



ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP

Fall 2025 Newsletter

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

From Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kind of devices including smartphones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The Problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 9-1-1.

Recycle Batteries Responsibly

Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire. Recycle your device or battery recycling location. Visit [call2recycle.org](https://www.call2recycle.org) to find a recycling spot near 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

Diane Hemmingsen,

Assessor.....630-584-2040

Township Trustees

Mary Lynn Swanson

James Flanigan

John Hoscheit

Anthony Farinella

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.

November

11...Closed - Veterans Day

12 @ 6:30pm - Town Levy Hearing

6:40pm - Road Levy Hearing

6:50pm - Cemetery Levy Hearing

7pm - Town Board Meeting

27-28...Closed - Thanksgiving

December

10 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

25-26...Closed - Winter Holiday

January

1...Closed - New Year's Day

14 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

February

11 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

16...Closed - Presidents Day

March

11 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

April

8 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

14 @ 7pm - Annual Town Meeting

20...Brush Pickup Begins for Unincorporated Township

May

13 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

25...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 27th and will start up again next spring. We will be posting the schedule of the brush pickups for the 2025 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

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. 7th 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.

For more information on the Salvation Army Tri-City Corps, please phone 630-377-2769, check the website at www.satricity.org, or stop by its location at 1710 St. 7th 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. To date we have done 400+ Acts of Kindness and counting.

On Saturday December 6th at the Baker Community Center we will be hosting a free community event. Please come see amazing gingerbread houses created by local businesses and organizations and vote on your favorite.

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 – Community based support honoring the dignity of all

Housing insecurity is becoming more prevalent nationwide with over 50% of renters paying more than 30% of their income for housing according to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition. Families and individuals in these situations are one emergency away from losing the roof over their head. Lazarus House, through the from the community, has been there to step in and help 23 families, with 44 children in our 2025 fiscal year, providing a soft place for these families to get back on their feet. At one point last spring, children occupied half of our shelter beds, a heartbreaking trend. In total last fiscal year, Lazarus House provided shelter to 184 individuals, 19,154 nights of shelter and over 57,462 meals to those in the community in need. Our Homeless Prevention Services assisted in helping 112 individuals avoid homelessness with one-time rental or utility assistance.

Homelessness is complex. There are many 'causes' and more often than not, it is a combination of factors that lead to becoming unhoused. At Lazarus House, guests are reminded that this period does not define them and offered support to return to stable, independent housing.

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 at-risk, 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. If interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 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.



What Makes Us Different?

Nurse to patient ratio is 1:8
We believe in "aging in place"
We are available 24/7
We serve all of the Chicagoland area
We have all 4 levels of care: routine, continuous, respite & general inpatient care
Our pharmacy delivers medications right to the patient's door
Customized care for every situation



Be A Hero to A Hero is a local charity raising public awareness of the diverse needs of the local Veterans. Focusing primarily on those infirmed, medically confined in hospitals, nursing homes and homebound. Expanding to Homeless Shelters and other outreaches such as first responders.



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 assessing of your property, to general assistance. It also has updates on meeting dates and times.



KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTABLISHED JANUARY 16, 1836

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>	
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



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 \$2.00 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 & 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.