



ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP

Spring 2026 Newsletter

FROM THE ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
Diane Hemmingsen, CIAO

One of my major goals as your St. Charles Township Assessor is to make sure all St. Charles property owners understand how your property value is determined. In addition to the current real estate market trends, you, as the property owner, play a major role in making sure your property is correctly valued. We hope that everyone will take the time to review the details about your property on our website to make sure what you are being assessed for is accurate. Some of the information you should confirm would be the total square footage, bath count, fireplaces, patios, decks and finished basement square footage. When reviewing your square footage you should be aware that all homes are measured from the outside. While having a finished basement adds value to your home, that square footage is not included in your total living area footage. If you have any questions about the information you see on our website, please call the office and we will be more than happy to review the information with you.

When you obtain a permit for projects or changes you are planning for your property, the St. Charles Township Assessor's Field Team will visit your property. The township is separate from the inspector's at the city or county. So in addition to those inspectors visiting your property, we will also be there to make sure we properly assess your new improvement. The township field team will always knock on your door and identify themselves. We wear yellow vests with St. Charles Township on the back. We have badges to identify us as township employees and we drive vehicles identified with St. Charles Township on the side. Please call our office with any concerns you have regarding our inspections at your property. If you are doing any type of interior renovations, we will not ask to come in your home. We will knock on your door and ask you about the project to determine when it is completed. You will get a 4-year home improvement exemption for items that increase the value of your home, but not for general maintenance items, such as a new roof or siding. The Home Improvement Exemption begins the year after your project is complete, for up to \$75,000 in market value, and then continuing for a total of 4 years. Therefore, you will not pay taxes on that improvement value for 4 years.

Properly assessing your property is what I am required to do by Illinois State Law. With your help we can all make sure that the resulting tax bill is a true reflection of the value of your property.

Thank you,

Diane Hemmingsen, CIAO
St. Charles Township Assessor

You can contact the St. Charles Township Assessor's office at: (630) 584-2040 or email to assessor@stcharlestownship.org.



1725 Dean Street
St. Charles, IL 60174

www.stcharlestownship.org

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

Assessor's Office: 630-584-2040
Assessor's Fax: 630-584-7963

Road District Office: 630-584-3496
Road District Fax: 630-762-0861

Cemetery Office: 630-584-8699
Cemetery Fax: 630-584-4301

Elected Officials

Terry Cross,
Supervisor.....630-584-9342
Mary Lynn Swanson,
Clerk.....630-584-9342
Steve Frohling,
Highway Commissioner...630-584-3496
Diane Hemmingsen,
Assessor.....630-584-2040

Township Trustees

James Flanigan
John Hoscheit
Anthony Farinella
George Watson

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 2026

8 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting
14 @ 7pm - Annual Town Meeting
27...Brush Pickup Begins for Unincorporated Township

May

13 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting
25...Closed - Memorial Day

June

10 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting
19...Closed - Juneteenth

July

3...Closed - Fourth of July
8 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

August

12 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

September

7...Closed - Labor Day
9 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

October

12...Closed - Columbus Day
14 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

November

10 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting
11...Closed - Veterans Day
26-27...Closed - Thanksgiving

December

9 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting
24-25...Closed - Winter Holiday

A Message from your Highway Commissioner

Well, what a winter it has been. A few teasingly warm days broke through the frost, giving us a taste of Spring before winter makes it final exit. With the start of Spring we'll soon be headed into that next season in Illinois and that is **"Construction"** season. With the county and state having projects going on all the time we can always expect some kind of traffic detours. So be **careful**.

The last couple of years we've been able to resurface 4+ miles of road with blacktop costing about \$90/ton. This year we are only resurfacing 3+ miles of road, with 19 roads to complete. 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 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
2026 Pickup Begins April 27

St. Charles Township Road District has contracted with Kramer Tree Service 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 than 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.

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE



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.



Start Your Donation Process!

Call toll-free 24/7 today:
855-500-7433

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.

2026 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 27, May 26, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26 (last pickup for 2026)

***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.



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 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 2026

This year's list of streets that are being resurfaced is as follows: Hilltop Dr; Lincoln Dr; Oakwood Dr; Prairie Dr; Ridge Dr; Sunset Dr; Clesen Dr; Cranston Rd; Ridgeline Rd; Cloverfield Ct; Five Island Rd; Geneva Ave; Seminary Rd; Roberts Rd; Valley Dr; Old Quarry Rd; Creek View Ln; Glen Oak Ln; and Hawkins Ln.

KANE COUNTY RECYCLING EVENTS

2026 EVENT DATES

April 18th, 9am - noon, “Electronics & More” pop-up

Geneva EArth Day, Peck Farm Park, 4038 Kaneville Rd., Geneva

[Accepted Items](#)

June 6th, 9am - noon, “Electronics & More”

In front of Ace Hardware, 994 N. Lake St., Aurora

[Accepted Items](#)

Aug. 1st, 9am - noon, “Electronics & More”

Village of South Elgin Department of Public Works, 1000 Bowes Rd., South Elgin

[Accepted Items](#)

Sept. 5th, 9am - noon, “Electronics & More”

North Aurora Police Department, 200 S. Lincolnway

November 7, 9am - noon, Pumpkin Smash & Recycle

Village of South Elgin Department of Public Works, 1000 Bowes Rd., South Elgin

Dec. 5, 9am - noon, “Electronics & More”

In front of Ace Hardware, 994 N. Lake St., Aurora

* Recycling fee may apply

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



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).



Fox River & Countryside

Phone: (630) 584-3473

Fax: (630) 584-8266

E-mail: info@frcfr.org



**RURAL FIRE ADDRESS
SIGNS**

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.**

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.

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

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 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 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/



KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTABLISHED JANUARY 16, 1836

Ride in Kane

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



Ride in Kane is curb-to-curb shared-ride transportation for Seniors (65+), individuals with disabilities and Veterans who live in Kane County. The service operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Seniors and individuals with disabilities may travel anywhere in Kane County and municipalities partially with Kane County. Veterans can travel to approved destinations. Trips outside Kane County must start or end within Kane County.

FARES

- \$5.00 for the first 10 miles; \$2.00 for each add'l mile.
- Payment accepted by Ventra (at reservation) or exact cash onboard.

SERVICE DETAILS

All vehicles are wheelchair accessible. This is a shared-ride, curb-to-curb service; drivers cannot escort riders or carry packages. One "personal care attendant" allowed per order (PCA rides free). Riders under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Service is available 365 days a year.

REGISTER & SCHEDULE YOUR RIDE

Call Pace at 866-727-6842 and provide RTA Fare Permit ID number or Veterans Healthcare ID number.

- Hours to register: Mon - Fri 6am-6pm; Sat-Sun 8am-5pm
- Schedule a ride: 2 hours to 7 days in advance

CONTACT RIDE IN KANE

630-762-2600
RideInKane@KaneCountyIL.gov
<https://kdot.kanecountyil.gov/RIK>

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



random
acts
matter

No act of kindness is too small!

OUR MISSION

Random Acts Matter is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering a community of care and compassion by inspiring and connecting people. Our mission is to create awareness, advocacy, and a culture of random acts of kindness and support.

HOW IT WORKS

We're able to carry out these acts via our network of local residents and businesses. Random acts are primarily carried out on a referral/nomination basis.

NOMINATIONS

If you know someone who could benefit from a random act, visit our website at randomactsmatter.com and click the "Nominate" button to complete a referral form.

DONATIONS

Help us pay it forward today with a donation! 100% of funds will go towards carrying out random acts.

VOLUNTEERS

Our wonderful volunteers help make all of this possible. Don't hesitate to get in touch with us to get involved!



**Community Cabinet
Accepting non-perishable,
shelf-stable items.**

**The St. Charles Public Library is dedicated
to providing food for those in need.**

**If you can help, please consider donating to
the Community Cabinet to help your
neighbors in need.**



Across central Kane County, more families are facing housing instability than ever before. In St. Charles and surrounding communities, rising rents and the cost of living continue to outpace wages, leaving hardworking neighbors one unexpected expense away from losing their home. A medical bill, reduced hours, family crisis, or unsafe living situation can quickly create housing insecurity.

At Lazarus House, community-based support means meeting neighbors with compassion, stability and dignity during these moments of crisis. Emergency shelter, transitional living, and homeless prevention services are available to individuals and families from St. Charles, Geneva, Batavia and rural western Kane County who need a safe place to land and a path forward.

The need continues to grow. Families with children are seeking help at increasing rates as affordable housing options become more limited. Through shelter, meals, case management and prevention assistance, neighbors are finding safety and renewed hope.

Last fiscal year, 184 individuals found shelter at Lazarus House, totaling more than 19,000 nights of safe shelter. More than 57,000 meals were served to our neighbors in need. Homeless Prevention Services provided rental or utility assistance to over 150 individuals from 86 unique households, helping families avoid displacement.

This work is possible because St. Charles is a community where neighbors help neighbors.

If you are in a position to give, your support strengthens this community safe net through financial contributions, participation in events or donating urgent need items. Learn more at www.lazarushouse.net

Together, compassion in action keeps doors open and hope alive.

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.