



Fall 2021

# Talk of the Township

Your St. Charles Township Newsletter  
Exclusively for Township Residents

## From the Assessor, Diane Hemmingsen, CIAO

This year during the typical peak selling time of spring and summer, the 2021 housing sales were unprecedented. If you had your home listed for sale, it was a great time to sell. Even if you were not trying to sell your home in 2021, the value of your real estate investment increased dramatically.

People are drawn to St. Charles Township because of all of the great parks, schools, library and entertainment options that are available in our area. This is all reflected in the value of your property. While paying our tax bill is not something most enjoy doing, what we get for our tax dollars is outstanding in St. Charles Township. The value of your property in St. Charles Township is a reflection of people's desire to live here. Sales prices set the Market Value of your property, even if you have not recently sold or purchased any real estate. Per information that is available on the Kane County Treasurer's website; [www.kanecountytreasurer.org/Pages/pTax.aspx](http://www.kanecountytreasurer.org/Pages/pTax.aspx) St. Charles Township has the lowest average property tax bill of the 16 townships in Kane County.

We are constantly striving to keep the information we have about your property up to date. Typically, we will visit a property when a permit is issued for any work to be done on the property, if the property has sold, or if we have not visited the property recently. If you have made changes to your property, it is important to make sure to inform our office so that we can keep your property record information up to date.



### *Some important items that you would want to make sure we are aware of might be;*

- Remove an in-ground pool,
- Remove a shed,
- Change a deck to a patio or vice-versa,
- Or if you replace a whirlpool tub in your bathroom with a shower stall

These are a few examples of changes that might reduce your assessment, so please review your assessment with someone in our office or go online to:

[www.stcharlestownship.org/index.php/assessor/parcel-info](http://www.stcharlestownship.org/index.php/assessor/parcel-info) to review the information that we currently have about your property.

Thank you and please call our office if you have any questions about your assessment. **630-584-2040**

## — Township Residents —

The Township building, Supervisor's and Assessor's offices are OPEN to the general public. However MASKS MUST BE WORN when entering the Township building if you have NOT been vaccinated. You can always contact us via EMAIL or by PHONE: [inquiry@stcharlestownship.org](mailto:inquiry@stcharlestownship.org) • 630-584-9342 • Other Departments are listed next page.



1725 Dean Street  
St. Charles, IL 60174

Web: [www.stcharlestownship.org](http://www.stcharlestownship.org)  
Email: [inquiry@stcharlestownship.org](mailto:inquiry@stcharlestownship.org)

**Supervisor's Office: 630-584-9342**

Supervisor's Fax: 630-584-7082

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

Assessor's Fax: 630-584-7963

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

Road District Fax: 630-762-0861

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

Cemetery Fax: 630-584-4301

### Elected Officials

**Ronald C. Johnson,**

Supervisor ..... 630-584-9342

**Terry Cross,**

Clerk..... 630-584-9342

**Steve Frohling,**

Highway Commissioner ..... 630-584-3496

**Diane Hemmingsen,**

Assessor ..... 630-584-2040

### Township Trustees

Mary Lynn Swanson

Jerry Swanson

James Flanigan

John Hoscheit

### 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 2021-2022

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

**11....Closed – Columbus Day**

13 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

25....LAST Brush Pickup for Township Residents,

NOT City of St. Charles Residents

### NOVEMBER

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

10 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

**11....Closed – Veterans Day**

**25-26.....Closed – Thanksgiving**

### DECEMBER

1 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

8 @ 6:30pm – Public Hearing/Adopt Levies

8 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

**24-27.....Closed – Winter Holidays**

**31....Closed – New Year's Eve**

### JANUARY 2022

**1.....Closed – New Year's Day**

12 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

### FEBRUARY 2022

9 @ 6:30pm – Public Hearing/Adopt 2022-2023 Budget

9 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

**21....Closed – Presidents' Day**

### MARCH 2022

2 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

9 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

13....Daylight Saving Time begins; clocks ahead one hour

### APRIL 2022

**15....Closed – Spring Holiday**

12 @ 7pm – Annual Town Meeting

13 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

## Township\* Brush Pickup ENDS October 25

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



Ride in Kane is a shared public para-transit service for eligible seniors, people with disabilities, and those with low income who qualify for the service. A rider may be riding with other individuals at any given time. Other stops may be scheduled during transit to a rider's destination. The trip length and time may be longer than direct travel based upon routing.

Ride fee is **\$5.00** for the first 10 miles.

There is an additional \$1.50 per mile charge for more than 10 miles.

Questions? Call 630-584-9342.

[Click Here for the Rider's Guide](#)



## Township Website

It has been brought to our attention that it is very difficult to find our website.

When looking to access the Township website, the best way is type our web address, [www.stcharlestownship.org](http://www.stcharlestownship.org) into the address bar. Once you are at the website you will find drop down menus for the different departments that make up the township. Within those menus you will find all the information you should need.

I hope you find this tip helpful.

*Ron Johnson,*

*St. Charles Township Supervisor*



Visit our website at:

[kanecountyconnects.com](http://kanecountyconnects.com)





## St. Charles Township Road District News

Hopefully this letter finds you safe and well with all that is going on in this world today. The Road District has remained open through all COVID-19 protocols, so my crew was still able to maintain the roads and answer all 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 over 90 miles of road.

We also provided emergency services when needed as we are on call 24 hours a day. We 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 bags due of flooding, please call our office and we will get them out to you as quickly as possible. Remember, we can't help if we don't know you need it, so remember to call us at 630-584-3496 in addition to calling the Kane County Office of Emergency Management when help is needed in emergency situations. Kane County Office of Emergency Management phone is 630-208-2050.

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*

### Christmas Tree Pickup

The Road District picks up Christmas trees from residents in the unincorporated areas of St. Charles Township during the week immediately following the New Year.

To arrange a pickup, please call 630-584-3496. For pickup, please do NOT use tree bags and place along roadside; not in the road with the trunk facing the street.

The trees will be shredded in the Township's chipping machine so **please be sure to remove all tinsel, lights and ornaments.**



### Monument Mailboxes...

Such mailboxes on the road right-of-ways are illegal nor are they safe to the motoring public. Note that per United States Postal Service, mailboxes must not be bigger than a 4x4 post. When these regulations are not followed properly and mailboxes are built or placed in the road right-of-way, it cost the taxpayer because the Township is forced to pay legal fees to have these situations remedied.

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.



## 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 Residents: Not the City of St. Charles

We will *end* our brush pickup the week of October 25 and will start up again next spring, probably by the fourth Monday of April. We will post the schedule of brush pickups for the 2022 season on the website and in the spring 2022 newsletter.

## Regulations & Restrictions for “Brush Only” Burning

Since 2003, Kane County has had an 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 Department at 630-208-3801.*

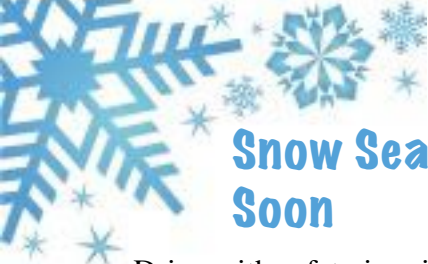
### ***Penalties:***

- 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**.



## 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 snow removal by one of the Township snowplows, please call the us and we will correct the situation as soon as possible. In the meantime, try to place the mailbox upright temporarily so your mail will still be delivered. **KEEP IN MIND** that 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, the road crews 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.

### **Homeowner's Association Information Requested**

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.

## Also, No Snow Please ...

It is illegal per to Illinois law\* for any person or firm 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 entity that 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](http://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!

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## No one wants to look at JUNK CARS



If you have a problem with improper 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**.

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.

OR check out the St. Charles Park Foundation's new partnership to **DONATE** your vehicle.



## DONATE YOUR VEHICLE!

The St. Charles Park Foundation has partnered with CARS, a vehicle donation program, to support your parks. CARS does it all with flexible scheduling of vehicle pickup. Proceeds to the Park Foundation are expedited after, and donors receive a thank you letter with pertinent tax information.

Call toll-free 24/7 to start your donation process.  
**855-500-7433**

### About the Foundation

The Foundation has been created and designed to receive funds, real and personal property for charitable, scientific or educational purposes for the betterment of the Greater St. Charles area.

It is an independent, not-for-profit 501(c)3 foundation authorized to accept tax deductible gifts. Contributions to the Foundation are the perfect way for you, your family and friends to support the Greater St. Charles' heritage for generations to come.

It is the intent of the Foundation to aid and encourage the St. Charles Park District, a special purpose governmental unit, in the acquisition, conservation, preservation, development of lands and operation of recreational programs and activities within the Counties of Kane and DuPage. Visit: [www.stcparkfoundation.org](http://www.stcparkfoundation.org)



## TO TRICK? OR TREAT?

The CDC has issued COVID-19 related guidance for Halloween trick-or-treating. Since this 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. 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.



## EVERY TIME A BELL RINGS...

Join us for a magical night of holiday spirit at the historic and famous Dunham Woods Riding Club in Wayne on December 10, 2021. We've put together a spectacular and truly historic black-tie optional evening for your enjoyment.

From the before-dinner reception to the 3-course meal to a special program just for our guests, we're sure you'll enjoy an evening to remember.

We are still putting together details, but we wanted to be sure to get on your calendar now! Help us celebrate the reopening of the History Museum this year, and join us as we raise funds necessary to continue our mission to collect, preserve, and present the incredible history of St. Charles.

Tickets will be available through the Museum's website when we get closer to the event. Seating is limited, so please don't hesitate to let us know if you are interested. You can do that right now by calling the Museum at 630-584-6967 or emailing us at [info@stcmuseum.org](mailto:info@stcmuseum.org).



### *Interested in being a sponsor of this fantastic Gala?*

Please visit our Gala Sponsor webpage for details on how you can be part of our successful event! Click here and go to: [stcmuseum.org/galasponsor](http://stcmuseum.org/galasponsor)

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

## ...AN ANGEL GETS ITS WINGS



**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](mailto: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](http://salvationarmy.org/tricity)





Stability and safety are basic needs that we all share. The guests of Lazarus House are not only struggling in just those areas, but often in so many other ways, as well. This has been especially true during the pandemic. The ever-changing landscape of COVID-19 has made homelessness even more frightening and challenging. Every day, the bravery of those we serve is evident as they navigate these trying times and move forward on their path back to independence.

Through the generosity of our community; the time, talent and monetary donations given, we are able to provide support and help instill hope to these very neighbors in crisis. No matter what the circumstance that leads to homelessness, when individuals or families find themselves at the doors of Lazarus House, we provide grace, support, stability and safety. YOUR contributions lead to differences in the lives of others.

Lazarus House offers emergency shelter and transitional living along with rental and utility assistance programs for individuals from St. Charles, Batavia, Geneva and

western rural Kane County. Its mission is to offer guests connected to these communities, who are homeless or in need, hope for the future by providing hospitality, food, safe 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 Lazarus House 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](http://www.lazarushouse.net)

We are also seeking overnight volunteers who essentially sleep while in-house, but are on hand in cases of emergency to support overnight staff. If interested, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@lazarushouse.net](mailto:volunteer@lazarushouse.net). Without the generous support, Lazarus House would not be able to continue to provide help to those in need.

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## Tri City Health Partnership Medical and Dental Clinic

Connecting a Healthy Community



630-377-9277

318 Walnut Street, St. Charles

[www.tchpfreeclinic.org](http://www.tchpfreeclinic.org)

Tri City Health Partnership provides a wide range of high-quality medical care to individuals in Central Kane County. At our clinic in St. Charles, we treat all patients with dignity and respect, and they receive quality health care from qualified volunteer specialists. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or the requirements necessary to receive free care.

## St. Charles Township Website & Email

Bookmark our website and add our email to your contact list. Residents can visit our website at [www.stcharlestownship.org](http://www.stcharlestownship.org) for additional information about the Township, services, highway facts, property assessments, meeting dates, a list of organizations and much more.

Residents can send an email inquiry to our general mailbox at:  
[inquiry@stcharlestownship.org](mailto:inquiry@stcharlestownship.org).



**Fox River & Countryside  
Fire Rescue District**  
34W500 Carl Lee Road,  
St. Charles, IL 60174  
630-584-3473  
[www.frcfr.org](http://www.frcfr.org)

### *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?

[info@frcfr.org](mailto:info@frcfr.org)