



ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP

Spring 2025 Newsletter

FROM THE ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Diane Hemmingsen, CIAO

As your Assessor, I am committed to serving our community with transparency, fairness and dedication. My team and I are here to ensure that property assessments are conducted accurately and equitably, while also addressing your questions and concerns with the care and attention they deserve.

Real estate tax assessments play a vital role in determining property taxes for homeowners and businesses in St. Charles Township. These assessments serve as the foundation for local government revenue, funding services such as schools, Kane County Forest Preserve, St. Charles Park District, the St. Charles Library, infrastructure maintenance for the City of St. Charles, if you are within the City limits, or for the St. Charles Township, if you are unincorporated, just to name a few of the taxing bodies. You can review all of the taxing bodies that you pay taxes to by looking at the bottom of your tax bill.

The assessment of your property is an estimation of the property's market value based on sales from the prior three years. So for 2025, sales from 2022, 2023 and 2024 will be used to determine assessments. State law governs this process. The St. Charles Township Assessor follows the state statutes for valuing properties.

The 2024 housing market in St. Charles Township demonstrated continued growth in sales prices. There are several new subdivisions in St. Charles Township, but the inventory of homes for sale in established neighborhoods is limited. While everyone appreciates the fact that their real estate investments have increased in value, no one enjoys paying taxes. You play an important role in making sure the value on your property is correct. Please review your assessment on the St. Charles Township Assessor's website at stcharlestowndship.org under "Parcel Information." Make sure the details about your home are correct. Also, if you recently purchased your home in an "arms-length" transaction, and the value the assessor has on your parcel does not closely reflect the sales price you should contact the assessor's office so that we can review this with you and make an adjustment if necessary. Typically new assessments are established by August, so make sure to check the township website to see what your current value is or visit the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments website at: assessments.kanecountyil.gov. You do not need to have an attorney or tax service do this for you. We are always glad to help property owners and will work with you in making sure your property assessment is fair and equitable.

We are currently working on establishing values for 2025, which will be reflected on your 2026 tax bill. A notice will be posted on our website that will state when the new values will be available.

Please call our office at (630) 584-2040 with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your trust and engagement in our shared future.



1725 Dean Street
St. Charles, IL 60174

www.stcharlestowndship.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.

April 2024

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

May

14 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting
26...Closed - Memorial Day

June

11 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting
19...Closed - Juneteenth

July

4...Closed - Fourth of July
9 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

August

13 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

September

1...Closed - Labor Day
10 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting

October

8 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting
13...Closed - Columbus Day

November

11...Closed - Veterans Day
12 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting
27-28...Closed - Thanksgiving

December

10 @ 7pm - Town Board Meeting
25-26...Closed - Winter Holiday

A Message from your Highway Commissioner

Well, we've had a pretty mild winter and looks like Spring is wanting to come soon. With the start of Spring we'll soon be headed into that next season in Illinois and that is **“Construction”** season. With the county and state having projects going on all the time we can always expect some kind of traffic detours. So be **careful**.

The last couple of years we've been able to resurface 5+ miles of road with blacktop costing about \$90/ton. This year we are only resurfacing 4+ miles of road since we are grinding almost all of these roads before resurfacing which makes the cost higher. When determining what roads to resurface each year I always look at how long it's been since it was resurfaced last and what condition it is in. The township has over 90 miles of road to maintain. Therefore, the roads in the worse condition and the longest time since being resurfaced will come first. Most roads being resurfaced are anywhere from 15 - 20 years since they were last resurfaced. We try to patch other roads as quickly as we can to help with their longevity.

Just a reminder to those of you that should have any trouble with flooding, if you need immediate assistance, first please call Kane County Office of Emergency Management at 630.232.5985. Then call the township for sand bags or sand if during regular office hours at 630.584.3496 or the Sheriff's Department if after hours at 630.232.6840 for an emergency and they can get a hold of us. Remember, we can't help if we are not contacted.

In closing, I would like to say I look forward to working for you, the taxpayers, for many years to come. I want to thank you in advance for your support and if you have any questions or problems please don't hesitate to call me at my office.

Steve Frohling, Highway Commissioner



SUMMER CONSTRUCTION & SAFETY

Please be aware and watch for construction workers on the roads. Their safety is in your hands. Whether it's Township, County, State, Municipality, Utility, or Blacktop Crews - they all should be obeyed. Please reduce your speed, stop talking or **texting** on your cell phone and pay attention to the road signs and the Flagger's!

Brush Pickup for Unincorporated Township:

Note: NOT City of St. Charles

2025 Pickup Begins April 28

St. Charles Township Road District has contracted with Trees 'R Us, Inc. to pick up brush in unincorporated St. Charles Township this year.

Please follow these procedures to ensure your brush will be picked up:

- Brush/limbs are to be out by the road, **not in the road**, no later than 7am on the Monday of the scheduled pick up week
- **Max diameter** is 12 inches; Max length is 12 feet
- Stack brush in **large piles** with cut ends facing the road keeping away from mailboxes, utility poles/boxes, hydrants and parked cars.
- Brush should be placed in the front or side parkway: it will not be picked up from vacant lots
- Do not tie or bundle brush/limbs or put brush/limbs in containers or bags
- **Do not place** stumps, roots, landscape material, lumber, firewood, or foreign objects in piles.
- This program is strictly for resident generated brush; **NOT FOR CONTRACTOR REMOVALS OR TRIMMINGS**
- If you hire a tree service, **they are responsible for taking away all logs & brush**
- We do not pick up after any lot clearings
- Limbs/brush exceeding the requirements for the Residential Brush Pickup Program can hire a private service to have them removed at the resident's expense.
- If your brush was out at 7am on Monday of the scheduled pickup week and **NOT** collected by the end of the workday on Friday, please notify the Road District no later than the following Monday. For calls on missed brush removal received **after** that Monday, the brush will be picked up at the next scheduled pickup week.

Questions? Please contact us at

630-584-3496.

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE



The St. Charles Park Foundation has partnered with **CARS**, a vehicle donation program, to support your parks. CARS does it all with flexible scheduling of vehicle pick up and final sale negotiations. Proceeds to the Park Foundation are expedited after the sale. Donors receive a thank you letter with pertinent tax information.

For more info: stcparkfoundation.org



Start Your Donation Process!

Call toll-free 24/7 today:

855-500-7433

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

St. Charles Township is in need of HOA information for subdivisions that are in unincorporated township. We would like to keep you informed of any road improvements that may be happening in your subdivision, for instance blacktopping or road closures. If we have a way to get a hold of your HOA we would be able to pass this information onto you so you can be prepared. Please call the Road District at 630.584.3496 to leave any info. If you call after hours, please leave a message and we'll call back if we need to. Thank you in advance for all your help and to those who have already called to keep us up-to-date.

2025 Township Brush Pickup Schedule

Brush pickup is on the 4th Monday of each month (which is not always the last week of the month) from April to October.

April 28, May 27, June 23, July 28,

August 25, September 22, October

27 (last pickup for 2025)

***For Unincorporated St. Charles Township:
Not the City of St. Charles**

Yard Waste

Residents in unincorporated areas who would like yard waste pickup service (not brush pickup) should contact their refuse hauler for details.

St. Charles Township does not provide yard waste pickup; however, many of the contracted waste haulers do offer this service.



Leaf Disposal and "Brush Only" Burning Regulations

Effective January 1, 2003 open burning of "landscape waste" and /or other materials, with the exception of **Brush** is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Kane County. The definition of "**Brush**" means trunks, limbs, branches, and twigs.

Kane County has a burn ordinance that prohibits the burning of "Landscape Waste," which means all accumulations of grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, flowers and weeds. You may however still burn "**Brush**" as long as you follow the Standard Restrictions that are listed below.

STANDARD RESTRICTIONS:

- Only on property upon which the landscape waste or 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.



JUNK CARS

If you have a problem with vehicle parking, please call the Sheriff's Office first. If you have a problem with junk cars that are abandoned in your neighborhood please call the Kane County Health Department because it is a health problem. Their number is 630.208.3801.

RESURFACING PROJECT FOR THE SUMMER OF 2025

This year's list of streets that are being resurfaced is as follows: Courier Ave. (from Rt. 25 to Watska Ave.); Hillside Drive; Park Lane (from Rt. 31 to River Rd); River Rd; South Ln; Willow Dr. (Lane); Wood Ln; Ferson Creek Rd (from Red Haw Ln to dead end); Red Haw Ln; Thornapple Rd; Thornly Rd; Oak Ridge Ln; Wild Rose Ln; and Wild Rose Rd.

KANE COUNTY RECYCLING EVENTS

2025 EVENT DATES

April 5th, 9am - noon, "Electronics & More" pop-up

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

[Accepted Items](#)

April 19th, 11am - 1pm, "Electronics & More"

Peck Farm Park, 4038 Kaneville Rd., Geneva

[Accepted Items](#)

May 3rd, 9am - noon, "Electronics & More"

Carpenter Park (275 Maple Ave.), Carpentersville

[Accepted Items](#)

May 17th, 8am - noon, "Shred & More"

540 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles
Free document shredding for Kane County residents

June 7th, 9am - noon, "Electronics & More"

200 S. Lincolnway St., North Aurora

[Accepted Items](#)

July 19th, 8am - noon, Recycling Extravaganza!

540 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles
Free document shredding for Kane County residents

Aug. 2nd, 9am - noon, "Electronics & More"

1000 Bowes Rd., South Elgin

[Accepted Items](#)

Sept. 6th, 9am - noon, "Electronics & More"

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

Sept 27th, 8am - noon, "Shred & More"

540 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles

* Recycling fee may apply

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

WEBSITE: countyofkane.org/recycling

AEROSOL PRODUCTS & PROPANE CANISTERS

These products are accepted on specific dates as listed on the calendar.

- There is a cost to recycle these products, payable by the resident with cash or card. (Spray cans \$1 each, Small Propane Canisters \$3 each)
- Propane Canisters: only small camp-sized cans are accepted (14.1 oz - 16.4 oz) \$3/ea
- Spray paint, sealer, stains, rust control
- Insecticide, repellent, pesticide
- Inhalers (for asthma)
- Household cleaners, polishes, disinfectants, protectants
- Personal care products, for hair, face, and skin
- Cooking spray, food products, whipped cream
- Auto lubricant, starter fluid, tar remover, brake cleaner
- Please see online for the full list of accepted materials and cost.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Free confidential document shredding on specific dates as listed on the calendar.

- This free service provides on-site shredding trucks.
- Staples, paperclips, spiral bindings, file folders without metal, and envelope windows are fine to leave in. Please REMOVE all binder clips, three-ring plastic binders and any larger metal pieces.
- Please do not bring periodicals, magazines, and other paper that does not contain confidential information.
- We will receive documents for shredding only until the trucks are full, and may finish before 12pm.
- Quantity limit is approximately equal to 4 banker boxes (12"width x 16"depth x 10"height) full of residential documents (per vehicle).
- No business material will be accepted.
- This is a free public service for residents to have their confidential documents securely shredded. No businesses please.

ANNUAL RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

Check online in June for a full updated list of what we'll be taking. There will be NO DOCUMENT SHREDDING at this event.

LATEX PAINT

Paint recycling is offered on specific dates as listed on the calendar.

- Latex paint has a recycling fee per container, payable by the resident with cash or card. (Quart \$1; Gallon \$3; 2-gallon \$5; 5-gallon \$15)
- This program is for liquid latex paint, which is recycled into reusable product.
- Please do not bring dried out paint, which can be disposed of in your regular trash (a couple cans per week in the trash can).



800-892-0123 or 811 or
www.illinois1call.com

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

When you call for Service, provide:

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

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

Meeting Space is Available

The Donald E. Scheib Town Meeting Hall is available to local, not-for-profit, non-political groups and organizational meetings at nominal rates.

For more information contact Courtney Mills at 630-584-9342.

St. Charles Township Website

Visit our website at www.stcharlestownship.org
It contains information on all services that your Township offers you: from highway facts to the assessing of your property, to general assistance. It also has updates on meeting dates and times.



Fox River & Countryside
Phone: (630) 584-3473
Fax: (630) 584-8266
E-mail: info@frcfr.org

RURAL FIRE ADDRESS SIGNS

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We serve from two fire station locations:

- East area - Fire Station 1
34W500 Carl Lee Rd.
St. Charles, 60174
- West area - Fire Station 2
40W361 Rte. 64
St. Charles, 60174



www.kanehealth.com

For Veterans: www.hines.va.gov

KaneVax.org
855-452-6382

Kane County Vax Hub
501 N. Randall Rd
Batavia

Experience farm life! Explore restored farm buildings, visit with farm animals, stroll through 100+ acres of historic and modern rural landscapes and climb up on a vintage tractor near the fruit orchard. Exciting and educational activities await you in the farmyard! Drop-in programs offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, featuring hand-milking a Jersey cow, gathering eggs from the chicken coop, grooming a draft horse or feeding the animals. Sign up at www.primrosefarm.org/animal-adventures/



KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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Kane County Frequently Used Telephone Numbers

Note: All numbers are area code 630

Animal Control.....	232-3555
Circuit Court Clerk.....	232-3413
<i>FOR Court Dates, Traffic Tickets.</i>	
Kane County Clerk.....	232-5990
<i>FOR Birth Certificates, Marriage Licenses, Election Information, Business Registration, Passports, Tax Extensions</i>	
Development & Community Services.....	232-3480
<i>FOR Building Requirements & Permits, Planning & Special Projects, Community Service, Historic Preservation</i>	
Kane County Division of Transportation...	584-1170
Kane County Health Department.....	208-3801
<i>FOR Employment Verification, EEOP, ADA Complaints, Ethics Advisor</i>	
Dept of Human Resource Management...	232-3560
Kane County Purchasing.....	232-5929
Kane County Recorder.....	232-5935
Kane County Sheriff Non-Emergency.....	232-6840
Kane County Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.....	232-3440
<i>FOR Assessments, Exemptions, Property Search, Board of Review</i>	
Kane County Supervisor Of Assessments.....	208-3818
Kane County Veterans Assistance.....	232-3550

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

www.countyofkane.org/Pages/AZ-Services.aspx



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

Ride in Kane

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 \$2.00 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 be 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.



No act of kindness is too small!

Each February Random Acts Matter hosts a week dedicated to kindness. From February 17th - 23rd we invited the entire community to act with care, compassion and kindness during our 7th Annual Random Acts of Kindness week. Did you happen to notice messages of kindness on the orange Mendel can, street signs on Main St. bridge and yard signs around town?

The week was incredible! So many people shared so much kindness through acts large and small. The St. Charles Library created a list of recommended books about kindness, story time was dedicated to kindness and patrons drew ideas from a bucket for acts of kindness. People baked treats for those who serve our community including police, firefighters, Lazarus House staff, park district and the township office. Folks left treats for LRS and postal workers. Volunteers dropped off food items to the Veterans Center to assist our local veterans in need. Students and staff from Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative shared their kindness by collecting and organizing the donated items!

Folks volunteered at Northern Illinois Food Bank, distributed flowers, recognized local businesses and provided hot cocoa in the park on a chilly Sunday morning. D303 schools each participated in their own way, changing the community through acts of kindness. The seniors in senior living facilities around town kicked off the week by making valentines and then distributing them to seniors at another facility. It was an amazing way to start Random Acts of Kindness Week!

What can you do to spread kindness today? It's easy. Share a smile, open a door for someone, allow a car to merge in front of you, buy coffee for the person behind you in line. Find the thing that works for you and ACT! You will never know the impact you have on another person and the ripple of kindness you start!

Mark your calendars for our next Random Acts of Kindness Week scheduled for February 16th - 22nd 2026. If you would like to join our volunteer team or to nominate someone to receive an act of kindness and to learn more about Random Acts Matter please visit our website www.randomactsmatter.com.



Lazarus House - **Community based support** honoring the **dignity** of all.

Homelessness among families is rising nationwide and it is no different here in St. Charles. Many families are living on incomes that fall short of what is needed for stable housing in central Kane County. A lost job, reduced work hours, family conflict, an unexpected expense, or violence in the home can push households into homelessness.

Lazarus House has been blessed to step in and help these families by offering emergency shelter, transitional living and homeless prevention programs to individuals from Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles and western rural Kane County.

This trend is not going away, in just the first nine months of the current fiscal year, the number of children served (41) has already surpassed the total from the previous year (37). With no end in sight as rents continue to rise in central Kane County, Lazarus House remains committed to providing shelter and services to all our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

In total last fiscal year, Lazarus House provided shelter to 175 individuals for a total of 18,178 nights of shelter and over 54,534 meals to those in the community in need. Our Homeless Prevention Services assisted in helping 112 individuals avoid homelessness with one-time rental or utility assistance.

Lazarus House is grateful to be part of such a compassionate community where neighbors help neighbors. If someone you know needs shelter, encourage them to call 630-587-2144.

If you are in a position to donate please find a list of urgent need items at www.lazarushouse.net/donate-2.

Your generosity keeps this lifeline open for those in need - thank you for making a difference!

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.



Cemetery	Location	Founded	Township Owned & Maintained Since
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.