



# ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP

## Fall 2024 Newsletter

### Meet Your Elected Officials

**Ron Johnson - Township Supervisor:** I have been your Township Supervisor since 2017 and look forward to serving you for another 4 years. I was raised in St. Charles and attended all St. Charles schools. My wife and I have one son who was raised in St. Charles and attended all St. Charles Schools. I started with the St. Charles Township Road District in July of 1983 and was appointed foreman in 1984. I held that position until 1997 when I ran for Highway Commissioner. I was proud to serve as your Highway Commissioner until August of 2015 when I retired. I ran for Township Supervisor in 2017 and have been honored to hold that position to date.

**Diane Hemmingsen - Assessor:** I was born and raised in St. Charles. I attended St. Charles schools and graduated from St. Charles High School. My husband and I raised our two boys in St. Charles. I began working at the St. Charles Township Assessor's Office as a Deputy Assessor in 1998. I became Assessor in 2015. I enjoy gardening and riding my bike on the Great Western Trail. My husband and I also enjoy taking vacations in our RV.

**Steve Frohling - Highway Commissioner:** I grew up in St. Charles and have lived here my whole life. Since working with the Township I have worked my way up the ranks, from a crew leader to a foreman to my current position as the Highway Commissioner. As Highway Commissioner I maintain over 90 miles of road in the Township with a crew of six. We are responsible for snow plowing, truck & equipment maintenance and repairs, brush program, drainage and culverts, road repairs, trimming, signage and resurfacing about 6 miles of road each year. My office is open to the public Mon - Fri from 8am - 3pm for any concerns or problems that residents may have in the township. In case of emergency you would call the Kane County Sheriff's Office and they will always contact me.

**Terry Cross - Clerk:** I grew up in St. Charles and raised my family here. I have worked for Fermilab for many years. It has been my privilege to serve the community, first as a St. Charles Township trustee, and most recently as the Township Clerk. Both are important roles in local government. In my free time I enjoy spending time with family, friends and being outdoors.

**Mary Lynn Swanson - Trustee:** I have been a long time resident of St. Charles, raising my two daughters here, and I am running for re-election as a St. Charles Township trustee. I value and take seriously the position of Township Trustee. I respect and appreciate all the residents of St. Charles Township. Through the years I've been active in civic organizations and in social, school and church groups in St. Charles. I am grateful to be your trustee. I look forward to the opportunity to continually serve the great people of St. Charles Township.

**Jerry Swanson - Trustee:** After serving for 40 years as Trustee, Clerk and Supervisor of St. Charles Township, I made the decision to not seek re-election. I have appreciated your support over the years and thank you for it! It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you and I have enjoyed my time with the Township more than anyone can imagine! During my years as Supervisor I served as a board member with the Township Officials of Illinois, as President of the Township Supervisors of Illinois and chaired the Kane County Township Officials. I have always felt that elected officials have an obligation to their electors to "go the extra," to serve to the best of their abilities, to be a steward and represent your government body in the public and by being involved with other organizations. I will miss it all! My best wishes to future Township officials and I wish you success as you serve the residents of St. Charles Township.

**James Flanigan - Trustee:** I have lived all of my life in the greater metro Chicago area. I grew up in Westchester and attended Elmhurst College to study business management. My wife and I chose St. Charles to raise our growing family almost 35 years ago. For the past 17 years, I have run an import/export business for medical equipment from a St. Charles warehouse location and now a home office. My company has exported medical imaging products and respiratory therapy devices world-wide to all six inhabited continents. I reduced the scope of my business recently to enjoy semi-retirement. In my free time, I enjoy the outdoors hiking, cycling, kayaking and open-water swimming. I also took up writing a few years ago and have been honored to have been published and awarded for some short stories, poems, and an anthology. I have enjoyed learning about township government during my first term as St. Charles Township Trustee and I am hopeful for a second term.

**John Hoscheit - Trustee:** I have had the privilege of serving the Township Board for the past two years. I am a longtime St. Charles resident as well and have raised three children here. Professionally I have run my St. Charles based law practice for 40 years. Outside of work I have been committed to public service serving 4 years as a St. Charles Alderman, 6 years as a member of the St. Charles Park District Board and 24 years as a member of the Kane County Board and as a Kane County Forest Preserve Commissioner. For 12 years I served as President of the Forest Preserve District. My focus in public service has been aimed at ensuring our Community will be a great place to live for generations to come.



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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  
Jerry Swanson  
James Flanigan  
John Hoscheit

### **Township Office Hours**

*Supervisor's Office*  
8am to 3:30pm M-F

*Road District Office*  
8am to 3pm M-F

*Assessor's Office*  
8am to 3:30pm M-F

Kane County Sheriff  
Non-emergency: 630-232-6840  
EMERGENCY: 911

Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District  
630-584-3473

## **Township Board Meetings**

All Town Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and begin at 7pm at the Township Offices in the Donald E. Scheib Hall. The Cemetery Board of Trustee Meetings are held quarterly on the 1st Wednesday of the month for March, June, September and December.

### **November**

11...Closed - Veterans Day  
13 @ 6:30pm - Town Levy Hearing  
6:40pm - Road Levy Hearing  
6:50pm - Cemetery Levy Hearing  
7pm - Town Board Meeting  
28-29...Closed - Thanksgiving

### **December**

11 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting  
25-26...Closed - Winter Holiday

### **January**

1...Closed - New Year's Day  
8 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

### **February**

12 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting  
17...Closed - Presidents Day

### **March**

12 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

### **April**

8 @ 7pm - Annual Town Meeting  
9 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting  
21...Brush Pickup Begins for Unincorporated Township

### **May**

14 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting  
26...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 28th 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](http://www.illinois1call.com)

**REMEMBER: Call J.U.L.I.E. Before** you dig. If you are having a **Contractor** performing the work, **They** must call, not you. Please do not dig without marks unless a utility has indicated there are no facilities in the dig area.

### **When you call for Service, provide:**

- Your name, address, and telephone number
- County and city or unincorporated township
- Location of the dig site
- Extent of the work involved (reason for dig)
- Date work will begin
- Permit number (if applicable)
- Section and quarter section number (if available)

Did you know...that J.U.L.I.E. stands for **Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators.**



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

The Salvation Army has been serving the St. Charles and the Tri-City area since 1951 with its original location being in Valley View. In 2002, The Salvation Army Tri-City corps relocated and expanded, becoming The Tri-City Corps Joe K. Anderson Community Center, located at 1710 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in St. Charles. Since then it has become an area leader in helping others. But it is much more than just bell ringing during the holidays:

**Social Services:** The Tri-City Social Services Department helps residents with needs for social services such as rental, utility, prescription, eyeglass, and other assistance.

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

**Food Pantry:** The Tri-City Corps has a food pantry for those in need within the area. Relying on the kindness of our community to help keep the shelves stocked, the food pantry is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. by calling and registering. In addition, there is a fresh food distribution that takes place on Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:00 a.m.--1:00 p.m., which is open to everyone. No paperwork needed.

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

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

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



Random Acts Matter is a volunteer organization dedicated to sharing care, compassion and kindness with our neighbors. To date we have done 400+ Acts of Kindness and counting.

On Saturday December 7th from 10am - 3pm 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 – Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

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

Homelessness is a season, not an identity.

Lazarus House offers emergency shelter, transitional living and homeless prevention programs to individuals from Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles and western rural Kane County. Its mission is to offer guests connected to these communities, who are homeless or in need, hope for the future by providing hospitality, food, safe shelter, and education – tools for life.

We are so fortunate to be amongst such a caring community of neighbors willing to help their neighbors in crisis. If you know someone who needs shelter, encourage them to call Lazarus House at 630-587-2144. If you are in a position to help, please consider a monetary donation and/or urgent needs items such as paper towels, bottled water or others posted on the website: [www.lazarushouse.net](http://www.lazarushouse.net). We are also seeking overnight volunteers who essentially sleep while in-house, but are on hand in cases of emergency to support overnight staff. If interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@lazarushouse.net](mailto:volunteer@lazarushouse.net). Without the generous support of this community, Lazarus House would not be able to continue to provide help to those in need.



**UPCOMING FALL/WINTER SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- October 25, 6:30 Nerf Night: Pottawatomie
- October 26 Fa-BOO-lous Pumpkin Carving Party: Primrose Farm
- November 16, 10 - 11am HOWLiday Parade: River Bend Comm. Park
- December 1, 10 - 11:30am Woodland Santa Holiday Workshop: Hickory Knolls Discovery Center
- December 7, 3 - 6pm Caroling with the Cows: Primrose Farm
- December 9 Sundaes with Santa: Primrose Farm
- December 14 Stroll to the North Pole: Pottawatomie Comm. Center
- February 24 Daddy Daughter Dance: Pottawatomie Comm. Center
- March 16, 10am - 12pm Pot of Gold Park Stroll: Mt. St. Mary Park

**Operation Gift A Vet**  
 We Need  
 Tee Shirts  
 2000 Travel Size  
 Toiletries  
 Including  
 Tooth brushes  
 Beanie Babies  
 630 377 5355  
 BeAHeroToAHero.com

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



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  
*FOR Court Dates, Traffic Tickets.*
- Kane County Clerk.....232-5990  
*FOR Birth Certificates, Marriage Licenses, Election Information, Business Registration, Passports, Tax Extensions*
- Development & Community Services.....232-3480  
*FOR Building Requirements & Permits, Planning & Special Projects, Community Service, Historic Preservation*
- Kane County Division of Transportation...584-1170
- Kane County Health Department.....208-3801  
*FOR Employment Verification, EEOP, ADA Complaints, Ethics Advisor*
- 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  
*FOR Assessments, Exemptions, Property Search, Board of Review*
- Kane County Supervisor  
Of Assessments.....208-3818
- Kane County Veterans  
Assistance.....232-3550

For a full list of Kane County Services, visit the website at:

[www.countyofkane.org/Pages/AZ-Services.aspx](http://www.countyofkane.org/Pages/AZ-Services.aspx)



Residents of Unincorporated St. Charles Township who are disabled or over the age of 65 may participate in Ride in Kane, sponsored by St. Charles Township.

Residents may ride within Kane County for 3 round trip rides per week or 6 one-way trips. The purpose of these rides may be for medical, dental, therapy or chiropractic appointments, a job, to the Elderday Center or to school.

The fee to the rider is **\$5.00 each way** for the first 10 miles. After 10 miles a \$1.50 per mile over 10 will be charged. St. Charles Township, as the Sponsor, will fund the balance. The average cost of a one way ride is approximately \$15.

Residents within **Unincorporated St. Charles Township** can register for rides by calling 630-584-9342.

Residents within the **city limits** of St. Charles can receive information about their ride program by calling 630-377-4426.

**To schedule rides, please contact the Ride in Kane Call Center at 866-727-6842. Rides should be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. Same day reservations are not guaranteed. Reservation hours are between 6am and 6pm, Monday-Friday and between 8am and 5pm, Saturday and Sunday. Trips can reserved up to 7 days in advance.**

**Transportation services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year including holidays.**

**To cancel a ride, please call 866-727-6842, providing us with at least a 2 hour or more notice.**

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



## The Columbaria at Union Cemetery

The newest addition to St. Charles Township Cemeteries is the Columbarium at Union Cemetery, 1206 N. 5th Avenue. Please feel free to stop by and view a beautiful picturesque setting for the interment of cremains.

There is a one-time charge for the niche and opening/closing to intern up to 2 urns. The only other cost will be for the engraving of the marble front.

Please contact the cemetery office for a brochure, more information or to purchase a niche at 630-584-8699. For a brochure and price list, you may also stop by the Township Office at 1725 Dean St., St. Charles.



<i>Cemetery</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Founded</i>	<i>Township Owned &amp; Maintained Since</i>
North	North 5th Ave	1840	1945
South	South 7th Ave	1815	1945
Little Woods	Dunham Road	1856	1951
Union	North 5th Ave	1900	1972
Prairie	Crane Road	1849	1957
Round Grove	Mosley Lane	1849	1997

Of interesting note: The City of St. Charles was founded in 1834. The cemetery on 7th Avenue predates the establishment of our city.

Please feel free to visit our public cemeteries. We kindly ask that you help us maintain the dignity so greatly earned by respecting the sites and graves.

~ Your St. Charles Township Cemetery ~

### ***Cemetery Notification:***

Cement flower pots that are not maintained for a summer season will be moved to the Cemetery Office at Union Cemetery, 1206 N. 5th Avenue. Contact the Cemetery Office for more information at 630-584-8699.