninsured/underinsured and low-income and live or work in central Kane County. This is good news for folks who are awaiting notification regarding Medicaid coverage, for those who are NOT qualified for Medicaid and for those who are not qualified or cannot afford state marketplace insurance.

The Bad News is that many low-income, uninsured/underinsured citizens living in central Kane County are dealing with illness and have no idea that there is a free medical clinic where they may find care. Many of these individuals believe their only choice is to utilize the local hospital emergency department or they simply do nothing about their illness.

The Great News is that Tri City Health Partnership has a volunteer roster of more than a hundred local medical professionals who volunteer their time to provide patient care to those in need. These amazing individuals deliver free, quality and compassionate medical care with services that include acute issues such as cold, flu, infection, acupuncture, dermatology and gynecology, injections for severe chronic pain and osteoporosis screening. Also provided are programs for chronic illness such as asthma, diabetes and hypertension, as well as a healthy lifestyles program and limited vision and dental care.

Is there someone you know who is struggling with a medical issue who may be qualified for services at TCHP? Call 630-377-9277. The clinic is located at 318 Walnut Street, St. Charles. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 8am to 4pm.

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## Elderday Center Adult Day Program & Caregiver Support

One of many advantages for senior citizens participating in the day services at Elderday Center is that they can remain with their loved ones for as long as possible. Since 1990, Elderday Center has been committed to helping senior citizens maintain a quality of life and independence for as long as possible.

Elderday Center would not be able to serve as many local senior citizens (often suffering from depression, dementia, age-related diseases, Parkinson's and more) without the support of the community. In the days ahead, the need for quality day services for adults will increase. Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease are growing rapidly. Elderday Center is prepared to help those battling these diseases with therapeutic activities that are designed to stave off cognitive decline for as long as possible. Caregivers area also provided some needed respite to increase their ability to navigate the journey ahead of them.

For more information, please visit us at:  
**[www.ElderdayCenter.org](http://www.ElderdayCenter.org) or call 630-761-9750.**

### ***Supplies Needed***

The holidays are coming up fast and we are in need of supply donations. Individuals, groups or churches can help restock our craft and activity needs so Elderday Center can continue to provide therapeutic day programming. Please see our website for a list at: <http://elderdaycenter.org/how-you-can-help/wish-list>.

### ***Volunteer Openings***

Do you have free time? Musically talented? Enjoy helping others? Come in and demonstrate your skill or ability, teach a lesson on one of your passions, share a cup of coffee with a lonely senior. Volunteer openings are available for one-time events and for ongoing commitments. You won't regret sharing your time. Call and ask for Mollie Sundberg. You can also visit our website for more volunteer openings. <http://elderdaycenter.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer-opportunities>.

## ***October is National Crime Prevention Awareness Month***

Be part of the awareness and decrease crime within your neighborhood and community.

### **Here's how you can get involved:**

- Join or establish a Neighborhood Watch Program.
- Know your neighbors. Those days when everyone knew their neighbors seem to have vanished. Reach out to the people living around you for a safer neighborhood.
- Unless you're outside, keep your garage door closed, especially when you leave to run errands.
- Always lock your vehicle doors and never leave anything of value in your car.
- Don't hesitate to report any and all suspicious activity.

### **Halloween Safety Tips:**

- Parents, establish a route for children within a familiar area. Always accompany younger children.
- Remind you children never to enter a stranger's home or car. And tell them to avoid homes without an outside light on.
- Attach your phone number and address to your child's costume.
- Be careful of masks or head gear that can interfere with your child's eyesight.
- Make sure clothing is bright or reflective and flame retardant. Have them watch for open flames from jack-o-lanterns as they go door to door.
- Establish the strict rule of not eating treats until they return home and you have inspected all candy.
- Any fake knives, swords or guns should be made of cardboard or other flexible material to avoid injury.

### ***Parents, make your home safe for little trick-or-treaters as well.***

- Turn on your porch light. Make the evening a neighborhood event. Sit out with neighbors to distribute treats.
- Move lighted pumpkins away from the porch, stairs or anywhere a trick-or-treater may walk. Better yet, use battery operated candles when possible.
- Everyone should adhere to your community's trick-or-treat schedule. The City of St. Charles is October 31, from 3 to 7pm. Unincorporated areas of St. Charles Township will vary depending on subdivision.

## ***Lazarus House News***

Lazarus House is an emergency shelter in downtown St. Charles that provides assistance to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and connected to the tri-cities 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.

Please encourage anyone you know who may need assistance to call Lazarus House at 630-587-2144. If you are in a position to help, please consider a donation of napkins, non-dairy creamer, laundry detergent or other needs lists item posted on the website at [www.lazarushouseonline.com](http://www.lazarushouseonline.com). For those wishing to volunteer, orientations are held about every six weeks. Without the generous support of this community, Lazarus House would not be able to continue to provide help to those in need.

We invite the community to share in our self-serve "potluck style" Thanksgiving and Christmas buffets. You can come and eat with the community, and/or choose to bring a food item and/or supplies to make these holiday celebrations special for so many. All those wishing to provide a dish should bring it ready to serve, (hot dishes hot, etc.) in a disposable container approximately 15 minutes prior to the meal. We will post needed dishes and supplies on our website: [www.lazarushouseonline.com](http://www.lazarushouseonline.com). If interested in participating or volunteering, please call us at 630-587-2144 (preferably between 9am and 4pm weekdays) or email [amyd@lazarushouseonline.com](mailto:amyd@lazarushouseonline.com) or [donnab@lazarushouseonline.com](mailto:donnab@lazarushouseonline.com).

Lazarus House has a special evening event coming up as well. Please plan to join us on December 6 for "A Night of TSO" by The Trans-Infinity Orchestra at the Arcada Theater. Use the promo code LAZ14 when purchasing tickets at [www.oshows.com](http://www.oshows.com) and we will receive 75% of the ticket price. This will be an evening of laser lights, snow in the theatre, favorite holiday music and more!! Purchase your tickets early, this concert sells out every year.

Julie Purcell

Lazarus House

214 Walnut Street, St. Charles, IL 60175

Phone: 630-587-2144

# **The Salvation Army Holiday Food & Gift Distribution Program**

This program assists families who live in the area with Zip codes of 60174; 60175; 60134; 60510; and 60184 with Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations with food and gifts. Participants within these Zip codes must register. See more information on registration documents below.

**Dates are:** Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9am to 5pm

Sunday, Nov. 2, from 1:30 to 4pm

Every Wednesday starting Nov. 5 through Dec. 3, from 9 to 11am

**Where:** The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Avenue, St. Charles

## **To register, you will need:**

A valid photo I.D. for all adults in the household, including the person registering. This can be a State of Illinois I.D., Driver's License or Matricula.

A current utility bill, lease or mortgage statement of the person registering to show proof of residency. Please note that letters from landlords and/or roommates will NOT be accepted.

30 days (one month) proof of all current household incomes: pay stubs, SSI, SSDI, pension, child support, TANF, unemployment, etc. of all adults (age 18+) and older living in the household.

Birth certificates of all children in the household.

To facilitate registration, we encourage you to leave your children at home with an adult due to the lengthy registration process.

**More information is available at 630-377-2769**

## **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.**