



# THE DEN

News & Highlights from the City of St. Charles

May 2016  
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## Upcoming Meetings

To see a complete list of meetings go to [www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings)

- Youth Commission**  
5.2.16.....6:00 pm
- City Council**  
5.2.16.....7:00 pm
- Government Operations**  
5.2.16.....7:05 pm
- Plan Commission**  
5.3.16.....7:00 pm
- Corridor Improvement Commission**  
5.4.16.....7:00 pm
- Historic Preservation Commission**  
5.4.16.....7:00 pm
- Visitors Cultural Commission**  
5.9.16.....5:15 pm
- Planning & Development**  
5.9.16.....7:00 pm
- Tree Commission**  
5.12.16.....7:00 pm
- Liquor Control Commission**  
5.16.16.....4:30 pm
- Visitors Cultural Commission**  
5.16.16.....5:30 pm
- City Council**  
5.16.16.....7:00 pm
- Government Operations**  
5.16.16.....7:05 pm
- Plan Commission**  
5.17.16.....7:00 pm
- Historic Preservation Commission**  
5.18.16.....7:00 pm
- Housing Commission**  
5.19.16.....7:00 pm
- Government Services**  
5.23.16.....7:00 pm

## FY 2016-2017 Budget Keeps Steady Pace with Previous Years

*At the April 4, 2016, City Council Meeting, the Council unanimously approved the City's FY 2016-2017 Budget. Once again the City's budget is balanced, with no tax increases.*

Prudent financial decisions over the last several years have resulted in a fiscally responsible St. Charles. As the country continues its economic recovery, here in St. Charles, our operational revenue streams also are rising. At the same time, the City continues to operate with historically low expenditures and consistent staffing levels. This strong operational management has led to healthy reserve levels in the General Fund. Maintaining reserve funds is necessary to help pay for planned capital projects as well as unplanned emergencies/disasters. It also helps the City get lower interest rates on bonds that are issued to finance large capital projects.

Major capital projects provided for in the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget include the

design and construction of a new police facility, continued roadway maintenance and improvements, and design and engineering work related to the Seventh Avenue Creek flood mitigation project. Still unresolved is the question of how the state budget impasse and pension reform actions could impact St. Charles.

The budget also incorporates adjustments to utility rates, including a \$0.45 monthly fee to finance compliance with an EPA directive mandated to Illinois municipalities.

If you didn't make it to April's public hearing on the budget or the March Government Operations Committee budget presentation, you can access the Budget Plan and presentation at [www.stcharlesil.gov/departments/finance](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/departments/finance).

## 30 Years of Awards for City Finance Report



For the 30th year in a row, the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was awarded the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial

Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). Rita Kruse, Finance Manager for the City of Geneva and President of the Illinois GFOA, presented the award at the May 2 City Council meeting. Chris Minick, Director of Finance (left) accepted the award, along with former Director of Finance & Administration Larry Maholland, who initiated application for the award during his tenure (3rd from left), and Finance Department members (from right) Mike Shortall, Jill Ghiotto, Terry Barth and Julie Herr.



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# Jennifer McMahon Appointed Director of Human Resources



Jennifer McMahon joined the City as Director of Human Resources, effective May 2, 2016.

McMahon comes to the City of St.

Charles from the City of Warrenville, where she served as Assistant City Administrator since 2006. There, she built the human resources function from the ground up, acted as lead negotiator for the management team in collective bargaining with the three City of Warrenville unions, managed the risk management and employee compensation programs, and led

employee training and coaching programs.

She is an active member of the Illinois City/County Management Association, the Illinois Public Employer Labor Relations Association, and will be inducted as president of The Legacy Project, a professional organization dedicated to the advancement of women in local government.

McMahon holds a bachelor's degree in Urban Studies from the DePaul University and a master's degree in Urban Planning & Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"We conducted a comprehensive

search of candidates throughout the area before choosing Jennifer," said City Administrator Mark Koenen. "She has the experience and management background to maintain the high standards of employee recruitment, fair and equitable negotiations and our award-winning, cost-saving employee wellness program."

"I want to acknowledge the substantial efforts of Denice Brogan and the Human Resources staff for their dedication and professionalism in seamlessly maintaining daily operations of the department during this time of transition," said Koenen.

**City Offices closed Monday, May 30  
for the Memorial Day Holiday**

## St. Charles is Participating in America in Bloom for 2016

*Plant Magenta, Purple, Yellow and White Flowers in Your Yard and be a Part of the Effort*

Like a hardy, showy perennial, the St. Charles America in Bloom Committee is back and planning a second run in the 2016 America in Bloom national awards program. Last year, St. Charles received an impressive rating of 4 out of 5 "Blooms" and special recognition from the judges for our Community Landscaped Areas.

From July 10-12, two program judges will be in St. Charles touring floral displays, landscaping and environmental project sites. "It was wonderful to work with all the volunteers last year from the community and various participating organizations who came together to make this event happen," said 5th Ward Alderman Maureen Lewis, member of the America in Bloom Committee. "St. Charles' civic pride was evident and really made an impression on the judges. We hope to build on the success of last year and bring home another recognition."

If you would like to volunteer, contact Steve Amatangelo at [Steve.amatangelo@sartorius-intec.com](mailto:Steve.amatangelo@sartorius-intec.com) or **630.338.7085**. Short on time but still want to contribute? Check out the event's GoFundMe page [www.gofundme.com/STCHARLES-AIB2016](http://www.gofundme.com/STCHARLES-AIB2016) to help raise \$2,300 by July 4th to support the judges' tour.

Check the City website often for the latest updates at [www.stcharlesil.gov/about/america-in-bloom](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/about/america-in-bloom). There you can page through St. Charles' impressive [Community Profile](#) program entry. It's got oodles of information and beautiful photos showcasing our community.



# BUSINESS REPORT

## The City Welcomes these Business!

### **DOWNTOWN**

#### ***Charleston on The River***

1 W. Illinois St., Ste. 170  
630-549-7712  
Restaurant

#### ***Lighthouse Recovery, Inc.***

210 S. 5th St., Unit 10  
630-669-3354  
Counseling Services

### **WEST GATE WAY**

#### ***All Cities Taxi & Limo***

1775 Covington Ct.  
847-770-7733  
Taxi & Limo Service

#### ***Besties Girl Spa***

761 N 17th St., Unit 9  
630-587-2378  
Spa for girls ages 3-18

#### ***Burhop Martial Arts***

720 N 17th St., Ste. 5  
630-386-3728  
Martial Arts Instruction

#### ***Loyal Companions, LLC***

2312 W. Main St.  
630-747-1015  
Animal Hospital/Boarding/Daycare

#### ***Rose Smoke n' Vapor***

902 S. Randall Rd., Ste. B  
630-797-5848  
Vape & Smoke Shop

#### ***Three Jewels, LLC***

2320 Dean St., Ste 102  
630-606-9168  
Real Estate

### **EAST GATE WAY**

#### ***A Plus Healthcare Training***

549 Dunham Rd., Ste. 100  
630-549-0577  
Private Vocational School

#### ***Burrito Guacamole***

818 E Main St.  
630-340-0125  
Mexican Restaurant

#### ***Eastside Fireplace & BBQ***

1307 E. Main St.  
630-675-8807

Fireplace Store

#### ***Mechelle's Boutique***

3800 E. Main St., G112A  
910-670-9005  
Jewelry & Accessories

#### ***MML Premier Services***

200 S. 13th Ave., Unit B  
630-926-1213  
Landscape

#### ***XD Adventures***

3800 E. Main St., G113  
331-222-9336  
9D Interactive Movie Ride

### **EAST GATE WAY INDUSTRIAL**

#### ***Imperial Gutter Services***

707 Colomba Ct., Ste. 110  
331-888-2349  
Gutter Installation & Service

#### ***Prime Time Painting***

1830 Wallace Ave., Ste. 208  
630-920-3300  
Painting

## 1st Street Angled Parking & North Lot Temporarily Unavailable

Angled parking spaces along the east side of First Street (between Illinois and Main streets) and the parking area north of the site (across from the plaza) will be temporarily unavailable for approximately six weeks. The closures are needed for installation of power and communications equipment to the proposed 1st Street development. Spaces will be closed intermittently as the work progresses.



## Riverside will Remain Open During Resurfacing

Resurfacing of Riverside Avenue from Cedar to Illinois avenues is scheduled for May 2-13, weather permitting. The project includes repairs to the existing curb, sidewalk and utility structures. Riverside Avenue and access to all properties will remain open throughout the project.

No Parking signs will be posted along Riverside Avenue and in the south City Hall "Checkerboard" parking lot. Additional short term parking is available in the parking lot north of City Hall. [Click here](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/projects/construction) for a map illustrating project parameters and additional parking options during construction. More at [www.stcharlesil.gov/projects/construction](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/projects/construction).

## Free Community Shredding Event

*Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to Noon  
This Event is for individuals only,  
NO businesses please.*

The St. Charles Police Department and KCT Credit Union are hosting a free community shredding event to help citizens keep important information out of the hands of identity thieves.

The City's shredding contractor, ProShred, will be set up in the St. Charles Police Department parking lot, located at 211 N. Riverside Avenue. ProShred has been in business for more than 25 years and is the most certified shredding company in the industry.

Anyone who needs to securely dispose of confidential paperwork may attend this event and there is no limit to what one can bring to have shredded.

For more information, contact the Police Department at [police@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:police@stcharlesil.gov) or 630.377.4435.

- ✔ Bank statements
- ✔ Credit card statements/applications
- ✔ Social security information
- ✔ Medicare/Medicaid information



## Police and Fire Departments Publish Annual Reports for 2015

What roads in St. Charles saw the most vehicle accidents last year? How many incidents did the Fire Department respond to in 2015? Find out in the annual reports from the St. Charles Police and St. Charles Fire departments. The reports document activity for 2015 and are available on our website. Read the [Police Department Annual Report](#). Read the [Fire Department Annual Report](#).

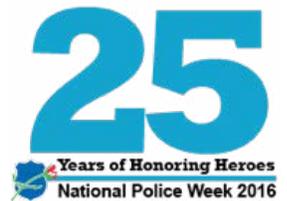
The Police Department Annual Report is full of information, such as crime is down in St. Charles. Dropping 15% from last year are the more serious Part I Crimes, with Part II Crimes down 2%. You also can find out that the police detectives worked on 421 cases and made 113 arrests.

In the Fire Department Annual Report, you can read that in 2015 firefighters responded to 4452 incidents. Firefighters saved more than 98% of the property involved in 80 fire responses and Emergency Medical Services responded to 2791 calls. Overall responses to false alarms were down due to aggressive follow up and enforcement by the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Plus read more about the extensive training, safety and public education initiatives undertaken by both of St. Charles Police and Fire departments.

## National Police Week is May 15-21

This week is set aside to remember law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty and to thank officers who serve and protect our communities every day. A Law Enforcement exhibition in honor of National Police Week will be on display in the Municipal Building window. Also, on May 11 the Kane County Chiefs of Police Association will hold their annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Ceremony at Mooseheart in Batavia. All are welcome to attend.



**WATCH VS. WARNING**  
Do YOU know the difference?

**WATCH**  
*BE ALERT!* Severe storms or tornadoes **MIGHT** form and affect your area.  
Monitoring Information

**WARNING**  
*TAKE ACTION!* A severe storm or tornado is expected in your area.  
**ACT IMMEDIATELY. GET IN, GET DOWN, AND COVER UP.**

You should be...  
Keep an eye on the sky

# PUBLIC WORKS NOTES

## Spring Clean Up Dates

*May 14 for East Side*

*May 21 for West Side*

The popular Spring Clean Up program is back. Offered every two years, Spring Cleanup allows residents to place unwanted items at the curb for pick up. Collection dates are May 14 for East Side and May 21 for West Side. This is a service for residents within St. Charles city limits only.

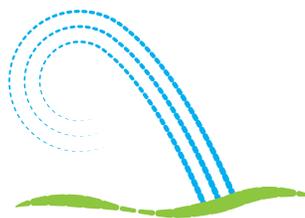
Advanced Disposal will pick up items which must be placed on the curb (not in the street) before 7 a.m. to ensure pickup. Once collection crews have passed through an area they will not come back. Also, please do not place items out more than 48 hours before the collection.

If you want to keep the containers used to hold your discarded items, mark them with “Do not throw away.” They cannot be retrieved once collected. For more information contact the Public Works Department at [630.377.4405](tel:630.377.4405) or [pw@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:pw@stcharlesil.gov).



### Prohibited from Spring Clean Up – these items will not be picked up:

- Electronics
- Large home appliances
- Loose batteries
- Household hazardous waste (paints, solvents, auto fluids, pesticides, etc.)
- Devices containing mercury (thermostats, thermometers, etc.)
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Liquids and gases
- Contractor construction debris (doors, windows, large amounts of lumber, masonry products, drywall, siding roofing materials)
- Tires
- Yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, brush, garden waste, rocks)
- Household refuse normally collected each week



## Watering Permits for New Lawns

New lawns require special care until they are established. So it's important for homeowners to apply for a Sod Laying and Seeded Lawn Installation Permit to allow extra watering for lawns with new seed or sod. The permit allows watering for 10 consecutive days, from 5 to 9 a.m. and 6 to 10 pm. This permit is to be displayed on a front window. Residents can obtain a permit for \$10 from Utility Billing Office in City Hall, [630.377.4426](tel:630.377.4426) or the Public Works Facility [630.377.4405](tel:630.377.4405).

Please note that laying sod, lawn seeding and planting other landscaping (for the establishment of a new lawn or new landscaping) is prohibited from July 1 through August 31, unless the watering source is reclaimed greywater, recycled effluent or harvested rainwater. The prohibition does not apply to soil erosion and sedimentation plans required by City ordinance (with approved plans) or for restorations due to required repairs of public utilities (i.e., water main breaks).

## Let's Work Together to Conserve Water

*Please remember that the City's water conservation efforts apply year round. According to City Ordinance:*

- Even numbered addresses may sprinkle even-numbered days of the month from 6am to 9am and 6pm to 9pm.
- Odd numbered addresses may sprinkle on the odd-numbered days of the month from 6am to 9am and from 6pm to 9pm.
- Sod installation, seeding or landscaping is prohibited from July 1 to August 31 (sod laying and seeded lawn installation permits are still required during permissible months).
- Waste of Water Prohibited – This provision addresses water that runs in a continuous stream into any gutter, ditch, drain or street inlet while using water for restricted purposes, and does not allow spraying or sprinkling of streets and sidewalks.
- Progression of Fines – From \$50 for first offense to \$100 for second offense and \$300 for third offense.

These provisions assist with ongoing water conservation and sustainability efforts for the community that help ensure future water supplies and are consistent with neighboring cities. The Water Conservation Ordinance is endorsed by the Northwest Planning Alliance, a group comprised of 80 communities, to implement consistent water supply planning and conservation programs throughout the region.

## Why Do My Lights Blink Off And Then Come Back On?

Did you ever wonder why the power flickers? Tom Bruhl, Electric Services Manager, explains:

An interruption in power can be caused by the wind or a branch coming in contact with a line; animals can get around protective guards and into a switchgear; or sometimes aging lines or equipment is to blame.

Electric distribution systems have protective devices designed to minimize power outages. One key element is a recloser, which is a big circuit breaker controlled by a computer, called a relay.

The job of the recloser is to identify a fault and attempt to isolate it by opening the circuit breaker. The relay can be programmed to close the breaker after a short time or multiple times in the hope that the fault will clear. For example, if a squirrel makes contact with an overhead power line and creates a fault on the line:

1. Within a fraction of a second, the relay sees this fault and opens and recloses the breaker, causing a momentary outage for customers on that circuit.

2. If the fault has cleared because the squirrel is no longer touching the line, the event is over.

3. If the squirrel is still in contact with the line, the recloser will attempt two more reclosing operations with two more momentary outages. If the squirrel is still present after the third try, the breaker will remain open requiring Electric Utility personnel to respond and remove the problem.

While momentary interruptions are a nuisance, this calculated system response saves many hours of power outage time for our customers each year. Every time the lights blink off for a few seconds, but don't go out for good, that is a recloser doing what it was designed to do.



Shorten your shower by 1 minute and save 550 gallons of water per year!

## June Utility Bills will Reflect Rate Changes for Water, Sewer and Electric

Annual rates for City of St. Charles water, sewer and electric utility customers were approved at the May 2, 2016, City Council meeting. The new rates will begin showing up on utility bills mailed in June. Rate schedules were outlined at the March 21, 2016, Government Operations Committee meeting. Bills will include a new fee to finance improvements at our Wastewater Treatment Plant that are necessary to comply with State mandated phosphorous discharge standards.

## Permits Needed for Work in Floodplain

All developments within the 100-yr. floodplain (not just construction of buildings, but filling, excavation, fences, etc.) require a permit. Applications must be made prior to doing any work in a floodplain. For more information or to report illegal development activities, contact the City of St. Charles Public Works Engineering Division at [630.377.4486](tel:630.377.4486).



**Tom Bruhl, Electric Services Manager**, has managed St. Charles' Electric Utility for the past 14 years. Tom has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., and is a Registered Professional Engineer. Tom worked at ComEd before coming to the City.

The most unusual thing Tom has experienced in his career was a fire on top of a 50-foot pole caused by a rabbit. "Not something you normally see at the top of a pole," said Tom. "But it most likely was dropped there by a hawk, who had their meal cooked well done."

When not working to keep St. Charles' lights on, Tom is an Assistant Scoutmaster in Boy Scouts and a judge for high school robotics competitions. "I support both of these programs strongly because of the life skills that they give the kids," he said. "They teach them to overcome challenges and apply their training in the real world."

Serving St. Charles Electric Utility customers is something Tom does not take lightly. "The Electric Services group is a dedicated, tight-knit team. We have a mission statement that highlights the priorities in everything we do: operating safely, prioritizing system reliability in our designs and construction, and being ever-mindful of costs."

# PUBLIC WORKS NOTES

## Get Paid to Get Rid of that Old Fridge

Got an old refrigerator you have been meaning to get rid of? The City participates in the Recycle My Fridge Program, which offers residents free pickup and recycling of their old refrigerators and freezers. Simply call **877.341.2313** (toll free) or visit [www.RecycleMyFridge.org](http://www.RecycleMyFridge.org) to learn more and to schedule a free pickup of your old, 10- to 30-cubic foot secondary refrigerator or freezer. The appliances must be in working condition, owned by the resident, and picked up from the residential address listed on the billing account. There is a limit of two appliances per household per year. In return, you will receive a \$35 prepaid rebate card within four to six weeks.

The program is conducted by the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA), in conjunction with the Appliance Recycling Centers of America (ARCA), Inc. The program has been around since 2011 and has recycled nearly 1500 refrigerators from participating communities. IMEA estimates taking that many old fridges off the grid has saved about 1.3 million kWh per year!

For more information, contact Tom Bruhl, Electric Services Manager at **630.377.4407**.

## Until Power Gets Restored to You

*Severe storms unfortunately do happen and these storms can also take down power lines—creating a dangerous situation for everyone, including the lineworkers working to restore power.*

How long it takes to get your power restored depends on the extent of the storm's destruction, the number of outages, and when it becomes safe for utility personnel to get to the damaged areas.

- Just because a power line is damaged does not mean it's dead. Every downed power line is potentially energized and dangerous until crews arrive and ensure power has been cut off.
- Never enter a flooded basement if electrical outlets are submerged.
- Do not turn power off if you must stand in water to do so. Call your electric utility, and have them turn off power at the meter.
- Before entering storm-damaged buildings, make sure the electricity and gas are turned off.
- If you are driving and come along a downed power line, stay away.
- If you do come in contact with a downed power line, do not leave the car. Wait for utility and emergency professionals to make sure the power line is de-energized before exiting the car.
- During an outage, turn off electrical appliances and unplug major electronics. Power surges can damage electronics.
- To help you get through, have a storm kit prepared. Keep the kit in a cool, dry place, and make sure all members of the family know where it is.

Source: IMUA The Safety Sentinel

## Our Electronics Recycling is Closed

The City ended its Electronics Recycling Program April 8. Residents of Kane County can still take their electronics to the Kane County Electronics and Book Recycling events. The County's monthly collection is held from 8 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of each month, April through November, at the County Circuit Court Clerk's Office, 540 S. Randall Road, St. Charles. More information is on the [Kane County Recycling webpage](#). The next county electronic recycling is May 14. Illinois does not allow electronics to be placed in landfills.

### May 15-21 is National Public Works Week



Public Works: Planning, building, managing and operating the heart of local communities while building quality of life

# PUBLIC WORKS NOTES



## Spring Hydrant Flushing Finishes Up

*As part of the regular maintenance to the City's water distribution system, the Public Works Water Division performs annual hydrant flushing. By simply flushing or opening hydrants to allow water to flow rapidly through them (in a controlled manner), water quality is improved and mineral build-up in the water mains is minimized. Hydrant flushing also ensures that hydrants are ready for emergency use.*

St. Charles is divided into four quadrants for hydrant flushing: Main Street (Illinois Route 64) divides the north/south quadrants, and the Fox River divides the east/west quadrants. The final area for spring hydrant flushing:

- Northeast (East of Dunham Road) – Monday, May 2 –Friday, May 6

Discolored water is possible in areas other than the scheduled flushing zone. Click here for [Hydrant Flushing Facts and Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Water is safe to use and consume during hydrant flushing. If your water is rust colored during hydrant flushing:

- If possible, limit your water use.
- Wait until flushing has subsided then run the cold water tap until the water runs clear.
- Rust colored water is safe, but it may stain laundry. If this happens, keep clothes wet and treat with a stain remover.

The City offers a stain remover at no cost at:

- Public Works, 1405 South 7th Ave.
- City Hall Reception, 2 East Main St.
- Police Dept, 211 North Riverside Ave.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at [630.377.4405](tel:630.377.4405) or [pw@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:pw@stcharlesil.gov).

## Brush Collection Pick-Up for 2016

EAST SIDE OF RIVER	WEST SIDE OF RIVER
May 16	May 23
June 20	June 27
July 18	July 25
August 15	August 22
September 19	September 26
October 17	October 24
November 14	November 21

### BRUSH COLLECTION REMINDERS

- Brush should be put out before 7am on Monday of the scheduled pick up.
- With cut ends facing the street, branches must be at least 3 feet in length and less than 12 inches in diameter.
- Do not tie bundles of brush with rope or wire and do not pile higher than 4 feet
- Branches must be put on the parkway, in front of your house or along the frontage where refuse/recycling is collected.
- Please make every attempt not to park in front of the piles; crews will be unable to pick up the brush.
- For more information visit the City's website at [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov)

## PLEASE NOTE

Refuse Collection will be delayed one day all week due to the Memorial Day Holiday Monday, May 30.

### YARD WASTE

Yard waste bags will be picked up on your weekly refuse pickup day.

# SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## Special Recognition

Congratulations Dave Todd, Tom Gette, Randy Scott, Francisco Lopez, John Huver, Kevin Bootz and Tim Moran from the Public Works Department on attaining their Pipeline Assessment & Certification Program (PACP) certifications.

Firefighter Paramedic Steve Siwy was one of 517 brave plungers at the Olson Lake, Rock Cut State Park Polar Plunge in Rockford March 5. Individually, Steve raised \$500 for Illinois Special Olympics. His team's total was nearly \$7500 and they won three First Place Awards and raised the most money out of 71 teams. This year, the Special Olympics Illinois' Polar Plunge had 6480 participants who raised more than \$1.9M.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Festival of the Fox (Formerly RiverFest) is June 9-12

Come to Pottawatomie Park for Dragon Boat Races, "Picnic in the Park," family activities & entertainment, "Family Movie Night" and a water ski show. The Carnival is June 9-12. Special Needs Kids Day is Fri., June 10, noon-2pm/closed to the public. More information at [www.prideofthefox.com](http://www.prideofthefox.com)



### Now through September

This is a magnificent exhibition of original sculptures placed in beautiful Mt. St. Mary Park for visitors to view and enjoy. This is free to all. Presented by the St. Charles Park District and Park Foundation. More at [www.stcparks.org/Sculpture/index.htm#](http://www.stcparks.org/Sculpture/index.htm#)

### STC Live Kicks Off Memorial Day Weekend

2016 Season of STC Live kicks off Memorial Day Weekend. This program coordinates live, free entertainment at downtown businesses and on the 1st Street Plaza. Interested in performing? Email the Downtown St. Charles Partnership at [info@downtownstcharles.org](mailto:info@downtownstcharles.org)

### St. Charles Fine Art Show is May 28 & 29



The annual St. Charles Fine Art Show presents nearly 100 of the best artists from across the country, along the east side of the Fox River on First Avenue, between Main Street and Illinois Avenue. This award-winning juried show features work in a variety of media including watercolor, oil, sculpture, photography, jewelry, ceramics, fiber, wood, and glass, which are exhibited and available for sale during the event. More at [www.downtownstcharles.org/events/saint-charles-fine-art-show](http://www.downtownstcharles.org/events/saint-charles-fine-art-show)

## Watch Your Mailbox for Property Tax Bills

The Kane County Treasurer has mailed property tax bills. The first installment is due June 1. If you don't receive your property tax bill, call the Treasurer's Office at [630.232.3565](tel:630.232.3565). The Treasurer's Office is responsible for preparing the property tax bills, mailing them out and then collecting the required taxes levied by the local taxing bodies within Kane County. More information is at [www.kanecountytreasurer.org](http://www.kanecountytreasurer.org).

Since 2009, the City of St. Charles has kept its operating tax levy at 10% of your entire property tax bill. On a \$300,000 home, that means \$911 pays for a full year of City services, including police and fire emergency services, street maintenance and 24-hr snowplowing, planning, engineering, economic development, and more. [Click here](#) for more information on the City's portion of property taxes.

## Cop on a Rooftop is May 20

Coming to a Dunkin' Donuts near you! This is the 14th year Dunkin' Donuts has partnered with area police departments to raise funds for Special Olympics Illinois. Members of the police department will be perched up on a Dunkin' Donuts rooftop to bring awareness to the fundraising event. To date, nearly \$2.3 million has been raised. More information, including location addresses will be released closer to the event. If you have questions about the event, please call our nonemergency police number [630.377.4435](tel:630.377.4435).

Come Celebrate The Freedom We Enjoy Thanks To Those Who Served!

# 2016 St. Charles Memorial Day Celebration

MONDAY  
MAY 30

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT  
HONORING OUR VETERANS

**6 AM**  
**FLAG CEREMONY** Baker Memorial Hall  
(Scouts, Honor Guard, Firing Squad)

**10:00 AM**  
**PARADE** Steps off at 6th & Main Street

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY** Freedom Shrine  
(Mayoral Address & Memorial Service)

**FAMILY PICNIC** Pottawatomie Park Pavillion **11:30-1:30 PM**

Directly after the parade, gather behind the municipal building at the Riverwalk Freedom Shrine for our traditional Memorial Day service. Then, follow the Riverwalk to the Pottawatomie Park Pavilion for an old-fashioned family picnic!

THIS EVENT SPONSORED BY:





ENJOY FREE BRATS, BURGERS AND BEVERAGES  
COMPLIMENTS OF YOUR LOCAL VETERANS.

## PARADE, PICNIC, MUSIC & FOOD

This program is dedicated to remembering all service veterans for their valor and sacrifice








Picnic music by Gregory Hyde

For more info contact Event Coordinator LIEUTENANT COLONEL MARK F. POWELL (RETIRED) at [mpowell@onpathfinancial.com](mailto:mpowell@onpathfinancial.com) or call [630-329-6444](tel:630-329-6444)

## City of St. Charles Directory

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