



Fall 2020

Talk of the Township

Your St. Charles Township Newsletter
Exclusively for Township Residents

— Township Residents —

Please note that the Township building, Supervisor's and Assessor's offices are CLOSED to the general public. Please contact us via EMAIL or by PHONE:
inquiry@stcharlestownship.org • 630-584-9342 • Other Departments are listed next page.

It has been a long 6 months. I hope our Fall Newsletter finds our Township Residents in good health. In the past 6 months, despite the COVID-19 restrictions, our employees, road crew and cemetery crew were able to maintain office hours. However, we closed our building to the public. On September 1, we opened our meeting room to the public for HOA meetings, AA meetings and Special Interest groups.

We were able to hold our Annual Town Meeting on August 12, 2020, (usually held on the second Tuesday in April). Twenty Electors attended the meeting and Camden Wallace, a St. Charles East graduate, was elected Moderator. Camden did an excellent job.

Another graduate from St. Charles East High School, Christina Hull was awarded a Robert Turner College Scholarship through the Township Officials of Illinois. This scholarship is available to high school seniors going to an Illinois college/university. Several scholarships are awarded each year. At our June Township Board meeting, Lisa Hodge, a representative from Township Officials of Illinois, presented Christina with her scholarship.

Todd Wallace, Township Trustee, put together packets of disposable masks to distribute to seniors in St. Charles. The Township purchased 1,000 masks. They were delivered to Meals on Wheels to distribute to seniors along with their meals, the St. Charles Park District Senior groups, Carroll Towers, Tri-City Health Clinic and individual, small groups. We do have disposable masks available for seniors who are unable to purchase masks. Call us at 630-584-9342 for more information.

Our earlier monthly board meetings were held through ZOOM. By early summer, we were able to hold our meetings in person. Our meeting room can accommodate up to 22 people with social distancing and masks.

As noted above, any business to be held through the Township Supervisor's or Assessor's offices can be done through telephone, email or in person by appointment. Stay well!

Ron Johnson, Supervisor



Camden Wallace was elected moderator for this year's Town Meeting, held on August 12. Camden is a St. Charles East graduate.

**Township* Brush Pickup
ENDS October 26**

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



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Terry Cross,

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Highway Commissioner 630-584-3496

Diane Hemmingsen,

Assessor 630-584-2040

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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 2020-2021

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.

OCTOBER

12....Closed – Columbus Day

14 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

19....Early in-person VOTING @ Permanent Polling

Locations begins. See related item on Voting, this issue.*

26....LAST Brush Pickup for Township Residents, not City of St. Charles Residents

NOVEMBER

1.....Daylight Saving Time ends; set clocks back one hour

3.....Voting Day

11....Closed – Veterans Day

11 @ 6:30pm – Public Hearing/Adopt Levies

11 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

26-27.....Closed – Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

2 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

9 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

24-25.....Closed – Winter Holidays

31....Closed – New Year's Eve

JANUARY 2021

1.....Closed – New Year's Day

13 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

FEBRUARY 2021

10 @ 6:30pm – Public Hearing/Adopt 2021-2022 Budget

10 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

15....Closed – Presidents' Day

MARCH 2021

3 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

10 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

14....Daylight Saving Time begins; set clocks ahead one hour

APRIL 2021

2.....Closed – Spring Holiday

6.....Voting Day

13 @ 7pm – Annual Town Meeting

14 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

An Essay on Township Government

By Christina Hull

My parents have spent their lives working in public service. My mom has been at the College of DuPage. My dad worked for Kane County and now the State of Illinois. They are both worried about the fiscal stability of the State of Illinois. Both are worried about whether the State of Illinois will be able to pay the retirement benefits they were promised when they started their careers. As you can imagine, it is a topic that comes up quite often in our household. How and why is this important for this essay? A popular argument is the consolidation or elimination of Township government will help improve the fiscal crisis facing the State of Illinois. Township government is under attack. However, when one really takes the time to understand Township government, the services it provides, and the savings it brings to the community, Township government should be supported, not eliminated.

My dad helped me schedule a meeting with St. Charles Township Trustee Jerry Swanson. As the time approached for us to go to the meeting, I was extremely nervous. I had learned that Mr. Swanson had served as the Supervisor of St. Charles Township from 1995 to 2012 and came back to serve as a Trustee in 2017. I also learned he won the Robert “Bob” Turner Award for service to Township Government in 2011. He was an important man with important responsibilities. Mr. Swanson arrived at the Township office at the same time we did. He jumped out of his car, met me with a big smile, a warm handshake, and quickly engaged me in a conversation of the importance of Township government. An hour later, I walked away with a greater understanding of how important the role of the Township government is today and in the future.



Services Township Government Provides

I learned from the Township Officials of Illinois website that Township government has three primary responsibilities:

1. General Assistance for the indigent;
2. Assessment of real property and;
3. Maintenance of all roads and bridges outside the federal, state, and county jurisdictions.

I also learned that Township government can provide “other vital services to the people next door.” This may include senior citizens’ programs, youth programs, assistance to the disabled, parks and recreational facilities, health services and cemetery maintenance. Mr. Swanson explained to me that the St. Charles Township was responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of six cemeteries within its Township borders.

The Manner in Which Those Services are Provided

To me, what makes Township government so important is how those services are provided. St. Charles Township, like the other Townships throughout Illinois, is one of the smallest government bodies in Illinois. Mr. Swanson convinced me that being small isn’t a disadvantage; it is what makes Township government so great. He emphasized “the bigger the government, the more things can go wrong, and the fewer people there are to hold accountable.” The Supervisor, Ron Johnson, Assessor Diane Hemmingsen, Highway Commissioner Steve Frohling, and the four elected Trustees all live, work and play in the Township. This is true for Townships throughout the state. The Assessor who is assessing the property is your neighbor, someone who knows the neighbors, the area, and is not someone who is assessing property from an office a hundred miles away. The Highway Commissioner is driving the same roads the voters drive, understands the traffic flows, and can assess the condition of those roads daily – not based on a schedule set up by someone from outside the community. The Trustee(s) are your neighbors, involved in the community, and are people you can talk to because you see them in the community on a day-to-day basis. Their kids go to the same schools, attend the same churches, play on the same sports teams, and are in the same clubs as the people they represent. You don’t need to call Springfield or Washington D.C. to reach them. You can talk to them face to face about any issues or concerns that you may have, and they have the ability and power to make a decision more efficiently than someone from a larger government unit.

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The Low Cost of the Services That are Provided

Mr. Swanson also explained why Townships actually save more money when they provide the services than when a larger unit of government becomes involved. He explained how the Supervisor and the Board of Trustees put together their annual budget. Their budget is very small (approximately \$3,000,000) when compared to the County or the State. In order to stay under budget, the Township must spend wisely while reflecting on their decisions each year. He explained how things like the cost of gas, oil, and road salt all have an impact on the Township's resources. Unlike big government, which may move forward into deficit spending, the Township government will make tough decisions and try to be more efficient or defer projects until the money is available. He also explained that the Township may use part-time workers instead of full-time workers which also reduces Township expenses. He explained again that he must be able to look his neighbors in the eye and explain the decisions the Township is making because he is responsible to them.

My visit ended with a trip to the Township garage and an opportunity to climb into the driver's seat of a giant snowplow. There is no way that would have happened in Springfield! As I said my good-byes, I couldn't help but reflect on our meeting. I had been very nervous to meet my Township Trustee. His is an elected official, an important man with many important responsibilities. Yet, by the end of our meeting, I realized that our meeting showed the importance of Township government today and in the future. Trustee Swanson, despite all of his important duties and responsibilities, was my neighbor, my community member, and he cared about me and my family because that was his job. That is and will always be the role of Township government – to connect with the people they serve.

REMEMBER **RIDE IN KANE**

Effective April 1, 2020, Ride In Kane fee is NOW **\$5.00** for the first 10 miles.

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

Questions? Call 630-584-9342.

October 19 Early Voting



Click [HERE](#) to find an Early In-Person Voting Location

St. Charles Township Includes Our Youth at the Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting, usually held on the second Tuesday in April, was delayed this year because of COVID-19. It was held at Donald E. Scheib Hall at 6:30 pm on August 12, 2020. The Moderator for our meeting was Camden Wallace, an 18-year-old graduate from St. Charles East High School. Camden's photo appears on the cover page of this issue.

The Annual Town Meeting is an opportunity for residents who are registered to vote (electors) of St. Charles Township to have a voice in all matters discussed and vote on any agenda items presented that evening.

Any new agenda items relevant to the powers granted to the Township must be requested by a group of 15 registered voters and presented to the Township Clerk by the Board Meeting prior to the Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator is elected by the attendees of the meeting. This year we had 20 masked constituents. Camden did an excellent job running the meeting and keeping everything under control.

Township government is the oldest form of government in North America. The Declaration of Independence says "government should derive its just powers from the consent of the governed." A True Democracy at work!



As summer fades into the first signs of fall, change is in the air!

We are excited to welcome the change of seasons here at Lazarus House, and we are grateful to those

who have assisted us in helping our neighbors in need, especially during this pandemic. So many changes have happened in the way we provide for the needs of our neighbors who are homeless or in crisis during this time. Not only is it the use of PPE, having our shelter guests in hotel rooms and individually packaging each and every meal, but also in how we can serve those still housed. Lazarus House has seen a tremendous increase for rental and utility assistance and so many more individuals and families are coming to our doors for food and utilizing our Blessing Box for basic needs. The biggest piece that seems to be prevalent throughout both the those housed and the homeless, is the relationship piece. We are all so isolated during this time and for many, Lazarus House was their “home” for connection and this connection is no longer as easily accessible. Our staff is consciously trying to stop and “take a moment” and really reach out to all who are in need in whatever way we can, even if it is just a smile.

Lazarus House offers emergency shelter, transitional living and homeless prevention programs to individuals from St. Charles, Geneva, Batavia and western rural Kane County. Its mission is to offer those who are homeless or in need, hope for the future through hospitality, food, shelter, and education – tools for life.

We are fortunate to be among such a caring community willing to help their neighbors in crisis. If you know someone who needs shelter, encourage them to call us at 630-587-2144. If you are in a position to help, please consider a monetary donation and/or urgent needs items such as paper towels, bottled water or others posted on the website: www.lazarushouse.net. If you are interested in volunteering, watch our website for when we will once again have opportunities to come in house. Due to COVID-19, we are not utilizing volunteers right now. Thank you to each and every individual and family who has reached out during this difficult time to support our neighbors in crisis. YOU make a difference!



Elderday Center New Home of Seniors Helping Seniors® Fox Valley



The protection of the health and well-being of our seniors (Pearls) is more important than ever. As this population continues to thrive into their eighties, nineties and beyond, their need for safe and reliable care grows. Fox Valley is fortunate to have a new partnership between two organizations offering superior senior care, Elderday Center and Seniors Helping Seniors® Fox Valley. Elderday Center, a non-profit 501(c)3 adult day care program, has merged with Seniors Helping Seniors Fox Valley, a non-medical provider of in-home care services for Seniors. This union was finalized on April 1, 2020.

“I am excited about the synergy between Elderday Center and Seniors Helping Seniors Fox Valley,” says Executive Director Michael Cobb. “We are now in a position to provide comprehensive, non-medical, in-home service to our seniors throughout the Fox Valley, and are looking forward to continuing to offer exclusive comprehensive services to our Elderday members.”

Elderday Center members will be able to have both Therapeutic Day Care at Elderday and in-home care with Seniors Helping Seniors Fox Valley. Members and their families will enjoy a continuity of care by organizations trusted and recommended by clients and their families.

Caroline Olinger, Agency Manager and former owner of Seniors Helping Seniors Fox Valley, shares Cobb’s enthusiasm: “This is a win/win for all of us. Members and families can now develop a complete plan for transitioning from day care to in-home care when they need it.”

Elderday Center, founded in 1990, offers a half-day and a full-day therapeutic program for its members. Daily activities, along with outings are offered as well as two snacks and lunch served daily. Seniors Helping Seniors Fox Valley has been providing non-medical services at home to seniors since 2015, including companion care, meal prep, monitoring medications, errands, rides to medical appointments, laundry, and more.

In this age of COVID-19, extra protections are in place to protect the health of clients and staff.

Seniors interested in joining Elderday Center may contact them at 630-761-9750 or email at elderday@elderdaycenter.org. Their website is elderdaycenter.org. For more information about job opportunities and in-home services at Seniors Helping Seniors Fox Valley, call 630-937-4246 or email shsfoxvalley@gmail.com. Their website is seniorcarefoxvalley.com.



St. Charles Township Road District News

I hope this letter finds all safe and well with all that is going on in this world today. The Road District has remained operational during the year so my crew was still able to maintain the roads. Our office was only closed to the public for a short time, however, we remained open for all phone calls.

This past summer we have completed several projects involving drainage work and culverts, road repair, edge-of-road repair, brush trimming and mowing, brush pickup program, signage on the road, truck and equipment repairs and maintenance, resurfacing and various other jobs on more than 90 miles of road in the Township.

We also were able to provide emergency services when needed, and we are on call 24 hours a day. After normal business hours, can be reached through the Sheriff's Office. During business hours, please be sure to call the **Road District phone number, 630-584-3496**, 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 call the Township Road District 630-584-3496 besides calling **Kane County Office of Emergency Management at 630-208-2050** in the future when help is needed in emergency situations.

In closing I would just like to say thank you for your support and that I am looking forward to working for you, the taxpayers, for many years to come. If you have any questions or problems please don't hesitate to call me at my office.

– Steve Frohling, Highway Commissioner

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.

St. Charles Township Website & Email

Bookmark our website and add our email address to your contact list. Residents can visit our website at www.stcharlestownship.org for additional information about the Township and our services, highway facts, property assessments, meeting dates, a list of local organizations and more.

Should you have a question, residents can send an email inquiry to our general mailbox address. Email us at inquiry@stcharlestownship.org.



Managing Your Leaves

- Mulching – Leave shredded material on lawn and around trees and shrubs.
- Place shredded material 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 – Produce a valuable soil amendment for garden areas.

Bagged Collection of Leaves & Other Landscape Wastes - Please Note that local garbage companies provide this service to Township residents 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.
- Always shred or chop your leaves. Chopped leaves work best for mulch, compost faster, and fill fewer yard waste bags.

Last Brush Pickup for Unincorporated Township: Not the City of St. Charles

We will **end** our brush pickup on October 26 and will start up again next spring, probably by the fourth Monday of April. We will post the schedule of brush pickups for the 2021 season on the website and in the Spring 2021 newsletter.



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.

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**.

Monument Mailboxes...

On the road right-of-ways are illegal nor safe to the motoring public. Note that per USPS, mailboxes must not be bigger than a 4x4 post.

Please contact us (the Road District) before placing anything in the easement/right-of-way in front of your home. We are happy to help guide you.



Snow Season Will Be Here Soon

Drive with safety in mind, and always buckle up.

We will make every effort to keep your streets clear and safe for you. We will also have it done for you in a timely manner. But, we can only do that with your cooperation, by not parking your vehicle along the roadways until after they have been plowed and widened. We have been having a problem with parents parking by school bus pickups. Remember, we can't plow if cars are parked on the road. Please be considerate of our plows and move if our trucks are in the vicinity trying to plow the roads. We are doing this for you and the safety of your children.

Remember, if your mailbox is accidentally pushed over during a snowfall by one of the township snowplows only, please call the township and we will correct the situation as soon as possible. In the meantime try to place the mailbox temporarily upright so your mail will get delivered. However, we do not fix mailboxes if they are knocked over by someone backing into them, another vehicle hitting them or possibly a hired snowplow company clearing a drive and pushing the snow into your mailbox. Remember, no one knocks 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.

Also, No Snow Please ...

It is illegal according to Illinois law* for any person, firm, corporation or institution, public or private, to 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, PLEASE REMEMBER: NO PARKING ON ANY TOWNSHIP ROADS UNTIL AFTER ALL SNOW HAS BEEN CLEARED.

***605 ILCS 5/9-130. Deposit of snow or ice upon public highway—Prohibition: Section 9-130.**



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

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

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

When you call for Service, provide:

- Your name, address, and telephone number
- County and city or unincorporated township
- Location of the dig site
- Extent of the work involved (reason for dig)
- Date work will begin
- Permit number (if applicable)
- Section and quarter section numbers (if available)

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

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!

Physicians, Pharmacist, Healer and Friend: The Influence of the Medical Community on St. Charles History

Staff of the St Charles History Museum

Doctors have always played an important role in our society in the development and success of communities. St. Charles is no exception with its impact by the medical profession. Through the years, the family physician or pharmacist often played dual roles as healer, civic leader and friend to the community that supported them.

In 1836, Dr. Nathan Collins traveled from the hills of New Hampshire to the small river town of Charleston (St. Charles.) He saw the potential for business in the area and settled in a brick home, with office, on Walnut Street. For 30 years he served not only as the town doctor and druggist but also worked in construction. After his death in the early 1840s, Drs. Thomas Whipple and Abiel DeWolf became the town physicians.

DeWolf studied at the Ohio Medical College in Cincinnati, graduating in 1838 at the age 21. Although he occasionally traveled throughout the community on horseback, he was famous for his newfangled buggy with “springs” that brought him from Ohio. The horse and buggy doctor’s practice increased, and he traveled both Kane and DuPage counties visiting his patients. DeWolf served the community for nearly half a century both as a druggist and a physician.

Perhaps the most famous of St. Charles’ physicians was Dr. George W. Richards. In 1842, Richards founded the Franklin Medical College which was located on the corner of northeast corner of First Avenue and Main Street (now Riverside Pizza & Pub.) In 1849, Richards and the medical school became notorious after two students, too poor to continue their medical education at the college, robbed newlywed bride’s body from her recent grave in Sycamore for the purposes of dissection and study. (This was during a time when cadavers were not available for medical research and education.) After the bride’s family found the empty grave, a wrathful mob headed for the medical school. Arriving at Dr. Richard’s home, the angry citizens fired shots through the front door that hit both Dr. Richards and one of the medical students. They killed the student, they wounded Dr. Richards, and the school was closed.

Although the grave robbing incident affected the future of Dr. Richards, who was forced to relocate elsewhere, it was not a setback for the practicing physicians of the community. In 1855 records indicate that Dr. DeWolf was caring for the sickly of St. Charles with an Irish surgeon by the name of Crawford. Dr. Crawford was described in an 1855 St. Charles Directory as “a disciple of the old school of medicine ... following no rule but his own judgment.” Crawford was responsible for developing the Swedish Cholera Hospital that helped prevent the spread of cholera throughout St. Charles in 1852.

The 1850s proved to be a time of growth for the community, as the arrival of several new physicians testifies. Included in this honorable profession were Drs. Tilotson and Goodhue and Dr. Vanderhoof, described as “a promising young student of the eclectic persuasion” from Cold Water, Michigan.



Dr. Calhoun & family in the summer of 1918

Dr. William Johnson Calhoun set up an office in 1896. Calhoun, an 1891 graduate of the Western University of Pennsylvania Medical College also had completed post graduate course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Calhoun prospered and became a community leader influencing the Progressive movements throughout St. Charles.

As history entered a new century, the medical profession in the river town continued to flourish. Perhaps the most significant group of doctors in the community was Dr. R. J. Lambert and his wife Dr. Edith Bell Lowery. Lambert, born in Hawaii in 1874, attended school in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Lambert Hospital

300 block of west Main Street, north side

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Same building as previous Lambert Hospital, 300 block of west Main Street, north side.

Several years after Lambert and Lowery were married, they opened the first medical convalescence center in St. Charles, in a red brick building set back along Main Street west of the river. Edith Lowery operated a summer health camp north of St. Charles. Dr. Lambert served the community through the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, and Dr. Lowery founded the St. Charles Mother's Club.

One doctor still remembered today by many residents was Dr. Ival G. Langum, and native of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Dr. Langum attended Bennet College of Medicine and graduated from the National University of Medicine in Chicago. After serving in the Army Medical Corp during World War I, he settled in St. Charles and became the city's first health officer. Not only was he a compassionate physician, but he served the community for 28 years as Mayor of St. Charles.

Throughout the history of St. Charles many outstanding physicians have provided the medical stability and leadership to the community. Since its early settlement through present day, St. Charles has benefitted from these individuals who served as doctor, pharmacist, mentor, and friend. This is especially true in 2020 as we battle COVID-19. Thank you to all our healthcare workers, doctors, nurses and everyone on the front lines!



215 E. Main Street
630-584-6967 • www.stcmuseum.org



Food Pantry
When: Weekly, M-F; 10am-2 pm

Where: 1710 S. 7th Avenue
St. Charles, IL 60174

Contact: Danielle Zimmerman
Danielle.Zimmerman@usc.salvationarmy.org

Families can receive food assistance from our client-choice pantry once a month. To register to receive food all year, please bring proof of residency and a current photo ID. Volunteers and donations are needed all year round.

salvationarmy.org/tricity

If you wish to talk about your assessment, please call the Assessor's office to make an appointment.
630-584-2040



**TRICK?
OR
TREAT?**

The CDC has issued COVID-19 related guidance regarding Halloween trick-or-treating. Click here to read the public health recommendations. Since Halloween is not a nationally "recognized" holiday event, please use your best judgement regarding whether or not to have your children go trick-or-treating door-to-door, which the CDC puts in the 'Higher Risk' category.

And please follow mask, distancing, and hand sanitizing guidelines.

Residents, if you do not feel comfortable handing out candy this year, simply turn off your porch lights.

CLICK HERE for CDC guidelines, safety tips and alternative activities for children.

Trick-or-treating hours are generally from 3 to 7pm on October 31.

Township Road Facts!

St. Charles Township Jurisdiction is an area of a little over 36 square miles. The Road District maintains the roads and right-of-ways of the streets in the unincorporated areas of St. Charles Township.

We have right-of-ways measuring from 40 feet to 66 feet, or 20 feet to 33 feet from the center of the road which is the easement in front of your property.

Within these right-of-ways the following maintenance is performed:

- Blacktop Patching, Coating & Overlay
- Crack Sealing
- Gravel or Black Dirt Shouldering
- Brush Pickup
- Litter Pickup
- Roadside Mowing

- Ditch Cleaning
- Mulch Program
- Streetlights
- Street Sweeping
- Traffic Control Signage
- Tree & Brush Trimming & Removal
- Winter Snow & Ice Control
- Access/Culvert Permits

St. Charles Township is equipped to handle most of these duties and to contract some with private enterprise. We also have excellent intergovernmental cooperation with the municipalities in and around the township boundaries. Manpower and equipment are often exchanged to make all of us more efficient.

Christmas Tree Pickup



The Road District will be picking up Christmas trees discarded by residents in the **unincorporated** areas of the Township during the week immediately following the New Year.

The trees will be shredded in the Township's chipping machine so **please remove all tinsel, lights and ornaments**. Please call 630-584-3496 to arrange a pick-up and have your tree along (not in) the roadside.

Tri City Health Partnership
Medical and Dental Clinic
Connecting a Healthy Community



630-377-9277

318 Walnut Street, St. Charles

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.



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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?

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