



Fall 2022

Talk of the Township

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

Your Tax Bill and How Funds are Distributed

by Ronald C. Johnson, Township Supervisor

You will notice on your tax bill that 2.6 percent of your taxes paid goes to your Township government.

“What does St. Charles Township do for me,” you ask?

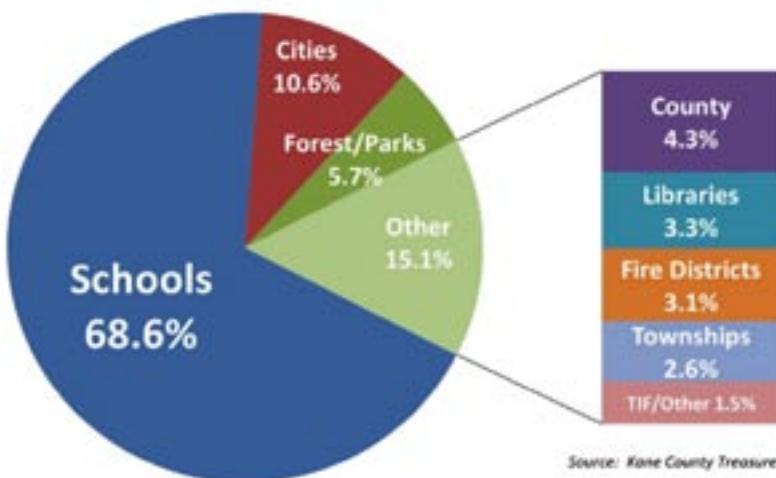
We have three mandated functions by state legislature:

1. The Township is made up of a Town Board that includes a Supervisor, four Trustees and a Town Clerk. These elected Officials audit all monies spent in the Township. **General Assistance** is handled thru the Supervisor’s office. The Illinois State Statutes dictates a very strict set of rules on qualifications and how monies are distributed.
2. The Assessor assesses properties in the Township. St. Charles Township has more than 22,000 parcels to assess and to make sure everyone pays their fair share of taxes.

3. The third, but not least, is the maintenance of Township roads and bridges. Your St. Charles Township Road District, which consists of the Highway Commissioner, six-person crew and an Office Manager maintain 90 miles of roads in the unincorporated area of St Charles Township. Other than the most noticeable duties, like resurfacing of roads and snow plowing, the Road District also provides a **Brush Pickup** program April through October. Other Township duties include approximately 3,000 street signs on the roadways and 300 street lights to maintain. All this is accomplished on 1 percent of the 2.6 percent taxed. Also, approximately 50 percent of the general road tax levy is paid back to three villages: Wayne, Campton Hills, South Elgin, and the city of St Charles which is to be used on their roads.

A fourth function the Township fulfills, which is not mandated, is the **Cemetery District**. St. Charles Township Cemetery District maintains six historic cemeteries four of which are currently active. The cemetery crew oversees all burials, which average approximately 80 per year. They also maintain the grounds in all cemeteries.

In a nut shell, this is what your St. Charles Township does for you.





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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

Elected Officials

Ronald C. Johnson,

Supervisor 630-584-9342

Terry Cross,

Clerk 630-584-9342

Steve Frohling,

Highway Commissioner 630-584-3496

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Assessor 630-584-2040

Township Trustees

Mary Lynn Swanson

Jerry Swanson

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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 2022-2023

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 2022

10....Closed – Columbus Day

12 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

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

NOT City of St. Charles Residents

NOVEMBER 2022

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

9 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

11....Closed – Veterans Day

24-25.....Closed – Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2022

7 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

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

14 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

23-26.....Closed – Winter Holidays

30....Closed – New Year's Eve

JANUARY 2023

1.....Closed – New Year's Day

11 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

FEBRUARY 2023

8 @ 6:30pm – Public Hearing/Adopt 2022-2023 Budget

8 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

20....Closed – Presidents' Day

MARCH 2023

1 @ 7pm – Cemetery Board Meeting

8 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting

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

APRIL 2023

7.....Closed – Spring Holiday

11 @ 7pm – Annual Town Meeting

12 @ 7pm – Town Board Meeting



Highway Department

Hopefully this newsletter issue finds you safe and well. 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.

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!

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 M. 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.**



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.

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.

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**.

Last Brush Pickup for 2022 is Monday, October 24

Brush Pickup will resume in April 2023



Snow Season

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.**

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.



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

**800-892-0123 or 811
or www.illinoistcall.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.**



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 9am to 12:45pm by calling and registering. In addition, there is a fresh food distribution that takes place on Tuesdays through Fridays from 10am – 1pm, which is open to everyone. No paperwork needed. (Both are non-contact during the pandemic.)

Salvation Army Corps: The Salvation Army is also a church. Sunday school for all ages is at 10am, and worship service begins at 11am. 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).

Bookmark this Link to the Tri-City Salvation Army Calendar for Monthly Food Pantry Events:

Salvation Army Calendar



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.



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.



Elderday Center

Elderday Center is now
accepting new members at
both locations:

Elderday Center-Central in Batavia, IL

Elderday Center-North in Elgin, IL

Our program is open Monday-Friday.

Call us at 630-761-9750 for more information
or to schedule a tour.

Elderday Center is proud of its 30-year history
of providing valuable adult day care services
for the members and their family caregivers.

328 W. Wilson Street, Batavia

630-761-9750 • www.elderdaycenter.org

Early Voting/Vote by Mail



Click **HERE** to find Voting
Information

**2022 General Election is
Tuesday, November 8.**



Phone: 630-584-3473

Fax: 630-584-8266

E-mail: info@frcfr.org

Web: www.frcfr.org

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

REMEMBER **RIDE IN KANE**

Ride In Kane

fee is **\$5.00** for the first 10 miles.
Then \$1.50 per mile charge applies
for trips more than 10 miles.
Questions? Call 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.

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.



214 Walnut Street • St. Charles

630-587-2144

www.lazarushouse.net

Finding Solutions for Homelessness

At Lazarus House, we are working together to offer hope and a future. Our mission is to offer guests connected to our communities who are homeless or in need hope for the future by providing hospitality, food, safe shelter and education — tools for life. We strive to make certain that all who enter feel welcome.

We work together with many social service agencies, a large and wonderful network of volunteers and donors, and a range of federal, state and community resources.



www.kanehealth.com

For Veterans: www.hines.va.gov



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

Housing Help is Here

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

Illinoishousinghelp.org



**ILLINOIS HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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

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 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: **Kane County Connects**

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.



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.