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TAKE NOTE

October 8-10

Scarecrow Festival, Lincoln Park, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
www.scarecrowfest.com or 630-377-6161

November 26

Lighting of the Lights, Lincoln Park, Main Street and 4th
Street, 5:00 p.m. www.stcholidayhomecoming.com or 630-
513-5386

November 27

Electric Christmas Parade, Main Street, between 6th Street
and 4th Avenue, 5:30 p.m. www.stcholidayhomecoming.com
or 630-513-5386

November 28- December 20

Santa House, 1st Street Place Plaza, Saturdays and Sundays
from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. www.stcholidayhomecoming.com or
630-513-5386

November/ December

Thanksgiving; City Offices closed November 25 and 26
Christmas; City Offices closed December 24 and 25

Reminder from the City of St. Charles: 1st Avenue Becomes Riverside Avenue October 1, 2010

In 2000, an idea originated as part of the Downtown Strategy Plan to consider changing 1st Avenue to Riverside Avenue. Mr. Tom Anderson, a St. Charles resident, owner of Colonial Café, and community volunteer resurrected the idea in 2008. Mr. Anderson provided letters of support from several affected property owners, the Chamber of Commerce, the Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the Downtown St. Charles Partnership as a way to highlight the scenic views of this street and reduce confusion between 1st Street and 1st Avenue.

For several months, feedback was sought from both impacted businesses and residents. On Monday, August 17, 2009, the City Council endorsed the change to rename 1st Avenue to Riverside Avenue to take effect as of October 1, 2010. As part of the approval, the City provided a 1-year waiting period to allow businesses to make all modifications to materials that include their address. In addition, the City sent notifications to all impacted property owners regarding the change 6 months prior to the change, and again 60 days before the change. The U.S. Postal Service will deliver mail with the old address for 12 months after the change takes effect. Should you have any questions about this change, please contact the City of St. Charles at 630-377-4400.

City Hall Office Hours:
Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
City Web Site: www.stcharlesil.gov

Community Web Site: www.st-charles.il.us

Note: Utility Billing and Building and Code Enforcement open Monday evenings until 6:00 p.m.

Pension Reform Referendum

The City of St. Charles is conducting an advisory referendum for the November election to determine if the voters of the community believe that police/fire pension programs should be reformed to provide a decreased level of benefits. The question is as follows:

Shall the Illinois General Assembly and Governor take immediate steps to implement meaningful public safety (police and fire) pension reform, which will relieve the extensive burden on local taxpayers?

There are 37 cities, villages, and towns in addition to St. Charles, which have placed this question on the ballot. For more information about this referendum question, and how public pensions impact the City of St. Charles, please visit <http://www.stcharlesil.gov/pensions.html>

Election Day is November 2, 2010. Early voting begins October 12, 2010.

Recreational Fires

It is that time of year again when residents are starting to use their outdoor fireplaces for ambience and a way to take the chill from the cool night air. The St. Charles Fire Department would like our residents to be aware of the following fire prevention code requirements:

- Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material. Remember a wooden deck is part of the structure
- Recreational fires not contained in an outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or fire pit, shall not be located within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material.
- All types of outdoor fires shall be



constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.

- An approved method of extinguishment (E.g.: garden hose or fire extinguisher) shall be available for immediate use.
- Size of the fire shall be 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height or

Storm Sewers and Leaves

Leaves and Storm Sewers Don't Mix! When preparing your leaves for collection, **do not place the leaves on the street.** This is a violation of a city code and residents can receive a fine of up to \$500! Please place raked leaves on the parkway.

Residents can help protect their property from flooding by keeping the storm sewer near their home free of leaves, litter, and other debris.

Contact the Public Works Department (630) 377-4405 with any questions regarding the City's storm water system.

Brush Pickup

These are the dates for the last brush pickup for 2010!

East Side	West Side
October 18	October 25
November 15	November 22

As an alternative to the brush pickup program, brush may be placed in yardwaste bags. These bags will be picked up by Veolia through November 30.

Brush pickup (branches 3' long and less than 12" in diameter) is available for residents who pay an additional monthly fee on their utility bill (please review your bill or call Utility Billing at 377-4426 to confirm eligibility; businesses are not eligible).

You may also refer to the city website for additional information at www.stcharlesil.gov.

Yardwaste Collection

*The last yardwaste collection of 2010 will be **November 30.** The collections will resume April 1, 2011.*

Christmas Tree Pickup

Christmas tree pickup will be conducted during the weeks of **January 3 and January 10** on BOTH sides of the river on the regular scheduled refuse day. After these pick-ups trees will require a sticker.



Residents should note that all decorations, including tinsel, must be removed.

Welcome New Businesses to St. Charles!

Remember to shop local and visit www.stcharlesil.gov/edd for a complete, searchable listing of local businesses.

Business Name	Street	Phone #
New Businesses		
At&T	917 Randall Rd.	
Firestone Complete Auto Care	2225 W. Main St.	630-377-2134
Fox Valley Family Dentistry	3310 W. Main St. #120	630-444-1701
Fox Valley Pregnancy Center	2320 Dean St. #102	847-697-0200
Fu Ji Buffet	1415 W. Main St.	630-587-9999
Gabby's Kitchen	1650 W. Main St.	630-549-0656
Gafland Ltd.	761 N. 17th St.	630-430-6180
Gardner Publications	300 Cardinal Dr.	630-584-8480
Liquor 'N' Wine	2460 W. Main St. #101	630-747-8324
Midwest Gold Buyers	650 S. Randall Rd.	630-823-3099
Playground Tattoo	2045 Lincoln Hwy.	630-962-3525
Brix Wine & Cheese	21 S. 1st St.	630-549-0999
Pizzeria Neo	31 S. 1st St.	630-377-8700
ProLite Glass & Glazing	207 S. 3rd St.	630-587-5855
Wool & Company	107 W. Main St.	630-444-0480
Swank Salon	311 N. 2nd St. #102	630-444-1895
Clique Photography	Charlestowne Mall	630-837-8847
Sensible Threadz	208 Kirk Rd.	630-587-0736
Tastee-Freez	818 Main St.	630-513-7205

Property Tax Assessment Freeze for Historic Properties

By the Historic Preservation Commission

Are you thinking about rehabilitating your older home? Did you know that the work performed might qualify for a Property Tax Assessment Freeze? You may be eligible for a financial incentive that can make renovation work even more attractive and very rewarding. A program administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) can freeze the assessed value of owner-occupied, historic residences for a period of eight years, followed by a four-year period during which the assessed value steps up to an amount based upon its current market value. This can result in 12 years of reduced property tax assessments.

If rehabilitation meets the four summarized provisions below, the IHPA will issue a Certificate of Rehabilitation for the property. This Certificate allows the Assessor to implement the assessment freeze for your property. To qualify for the Property Tax Freeze, your property must:

1. Be owner-occupied housing, which may be a single-family house, a residential building with up to six units, a condominium building, or a cooperative.
2. Be a registered historic building. Any property designated by the City as a local landmark and any property rated as "Contributing" or "Significant" within a City Historic District is considered a registered historic building.
3. Be rehabilitated in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."
4. Undergo a substantial rehabilitation with a budget whose eligible expenses equal or exceed 25% of the property's fair cash value, as determined by the assessor, for the year the rehabilitation started. (Eligible rehabilitation expenses include improvements to the existing structure, such as roofing, painting, electrical or mechanical work, kitchens and bathrooms, architectural fees). If you are uncertain if your house qualifies for the program, contact the Community Development Department at (630) 377-4443.



PACE Offers Transportation Options

Without a doubt, all of us have seen them...the large blue bus heading up and down Main Street, displaying ads on each side and proudly displaying the American flag above one of the suburbs' most recognizable names: Pace. At first sight it may seem nothing more than just an everyday bus, operating to and fro on a daily route with passengers boarding or exiting at various points. However, these buses represent the evolution of public transportation in St. Charles. Over 80 years ago, area residents were introduced to a rail car service called the Fox River Line. Those trolley cars paved the way for the future of transit, and today we have a system in place that is fully dedicated to providing affordable and efficient public transportation service to our great city.



Mark Koenen, Public Works Director, exits the PACE bus

Pace Suburban Bus, founded in July of 1984, is the premier public transportation agency of the Chicagoland suburbs. It is one of three agencies under the supervision of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), whose sole responsibility is to commit its resources to public transportation in the six-county, Chicago metropolitan area. While the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) dedicates its resources to the City of Chicago, and Metra Commuter Rail to the outlying communities feeding into Chicago, Pace is fully committed to the outlying suburbs stretching as far south as Ellwood, Illinois, in Will County to Zion, Illinois in Lake County.

Pace's total service area is 3,446 square miles - nearly the size of the state of Connecticut and over fifteen times the size of the City of Chicago. In addition to providing fixed route bus service in this area, Pace also oversees the largest Paratransit operation in the nation as well as a network of over 600 vehicles in the Vanpool Incentive Program.



The PACE bus drives in front of the Municipal Center Building

Contrary to popular belief, Pace is not an acronym, nor does the agency define itself as simply as "the rate of motion". Rather, Pace strives to be a leader in every aspect of its service. Pace buses and operators are upheld to strict standards of safety and security, allowing riders peace of mind and comfort while aboard the bus.

St. Charles is one of the few cities that is fortunate to have two routes - 801 and 802 - which enables our residents to connect with family, friends, shopping, and jobs within St. Charles as well as the surrounding suburbs. The partnership between the leaders of the community, the residents of the city and Pace Suburban Bus is a treasure for the infrastructure of St. Charles and the Fox Valley Area in general.

for the City of St. Charles

Pace Route 801 provides service from the Elgin Transportation Center near the Elgin Metra station to the Geneva Metra station. St. Charles residents can board the bus as it travels on Main Street, Kirk Road, Randall Road, or at the St. Charles Business Park, System Sensor, DuPage Airport, Swift Premium, Pheasant Run, and Charlestown Mall on select trips.

Pace Route 802 connects St. Charles residents to the city of Aurora. While the majority of this route travels northbound and southbound along IL Route 31, passengers boarding at Charlestown Mall can travel as far south as the Aurora Transportation Center near the Hollywood Casino and the Aurora Metra Station.

The two routes were designed with ease of use and passenger convenience in mind. Pace established a method by which passengers can easily transfer between each route without the worry of having to find additional methods of transportation between each route.

For those wishing to travel to Chicago or other suburbs, Pace and Metra work together to match their schedules and meet each other to allow riders to transfer from bus to rail without a hassle. The fare structure is as effective for the consumer as the ride itself; a full fare for one adult is only \$1.75 per one way trip, with 10-ride passes, monthly passes, Campus Connection passes (for college students), Student Haul passes (for high school students), and other options for Pace/CTA and/or Pace/Metra passes to save users as much as possible.

Though the advantages of public transportation are obvious (cost savings, environmental impact reduction, bypassing parking difficulties, etc.), Pace recognizes that the convenience and privacy of personal vehicles prevent residents from using the bus. Pace riders realize the benefits of having someone else drive for them. They often use time on the bus to surf the internet, catch up on email, read, study, do work, or just relax and enjoy a less stressful commute.



City of St. Charles Department Directors and City Administrator Brian Townsend stop for a photo before riding the PACE bus to lunch in August

So the next time you see a blue bus along Main Street, think of it as more than just another vehicle on the road. That the bus represents a passageway to economic development - stemming from the assembly line worker producing and installing the various parts of the bus that ensure passenger safety, to the passenger who just exited the bus at Charlestown Mall to meet with old friends for lunch. That bus represents decades of public transportation service embedded in the history of St. Charles, as well as a representation of progression for future residents.

And if this culmination of prosperity is evident in one Pace Bus traveling down Main Street, imagine the possibilities of a fleet of over 700 buses, ready and willing to do the same for each of the communities they serve. See if public transportation can make your life easier. Visit www.pacebus.com for schedules, maps and trip planning assistance.

Fan the Flames of an Energy-Efficient Fire!

What could be cozier than a warm, flickering fire in the hearth on a cold winter's night? How about a flame in a fireplace that doesn't suck the energy right out of your house?



Traditional fireplaces are notoriously energy-inefficient. They can make a house drafty by drawing room air through the mouth of the fireplace and sending it up the chimney—along with as much as 90 percent of the heat generated by the fire.

For a cozy room that's also energy-efficient, consider:

- Closing the fireplace damper when you're not burning wood to minimize the loss of warm room air through the chimney.
- Reducing heat loss by covering the front of the fireplace with tempered glass doors or fireplace covers.
- Circulating the fire's warmth throughout the room with a heat exchanger.
- Swapping your messy logs for a no-fuss electric fireplace or insert.

Traffic Signals Out or Not Functioning Properly?

Call the St. Charles Police Department at 630-377-4435 or just dial 911 to report problems with traffic lights or signals in the City of St. Charles.



State, County and City Roads

The following state roads are plowed and maintained by the **Illinois Department of Transportation** (IDOT) 847-705-4228

- Rt. 31** north of the railroad trestle
- Rt. 25** north of Country Club Road
- Rt. 64** west of Oak Street
- Rt. 64** east of Smith/Kautz Road

The following roads are plowed and maintained by the **Kane County Highway Department** (KDOT) 630-584-1170.

- Kirk Road** south of Rt. 64
- Kirk Road** north of Royal Fox Drive
- Randall Road**
- Country Club Road** from Persimmon Drive to Dunham Road

Anti-icing/salting and plowing operations are all part of the City's snow plan program. City personnel and equipment will work together to again clear and maintain the nearly 171 lane miles of collector streets, main, secondary, alleys, side streets and cul-de-sacs. During each event, the public's cooperation and understanding will greatly enhance efforts to provide the best service possible.



Bake Sale to Benefit CASA on Friday, October 29

The City of St. Charles' employee Wellness Team will host a bake sale on Friday, October 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bake sale will feature a variety of cookies, bars, pies, cakes and seasonal treats crafted by City employees. All proceeds will benefit CASA Kane County, a nonprofit, volunteer organization that advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children within the juvenile court system. For more information on the bake sale, please contact the City's Human Resources Department at 630-377-4446 or by email at hr@stcharlesil.gov. For more information on CASA Kane County, call 630-232-4484 or visit <http://www.casakanecounty.org>.

Emerald Ash Borer Update

Staff has been collecting information and evaluating options on how best to address the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation in the City of St. Charles. On June 20, 2008, City crews first identified EAB in our community. The city has over 18,000 public & private ash trees of which the Public Works Department maintains 5,013 of them. The EAB has been identified in every quadrant of the City and, to date (September 2010), 1,629 public trees have been positively diagnosed. Of the 1,629 public trees diagnosed, 850 have been removed and 227 have been chemically treated.

This winter, City Staff will continue to monitor EAB based on the 2010 EAB Policy & Plan. This policy results from careful consideration of the current Budget, City Ordinance, Tree Commission, Illinois Department of Agriculture's Policies and Citizens of the City of St. Charles. The plan is designed to be systematic, therefore creating a consistent approach to how residents are notified, how EAB infested trees are to be treated or removed and how removed trees are replaced.

2010 Leaf Pick-Up Schedule

This program is funded by a portion of the fee collected on the utility bill of eligible homeowners. Please call Utility Billing, at 630-377-4426, if you have a question about your eligibility for this program.

OCTOBER				
	EAST SIDE OF RIVER		WEST SIDE OF RIVER	
	Area 1 Southeast Quadrant South of Main St	Area 2 Northeast Quadrant North of Main St	Area 3 Southwest Quadrant South of Main St	Area 4 Northwest Quadrant North of Main St
1ST PICK UP	OCTOBER 25	OCTOBER 27	OCTOBER 29	NOVEMBER 2
NOVEMBER				
	EAST SIDE OF RIVER		WEST SIDE OF RIVER	
	Area 1 Southeast Quadrant South of Main St	Area 2 Northeast Quadrant North of Main St	Area 3 Southwest Quadrant South of Main St	Area 4 Northwest Quadrant North of Main St
2ND PICK UP	NOVEMBER 3	NOVEMBER 5	NOVEMBER 9	NOVEMBER 11
3RD PICK UP	NOVEMBER 12	NOVEMBER 16	NOVEMBER 18	NOVEMBER 22
4TH PICK UP	NOVEMBER 23	NOVEMBER 24	NOVEMBER 29	NOVEMBER 30
<i>Pick up is unavailable for the following subdivisions/areas:</i>	<i>Cumberland Green</i>	<i>Whittington Course, Royal Fox private streets, Dunham Place Commons, Delnor Townhomes, Delnor Glen Drive</i>	<i>Viewpointe & Willowgate</i>	<i>Wildrose Townhomes, Auburn Court, Benham Court, Oak Crest</i>

Leaf Collection Tips

Inclement weather or a large volume of leaves could alter the leaf pickup schedule.

Leaf piles with vehicles parked in front of them **will not be picked up.**

Leaves must be on the parkway by 6:30 A.M. on your area's designated day.

Rake leaves in a row parallel to the street at least 12 inches back from the curb and off of the sidewalk.

Pushing leaves into the street is a violation of Ordinance 12.04.170, punishable by a fine up to \$500.00 for each offense.

Leaf piles will not kill grass although they may cause it to discolor.

Avoid raking foreign materials into leaf piles as these could damage equipment or cause injury to personnel.

Yard waste bag pickup by Veolia ends December 31st.



2010 Scarecrow Festival

New to the Festival in celebration of the 25th Scarecrow Festival held Oct. 8-10:



Yay! St. Charles is the “theme” for a new First Street Plaza

The St. Charles Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Partnership and Visitors

Bureau are joining forces to coordinate Yay! St Charles, designed to promote the distinct missions of these organizations that share a goal of maintaining and enhancing a vibrant local economy, Yay! St. Charles will feature:

Information Booth,
Norris Cultural Arts Center
Noble Fool/Fox Valley Repertory
Steel Beam Theater,
and a shared booth dedicated to supporting St. Charles’ Lazarus House and Tri City Health Partnership.

Other new events include: The Fine Line Creative Art Center Fall Sale @ Kettley Realty, Hovercraft demonstrations on the Fox River, Chevy Family Experience, the Northern Illinois Lego Train Display, Pet Pageant and Canine Corner on 1st Street and more!

For festival events call the Visitors Bureau at 630-377-6161 or visit www.scarecrowfest.com

Chamber Gift Certificates- Shop Local for the Holidays!

St. Charles Chamber Gift Certificates allow you to take the hassle out of any gift-giving occasion. They come in “one-size-fits-all” and are always the right color!

Sold in a variety of denominations, you can purchase gift certificates at the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce office (3755 E. Main St.), at, Grimm’s Hallmark West (1601 W. Main Street), or phone the Chamber at 630-584-8384, to purchase gift certificates by credit card, and the Chamber will mail them to you.

Gallery of Ghoulish Homes Tour

Pack up the family for an evening out to see some of the spookiest houses in the St. Charles community. The free Gallery of Ghoulish Homes Tour takes place Friday, October 15 through Halloween night. Judging night is October 17. Please be courteous & respect the homeowner’s rights & property during your adventure. Receive a complete list of homes when you visit the District’s web site at www.stcparks.org.



Park District Annual Photo Contest

Showcase your photography talents by entering one or more of your best images of local or national parks in the District’s Annual Photo Contest. Complete contest rules are available at www.stcparks.org. Online voting to select the winner will be November 12-21.

Annual Turkey Shoot

Use your basketball skills to win a turkey for your Thanksgiving meal! Parent and child teams are welcome to compete in the annual Turkey Shoot on Thursday, November 18 beginning at 7pm in the Pottawatomie Community Center. Advance registration is required. For more details, call Melissa at 630-513-4331.

St. Charles Fox Hunt

Participate in this year’s Fox Hunt! Look for the featured fox of the week and enter to win prizes. This promotion runs October 15 through December 4. Please visit www.dtown.org for more information.



Holiday Homecoming Events!

Holiday Homecoming is just around the corner! For more information about this year’s Lighting of the Lights ceremony and Electric Christmas Parade, please email info@dtown.org or visit www.dtown.org. If you would like to volunteer to help the Holiday Homecoming planning committee or if you’re interested in volunteering the day of the parade, please call 630-513-5386 for more information.



St. Charles Public Library
One S. 6th Ave.
St. Charles, IL 60174
Phone 630-584-0076
Fax 630-584-3448

Web Site:
www.stcharleslibrary.org

Home Deliv. Ext. 219
Study Rooms Ext. 210

Email:
scplref@linc.lib.il.us

Meeting Rms. Ext. 230
Youth Svcs. 630-584-9390

Programs for Youth and Families

Check the Library's website to discover exciting programs and events for everyone in the family, infants through middle school students. Various story time options are available for preschool children. Also enjoy special events such as family story time, book discussion groups, visits from book characters, Book Magic and Kids Corner, weekly gaming, programs specifically for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and much more. Call 630-584-9390 for more information.

Fall Family Fest: Drum Circle and World Music Concert from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, October 17. An interactive drum circle experience at 2 p.m. and Tom Sharpe's World Music at 3 p.m.

The Friends of the Library will conduct a Used Book Sale on Friday, October 8 from 2:30-7:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 9 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Sunday, October 10 from noon-2 p.m.

We deliver! If you have difficulty getting to the St. Charles Library due to limited mobility, prolonged illness, low vision, or recent surgery, Outreach Services can help. We will get library materials to you, either by home delivery, Books by Mail, or in-library pick-up. If you're not sure what materials you would like, we'll make suggestions. This service is available, at no charge, to residents of the Library District at their homes or in residential facilities. Please call 630-584-0076, ext. 219 or 269 for further

Programs for Adults

A Learning Series, sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation, features three programs:

- Linux at Home will be presented on Saturday, October 2 from 10 a.m.–noon. This two hour workshop, presented by Mark Lesswing, will highlight the use of a more cost effective computer operating system.
- Needle Felting will be presented by Leslie Edmondson of Wool & Company on Thursday, October 28 at 7 p.m. Felting materials will be supplied, so registration is required at 630-584-0076, ext. 1.
- A National Gaming Day Event, presented by Jeff Campbell and C. J. Morgan on Saturday, November 13 at 2 p.m., will teach participants how to play No Limit Texas Hold 'Em.

Other programs sponsored by the Foundation include:

- Elizabeth Rosner, author of novels *The Speed of Light* and *Blue Nude* and poetry book *Gravity*, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13.
- Tea with Mrs. Potter Palmer, as portrayed by Sally Sexton Kalmbach, will be on Thursday, October 21 at 3 p.m. at the Dunham Woods Riding Club. Cost is \$25 per person. Call 630-584-0076, ext. 230 for details.

Other programs for adults include Sunday Afternoon Concerts, Lyric Opera Lectures, programs for Twenties 'n' Thirties, Book Discussion Groups, computer classes, Great Decisions, and a Writers Group.



Heritage Center Events

Saturday October 9th 1-3pm **Grave Reminders Cemetery Walk** at the North Cemetery Route 25. Come and hear volunteer reenactors portray some of St. Charles dearly departed. \$3.00 per person.

Thursday Evening Lecture

November 11th St. Charles Library Carnegie Room 7pm-8pm Speaker Roseanne Gulisano will speak about the significance of keeping the past alive through the written word. She will explain how to get started and stay on track to preserve the stories of our own lives. Rosanne is the founder and facilitator of Lifestories: Creating a Memoir, a series of memoir-writing workshops, and author of *From Intention to Reality: A Guide for Writing Your Own Life Story*.

Tuesday November 2nd 7pm-8pm

St. Charles Heritage Center

Bookclub, Meets at the St. Charles Public Library Carnegie Room, Book to be discussed *While They Were Young, A History of St. Charles and Her Service Personnel 1940-1945* by Kevin Gaffney.

Sunday November 7th local actor RJ Lindsey will portray **Thomas Edison** at the St. Charles Public Library 1:00 pm. Free Admission.

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 & Code Enforcement 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	Oct	Nov	Dec
CITY COUNCIL	4 & 18	1 & 15	6 & 20
PLAN COMMISSION review & hold public hearings for rezoning, special use & new developments	5 & 19	2 & 16	7
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT zoning, annexation, boundary lines, downtown, comprehensive plan, code enforcement	11	8	13
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS** budget, personnel, insurance, economic development, administration	4 & 18	1 & 15	6 & 20
GOVERNMENT SERVICES utilities, city property, streets, sidewalks, sewers, water, parking lots, stormwater	25	22	27
HISTORIC PRESERVATION review facade impr. & bldg. permits for exterior work within historic dist.	6 & 20	3 & 17	1 & 15
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	4	1	6
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION aesthetic improvements to City's corridors		3	1
HOUSING COMMISSION & preserve affordable homes, address housing issues/needs, promote awareness	21	18	16

*All meetings start at 7 p.m. unless noted:
 ++Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.
 ** Starts at 7:05 p.m. or right after the City Council meeting.
 & Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.
 Please call the Mayor's Office at (630) 377-4445 to confirm a meeting, or visit www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings.*

RESOURCES

Automatic Payment Option Saves Time and \$\$\$ on Utility Bills!

Want to save money and make sure your City of St. Charles utility bill is paid on time each month? Sign up for the City's automatic payment option. By signing up for the City's automatic payment option, your utility bill will be paid automatically on the due date listed on your utility bill. This will save postage and also prevent any late fees from being assessed. Watch for the automatic payment application coming soon with your utility bill.



In addition to the City's automatic payment option, we do have a paperless option. If you wish to take advantage of going paperless, go to our web site www.stcharlesil.gov/ubills, click on utility bills online, and enter your City of St. Charles' utility account number (no need for the dashes) and your utility bills online password. If you have never accessed your utility bills online account, your password would be the last four digits of your phone number.