



# ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP

## Fall 2023 Newsletter

### ***October is National Crime Prevention Awareness Month***

Be part of the awareness and decrease crime within your neighborhood and community.

#### **Here's how you can get involved:**

- Join or establish a Neighborhood Watch Program.
- Know your neighbors. Those days when everyone knew their neighbors seem to have vanished. Reach out to the people living around you for a safer neighborhood.
- Unless you're outside, keep your garage door closed, especially when you leave to run errands.
- Always lock your vehicle doors and never leave anything of value in your car.
- Don't hesitate to report any and all suspicious activity.

#### **Halloween Safety Tips:**

- Parents, establish a route for children within a familiar area. Always accompany younger children.
- Remind your children never to enter a stranger's home or car. And tell them to avoid homes without an outside light on.

- Be careful of masks or head gear that can interfere with your child's eyesight.
- Make sure clothing is bright or reflective and flame retardant. Have them watch for open flames from jack-o-lanterns as they go door to door.
- Establish the strict rule of not eating treats until they return home and you have inspected all candy.
- Any fake knives, swords or guns should be made of cardboard or other flexible material to avoid injury.

#### ***Parents, make your home safe for little trick-or-treaters as well.***

- Turn on your porch light. Make the evening a neighborhood event. Sit out with neighbors to distribute treats.
- Move lighted pumpkins away from porch, stairs or anywhere a trick-or-treater may walk. Better yet, use battery operated candles when possible.
- Everyone should adhere to your community's trick-or-treat schedule. The City of St. Charles is October 31, from 3 - 7pm. Unincorporated areas of St. Charles Township will vary depending on subdivision.

#### **St. Charles Township Website:**

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



1725 Dean Street  
St. Charles, IL 60174

[www.stcharlestownship.org](http://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

**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 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.

### October

9...Closed - Columbus Day

11 @ 6:50pm - Amended Budget Hearing

11 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

### November

8 @ 6:30pm - Town Levy Hearing

6:40pm - Road Levy Hearing

6:50pm - Cemetery Levy Hearing

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

### January

1...Closed - New Year's Day

10 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

### February

14 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

19...Closed - Presidents Day

### March

6 @ 7pm - Cemetery Board Meeting

13 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

29...Closed - Spring Holiday

### April

9 @ 7pm - Annual Town Meeting

10 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

22...Brush Pickup Begins for Unincorporated Township

### May

8 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

27...Closed - Memorial Day

## A Message From Your Highway Commissioner

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

We also provide emergency services when needed. We are on call 24 hours a day and can be reached through the Sheriff's Office if needed after 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 because of flooding please call our office and we will get them out to you right away. Remember, we can't help if we don't know you need it, so call the Township Road District @ 630-584-3496. The Kane County Office of Emergency Management can also be called @ 630-208-2050 when help is needed in emergency situations.

In closing I would like to say thank you for your support. 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



### **Brush Pickup for Unincorporated Township not City of St. Charles**

We will conclude our brush pick up for the Unincorporated Township Roads the week of October 23rd and will start up again next spring. We will be posting the schedule of the brush pickups for the 2024 season on the website and in the spring newsletter.



## Managing Your Leaves

**Mulching** – Leave shredded material on lawn and around trees and shrubs. Do not put leaves or grass for mulching in roadways 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** – Local garbage companies provide this service for a fee.

### **Suggestions:**

1. No single approach will easily handle all your leaves. Try mulching as many as you possibly can, composting some and bagging the rest for your garbage pickup.
2. Always shred or chop your leaves. Chopped leaves work best for mulch, compost faster, and fill fewer yard waste bags.

## **Snow Season**



The winter weather will soon be here. We are asking everyone to buckle up and drive safely throughout the season.

We will make every effort to keep your streets clear and safe for you. We will have it done for you in a timely manner. We can only do that with your cooperation. Please **DO NOT** park your vehicle along the roadways until after they have been plowed and widened. We've 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.

If your mailbox is accidentally pushed over during a snowfall by one of the township snow plows 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. We **DO NOT** fix mailboxes if they are knocked over by someone backing into them, another vehicle hitting them or a hired snow plow 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. 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 United States Postal Service, not the fancy mailboxes that may have been there before.

### **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.

## Leaf Disposal and "Brush Only" Burning Regulations

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.**



**800-892-0123 or 811 or**  
[www.illinois1call.com](http://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.**





## Salvation Army Tri-City Corps in St. Charles

The Salvation Army has been serving the St. Charles and the Tri-City area since 1951 with its original location being in Valley View. In 2002, The Salvation Army Tri-City corps relocated and expanded, becoming The Tri-City Corps Joe K. Anderson Community Center, located at 1710 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in St. Charles. 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:** The Tri-City Social Services Department helps residents with needs for social services such as rental, utility, prescription, eyeglass, and other assistance.

**Joe K. Anderson Community Center:** The community center provides after-school and summer programs for children along with various programming for adults such as open walking in the gym, seated exercise classes, Pickleball, line dancing, yoga, computer/smart phone classes and even game days.

**Food Pantry:** The Tri-City Corps has a food pantry 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 through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. by calling and registering. In addition, there is a fresh food distribution that takes place on Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:00 a.m.--1:00 p.m., which is open to everyone. No paperwork needed.

**Salvation Army Corps:** The Salvation Army is also a church. It is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church and offers a family-oriented worship service to allow all ages to continue to grow in their faith and strives to impart a sense of unity and community while learning God's truth. Worship service is at 11:00 a.m.

Major Joel Harmon, who leads the Salvation Army Tri-City Corps alongside his wife, Major Rhonda Harmon, says, "Our mission statement states, 'The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.' The programs we offer are not only in line with this mission but help us to better connect with the community we serve."

For more information on the Salvation Army Tri-City Corps, please phone 630-377-2769, check the website at [www.satricity.org](http://www.satricity.org), or stop by its location at 1710 St. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. in St. Charles. You'll learn about opportunities to volunteer or donate (or even how to become a bell ringer this Christmas season, which is a fun individual or group activity that helps raise funds for our pantry and programming).



Random Acts Matter is a volunteer organization dedicated to sharing care, compassion and kindness with our neighbors. We have been busy this summer delivering gift baskets to individuals and families who were nominated through our website. In addition, we have provided "Welcome Home" baskets for families leaving Lazarus House for their own homes.

Our volunteers are busy putting the final touches on our scarecrow for this year's Scarecrow Fest...look for our BEE KIND display near Brunch Cafe!

On Saturday November 4th, we are hosting our annual Coat Drive with the STCN and STCE baseball teams from 10am-1pm in the gravel parking lot across from St. Charles North High School! Take a peek in your closet for any gently used winter coats, gloves or hats and please consider dropping them off, we will make sure your items are donated to someone in need of warmth this winter!

Do you know someone in need of a simple act of kindness, just nominate them on our website and we will deliver a random act of kindness! Visit [Random Acts Matter](http://RandomActsMatter.com) to nominate, volunteer or donate to support our work to change our community through acts of care, compassion and kindness.



## Lazarus House – Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Homelessness among families continues to be an issue in our area. These families are often struggling with incomes that are far less than they need to pay for housing and oftentimes something pushes them over the top – a lost job or reduced hours, conflict with family members they are staying with, an unanticipated expense, or violence within the home - leading them to homelessness. Lazarus House has been blessed to step in and help 15 families, with 25 children, recently by providing safe shelter, nutritious meals and assistance in helping them get back on their feet.

Homelessness is a season, not an identity.

Lazarus House offers emergency shelter, transitional living and homeless prevention programs to individuals from Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles 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 so fortunate to be amongst such a caring community of neighbors 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 in learning more about this opportunity to serve, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@lazarushouse.net](mailto:volunteer@lazarushouse.net). Without the generous support of this community, Lazarus House would not be able to continue to provide help to those in need.



**Be A Hero to A Hero** is a local charity raising public awareness of the diverse needs of the local Veterans.

St. Charles Township will be collecting gifts for local Veterans to be distributed in early December. If you are able, please drop off your donations at the township

Supervisor's Office between Oct 16th & Nov 15th. We are in need of travel size toiletries, small nut free candy bars, small bags of chips, white t-shirts, white socks, or monetary donation.



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Comes To  
Life**

Experience farm life! Explore restored farm buildings, visit with farm animals, stroll through 100+ acres of historic and modern rural landscapes and climb up on a vintage tractor near the fruit orchard. Exciting and educational activities await you in the farmyard! Drop-in programs offered Tues - Thurs and Saturdays, featuring hand-milking a Jersey cow, gathering eggs from the chicken coop, grooming a draft horse or feeding the animals. Sign up at [www.primrosefarm.org/animal-adventures/](http://www.primrosefarm.org/animal-adventures/)



## Hickory Hideout - Free Nature Play Area

What are your favorite childhood memories? Did you ever dig holes to China, catch fireflies or frogs, or pretend you were climbing the highest mountain, just by standing on a boulder?

Spontaneous, self-guided nature play by children has a beneficial impact on their mental and physical health. Reconnecting children with nature is also proving critical to fostering a healthy conservation ethic for the future of our planet.

Hickory Hideout provides positive, hands-on experiences in nature where kids - and parents - can discover unstructured fun...find all sorts of critters, dig for buried treasure or maybe make some music

with sticks and a hollow log. This outdoor space is located north of Hickory Knolls Discovery Center, 3795 Campton Hills Road.





KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTABLISHED JANUARY 16, 1836

## Kane County Frequently Used Telephone Numbers

**Note: All numbers are area code 630**

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| 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 &amp; Permits, Planning &amp; 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>  |          |
| Dept of Human Resource Management...  | 232-3560 |
| Kane County Purchasing.....   | 232-5929 |
| Kane County Recorder.....   | 232-5935 |
| 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](http://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.

# 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 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.**



## 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.



| <i>Cemetery</i> | <i>Location</i> | <i>Founded</i> | <i>Township Owned &amp; 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 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.