

ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP

Spring 2023 Newsletter

FROM THE ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR:

Diane Hemmingsen

The St. Charles Township Assessor's Office is currently revaluing properties for the 2023 General Reassessment Year. This means that all properties will be reviewed and reassessed, based on arms-length sales that have occurred in 2020, 2021 and 2022. Once we submit the assessments to Kane County Supervisor of Assessments, our publication date will be determined.

Illinois State Law dictates that properties are to be assessed at market value. Sales in St. Charles have been very strong for the past couple of years, meaning the investment you have made in your home has increased. This is great news when it comes time to sell your home, but not always welcome news when it comes time for the tax bills. Exemptions can help with lowering your tax bill, so please make sure to review your tax bill online or contact the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments office at (630) 208-3818 to make sure you are receiving all of the exemptions that you qualify for.

In addition to sales affecting the value of a property, some improvements can also affect assessments. Some examples might be an addition, new garage, finished basement, additional bathrooms, decks, patios, in-ground pools and sheds. These items would be eligible for a 4-year Home Improvement Exemption, meaning you would not pay taxes on the increase in value for those improvements, up to \$75,000 in market value, for 4 years after completion. In order to qualify for the Home Improvement Exemption you have to be receiving the Homestead Exemption, meaning your home in St. Charles is your principal place of residence. General maintenance items are not included in this category.

General maintenance would be a new roof, windows, siding and similar items. These items are considered upkeep that help maintain the current value of your home. We are tracking the properties that have installed Solar Panels, but at this point, the addition of solar panels does not effect the assessment of a property.

I will continue to review sales of properties that have solar panels to determine if this improvement affects the sale price of a home.

I encourage you to review the information we have about your property on our website at www.stcharlestownship.org/index.php/assessor/pa rcel-info. After reviewing the information online, if you find any details that are not correct about your home, please contact our office and we will make the necessary changes. In order to properly assess your home we do have Field Teams that visit properties to update and/or correct the information we have on your property. We do not have phone numbers for property owners, unless you have given it to us for our records, so contacting you prior to our field visit is not always possible. Due to increased concerns over public safety, homeowners are more conscious of unknown people on their property. So while we drive a vehicle that states we are from the township and have ID's and clothing that also identifies the Field Team, with the continued resistance from homeowners is this regard, we are finding ourselves having to assess properties using the GIS system: GIS, or geographic information systems, are computer-based tools used to store, visualize, analyze, and interpret geographic data. Geographic data (also called spatial, or geospatial data) identifies the geographic location of features. Therefore, while this is a great tool, it is not as accurate as actually being on a property and physically measuring a structure. Nevertheless, we are continuing to adapt to this "new" way of valuing a property.

As always, I encourage you to call our office with any questions regarding the assessment of your property. We can be reached at (630) 584-2040, Mon-Fri from 8:00am to 3:30pm.



www.stcharlestownship.org

Supervisor's Office: 630-584-9342 Supervisor's Fax: 630-584-7082

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

Township Trustees

Mary Lynn Swanson Jerry Swanson James Flanigan John Hoscheit

Township Office Hours

Supervisor's Office 8am to 3:30pm M-F

Road District Office 8am to 3pm M-F

Assessor's Office 8am to 3:30pm M-F

Kane County Sheriff Non-emergency: 630-232-6840 EMERGENCY: 911

Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District 630-584-3473

Township Board Meetings

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.

April 2023

7...Closed - Spring Holiday
11 @ 7pm - Annual Town Meeting
12 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting
24...Brush Pickup Begins for Unincorporated
Township

May

10 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting 29...Closed - Memorial Day

June

7 @ 7pm - Cemetery Board Meeting 12 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting 19...Closed - Juneteenth

July

4...Closed - Fourth of July12 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

August

9 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

September

4...Closed - Labor Day6 @ 7pm - Cemetery Board Meeting13 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

October

9...Closed - Columbus Day11 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

November

8 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting 10...Closed - Veterans Day 23-24...Closed - Thanksgiving

December

6 @ 7pm - Cemetery Board Meeting 13 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting 25-26...Closed - Winter Holiday

A Message from your Highway Commissioner

Hopefully winter is coming to an end so we will be headed into the next season in Illinois. 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 be *careful*.

The last couple of years we've been able to resurface about 5 miles of road with blacktop costing about \$90/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 over 90 miles of road to maintain. Therefore, the roads in the worse condition and the longest time since being resurfaced will come first. Most roads being resurfaced are anywhere from 15 - 20 years since they were last resurfaced. We try to patch other roads as quickly as we can 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 like to say 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 Frohling, Highway Commissioner







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 cell phone and pay attention to the road signs and the Flagger's!

Brush Pickup for Unincorporated Township:

Note: NOT City of St. Charles 2023 Pickup Begins April 24

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 pick up week
- 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 resident generated brush; NOT FOR CONTRACTOR REMOVALS OR TRIMMINGS
- If you hire a tree service, they are responsible for taking away all logs & 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 then the following Monday. For calls on missed brush removal received after that Monday, the brush will be picked up at the next scheduled pickup week.

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



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 pick up and final sale negotiations. Proceeds to the Park Foundation are expedited after the sale. Donors receive a thank you letter with pertinent tax information.

For more info: **stcparkfoundation.org**



HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

St. Charles Township is in need of HOA information for subdivisions that are in unincorporated township. We would like to keep you informed of any road improvements that may be happening in your subdivision, for instance blacktopping or road closures. If we have a way to get a hold of your HOA we would be able to pass this information onto you so you can be prepared. 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 we need to. Thank you in advance for all your help and to those who have already called to keep us up-to-date.

2023 Township 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 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25, October 23 (last pickup for 2023)

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

Yard Waste

Residents in unincorporated areas who would like yard waste pickup service (not brush pickup) should contact their refuse hauler for details.



St. Charles Township does not provide yard waste pickup; however, many of the contracted waste haulers do offer this service.

<u>Leaf Disposal and "Brush Only" Burning</u> <u>Regulations</u>

Effective January 1, 2003 open burning of "landscape waste" and /or other materials, with the exception of **Brush** is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Kane County. The definition of "**Brush**" means trunks, limbs, branches, and twigs.

Kane County has a burn ordinance that prohibits the burning of "Landscape Waste," which means all accumulations of grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, flowers and weeds. You may however still burn "Brush" as long as you follow the Standard Restrictions that are listed below.

STANDARD RESTRICTIONS:

- Only on property upon which the landscape waste of brush was generated;
- Only on sunny days from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm;
- Not when wind exceeds 10 mph;
- Not within 20ft. 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 other water source must be available at the burning site.

EXEMPTIONS:

- Any property zoned or used for agricultural purposes;
- Burning for the purpose of prairie restoration or firefighter training;
- Burning of brush for recreational fires, but the fire cannot be larger than 3'x3'x3';
- 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 (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 thru Friday, 8:30am thru 4:30pm, please call Kane County Health Dept. @ 630.208.3801; All other hours please call 630.232.6840

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

The road right-of-way is the area usually 33' from the center of the road (some roads vary). That area (33' 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, rocks, underground fencing and sprinkler systems must be kept out of the road right-of-way. Stay in your property line when installing these things.

Also, MONUMENT MAILBOXES on the road right-of-way 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 things are built or planted in the road right-of-way it costs the taxpayer because the township is forced to pay legal fees to have these situations remedied.

Please contact the Road District before putting anything in the easement (right-of-way) in front of your house.



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 because it is a health problem. Their number is 630.208.3801.

RESURFACING PROJECT FOR THE SUMMER OF 2023

We are currently waiting on our bids to go out with Kane County's bid. We get better prices by doing it this way. 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 May.

KANE COUNTY RECYCLING EVENTS

2023 EVENT DATES

Saturday, April 22nd (Earth Day!) 11am - 2pm, with Geneva Park District

At Peck Farm Park, 4308 Kaneville Rd., Geneva Recycling electronica*, clothing & textiles, books & periodicals, paper, cardboard

Saturday, April 29th, 8am - noon, "Shred & More"

540 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles Free document shredding for Kane County residents

Accepted for recycling: latex paint*, aerosols*, camp-size propane tanks*, clothing, shoes & hard-to-recycle home goods

Saturday, July 22nd, 8am - noon, Extravaganza!

540 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles
Annual event with the most expansive list of items accepted for recycling (but no shredding planned for this event). Details to be finalized but planning to accept: electronics*, latex paint*, aerosols*,clothing, shoes & textiles, books, polystyrene foam/Styrofoam, household batteries and fluorescent bulbs, child car seats* and bicycles.

Saturday, Sept. 30th, 8am - noon, "Shred & More"

540 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles Free document shredding for Kane County residents

Accepted for recycling: latex paint*, aerosols*, camp-size propane tanks*, clothing, shoes and hard-to-recycle home goods

Early November, TBD, with SCARCE Pumpkin Smash!

*= Recycling fee may apply

Please always check the website below to confirm updated details before attending any events.

CONTACT:

Kane County Recycling Coordinator at recycle@countyofkane.org or 630-208-3841.

WEBSITE: countyofkane.org/recycling

AEROSOL PRODUCTS & PROPANE CANISTERS

These products are accepted on specific dates as listed on the calendar.

- There is a cost to recycle these products, payable by the resident with cash or card. (Spray cans \$1 each, Small Propane Canisters \$3 each)
- Propane Canisters: only small camp-sized cans are accepted (14.1 oz 16.4 oz) \$3/ea
- Spray paint, sealer, stains, rust control
- Insecticide, repellent, pesticide
- Inhalers (for asthma)
- Household cleaners, polishes, disinfectants, protectants
- Personal care products, for hair, face, and skin
- Cooking spray, food products, whipped cream
- Auto lubricant, starter fluid, tar remover, brake cleaner
- Please see online for the full list of accepted materials and cost.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Free confidential document shredding on specific dates as listed on the calendar

- This free service provides on-site shredding trucks.
- Staples, paperclips, spiral bindings, file folders without metal, and envelope windows are fine to leave in. Please REMOVE all binder clips, three-ring plastic binders and any larger metal pieces.
- Please do not bring periodicals, magazines, and other paper that does not contain confidential information.
- We will receive documents for shredding only until the trucks are full, and may finish before 12pm.
- Quantity limit is approximately equal to 4 banker boxes (12"width x 16"depth x 10"height) full of residential documents (per vehicle).
- No business material will be accepted.
- This is a free public service for residents to have their confidential documents securely shredded. No businesses please.

ANNUAL RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

Check online in June for a full updated list of what we'll be taking. There will be NO DOCUMENT SHREDDING at this event.

LATEX PAINT

Paint recycling is offered on specific dates as listed on the calendar.

- Latex paint has a recycling fee per container, payable by the resident with cash or card. (Quart \$1; Gallon \$3; 2-gallon \$5; 5-gallon \$15)
- This program is for liquid latex paint, which is recycled into reusable product.
- Please do not bring dried out paint, which can be disposed of in your regular trash (a couple cans per week in the trash can).



880-892-0123 or 811 or

www.illinois1call.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 number (if available)

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

Meeting Space is Available

The Donald E. Scheib Town Meeting Hall is available to local, not-for-profit, non-political groups and organizational meetings at nominal rates.

For more information contact Courtney Mills 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.



Fox River & Countryside

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 Address Sign -Click Here

We serve from two fire station locations:

- East area Fire Station 1 34W500 Carl Lee Rd. St. Charles. 60174
- West area Fire Station 2 40W361 Rte. 64 St. Charles, 60174



www.kanehealth.com

For Veterans: www.hines.va.gov

KaneVax.org 855-452-6382 Kane County Vax Hub 501 N. Randall Rd Batavia



FRI & SAT • APRIL 21-22 • 8AM-4PM

Keep all the profits from your sale!

For the participation fee, you will receive...

• Address listing in promo guide, distributed throughout the community and at stcparks.org

Yard signs, a balloon & guides promoting your sale site

Ads in local and Chicagoland newspapers

\$20 Early Bird Rate (until April 15) \$30 Registration fee (April 16-20) Tour guides available at stcunderground.com after April 20.

For more info, call the

Register here: stcunderground.com/fundraising



Kane County Frequently Used Telephone Numbers

Note: All numbers are area code 630

Animal Control	232-3555
Circuit Court Clerk	232-3413
FOR Court Dates, Traffic Tickets.	
Kane County Clerk	232-5990
FOR Birth Certificates, Marriage Lice	enses, Election
Information, Business Registration, F	Passports, Tax
Extensions	•
Development & Community Services	232-3480
FOR Building Requirements & Permi	its, Planning &
Special Projects, Community Service	e, Historic
Preservation	
Kane County Division of Transportati	on584-1170
Kane County Health Department	208-3801
FOR Employment Verification, EEOF	P, ADA
Complaints, Ethics Advisor	
Dept of Human Resource Manageme	ent232-3560
Kane County Purchasing	
Kane County Recorder	
Kane County Sheriff Non-Emergency	
Kane County Sixteenth Judicial Circu	ıit232-3440
FOR Assessments, Exemptions, Pro	perty Search,
Board of Review	
Kane County Supervisor	
Of Assessments	208-3818
Kane County Veterans	
Assistance	222 2550

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.



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 3 round trip rides per week or 6 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 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.



Random Acts Matter (RAM) is a non-profit, 501(c), volunteer organization committed to sharing care and compassion. Our annual Random Acts of Kindness Week offers an opportunity for the entire St. Charles community to come together in kindness.

The goal is for care and compassion to spread through our community through random Acts, big and small. Opening a door for a stranger, sharing a smile, buying coffee for the person behind you in line, the list is endless. Every Act of kindness changes our community, no matter how small.

Founded in 2016 Random Acts Matter has performed over 406 Acts, serving an estimated 4,573 people. Acts of kindness are performed year-round via nominations from the community when someone in St. Charles identifies a person or family in need. In addition, we spread care and compassion through community outreach including helping our local veterans, Lazarus House, the Juvenile Justice Center and in the fall, we host a coat drive which collects hundreds of coats for those in need!

We are funded by monetary support from individuals and organizations, local businesses often provide goods, services and monetary support allowing Random Acts Matter volunteers to fulfill kindness requests.

If anyone would like to nominate, donate or volunteer please visit our website Random Acts Matter



With the approach of Spring, we are feeling a sense of hope & gratitude here at Lazarus House. Grateful that our guests have a warm place to sleep each night and nutritious meals to eat. Grateful for all the donations that allow us to keep our doors open and meet the needs of our guests. The feeling of hope that we witness as our guests find new employment opportunities, reach sobriety milestones, pay off debt, and feel connected here to others that helps alleviate feelings of loneliness. We wish to thank you, the community, for being an integral part of this change. Through the time, talent and donations of so many, we attempt to meet the needs of each individual or family no matter what circumstances bring them to our door. YOU create change in our community!

Lazarus House offers emergency shelter, transitional living and homeless prevention programs to individuals from Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles and western rural Kane County. Our 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 so fortunate to be amongst such a caring community of people willing to help their neighbors in crisis. If you know someone who needs shelter, encourage them to call Lazarus HOuse @ 630-587-2144. If you are in a position to support our mission, please consider a monetary donation and/or urgent needs items such as paper towels, bottled water or other items posted on the website: www.lazarushouse.net

Lazarus House has some great special events coming up. Trivia Night will be held Monday, April 17th @ Pollyanna in St. Charles. Our largest fundraiser will be our Posh Picnic at Heritage Prairie Farms on Friday, June 9th. It is a wonderful farm-to-table meal, with games, music and fun. Plan to start your July 4th off with a bang at our annual Great Western Freedom 4 Run and Walk. This event offers a competitive 4-mile run and a 2-mile scenic walk. Come Fall, enjoy a round of golf to benefit Lazarus House on Friday, September 15th at Prairie Landing Golf Club. Details about all of these events, sponsorships and how to donate or volunteer are on the website

www.lazarushouse.net/events-overview/.

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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 St., St. Charles.



Cemetery	Location	Founded	Township Owned & Maintained Since
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 on 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 ~

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.