



Talk of the Township

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

General Assistance: A Function of Township Government

by Jerry Swanson, Past St. Charles Township Supervisor & Current Trustee

One of the lesser known functions of township government is the administration of a form of welfare known as General Assistance. Mandated by the State of Illinois, each township must offer General Assistance, a program designed to help alleviate the financial burdens individuals may face during a crisis period in their lives. While it is not designed to address all of their expenses, it is designed to help people “get back on their feet.”

General Assistance grew out of programs offered at the township level at a time when the state and federal governments were not as important in these efforts. Township government was considered to be “closest to the people,” and the level of government with which most people were familiar.

“Poor Houses” maintained by township government were communal living arrangements for people in financial distress. As the roles of state and federal governments grew, General Assistance became more of the “help of last resort.”

General Assistance is designed for township residents who do not qualify for any other assistance program, including federal, state, or (in some cases) municipal. In order to qualify, specific requirements must be met, one of which is a willingness to work. Unless physically unable to do so, recipients must be actively searching for employment and must be able to show that they are available for any suitable employment opportunity.

St. Charles Township has a caseworker who reviews and administers the program under the direction of the Supervisor, as required by law. For additional information, please call our office at 630-584-9342.



St. Charles Township Website

Visit our website at www.stcharlestownship.org. It contains information on all services that your Township offers you: from highway facts to the assessing of your property, to general assistance. It also has updates on meeting dates and times.

Township Brush Pickup Starts April 25

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



1725 Dean Street
St. Charles, IL 60174

www.stcharlestownship.org

Supervisor's Office: 630-584-9342

Supervisor's Fax: 630-584-7082

Assessor's Office: 630-584-2040

Assessor's Fax: 630-584-7963

Road District Office: 630-584-3496

Road District Fax: 630-762-0861

Cemetery Office: 630-584-8699

Cemetery Fax: 630-584-4301

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Supervisor 630-584-9342

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Highway Commissioner 630-584-3496

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Assessor 630-584-2040

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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

Town Board meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday monthly 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 in March, June, September and December.

APRIL 2022

12 @ 7pm – Annual Town Meeting

13 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

15....Closed – Spring Holiday

25....Brush Pickup Begins in Unincorporated Township

MAY

11 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

30.....Closed – Memorial Day

JUNE

1 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

8 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

20.....Closed – Juneteenth Observed

JULY

4.....Closed – Independence Day Observed

13 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

AUGUST

10 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER

5.....Closed – Labor Day

7 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

14 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

OCTOBER

10....Closed – Columbus Day

12 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

24....LAST Brush Pickup of the Season

NOVEMBER

6.....Daylight Saving Time Ends: clocks 1 hour back

9 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

11....Closed – Veterans Day

24-25....Closed – Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

7 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

14 @ 6:30pm – Public Hearing/Adopt Levies

14 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

23-26...Closed – Winter Holiday

30....Closed – New Year's Eve



Highway Department

Well with winter coming to an end, we will soon be headed into that next season in Illinois and that is “Construction” season. With the county and state having projects going on all the time, we can always expect some kind of traffic detours, so please be careful.

The last couple of years we’ve been able to resurface about 5 miles of road with the blacktop costing about \$80 per ton. We currently have our bid in for this years resurfacing with the county and are awaiting the outcome. When determining what roads to resurface each year, I always look at how long it’s been since it was resurfaced last and what condition it is in. The Township has more than 90 miles of road to maintain.

Therefore, the roads in the worse condition and with the longest time since being resurfaced will come first. Most roads being resurfaced are anywhere from 15 to 20 years since they were last resurfaced. We try to patch as quickly as we can other roads to help with their longevity.

Just a reminder to those of you that should have any trouble with flooding, if you need immediate assistance, first please call Kane County Office of Emergency Management, Don Bryant at 630-232-5985. Then call the Township for sand bags or sand if **during** regular office hours at 630-584-3496 or the Sheriff’s Department if **after** hours at 630-232-6840 for an emergency and they can get a hold of us. Remember, we can’t help if we are not contacted.

In closing, I would just like to say that I look forward to working for you, the taxpayers, for many years to come. I want to thank you in advance for your support and if you have any questions or problems please don’t hesitate to call me at my office.

Steve M. Frohling, Highway Commissioner

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 sometimes 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!

2022 Resurfacing Projects

We are currently waiting on our bids to go out with Kane County’s bids. We obtain better prices by joining forces with the County.

We will post on our website the streets that will be resurfaced this summer as soon as we know how the bids come out sometime in April.

Brush Pickup for Unincorporated Township:

Note: NOT City of St. Charles

2022 Pickup Begins April 25

St. Charles Township Road District has contracted with Trees 'R Us, Inc. to pick up brush in unincorporated St. Charles Township this year.

Please follow these procedures to ensure your brush will be picked up:

- Brush/limbs are to be out by the road, **not in the road**, no later than 7am on the Monday of the scheduled week pickup
- **Max diameter** is 12 inches; Max length is 12 feet
- Stack brush in **large piles** with cut ends facing the road keeping away from mailboxes, utility poles/boxes, hydrants and parked cars
- Brush should be placed in the front or side parkway: it will not be picked up from vacant lots
- Do not tie or bundle brush/limbs or put brush/limbs in containers or bags
- **Do not place** stumps, roots, landscape material, lumber, firewood, or foreign objects in piles
- This program is strictly for residentially generated brush; **NOT FOR CONTRACTOR REMOVALS OR TRIMMINGS**
- If you hire a tree service, **they are responsible for taking away all logs and brush**
- We do not pick up after any lot clearings
- Limbs/brush exceeding the requirements for the Residential Brush Pickup Program can hire a private service to have them removed at the resident's expense
- If your brush was out at 7am on Monday of the scheduled pickup week and **NOT** collected by the end of the workday on Friday, please notify the Road District no later than the following Monday. For calls on missed brush removal received **after** that Monday, the brush will be picked up on the next scheduled pickup

Questions? Please contact us at 630-584-3496.

2022 Brush Pickup Schedule

Brush Pickup is on the 4th Monday of each Month (which is not always the last week of the month) from April to October.

April 25 • May 23 • June 27 • July 25

August 22 • September 26

October 24 (last pickup for 2022)

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**.

A Few Words About Yard Waste



First and foremost, St. Charles Township **Does Not** provide yard waste service.

Residents in unincorporated areas who would like yard waste pickup service (**NOT** brush pickup) should contact their refuse hauler for details. Many contracted waste haulers offer this option.

SUMMER CONSTRUCTION & SAFETY

Please be aware and watch for construction workers on the roads. Their safety is in your hands. Whether it's Township, County, State, Municipality, Utility, or Blacktop Crews - they all should be obeyed. Please reduce your speed, STOP talking or texting on your cells and pay attention to the road signs and the Flagger's directions!

Speed Limits & Signage

Kane County Division of Transportation passed authorization for us to put up Speed Limit signs in subdivisions. This will greatly reduce the amount of signs needed to be posted within a subdivision and save Township residents.

On some of the main roads in the Township, we have gone to a larger street sign. This is in compliance with MUTCD laws.

With the expansion of the sign shop in our garage, we are able to make our own signs. The sign shop enables us, with the help of computer software and a new cutting machine, to make new signs at a savings, so we are updating all the signs to meet with MUTCD laws.



**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.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE Digging, Building and/or Planting in the Road Right-of-Way

The road right-of-way is the area usually 33 feet from the center of the road (some roads vary). That area (33 feet from the center of the road) belongs to the Road District. You must get permission from the Highway Commissioner to do anything in that easement area. Boulders, underground fencing and sprinkler systems must be kept out of the road right-of-way. Stay within your property line when installing these items.

Also, MONUMENT MAILBOXES on road right-of-ways are illegal and not safe to the motoring public. Mailboxes must not be bigger than a 4x4 post per USPS Regulations. When these regulations are not followed properly and objects are built or planted in the road right-of-way, it cost the taxpayer because your Township is forced to pay legal fees to have these situations remedied. Contact us before putting anything in the easement (right-of-way) in front of your house.

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.

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.



Elderday Center

At Elderday Center, we have been blessed to serve the Pearls (Seniors) of our community for 30 years through our Therapeutic Adult Day Services Program.

Elderday Center's therapeutic daily activity program provides daytime structure for up to 35 participants. Providing a nutritious lunch as well as two snacks each day, along with therapeutic social activities, music therapy, expressive art activities, therapeutic activities with pets, exercises, and activities of daily living.

Please note that our community outreach team is available to come and speak with community groups, churches etc. who would like to find out more about our services.

Save The Date:

Saturday, May 21 and join us for our

Food Extravaganza & Celebration

Beginning at 5pm!

Donation \$30 per person • Tapa-style International Cuisine, Live Music, Raffles & MORE

328 W. Wilson Street, Batavia

630-761-9750 • www.elderdaycenter.org

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. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding our treatment or the requirements necessary to receive free care.



The Salvation Army has been serving the St. Charles and the Tri-City area since 1951. Since then it has become an area leader in helping others. But it is much more than just bell ringing during the holidays:

Social Services: This Department helps residents with needs for social services such as rental, utility, prescription and other assistance.

Joe K. Anderson Community Center: Provides after-school and summer programs for children along with various programs for adults such as open walking in the gym, seated exercise classes, low-impact aerobics, cardio-care exercise, line dancing, yoga, a craft club, computer classes and even bingo.

Food Pantry: The Pantry is for those in need within the area. Relying on the kindness of our community to help keep the shelves stocked, the food pantry is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 am to 12:45 pm by calling and registering. In addition, there is a fresh food distribution that takes place on Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 am – 1 pm, which is open to everyone. No paperwork needed. (Both are contactless during the pandemic.)

Salvation Army Corps: The Salvation Army is also a church. Sunday school for all ages is at 10 am, and worship service begins at 11 am The Tri-City Corps also provides women ministries, bible studies, and family night.

For more information, please call 630-377-2769, check the website at www.satricity.org, or stop by. You'll learn about opportunities to volunteer or donate (or even how to become a bell ringer next Christmas season).

– Township Residents –

The Township Offices are now open to the residents/general public. Masks must be worn when entering and conducting business the building.

Residents may contact us at:
inquiry@stcharlestownship.org



Since 1834, St. Charles has been the Pride of the Fox. We strive to share important stories, history and fun facts through exhibits, educational programs, articles, and social media.

215 E. Main Street

630-584-6967 • www.stcmuseum.org

Whether you are new to St. Charles or a long-time resident, there's always something to learn at your St. Charles History Museum. Browse the website and make plans to visit the museum and gift store. There's plenty of parking on Walnut behind the museum.



Phone: (630) 584-3473

Fax: (630) 584-8266

E-mail: info@frcfr.org



RURAL FIRE ADDRESS SIGNS

Can we read your address?

Is your sign missing?

To order a new Address Sign - [Click Here](#)

We serve from two fire station locations:

- East area - Fire Station 1
34w500 Carl Lee Road, St. Charles 60174
- West area - Fire Station 2
40w361 Route 64, St. Charles 60175

Housing Help is Here

The Illinois Homeowner Assistance Fund opens this April and rental assistance is available from the Department of Human Services.

See the website for information on rent, mortgage, utility and legal assistance programs currently available.

Illinoishousinghelp.org



Kane County Resources & Partnerships



www.kanehealth.com

For Veterans: www.hines.va.gov

KaneVax.org

855-452-6382

Kane County Vax Hub
501 N. Randall Rd.,
Batavia



We are dedicated to helping low and moderate income families attain and maintain safe and affordable housing.

CCI seeks to provide utility bill assistance, weatherization and housing rehabilitation for eligible households. We do this through a variety of programs that focus on energy conservation and the affordability of local housing stock.

Our mission is to make affordable housing a reality for local, elderly, economically disadvantaged and disabled individuals and families.

For more information, see our website at:
cci-hci.org



Kane County Frequently Used Telephone Numbers

Note: All numbers are area code 630

Animal Control	232-3555
Circuit Court Clerk	232-3413
<i>FOR Court Dates, Traffic Tickets</i>	
Kane County Clerk	232-5990
<i>FOR Birth Certificates, Marriage Licenses, Election Information, Business Registration, Passports, Tax Extensions</i>	
Development & Community Services	232-3480
<i>FOR Building Requirements & Permits, Planning & Special Projects, Community Service, Historic Preservation</i>	
Kane County Division of Transportation	584-1170
Kane County Health Department	208-3801
<i>FOR Employment Verification, EEOP, ADA Complaints, Ethics Advisor</i>	
Department of Human Resource Management	232-3560
Kane County Purchasing	232-5929
Kane County Recorder	232-5935
Kane County Regional Office of Education	232-5955
Kane County Sheriff Non-Emergency	232-6840
Kane County Sixteenth Judicial Circuit	232-3440
<i>FOR Assessments, Exemptions, Property Search, Board of Review</i>	
Kane County Supervisor of Assessments	208-3818
Kane County Veterans Assistance	232-3550

For a full list of Kane County Services, visit the website at:

www.countyofkane.org/Pages/AZ-Services.aspx



FYI: This site offers information, events and news of Kane County. Be sure to bookmark this in your web browser:

NEW! RIDE IN KANE

Effective April 1, 2020, Ride In Kane increased the rider's fee from \$4.00 to **\$5.00** for the first 10 miles.

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

For any questions, please call 630-584-9342.

Ride In Kane

Residents of Unincorporated St. Charles Township who are disabled or over the age of 65 may participate in Ride In Kane, sponsored by St. Charles Township.

Residents may ride within Kane County for 2 round trip rides per week or 4 one-way trips. 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 **\$5.00 each way** for the first 10 miles. After 10 miles a \$1.50 per mile over 10 will be charged. St. Charles Township, as the Sponsor will fund the balance. The average cost of a one way ride is approximately \$15.

Residents within **Unincorporated** St. Charles Township can register for rides by calling 630-584-9342.

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

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

**Strengthening People —
Building Community**



TriCity Family Services is committed to helping clients strengthen themselves, their families, and their communities. We accept most major insurance plans, offer sliding-scale fee adjustments, and do not deny services based on inability to pay.

Call us today and start your journey toward emotional wellness.

**Children & Teens Counseling
ADULTS & SENIORS Counseling**

**1120 Randall Court, Geneva
630-232-1070**

www.tricityfamilyservices.org



Kane County Recycles and Clean Water for Kane are partnering with The Conservation Foundation in 2022 to provide affordable compost bins and rain barrels in a time-limited spring sale!

Earth Machine composters are available for \$72.50 in limited quantities, and UpCycle Rain Barrels are available for \$64.50.

Please pre-order [HERE](#) before May 3, 2022.

Pick up your pre-ordered bins and barrels at the Creek Bend Nature Center at the LeRoy Oaks Forest Preserve (37W700 Dean St., St. Charles) from 2pm to 6pm, Thursday, May 5, 2022.

Check the Kane County Recycles or Clean Water for Kane for more info at: kanecountyconnects.com.



**Help
for
Homeowners**



Today's difficult economic conditions are having an impact on all of us. Many families are finding it difficult to make ends meet, and some are even facing the prospect of home foreclosure. This website is designed to link you to the many resources available to Kane County homeowners, from home rehabilitation assistance and property tax exemptions, to property tax freeze options, and foreclosure prevention counseling. Please don't hesitate to contact the agencies listed on the website for more information.

www.countyofkane.org



214 Walnut Street • St. Charles

630-587-2144

www.lazarushouse.net

**Join us for the 2022 *Posh Picnic*
at Heritage Prairie Farm**

June 19 • 6:30pm

This FUN, farm-to-table dinner served under a charming tent is back for a second year! This is an elegantly casual atmosphere of laughing, eating and being merry while supporting Lazarus House.

Come dressed in your comfortable summer picnic attire!

EVENT FEATURES:

Music & Cocktails on the Lawn • Lawn Games
Live Auction • Cash Bar / Dancing • \$175 Per Person
Bring your friends • Tables for 6, 8 or 10 available
RSVP by May 26 • Seating is limited

The Columbaria at Union Cemetery

The newest addition to St. Charles Township Cemeteries is the Columbarium at Union Cemetery, 1206 N. 5th Avenue. Please feel free to stop by and view a beautiful picturesque setting for the interment of cremains.

There is a one-time charge for the niche and opening/closing to intern up to 2 urns. The only other cost will be for the engraving of the marble front.

Please contact the cemetery office for a brochure, more information or to purchase a niche at 630-584-8699. For a brochure and price list, you may also stop by the Township Office at 1725 Dean Street, St. Charles.



<i>Cemetery</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Founded</i>	<i>Township Owned & Maintained Since</i>
North	North 5th Ave	1840	1945
South	South 7th Ave	1815	1945
Little Woods	Dunham Road	1856	1951
Union	North 5th Ave	1900	1972
Prairie	Crane Road	1849	1957
Round Grove	Mosley Lane	1849	1997

Of interesting note: The City of St. Charles was founded in 1834. The cemetery at 7th Avenue predates the establishment of our city.

Please feel free to visit our public cemeteries. We kindly ask that you help us maintain the dignity so greatly earned by respecting the sites and graves. Your St. Charles Township.

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.