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TAKE NOTE

August 5
National Night Out Against Crime

August 15
St. Charles 175 Anniversary Logo Design Contest Deadline

August 4 & 18 East Side Brush Pickup

August 11 & 25 West Side Brush Pickup

September 1
City offices will be closed for the Labor Day holiday. Refuse collection will be delayed by one day.

September 1 & 15 East Side Brush Pickup

September 8 & 22 West Side Brush Pickup **No Brush Pick-up September 29-October 3*

September 21
Grave Reminders Cemetery Walk at St. Charles North Cemetery, 1-3:00 p.m.

Kane County Offers "Help for Homeowners"

Today's tough economic conditions are affecting families across the nation...and right here in St. Charles. Many are finding it difficult to make ends meet, and some are even facing the prospect of home foreclosure. That is why Kane County recently launched "Help for Homeowners" to let residents know about the variety of services available to assist during these difficult times. Programs provide emergency repair assistance, housing rehabilitation loans, first-time homebuyer assistance, property tax exemptions and freeze options, and foreclosure prevention counseling. Go to www.countyofkane.org or call 630-232-5930 for more information.

Free Homeowner Clinic Scheduled for September 6th

Learn more about homeowner assistance programs and property tax exemptions at the Central Kane Homeowner Clinic, scheduled for Saturday, September 6th, from 9 am to 1 pm. This free event, which is part of the county's "Help for Homeowners" campaign, will be held at the Kane County Government Center (Building A), 719 Batavia Avenue, Geneva. Non-profit and county agencies will be on hand to share information with area residents. Short workshops will be offered (in both English and Spanish) on the homebuying process and avoiding foreclosure. Go to www.countyofkane.org for more information, or call 630-906-9400 to RSVP for either workshop.

Solid Waste, Yard Waste and Recycling Info

SOLID Waste:

The following items are considered one disposal unit, and require either a pre-paid disposal sticker or pre-paid full size bag.

Waste containers or generic plastic bags no larger than 32 gallons, limited to 50 pounds of waste.

Bundles of debris such as carpeting and wood should be no larger than 4 feet in length or weigh over 50 pounds.

Large household items such as any item of furniture or appliances.

Special pick ups and exceptions include:

Large amounts of demolition and construction debris, toxic and hazardous wastes such as car batteries, acids, flammable or explosive materials cannot be collected.

YARD Waste

Yard waste is collected from March 1 until December 31. Yard waste cannot be mixed with normal waste for collection. Plastic bags cannot be used. The following items are considered one disposal until and require either a pre-paid Kraft paper bag or a pre-paid disposal sticker.

Kraft paper bag (pre-paid or generic) limited to 50 pounds of yard waste. Bundles of brush or branches 3 inches in diameter, no longer than 4 feet in length or weighing over 50 pounds. Yard waste pick-up is a separate service from Brush Pick-up.

RECYCLING

Co-collection vehicles are used for both solid waste and recycling. There are separate compartments, and both the recyclables and waste are kept separate at all times from collection to end processing. Please call Veolia at 630.587.8282 with questions.

Remember... Have all material out for collection by 6:30 a.m.

There are 3 separate trucks for collection, one truck for yard waste, one for solid waste/recycling, and one for large/ bulk items.

Refuse News

The following new refuse pricing schedule for single family service became effective on July 1, 2008:

Stickers	\$2.25 ea.
Bags	\$2.33 ea.
1/2 size Bags	\$1.16 ea.
Yardwaste Bags	\$2.09 ea.
60 Gallon Toter	\$14.64/mo.
90 Gallon Toter	\$19.01/mo.

Multi-family service now costs \$5.45 per month for weekly collection.

Please call Veolia at 630-587-8282 with refuse and recycling service questions. Please call John Lamb, Environmental Services Manager, at 630-377-4405 with questions about the City's contract with Veolia and the pricing schedule.

RV Parking and Storage

The Building and Code Enforcement Division will start enforcement of the Recreational Vehicles (RV's) Parking and Storage Ordinance in mid October of 2008. The provisions are as follow:

RV's parked or stored outdoors in the One and Two Family Residential Zoning Districts shall not be located within the required front yard or exterior side yard (corner yard facing the street) from October 15th to April 15th. RV's may be parked in the front yard for loading/unloading October 15th to April 15th no longer than 48-hours.



RV's may be stored outside all year in Residential Districts per the following:

- There is not more than one RV
- The RV is stored or parked on a hard surface
- The RV is stored or parked inside, in the rear yard, or interior side yard.

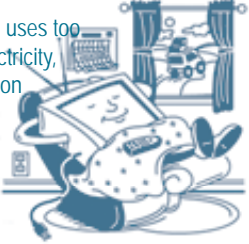
Enforcement will start this fall. Please call the Building and Code Enforcement Division at 630.377.4406 if you have any questions.

Give Your Appliances a Vacation

Your home uses too much electricity, even while you're on vacation. VCRs, TVs, clock radios, computers, and microwaves, use energy if they're plugged in—even if they're turned off. Also:

- Turn up the temperature on your air conditioner thermostat before you leave.
- Switch your water heater to "low" or turn it off.
- Remove perishables from your refrigerator and turn it up a few degrees.
- Connect lights to timers to deter thieves and turn the rest off.

Your community-owned electric utility is at your service.



2008 50/50 Parkway Tree Program



The City is again offering trees for planting in the parkways through its “50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program.” The City’s tree consultant will plant, mulch and provide a gator bag to assist with watering needs of the tree.

Trees will be planted in late October/early November. Each tree delivered is balled and burlaped with average size being 2” in diameter. Species may vary upon availability.

Residents who order a tree will receive a letter informing them how to care for their new tree. Each tree is covered by a one-year warranty (call 630.762.6938 if the tree dies or looks unhealthy).

Japanese Lilac \$150.00

Mature height: 20-30 feet, mature width: 15-20 feet – grows with pronounced vigor, blooms mid-summer producing white flowers.

Autumn Blaze Maple \$150

Height: 65 feet - Green foliage with a red cast in summer, yellow with a red margin in fall.

Greenspire Linden \$150

Height: 40 feet, spacing: 35 feet - Light green leaves with showy yellow fall color.

Prairiefire Crabapple \$110.00

Mature height: 20 feet, leaves deep red-purple when young and mature to dark green; favorite of songbirds.

State Street Maple \$150.00

Mature height: 60 feet, mature 50 foot spread at base, excellent branching character, clean foliage and good yellow fall color; superior heat/drought tolerance.

Triumph Elm \$150.00

Mature height: 50-60 feet, mature width: 40-50 feet, excellent shade tree; large, lustrous, dark green foliage in summer and yellow fall color. Wonderful park or street tree.

Orders may be mailed or delivered using the order form below, along with a check or money order payable to the City of St. Charles, sent to the Utility Billing Office, 2 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174. Orders will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 12. Please contact Ben Deutsch at 630.377.4459 or bdeutsch@stcharlesil.gov with questions.

Order Form

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

List Type of Trees

Total Order Amount \$\$ _____

Even Trees Get Thirsty!

Trees grow best when soils are moist to a depth of six inches. As a rule of thumb, it takes one inch of water to wet six inches of soil. Most of our soils have a lot of clay so they are very slow to absorb water (0.1 to 0.25 inches per hour). Contrary to popular belief, running the sprinkler system on your lawn won’t give your trees the water they need. It’s best to take a drip or soaker hose and coil it under the dripline of the tree. Turn the hose on in the morning and let it run for 5-6 hours.

1st Street Redevelopment Update

Building Demolition Scheduled

Demolition of the Manor Restaurant is scheduled to begin mid-August. An artist rendering of One West Main Street which will be located on the site of the former Manor Restaurant is available to view at: www.1ststreetstc.org.



Parking Deck Completion

The City of St. Charles celebrated the opening of the new 1st Street parking deck with an official ribbon cutting ceremony on July 15. The event served as yet another milestone in building a greater St. Charles, and as a demonstration of the City's on-going appreciation for all individuals and entities that assisted with the project. Almost 200 people were present for the program, which included a light breakfast and comments from Mayor Don DeWitte, City Administrator Brian Townsend, Project Developer Bob Rasmussen, and County Board Member John Hoscheit. The 1st Street parking deck consists of 430 free public parking spaces for people visiting the downtown. The 5-level structure cost approximately \$5 million to build and opened to the public on July 2nd.



Fire Station #1 Project

The Fire Department is eagerly anticipating the beginning of the construction phase for the Fire Station #1 project. The plans are nearly complete and bidding process will begin shortly. Once bids have been received and accepted, construction will start in earnest. This work should commence around the first week of October.

Commuters are advised to watch for temporary road detours due to some modifications that will have to be made to First Avenue. Closures may also be required to facilitate the delivery of steel and other large materials but they should be infrequent and of short duration. A webcam will be installed on City Hall so that everyone may view progress on the City of St. Charles Website as the building takes shape. Watch for the Fire Station to open in July of 2009.



An artist rendering of the new Fire Station #1

Windows are the Eyes Into the Soul of a Structure

Home and business owners of older buildings should strive to maintain the structural design, architectural appearance, and street appeal of their building. Many structures have the original interior and storm windows, and many of these systems have endured the elements for well over 100 years. Some owners have replaced an original window in the name of energy efficiency! The truth of the matter, however, is that many of the replacement windows are incorrectly sized and proportioned, thereby dramatically changing the architecture.

Original window systems can be repaired, restored, or in some cases replaced with a new, correctly proportioned, reproduction window. The surprise to most owners is that the rehabilitation of the old window system is less expensive, and with the installation of appropriate weather stripping, caulking and good fitting storm windows, the windows are as efficient as most new windows. The Historical Preservation Commission is available for technical assistance for property owners regarding rehabilitation and maintenance of original windows. Recommendations can be made for repair or appropriate replacement, and the City has available resources with listings of restoration companies.

Please call 630-377-4443 prior to window rehabilitation. We can share ideas on saving you time and money!

The City of St. Charles Implements Plans for Emerald Ash Borer



The City of St. Charles has been proactively looking for signs of the EAB, or Emerald Ash Borer bug, for several seasons. On June 20, 2008, the Illinois Department of Agriculture confirmed the presence of the Emerald Ash Borer based on physical identification on a single tree on the 1300 block of 14th Street, making this the first confirmed case of the Emerald Ash Borer in St. Charles. "This confirmed finding is not an isolated incident," said Public Works Assistant Director Richard Gallas. "The insect was found near this location in Geneva, and may have been in trees near this area of the City for up to two or more years," Gallas said.

The Emerald Ash Borer is an official declared Nuisance (505 ILCS 90/14) and infested trees must be removed and destroyed by chipping. "The City of St. Charles Public Works staff has taken steps over the last several years to help diversify the public tree population, educate staff and community members, and proactively monitor the EAB situation," said Community and Public Affairs Manager Beth Mund. The City recommends that residents who have ash trees to consider the following actions:

1. Reference the City of St. Charles website at <http://www.stcharlesil.gov/>
2. Inspect all ash trees on your property and look for symptoms of EAB. A certified Arborist should do an inspection. If you have a confirmed EAB infestation, please contact Public Works at 630-584-5353.
3. Do not remove firewood from your residence or between states.

"Addressing the presence of the EAB in St. Charles is going to be an involved, on going process," said City Arborist Ben Deutsch. "The city has been inspecting and inventorying all area ash trees and has installed 16 traps in a number of locations throughout the City, and in the area where the beetle was discovered," he continued. "We are still assessing the impact and the amount of trees that may need to be removed in the future. Trees without signs of distress caused by the borer will not be removed.

Additional information regarding EAB can be found at: <http://www.stcharlesil.gov/departments/PublicWorks/index.asp>

St. Charles 175th Anniversary Logo Design Contest

St. Charles, Illinois will celebrate its 175th anniversary in 2009. Planning has begun on activities for a variety of events throughout the year to mark this special occasion, including a logo design contest! Open to professional graphic designers, marketing professionals, and print professionals in St. Charles, the contest deadline is August 15, 2008. The winning business/designer will receive recognition throughout the yearlong celebration for their design. Submit your design and be a part of St. Charles history! Prizes will be awarded! The winner will be announced on September 5, 2008.

For additional information please call Sue Doebler at 630-299-9656. Forms and additional information are also available on the 175th Anniversary website at www.stc175.com or by email at info@stc175.com.



Sculpture in the Park

Want to see a 12-foot-tall giraffe or a boy riding on a giant turtle, right here in St. Charles? Come to Sculpture in the Park where you can view 17 unique sculptures in the picturesque setting of Mt. St. Mary Park, alongside the Fox River in downtown St. Charles at Route 31 and Prairie Street, now through September. Last year's exhibit was a Top Three Finalist in Lt. Governor Pat Quinn's Main Street "Award for Excellence." Sculpture in the Park is brought to you by the Downtown St. Charles Partnership and the St. Charles Park District.

St. Charles' 23rd Scarecrow Festival

Join the Fun on . . . October 10-12, 2008
Four Great Ways to Get Involved!

1. Create a Scarecrow for the MAIN Event – the beloved, FREE Scarecrow Contest!
2. Purchase Special License Plates - Order now from August 14-October 12
- 3 Be a Sponsor – businesses throughout the Fox Valley spread their message to 60,000 festival attendees.
4. Support a Family Friendly Event – new events each year keep the festival fresh and vibrant.



Sponsor, License Plate and Contest Applications are available online! Scarecrow Festival is the recipient of multiple national awards & has become a Chicagoland Autumn Tradition.

Contact the St. Charles Visitor Bureau at 630.377.6161 for more information, or visit www.scarecrowfest.com

Senior Breakfast

Pottawatomie Community Center- September 23, 7:15-8:45 a.m.
Bring your friends out for a delicious breakfast and lots of prizes! All persons, age 50 or better, are invited to join us for a delicious meal including omelets - prepared to your liking - donuts, coffee, juice and many raffle prizes. Special thanks to Blue Goose Super Market and St. Charles Breakfast Rotary for your continued support! This program is FREE to Adult Activity Club members. Non-members pay only 75¢. Advance registration required!

Farm Frolic

Primrose Farm- September 27, 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Bring your family and join the Park District for a day on the farm. Activities include pumpkin painting, pumpkin tossing, Clydesdale horse drawn hayrides, face painting, and a straw maze for young children. Come and make your own caramel apple or shop around for your favorite produce including, pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn and much more. Advanced registration is requested. For more information, please call the Park District at 630-513-6200.

Halloween House Decorating Contest

Get your neighborhood psyched for a little competition! Participate in the annual "Best in St. Charles" Halloween House Decorating Contest. This contest is open to all residents with a St. Charles address or living within the St. Charles Park District's boundaries.

In order to be qualified, free homeowner entry forms must be completed and returned by Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 12 p.m. Award categories include the Rookie of the Year, Big Scare - Low Budget, Best Actors, Judges' Favorite, Best Special Effects, and Family Fun.

Remember you can vote online for the People's Choice Award between Oct. 17 and Nov. 2 at www.st-charlesparks.org. Preview night will be Friday, October 17 and the committee will begin judging at dusk on Saturday, October 18.

Winners will be announced online and in the Kane County Chronicle and The Examiner. Homeowners should remember that small details like lighting pumpkins and playing spooky music will make the experience for everyone more spooktacular!

St. Charles Heritage Center Events

September 11 **Thursday Evening Lecture:** *Grimm's Grimmest* presented by Judith Heineman. Carnegie Community Room, St. Charles Public Library, 1S Sixt Ave. 7:00-8:00 p.m. Free

September 21 **Grave Reminders Cemetery Walk** at St. Charles North Cemetery, Cost \$3, Age 5 & under free, Members free, 1:00-3:00 p.m..



St. Charles Public Library ~ One S. 6th Ave., St. Charles, IL 60174

Web Site: www.stcharleslibrary.org Email: scplref@stcharleslibrary.org

Phone 630-584-0076

Home Deliv. - Ext. 219

Mtg. Rms. - Ext. 230

Fax 630-584-3448

Night Owl - 584-4563

Study Rms. - Ext. 210

Youth Svcs. (ASK ME) - 584-9390

Youth Programs

Youth Services Program Highlights:

Register for the August programs at the ASK ME Desk, by calling 630-584-9390 or online at www.stcharleslibrary.org.

Camp Library, on Friday, August 15 beginning at 7:30 p.m., is THE overnight event for families. Only in-person registration at the ASK ME Desk will be accepted. Deadline to register is August 14.

Internet Links Guided Tour for students. Registration is required. Learn great tips on how to navigate the Internet – just in time for school. Monday, August 11 from 1:30-2 p.m. is for students entering grades 1-3 and at 2:30-3 p.m. for students entering grades 4-8.

An Every Child Ready to Read Workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Learn what you can do to help your child develop early literacy skills to be ready to read. This adults only workshop is especially for parents, grandparents, preschool educators, and child care providers.

Welcome to Kindergarten will be on Wednesday, August 20 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 to 3 p.m. The program features stories, songs, and

creative activities to get everyone ready for that first day of kindergarten.

A Home School Workshop will be held on Thursday, August 28 at 10 a.m. Discover the services and resources the Library provides through an overview of online resources, Internet access, Live Homework Help, literature programs, and more. Register by Monday, August 25.

The fall issue of **Discover Your Library: Events and Information** will arrive in your mailbox around August 15. Registration in person and online begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 6 for all programs scheduled from September through December in Youth Services. A St. Charles Library card is required.

Adult Program Highlights

The St. Charles Writers Group meets two Saturdays each month at 9:15 a.m. On August 9 there will be a literary discussion of Mark Twain's essay, "Fenimore Cooper's Literary Offenses" and on August 23 the group will stretch their imaginations through free writing exercises. Then on September 13 there will be a group discussion on "Beyond the Steamy Room: Writing Effective Love Scenes" and on September 27, the group will hold their quarterly reading. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Second Tuesday Book Discussion Groups for adults. On August 12 the groups will meet to discuss *Touch and Go: A Memoir by Studs Terkel* (813.54 TER) at 10 a.m. and *The Shadow Catcher* by Marianne Wiggins at 7 p.m. On September 9 the groups will meet to discuss *The Shadow Catcher* by Marianne Wiggins at 10 a.m. and *Touch and Go: A Memoir by Studs Terkel* (813.54 TER) at 7 p.m. Requests for copies of the books may be made at the Circulation Desk.

Lyric Opera Lectures are held the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m.: On September 9, the opera to be discussed will be *Manon* by Jules Massenet and on September 30 learn about *The Pearl Fishers* by Georges Bizet. Hear the story, learn about the composer, and listen to musical highlights.

Anyone interested in finding out about how the **Friends of the St. Charles Public Library** group supports the Library is invited to a pasta supper on Monday, September 15 from 6-8 p.m. .

Computer and Internet classes are offered monthly in the Technology Center. Please call the Information Services Desk at 630-584-0076, extension 1 for details and registration.

Expanded Sunday hours of Noon to 5 p.m. resume on September 7.

RESOURCES

St. Charles Municipal Center
2 E. Main Street, St. Charles, IL 60174
(630) 377-4400

Billing - Electric/Water/Sewer	
Turn Ons & Turn Offs	377-4426
Building & Zoning	377-4406
City Admin./Clerk.....	377-4422
Electric Division	377-4407
Electric/Water/Sewer	
after 5 p.m./weekends.....	443-3681
Emergency.....	911
Engineering Division	377-4486
Emergency Management Agency.....	377-4416
Flood Protection Assistance and Map Eng.	377-4486
Finance/Accounting	762-7002
Fire Administration	377-4458
Fire Prevention Bureau.....	377-4457
Human Resources	377-4446
Mayor Donald P. DeWitte.....	377-4444
Police Admin./Invest./Crime Prev.	377-4435
Public Works-Water/Sewer/Street	377-4405
Community Development	377-4443
Economic Development	443-4093
Refuse Pickup Info. (Veolia)	587-8282
TDD.....	800-526-0844

Community Numbers

Animal Control	232-3555
Chamber of Commerce.....	584-8384
Heritage Center	584-6967
Visitors Bureau	377-6161
Downtown St. Charles Partnership	513-5386

MEETING SCHEDULE		
Meeting	Aug.	Sept.
CITY COUNCIL	4 & 18	2 & 15
PLAN COMMISSION review & hold public hearings for rezoning, special use & new developments	5 & 19	2 & 16
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT zoning, annexation, boundary lines, downtown, comprehensive plan, code enforcement	11	8
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS** budget, personnel, insurance, economic development, administration	4 & 18	2 & 15
GOVERNMENT SERVICES utilities, city property, streets, sidewalks, sewers, water, parking lots, stormwater	25	22
HISTORIC PRESERVATION review facade impr. & bldg. permits for exterior work within historic dist.	6 & 20	3 & 17
TREE COMMISSION manage city owned trees (trimming, Tree City USA, disease & pestilence, etc.)		10
YOUTH COMMISSION* direct services & grants to support the welfare of the City's youth		8
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION aesthetic improvements to City's corridors	6	3
HOUSING COMMISSION preserve affordable homes, address housing issues/needs, promote awareness	21	18
<i>All meetings start at 7 p.m. unless noted: *Starts at 6 p.m. ** Starts at 7:05 p.m. or right after the City Council meeting. Please call the Mayor's Office at (630) 377-4445 to confirm a meeting, or visit www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings.</i>		

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Warren J. Drewes, City Treasurer

Nancy Garrison, City Clerk

What's on your mind? Your suggestions and questions are valued by the Mayor and City Council. To assure a response, please include your name and address below. Mail to: City Administrator's Office, 2 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174, or email to: CAO@stcharlesil.gov.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____