



# St. Charles

Chamber of Commerce

## City of St. Charles



2018 was packed with news from the City. It looks like there is no slowing down for 2019. Here are some highlights of what's in store for this year:

### Community & Economic Development

- **First Street** – The remaining riverwalk and east plaza are being designed and will be constructed. Discussions are underway with potential developers for the remaining buildings in the project at: the southwest corner of Illinois & First Streets, the northeast corner of Rt. 31 & Illinois Street, and east of the Blue Goose on First Street.
- **Comprehensive Plan** – The City will update its Comprehensive Plan for the downtown. This will reflect the redevelopment that has occurred and identify other redevelopment opportunities. We will seek public input in the first half of 2019.

### Finance

- Work to implement the “St. Charles Initiative” with the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley. The Initiative offers a new approach to help pay for capital projects, programs and other improvements with private donations.

### Police

- Finish the construction and move into the new [Police Station](#) in late 2019.

### Public Works

- The Electric Utility will continue replacing existing street lights with LED lights which use 1/3 less energy.

### Special Recognition

- This year, we will celebrate the [185th Anniversary of St. Charles](#). We will be sharing stories from our rich history all year long.
- October 3-5, 2019, St. Charles will host the [America in Bloom](#) Symposium. 300 to 400 attendees from participating cities around the country will come to St. Charles for the program.

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