

Appendix A:
Description of Public Assistance Programs

Public Assistance Programs

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

The WIC Program prescribes and pays for nutritious foods to supplement the diets of pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children up to five years of age, who qualify as "nutritionally at-risk," based on a medical and nutrition assessment, and state income guidelines (185% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines). These services are provided through contracts with county and city health departments, community health centers, community action agencies and hospitals. WIC also has contracts with retail grocers and pharmacies to provide the prescribed supplemental foods. The WIC Program provides nutrition education to program participants; breastfeeding counseling and support to pregnant women and new mothers on the program; conducts immunization screenings and referrals to assure children are age-appropriately immunized; nutrition counseling to special needs populations; and referrals to health care providers. The WIC program in St. Charles County is administered by the St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment.

Food Stamp Program

The Food Stamp Program funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, helps low-income households buy the food they need for a nutritionally adequate diet. Families buy approved food items in authorized retail food stores with government-provided coupons and electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards. Specific income and work status requirements must be met for eligibility. The program is operated by state and local welfare offices, and the federal government oversees the state operation of the program.

Medicaid

Medicaid is a program that pays for medical assistance for certain individuals and families with low incomes and resources. This program became law in 1965 and is jointly funded by the federal and state governments to provide medical and long-term care assistance to people who meet certain eligibility criteria. Medicaid is the largest source of funding for medical and health-related services for people with limited income. Populations eligible for Medicaid include pregnant women; children and teenagers; aged, disabled, and/or blind; refugees, and families with very low income.

Appendix B:

**Unintentional Injuries
St. Charles County & Missouri
1999-2001**

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Mechanism	Under 1		Age 1-4		Age 5-9		Age 10-14		Age 15-24		Age 25-44		Age 45-64		Age 65+		All Ages		
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Abuse/ Neglect/Rape	County	2	@	15	29.6	18	25.4	17	23.3	34	30.5	65	23.4	9	4.9	1	@	161	18
	State	359	158.2	930	105.2	784	65.8	810	65.8	1666	70.8	2792	57.3	458	12.2	71	3.1	7870	47.6
Cut/Pierce	County	24	192.1	450	887.4	668	942.2	845	1156.7	2130	1910.2	3706	1332.7	1683	907.4	422	553.1	9928	1138.0
	State	615	270.9	9541	1079.7	13604	1141.2	15844	1286.9	42871	1822.5	66719	1370.4	28217	748.9	9199	406.2	186620	119.9
Drowning	County	2	@	6	11.8	5	7.1	2	@	3	@	7	2.5	2	@	1	@	28	3.1
	State	24	10.6	128	14.5	75	6.3	78	6.3	101	4.3	104	2.1	30	0.8	14	0.6	554	3.4
Fall/Jump	County	412	3297.6	3160	6231.8	2516	3548.6	2524	3455.1	2413	2164.0	4409	1585.5	3330	1795.3	3927	5146.8	22694	2779.2
	State	6965	3068.5	50722	5739.7	43383	3639.4	42697	3489.9	52475	2230.8	94808	1947.3	70510	1871.4	117253	5177.8	479128	2831.7
Fire/Burn	County	28	224.1	217	427.9	70	98.7	71	97.2	382	342.6	483	173.7	176	94.9	40	52.4	1467	168.2
	State	1014	446.7	4710	533	1707	143.2	1746	141.8	7621	324.0	11587	238.0	4432	117.6	1453	64.2	34271	506.6

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Firearm	County	0	@	1	@	0	@	1	@	21	18.8	35	12.6	11	5.9	3	@	72	8.4
	State	4	@	21	2.4	40	3.4	215	17.5	2007	85.3	1905	39.1	435	11.5	127	5.6	4756	28.5
Machinery	County	0	@	10	19.7	4	@	9	12.3	116	104.0	229	82.3	135	72.8	34	44.6	537	63.1
	State	3	@	152	17.2	135	11.3	281	22.8	3023	128.5	6059	124.5	3387	89.9	1334	58.9	14377	85.9
Motor Vehicle Traffic	County	13	104	124	244.5	261	368.1	359	491.4	3604	18.8	3582	1288.1	1421	766.1	382	500.7	9746	1145.3
	State	498	219.4	3522	398.5	7092	594.9	9950	808.2	79971	3144.6	77967	1601.4	32235	855.5	12720	561.7	217983	1302.6
Motor Vehicle Non-Traffic	County	0	@	113	222.8	650	916.8	770	1054.0	347	3232.1	457	164.3	184	99.2	44	57.7	2565	277.4
	State	32	14.1	2590	293.1	11135	934.1	13102	1064.2	9756	414.7	10365	212.9	4184	111.0	1320	58.3	52490	315.1
Other Transport	County	0	@	14	27.6	29	40.9	100	136.9	101	311.2	115	41.4	33	17.8	5	6.6	397	44.3
	State	6	2.6	133	15.1	451	37.8	747	60.7	1024	43.5	1287	26.4	560	14.9	175	7.7	4384	26.3
Weather/Wildlife	County	30	240.1	421	830.2	382	538.8	285	390.1	452	90.6	957	344.1	487	262.6	155	203.1	3169	360.2
	State	32	14.1	2590	293.1	11135	934.1	13102	1064.2	9756	414.7	10365	212.9	4184	111.0	1320.0	58.3	52490.0	315.1

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Weather/ Wildlife	County	30	240.1	421	830.2	382	538.8	285	390.1	452	90.6	957	344.1	487	262.6	155	203.1	3169	360.2
	State	824	363	10867	1229.7	9541	800.4	6785	551.1	12148	516.4	22396	460	333.3	6078	268.4	81200	488	
Over- exertion	County	28	224.1	423	834.2	270	380.8	957	1310.0	2021	405.4	3654	1314.0	1479	797.4	343	449.5	9179	1052.3
	State	385	169.6	5129	580.4	4704	394.6	15576	1265.1	41579	1767.6	69579	1432.8	25855	686.2	8027	354.5	171020	1026.7
Poison/ Gas	County	36	288.1	276	544.3	33	46.5	112	153.3	416	1812.5	520	187.0	167	90	76	99.6	1636	189
	State	637	280.6	5523	625	862	72.3	1880	152.7	8460	359.6	13302	273.2	5158	136.9	2003	88.5	37833	228.1
Struck-by / against	County	93	744.4	1655	3263.8	1860	2623.4	2833	3878.1	4253	373.1	4416	1588	1448	780.7	420	550.5	16978	1913.7
	State	1971	868.3	24594	2783.1	30307	2542.4	46476	3774.9	82084	3489.5	88627	1820.4	28645	760.3	9606	424.2	312320	1876.9
Suffocate/ Hang	County	8	64	21	41.4	2	@	5	6.87	2	@	6	2.2	4	@	7	9.2	55	6.5
	State	234	103.1	631	71.4	113	9.5	79	6.4	154	6.5	266	5.5	209	5.5	401	17.7	2087	12.5
TOTAL	County	676	5410.6	6906	13619.2	6768	9545.7	8890	12169.4	16295	14613.7	22641	8141.8	10569	5698.2	5860	7680.2	78612	9166.7
	State	13571	5978.8	119193	13487.9	123933	10396.6	156536	12714.2	338940	14408.6	467943	9611.5	216873	5756.0	169781	7497.4	1606893	9599.6

Table: Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Information Management and Evaluation. Rates are age adjusted per 100,000 using the 2000 standard population. Rates in bold indicate a higher rate in St. Charles County than in the State of Missouri. @ indicates numerator (less than 20 events) is too small for rate comparisons.

Appendix C:

Years of Potential Life Lost (YPLL) Calculations

**YEARS OF POTENTIAL LIFE LOST (YPLL)
St. Charles County, 1992-2002**

Cause of Death:

CANCER

Age Category	Number of Deaths	*	Average YPLL	Age-Specific YPLL
Under 15	19	*	68	1,292
15-24	19	*	55	1,045
25-44	237	*	40	9,480
45-65	1,213	*	20	24,260
Over 65	2,710	*	5	13,550
Total	4,198		//////////	49,627

Cause of Death:

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

Age Category	Number of Deaths	*	Average YPLL	Age-Specific YPLL
Under 15	13	*	68	884
15-24	4	*	55	220
25-44	113	*	40	4520
45-65	747	*	20	14940
Over 65	4,057	*	5	20285
Total	4,934		//////////	40,849

Cause of Death:

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES

Age Category	Number of Deaths	*	Average YPLL	Age-Specific YPLL
Under 15	24	*	68	1,632
15-24	97	*	55	5,335
25-44	132	*	40	5,280
45-65	71	*	20	1,420
Over 65	36	*	5	180
Total	360		//////////	13,847

Cause of Death:

SUICIDE

Age Category	Number of Deaths	*	Average YPLL	Age-Specific YPLL
Under 15	4	*	68	272
15-24	53	*	55	2,915
25-44	144	*	40	5,760
45-65	94	*	20	1,880
Over 65	41	*	5	205
Total	336		//////////	11,032

**Cause of Death:
OTHER ACCIDENTS/ADVERSE
EFFECTS**

Age Category	Number of Deaths	*	Average YPLL	Age-Specific YPLL
Under 15	27	*	68	1,836
15-24	22	*	55	1,210
25-44	84	*	40	3,360
45-65	61	*	20	1,220
Over 65	213	*	5	1,065
Total	407		//////////	8,691

**Cause of Death:
ILLNESS IN EARLY INFANCY**

Age Category	Number of Deaths	*	Average YPLL	Age-Specific YPLL
Under 1	101	*	74	7,474
Under 15	0	*	68	0
15-24	0	*	55	0
25-44	0	*	40	0
45-65	0	*	20	0
Over 65	0	*	5	0
Total	101		//////////	7,474

**Cause of Death:
CONGENITAL ANOMALIES**

Age Category	Number of Deaths	*	Average YPLL	Age-Specific YPLL
Under 15	87	*	68	5,916
15-24	6	*	55	330
25-44	11	*	40	440
45-65	12	*	20	240
Over 65	10	*	5	50
Total	126	*	//////////	6,976

**Cause of Death:
HOMICIDE**

Age Category	Number of Deaths	*	Average YPLL	Age-Specific YPLL
Under 15	12	*	68	816
15-24	13	*	55	715
25-44	32	*	40	1,280
45-65	13	*	20	260
Over 65	5	*	5	25
Total	75		//////////	3,096

**Cause of Death:
CHRONIC PULMONARY DISEASE**

Age Category	Number of Deaths	*	Average YPLL	Age-Specific YPLL
Under 15	1	*	68	68
15-24	3	*	55	165
25-44	12	*	40	480
45-65	119	*	20	2,380
Over 65	709	*	5	3,545
Total	844		//////////	6,638

**Cause of Death:
DIABETES**

Age Category	Number of Deaths	*	Average YPLL	Age-Specific YPLL
Under 15	0	*	68	0
15-24	0	*	55	0
25-44	15	*	40	600
45-65	104	*	20	2,080
Over 65	283	*	5	1,415
Total	402		//////////	4,095

**Cause of Death:
PNEUMONIA & INFLUENZA**

Age Category	Number of Deaths	*	Average YPLL	Age-Specific YPLL
Under 15	1	*	68	68
15-24	1	*	55	55
25-44	10	*	40	400
45-65	38	*	20	760
Over 65	574	*	5	2,870
Total	624		//////////	4,153

**Cause of Death:
AIDS**

Age Category	Number of Deaths	*	Average YPLL	Age-Specific YPLL
Under 15	1	*	68	68
15-24	2	*	55	110
25-44	52	*	40	2,080
45-65	4	*	20	80
Over 65	2	*	5	10
Total	61		//////////	2,348

Appendix D:

Community Health Resources

This listed was compiled from the two following resources:

Community Council of St. Charles County
<http://www.communitycouncilstc.org>

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University of Missouri Extension, Community Connection
<http://www.communityconnection.org>

Facility/Organization	Location	Phone	Internet	Description of Services
11th Circuit CASA Program	St. Charles	636-949-3040	www.osca.state.mo.us	Advocacy and support for children who have been abused or neglected and are before the Juvenile Division of Family Court
11th Judicial Circuit Family Court Division	St. Charles	636-949-3040		Jurisdiction over children needing protective services, information on victims' rights, escorts to court, and referral services
4-H Youth Development	St. Peters	636-970-3000	http://outreach.missouri.edu/stcharles/4-h.shtml	Educational programs to enhance leadership skills, self-esteem, communication, and decision making skills for youth
Alternatives to Abuse and Violence	St. Charles	636-949-9940		Education for abusive men, analysis of violent behaviors, education on alternatives to abusive behavior in intimate relationships
American Association of University Women	St. Charles	636-946-7368	http://www.aauw.org	Promote equality for women through education, self-development, and positive social change
American Cancer Society	O'Fallon St. Charles	636-379-8971 636-947-1448	www.cancer.org	Self-help groups, counseling for patients and families, early detection education, cancer patient transportation
American Red Cross	St. Charles	636-397-1074	www.redcross.org	Crisis counseling and referral services, limited financial assistance, disaster response, CPR and safety training
Auxi Health of St. Louis, Inc	St. Charles	636-947-9700	www.athomealways.com	Home care programs and private duty services
Baue Funeral Homes	St. Charles	636-946-4042	www.baue.com	Death and grief education and support programs
Barnes-Jewish Hospitals	St. Peters	636-916-9000	www.bjshp.org	Health education, nutrition counseling, CPR/1st aid/Safety classes, support groups, Health Wise Center
Berry Organizational & Leadership Development	St. Charles County	636-798-3031		Provide organizational services to small, mid-sized businesses; survey development process; statistical and quantitative/qualitative analysis.
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of St. Charles County	St. Charles	636-939-2227	www.bbbsemo.org	Mentor match to children in need of positive role models
BJC Home Care Services	St. Charles	888-BJC-HOME	www.bjc.org	Home health care services
Boone Center	St. Peters	636-978-4300	www.boonecenter.com	Workshop for those with mental and physical disabilities
Boonslick State School	St. Peters	636-441-6465	http://www.dese.state.mo.us/divs/peced/stateschools	State school for severely handicapped, ages 5-21 years
Boys and Girls Club	St. Charles	636-946-6255	http://www.technmotion.com/bgjlichen	Educational, recreational, and youth development programs
Bridgeway Counseling	O'Fallon	636-240-9150		Residential and outpatient drug and alcohol treatment/counseling
Tri-County Citizens Advisory Board	St. Charles	636-949-9940	www.bridgeway.com	Supports, advises, and assists in the expansion of services to enhance offender re-entry into society
Center for Hearing and Speech	St. Louis	314-968-4710	www.hearing-speechstlouis.org	Provides hearing evaluations, hearing aid services, and language pathology services

Facility/Organization	Location	Phone	Internet	Description of Services
CenterPointe Hospital	St. Charles	636-441-7300	http://www.bhcspiritofstlouis.com	Hospital and residential treatment for children and adolescents who have emotional, psychiatric, and behavioral disorders
Child Day Care Association	St. Charles	636-896-9031		Aids families in finding day care for children, provide workshops and trainings on work and family issues
Children First	Wentzville	636-332-8000		Education for parents on the emotional needs of children in families going through a divorce
Children's Home Society of Missouri	St. Charles	636-940-1119	www.chsmo.com	Pregnancy counseling and adoption services, residential and respite care for children with developmental disabilities who are non-ambulatory and have fragile medical conditions
Church of Christ-Mid Rivers Christ Church	St. Peters	636-278-3000	www.midriverscc.org	Food to those in need
Church on the Rock We Care	St. Peters	636-240-7775	www.cotr.com	Basic needs assistance for those in need
Community Living, Inc	St. Charles	636-970-2800	www.cliservices.org	Provides respite, residential, recreation, adult day and employment services to those with developmental disabilities
Connections to Success	St. Charles	636-940-8027		Aid low-income women transition into the workforce, provide professional and career development training for women, provide faith and family mentoring, provide safe, reliable automobiles to low-income families
Crider Institute for Mental Health	Wentzville	636-332-6000	www.cridcenter.org	Child and adult psychiatric services and case management, crisis intervention
Crisis Nursery	St. Charles	636-947-0600	www.crisisnurserykids.com	Respite care and emergency shelter for children up to 9 years of age, support to families in crisis
Delta Center for Independent Living	St. Charles	636-926-8761	www.dcil.org	Training and skills development, housing assistance, and advocacy for those with disabilities
Developmental Disabilities Resource Board	St. Charles	636-939-3351	www.ddirb.org	Advocacy and funding source for agencies that provide services for those with developmental disabilities
Discovery Church	O'Fallon	636-978-8463	www.dconline.org	Food pantry
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	St. Charles	636-940-3300	http://www.vr.dese.state.mo.us/vr/co/VRWebsite.nsf/web/VRStChar?opendocument	Provide employment assistance for those with mental/physical disabilities
Emmaus House, Inc	St. Charles	636-946-6144	www.emmaushomes.org	Provide support to adults with developmental disabilities, residential support, community access, job skills training, personal living skills
Epilepsy Foundation	St. Charles	800-264-6970	www.stl-epil.org	Advocacy organization for those with epilepsy
Family Life Counseling	Dardenne Prairie	636-561-4347		Counseling and education services for individuals, couples, and families
Family Support Services	O'Fallon	636-949-2546	www.familysupportserves.org	Provides after school and summer programs and camps and temporary respite care for middle and high school teens with mental or developmental disabilities, Provides one on one active case management and outreach to support mentally ill adults

Facility/Organization	Location	Phone	Internet	Description of Services
First Assembly of God	St. Charles	636-946-1912	http://www.stcharlesassembly.org	Food distribution to families in need
First Baptist Church Harvester	St. Charles	636-447-5123		Food pantry
Four Seasons Residential Care	St. Charles	636-366-4231		Residential care for those with mental disabilities
Goodtimers	St. Peters	636-938-0415	http://www.newcomersclub.com/mo.html#St.%20Charltes	Women's service organization to help new residents become familiar with new homes and communities
Grace Gospel Temple Church	St. Charles	636-723-1706		Food assistance for those in need
Grace Hill	St. Charles	636-940-0659	www.gracehill.org	Member organized resource exchange, medical services to the homeless, drop in day care, summer camps, parenting classes, support groups, wellness education
Habitat for Humanity St. Charles County	St. Charles	636-949-5508	www.habitatstcc.org	Volunteer organization that builds homes for low-income families
Healthy Communities St. Charles County	St. Charles	636-410-0383	www.healthycommunitiescc.org	Community organization that seeks to improve and promote the health and quality of life of St. Charles County residents. Task forces include: Alcohol, and Other Drugs, Diversity, Environment, Family Violence, HandWashing, Head Injury Prevention, Healthy Active Youth, Heart Health and Fitness, Senior Services, Suicide Prevention, Teen Pregnancy and STD Prevention, and Tobacco
Housing Authority of St. Charles City	St. Charles	636-946-6577		Provides subsidized housing for low-income, disabled persons, and seniors in the City of St. Charles, Family Self-Sufficiency Program and Public Housing Drug Elimination Program
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church	O'Fallon		http://www.catholicforum.com/churches/156ic	Basic needs assistance
Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church	St. Charles	636-949-8242	www.kirkofthehills.org	Food bank
Leftovers Etc.	St. Peters	636-946-9779	http://www.wyieworld.com/oldstatefarms/leftovers_etc.htm	Household and industrial materials drop-off and redistribution center, provides material for teaching aids and crafts to area educators and social organizations, video lending library on environmental education
Loaves and Fishes	St. Charles	314-291-3857		Van service for seniors and the disabled, transportation to meal sites and medical appointments
La Leche League of St. Charles County	St. Charles	636-946-4404 636-946-3475	www.lalecheleague.org	Provide mother to mother support, encouragement, and educational information to promote better understanding of the benefits of breastfeeding

Facility/Organization	Location	Phone	Internet	Description of Services
Living Lord Lutheran Church	Lake St. Louis	636-327-7729	www.livinglord.org	Food pantry
Love, Inc	Wentzville	636-332-5127		Emergency assistance for low- to mid-income families with basic needs, life management skills, family activities
MERS-Metro Employment and Rehabilitation Service	St. Charles	636-946-7559		Provide training and job placement for those with disabilities
MidEast Area Agency on Aging-Senior Centers	St. Charles	636-949-0658	www.mid-eastaaa.org	Hot meals served at senior centers, home delivered meals to eligible homebound, educational, recreational, and health programs
	St. Peters	636-278-2410		
	O'Fallon	636-272-4180		
	Wentzville	636-327-8720		
MidWest Health Center	Lake St. Louis	636-561-2769		Primary health care for those un- and under-insured
Midwest OB/GYN Associates, Ltd.	Lake St. Louis	636-561-8088	www.midwestob-gyn.com	Provide primary care for the un- and under-insured
Missouri Career Center, Division of Workforce Development		636-940-3187	http://www.ded.mo.gov/employment/workforcedevelopment	Job referrals and placements, veteran placement services, labor market information
Missouri Division of Family Services	St. Charles	636-946-7200	http://www.dss.mo.gov/fsd	Assistance in finding child care for low income families and abused and neglected children, provide benefits to families with needy children, provides adoption services, education and job training to families
Mt. Zion Baptist Church Pantry	St. Charles	636-946-4719		Food assistance for those in need
Narcotics Anonymous - St. Charles Area		314-830-3232	www.showmerso.org/stc.asp	Self-help/support program for persons who desire to stop using drugs and alcohol
New Hope Outreach	St. Charles	636-947-0755	http://www.geocities.com/pastormary	Counseling services for abusive men and abused women, marital crisis, and alcohol and drug abuse
NorthEast Community Action Corporation, St. Charles County Office	St. Charles	636-272-3477	www.communityaction.org	Employment and Training, Energy Crisis Intervention, Family Development, Family Planning/WIC, Family Self- Sufficiency, Family Support, Housing Rental Assistance, Housing Preservation, In-Home Services, Outreach, Weatherization, Foster Grandparent, Self-Help Housing, Housing Development Projects

Facility/Organization	Location	Phone	Internet	Description of Services
OASIS (Outreach Assistance)	St. Charles	636-723-0037		Food provided to those in need. Assistance provided on a monthly basis.
Oasis of Love	St. Charles	636-947-0774		Soup kitchen and food pantry
Organized Alternative Transportation Services - OATS		800-201-6287		Provide transportation for those over 60 years and those with physical disabilities over 18 years
Parents as Teachers	St. Charles	636-928-9469		
Pathways Group Home	O' Fallon	636-443-4056	www.patnc.org	Early childhood parent education and family support program
Pinnocchio Program	Wentzville	636-332-6000	www.cridercenter.org/pinocchi.htm	Residential care facility for mentally ill adults
Planned Parenthood	St. Charles	636-926-2070	www.ppslr.org	Provide screening in schools to identify children having school adjustment difficulties
Preferred Family Health Center	St. Charles	636-946-6376		Family Planning, reproductive health services, health education
Prevention Education Resource Center	Wentzville	636-332-8000		Primary health care for those un- and under-insured
Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis	St. Louis	314-726-6044	www.stlouis.missouri.org/reccouncil	Provides educational programs to prevent the onset of behavioral or emotional disorders and to promote positive mental health for children, adolescents, and parents
Riverside Community Church	St. Charles	636-916-5220	http://www.riversidechurchstc.org	Coordinates recreational activities for persons in the St. Louis area with disabilities, provides training and referral program, educational presentations, and achievement awards
Salvation Army	St. Charles	636-946-7966	www.salvationarmystlouis.org	Food and utility payment assistance for those in need
St. Charles Area Transit (SCAT)	St. Charles	636-946-3243	www.stcharlescity.com	Food pantry, homeless/emergency shelter, basic needs assistance, individual and family counseling
St. Charles County Catholic Family and Community Services	St. Peters	636-498-2273	http://www.ccstl.org/cfs	Provides bus transportation to area residents, free for those under 6 years, \$.25/ride for those with disabilities or those over 62 years, \$.50/ride for all others
Community Services of Missouri	St. Peters	636-441-9002		Basic needs assistance
				Provide alcohol and drug education through Substance Abuse and Traffic Offenders Program (SATOP) and Alcohol and Drug Education Program, Offers classes on domestic violence, gambling addiction, and batterer's intervention

Facility/Organization	Location	Phone	Internet	Description of Services
St. Charles County Council of the Blind	St. Charles	636-946-2225	http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/2518	Advocacy organization to meet the needs of those who are blind living in St. Charles County
St. Charles County Department of Community Health & the Environment	St. Charles	636-949-7400	www.scchealth.org	Offers numerous public health and environmental health services and programs along with humane services and emergency management. Services include immunizations, WIC, restaurant inspections, mosquito control, STD prevention and treatment, vital records, recycling, solid waste management, pet adoption services, etc.
St. Charles Habilitation Center	St. Charles	636-926-1300		Intermediate care for those with mental developmental disabilities
St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Board	St. Charles	636-949-7535	http://www.stccparks.org	Coordinates and offers recreational activities for persons of all ages
St. Charles Presbyterian Church	St. Charles	636-946-4467		Offers one-time financial assistance with food, rent, and utilities to those in need
St. Charles County Regional Child Assessment Center	Wentzville	636-332-0899		Offers a multidisciplinary approach to facilitate the investigation, detection, treatment, and prevention of child physical and sexual abuse
St. Charles County YMCA	St. Peters	636-928-1928	http://www.ymcastlouis.org/stcharles/home.html	Provide variety of recreational, educational, social, and wellness programs for people of all ages
	Wentzville	636-332-5574		
	O'Fallon	636-379-0092		
Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service	St. Charles	636-441-1302	http://www.stsjoachimandannparish.org	Provide basic needs assistance, emergency shelter, food pantry, social justice education program
St. Joseph Health Centers	St. Charles	636-947-5000	www.ssmstjoseph.com	
	Lake St. Louis	636-625-5200		Full service hospitals, also offer variety of community health and wellness programs
	Wentzville	636-327-1000		
St. Peters Church, St. Vincent de Paul Society	St. Peters	636-946-6641		Provide basic needs assistance for those in need
SHARE - Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support, Inc.	St. Charles	636-947-6164	www.nationalshareoffice.com	Offers group support to families who have experienced the loss of a baby

Facility/Organization	Location	Phone	Internet	Description of Services
Sunrise United Methodist Church	O'Fallon	636-978-2727		Provides one on one crisis support for persons going through difficult situations
Therapeutic Horsemanship	St. Charles	636-332-4940	http://www.horsesfortherapy.net	Offers riding lessons as physical and psychological therapy for individuals with disabilities
Transfiguration Episcopal Church	Lake St. Louis	636-561-8951		Parish healthy ministry promotes community development through awareness of mind, body, and spirit
Truth and Legal Consequences of Missouri, Inc	St. Charles	636-949-0010	www.familylegal.com	Aims to promote common understanding of juvenile and adult criminal law and involve communities in the prevention of criminal activity through education
United Services for the Handicapped	St. Peters/O'Fallon	636-926-2700	www.unitedsvcs.org	Therapeutic center for children with special needs
Unity Health Care	St. Peters			Provides ambulatory and urgent care, nursing care, occupational therapy, and home health services
University of MO Outreach and Extension	St. Peters	636-970-3000	www.outreach.missouri.edu/stcharles	youth and family development, nutrition, consumer education, community and economic development
Volunteers in Medicine	St. Charles	636-724-4848		Primary health care for those un- and under-insured
Wentzville Community Club	Wentzville	636-327-6358		Community service organization operated by volunteers in west St. Charles County
Wentzville United Methodist Church Adopt-A-Family	Wentzville	636-327-6377	http://www.gbqm-umc.org/wentzville	Basic needs assistance, help families become self-sufficient
Willows Way	St. Charles	636-947-6591	http://www.willowsway.org	Provider of supported living, respite and employment services for those with developmental disabilities
Women's Center	St. Charles	636-946-6854; 24-hour crisis line		Intervention services for abusive men, residential programs for women and children who are victims of domestic violence
Youth in Need	St. Charles	636-946-3771	www.youthinneed.com	Emergency shelter for youth, community outreach programs, early childhood education, counseling and youth education, youth job preparation

Appendix E:
Comments from the
Community Health Needs Survey

St. Charles Community Survey

Community Concerns

Comments

Following the section in which respondents indicated their perception of identified community issues, they were invited to comment on any other community concerns they might have. These comments are listed here in general categories, and comments were not altered for grammar mistakes. It is important to include all aspects of the comments including these errors.

When comments identify a specific individual or private company, those individual identifiers have been removed and replaced with more general terms or _____.

While the comments are very valuable in shedding additional light on the concerns and ideas of the respondents, it is important to note that each comment reflects only the opinion of an individual, who may or may not be well informed as to the actual status of a community problem.

Code Enforcement; Planning and Zoning
Community work as traveling 1,152 homes for violating on vehicles, unlicensed, no licenses cutting common grounds behind house (2.5 acres). Noisy vehicles in our subdivision (radios) and speeding. Tee groups in parts of subdivision at Lymes.
Crime and Violence
It is troubling that the county plans on spending an ever increasing amount of money to lock people up for criminal actions. Aren't there better ways of intervention for these people?
I really like living in St. Charles but the crime rate is starting to scare me. We are thinking of relocating.
I have not experienced discrimination personally but members of my faith community have and hate crimes are increasing.
Children, Youth and Family Issues
We moved here to St Charles Sept '62, because my husband was hired by McDonnell aircraft. The Niagara Falls Buffalo Area suffered a job depression. I'm so thankful that my husband discovered the City of St Charles to live. Sept of '67 we moved into a house.

Some areas were duplicated it seemed...individual and family response to the same questions. This is not a short survey.
I would like to see the accumulated results of this survey published.
All very interesting topics.
Questions 78 - 79 do not make sense between the statement and response. What is the question.
The family section is difficult to answer if you are the only one in the family. Please give my voucher to some one at Youth In Need.
You didn't have enough "Doesn't apply to me" for a single person.
Too Many Questions of the Same Thing
Thanks For Asking!!!
I am 89 year old and live at Parkside _____ for 17 years. A lot of these questions did not apply to me.
Is this section asking us how we view each issue in our community via reports, or have experienced personally, or something else? A little explanation would've helped...
Survey is too long.
The survey is very much in detail. Maybe the answers will help you along with other's and help see what services is good for our community. Anything positive is great. Thank you very much.
Great idea to ask these questions. Should be done yearly.
Questions, too many vague
Thank you for the opportunity to participate. Would appreciate it if a summary of the survey be made available to all who are working to make our community better!
I do feel that this survey still needs to be in the Journal. I speak with numerous folks who do not have access to nor can afford a computer. Elderly individuals (and I am 55) have a great resistance to move into the computer age.
I really don't think that a household income question is very appropriate.

Survey was a bit long and some what redundant. What are your expectations? Will we see the results?
Some questions are misleading and some repeated but mostly O.K., and interesting. Thanks Healthy Communities. When will a report on these statistics come out. Among my acquaintances there is not much comment about H.C.
This was an excellent survey. I will encourage others that I know to submit their response to this survey. Thank you for asking for our input.
Good luck with your questionnaires and information gathering. Survey was fun.
Hope my answers help.
Want Rascal Baseball tickets, send self addressed stamped envelope. Ha Ha.
This is an excellent idea keep up the good work.
I feel like this survey is a kind of discrimination.
If this is one of the first 1000 surveys collected, please give the tickets to someone who is more likely to use them.
Very long survey that got very personal
Do not include rarely or never as one category because never means never!
Good Job!
Do not understand question 78. Some questions are too simplistic. Example #70-I feel that terrorism is a serious problem but not in O'Fallon. Some questions hard to answer. I am the caregiver for my wife who cannot care for herself.
Some of the question were good if you offer any help let people know. Some questions were crazy. Most of all it was a good survey.
Thank you all for the chance to speak my mind. May you all have a blessed Christmas. Have a good day.
Survey too long for only 2 tickets.
Whew. What a survey.
This is a very long survey!!
Too many questions. One page would have been fine. I won't take a 3 page survey again.
An opinion on all of these issues!!!!!! Do you want to know if I've experienced any of these things, or if I think the county has help available for each, or just do I think the problem exists?

A lot of the questions was asked more than one time.
Too many questions! I almost gave up.
My family in my house is only one person so maybe the family information in the survey does not apply.
Hope this isn't too late to be included. Thanks
Too lengthy. Some options inappropriate. Some information irrelevant to status in life.
I am new to O'Fallon, less than a year. Most if not all questions regarding my communities I do not know.
This represents only one person, me. I live alone, a senior citizen.
Survey much too long- I'd be surprised if you had many people respond.
Good survey.
You asked the same questions 20 or more times. Some of the questions are confusing.
Survey too long but hopefully good info is gathered. Thank you!
Too long.
Education
I would like to see programs for young children expanded due to so many young families. Such as Ft. Zumwalt school district having an early childhood center with pre-school & room for large meetings. Expand the Parents As Teachers program.
Schools need to be in session longer than 2-3 pm each day. Children can only be helped if schools teach more/stay open longer each day year round. Keep children in school-raise standards of excellence. Teach respect and accountability.
Our two younger children tell us about the bullying that goes on in middle and high school. They sometimes stand up for the victims but sometimes are afraid to. I work in elementary education and do not tolerate it if I see it happening.

Employment Issues
Other adult in home is adult child who was downsized out of a job in Nov 2002. Cannot find full time work- works as a temp and has no health insurance.
I feel a major amount of stress due to time requirements of my teaching job and the salaries paid to the teachers in the county. I often feel that there is not enough time in the day to accomplish all that I have to do.
Environmental Issues
Trash/litter is a major problem along St. Charles roads and intersections.
We are losing green space. People moved to St Charles because of the green space and now it is gone. So is St Andrews and St Charles golf courses. What a shame, I'll leave for more green space too.
Corporate greed as well as a disregard for the environment contributes to poor community health. We should require developers to retain trees and wildlife or face fines in excess of the additional cost of maintaining forest areas when they build.
Extremely poor air quality. Our local/state/federal leaders have an obligation to protect the public health of their citizens by eliminating poor air quality.
One of the greatest threats facing our county is the destruction and rape of our natural resources (green space, rivers, floodplain) by wealthy building companies who throw up huge housing developments without regard for the effect on natural resources.
I live in a town home community and we have no way to recycle. I would like to recycle more on a more regular basis. I just don't have the means to store it until I could take it to a recycling center.
Recycling is available only through our trash hauler at our expense and only for a limited number of items. The nearest recycle center is 12 miles away.
We live in the bluffs off Caulks Hill Rd & the waste treatment plant on Bottoms Rd is allowed to flood the fields with waste & stench is unbelievable. For those of us on the Bluffs, I'm afraid my property value has really gone down because of it.
Trash/Litter is a huge problem in St. Charles County and all the cities. Needs to be enforced to stop/slow it. Needs communities to have more organized clean-up and need incentives for businesses to clean-up. Road rage also a problem.
A bit more about hazardous waste disposal in St. Charles--there is no way to do it! Last fall ('03) I found two cans of kerosene/gasoline mix (we used with canoe motor) in our garage and wanted to dispose of them. I made 10-12 phone calls to Public Health and got nowhere.

#60- I think its great that O'Fallon has recycling. Its very convenient for our family to recycle. #61- As far as roads and safety, too many people are running red lights in St Charles Co. One of these days someone is going to get killed or seriously injured.
I am concerned about the number of people with cancer and auto immune disorders in the St Charles area. Does it have anything to do with the Weldon Springs site?
Need more information on who to contact on trash issues and other concerns on this list.
Restaurants could be a lot cleaner. Aldi Store on Mid-Rivers is not very clean. Valentis is not very clean.
Facilities & Programs for Those With Special Needs
Telling people with respiratory disabilities that their business is not wanted and they should go eat somewhere else is discrimination. If the disability were more visible and required a wheelchair, for example, these establishments would be required by the ADA to have these resources.
As a former staff member of a Mental Health Agency in Northwest Suburban Chicago, IL -- I am disappointed with the availability of public funding for Mental Illness and Developmental Disabilities. While I have learned that property taxes are collected for DD improvements.
I am a 67 yr old male widower who lives alone. This is a neighborhood of older adults. Most homes are over 30 yrs old. There are very few children under 21 in this area. Getting help with snow & ice removal in winter is a problem.
I have elderly grandparents who still live in their house in St. Peters. They would very much appreciate a meals on wheels type program. Our family has tried to find such a program with no success. If there is one available we would appreciate it being offered.
No homeless shelters for both men/or women.
St Charles County needs more professionals in the field of adult psychology.
Health and Medical Care
So far I am satisfied with my health benefits, but I do not know when I turn 65.
I only have Medicare A & B. If I had more insurance coverage, I'd get health check ups often. Since I don't have & feel that I can't afford extra coverage I just try to take care of myself.

Healthcare is a serious problem. I am on unemployment and bring home \$1000/month and am told I cannot qualify for Medicaid because I make too much. I need surgery on my throat and cannot get it because no insurance.
The nursing homes staff needs to be upgraded. The help in these homes need to have an opportunity to go to school in order to learn how to work with people in general. If the schools go under so will the value of property.
I was pleased that BJC was granted permission to build a new hospital. Was not happy with the present monopoly.
The cost of health care is outrageous! I may have to go back to work just to have health insurance.
I go outside the county for prenatal care & delivery. St. Charles county offers several hospitals with labor & delivery but none have very advanced Level 3 nursery care (if needed).
New resident with 6 months to St. Charles. Moved here because of poor health and to be close to 2 daughters who have lived here for 6 years. I live alone and have a husband at Garden View Nursing home. Care is draining and outrageous.
Our community is very obese and the majority of diseases associated with obesity are preventable. We need more opportunities for people to exercise and practice healthy living (walking trails -- better food choices in vending machines--employee incentive).
Health care is a big concern. If I didn't have small children there would be no way I could afford medical insurance.
Need more outpatient services along highway 40.
We do attend the health fairs of participating hospitals in this area. They are very useful. It is difficult to see a doctor if you are not a regular patient or need care without waiting a month. Perhaps the young people need more moms at home instead.
If hospitals and doctors offices would handle insurance claims properly it would solve a lot of problems.
We definitely need a dental clinic, health clinic, and birth control readily available for teens and up.
There were no questions about lack of access to dental care and clinics for people without insurance.
St. Charles County is one of the fattest counties. A countywide walking program with prizes would be a start. The hospitals in this region do not have the reputation that the St. Louis hospitals do. BJC in St. Peters is the worst hospital as far as patient care.
I feel there is a need for community health services for the needy and for affordable prescriptions.

<p>The only thing I thought while filling this out was that we are self-employed (not a choice offered to check & so we pay for our own health coverage). This is very expensive & is a big problem to people who want to venture into small business.</p>
<p>I had to take early retirement because of my health. I am a diabetic & my blood sugar & blood pressure was out of control because of my stressful job. Since I'm not 59 1/2 yrs. old I had a drastic cut in income & retirement doesn't qualify for unemployment.</p>
<p>Re: Health Care. My primary doctor is at Winghaven 1-2 times a week. All specialists are at St Luke's. Do most lab tests at Winghaven. Very convenient. Dentists are very expensive. On fixed income \$8,000 a year and very concerned with constant rise in taxes.</p>
<p>We need more orthodontists in our area.</p>
<p>Health care costs are a matter of increasing concern. Drug/long-term care costs are shocking. Our roads/sidewalks are falling apart. Drivers are running stop lights and speeding through subdivisions. The high-schoolers drive too fast through the subdivision</p>
<p>I am 57 and disabled. I have serious health problems. I'm afraid what will happen to me. Will I be able to get around? I can't afford medicines, dentist. Tried to get help fixing my trailer. Gave man \$150 to start. He hasn't come back. Have problems.</p>
<p>There are not enough female doctors with my hospital coverage in my county. When the Dr. writes prescriptions that are not covered by my insurance I have to take them back to get a new script. We need more parks and playgrounds and Metrolink in St. Charles.</p>
<p>Medical insurance, daycare & nursing homes are unaffordable to average families.</p>
<p>Per medical questions, we seek care for our children in St Louis county because of the specialist at Children's Hospital that we see on a regular basis.</p>
<p>In the individual section, I have no insurance through my job. I am fully covered under my husband's insurance for health and dental insurance</p>
<p>I have a sleeping disorder & I was always having accidents, because I would fall asleep behind the wheel. I lost my job, insurance & the rest of the benefits that come with a good job.</p>
<p>We need decent maternity care--there are too many OB/GYNs flooding the market! I would love to see true midwifery care available, instead of seeing it be illegal. Health stats prove it's safer. Let's see some Change!!</p>
<p>(1)Does not address those who pay for own insurance (health) and dental. (2) Do need medical care locally for those who do not have health insurance. (3)Need jobs that "pay" - not minimum wage.</p>

Housing and Neighborhoods

St. Charles County lacks affordable housing for single individuals who don't have two incomes coming into the household. The real estate is very unaffordable for someone who only makes \$30,000-35,000 annually. This makes me feel unwanted in a community.

#1 problem of St. Charles - affordable housing.

Speeding in residential areas is a very serious problem throughout the county.

People who are of low income need a place to live as the same as the affluent. If you put us in Lincoln or Warren County or even in Wentzville, it is a long expensive trip to work!!!!!!!!!!

Housing-Need more condo/townhouse residential options at affordable rates for retirees (esp. singles) on fixed/modest income.

I like living in St. Charles County but feel a plan for subdivisions needs to be in place. Connect subdivisions by paths. Make communities user friendly. 1. Bike paths 2. Walking paths. No need for children or adults to use busy streets.

Issues of Growth

With the population growing at a tremendous rate, roads and law enforcement are key towards saving lives.

Would like all the building of subdivisions along hwy P to STOP before we lose all of the *country atmosphere.* *The reason we moved here 19 yrs ago! Don't want a repeat of hwy K!

All the communities need to stop this unregulated unplanned growth at all cost. Need to refocus on quality and not quantity of people and businesses! Need to replace arrogant O'Fallon mayor and his yes men.

Local Government, Facilities

Very disgusted with St Charles City Gov. Most of them are deceitful with needless spending is their hallmark.

I have lived in O'Fallon, MO for exactly 1 yr. I would like to find more opportunities to become involved in my community.

We need better welcome wagon for new residents.

Police need to monitor drivers by high schools and throughout O'Fallon. Many teenagers are ignoring the rules of the road! Too much traffic in O'Fallon. Finish one project before starting another. Build up Rte. 79 side of town in O'Fallon.

St. Charles Co. currently being overdeveloped and rules governing development are lax (eg. housing near quarries & stadiums, flood plain land, etc.). Housing for low income folks is terrible, as is health care.

Item 78 is unclear. I believe that government does little collaboration. In fact, local, state, and federal play "party politics" and care more about elections than people. For the most part, St. Charles County is a great place to live, work, and play.

Husband and wife live in community. Adult son lives with us temporarily. We have noticed St. Peters seems to be "at war" constantly with the county and other communities. Family over the last 20 years has had some "encounters" with especially St. Peters Police.

It used to be a civilized community which has now turned into political chivalry but not for the good of the people. We the people cannot even vote for what we want but rely on a selfish few (with money) to dictate what we should see/do.

Until St Charles County realizes they must be a part of the St Louis region solutions, they will continue to be viewed as backward, blue-collar, snotty rednecks & as part of the problem.

I am white so I don't experience much racism until I go to St. Louis city or county. BUT - I know if you are BLACK and you are in O'Fallon you will get pulled over, your vehicle will be searched and you are up to no good and you've got drugs hidden.

O'Fallon sewer treatment plant reeks; all summer and winter long. Mosquitoes are horrible all summer.

Police enforcement of "red light runners" is non-existent.

Signed up for volunteer work for O'Fallon, never got called for anything!

Traffic law enforcement very poor. Drivers constantly driving through yellow light. Rolling stops. Speeding. See very few police in my area.

Police are no longer helpful. They are on a power trip. There is a double standard. I know of more than one incident seen first hand, of police drinking, and illegal gambling in O'Fallon, St. Peters, and St. Charles. There are no consequences for our Police.

We love living in St. Charles. Concerned about Political Structure of the Community. O'Fallon is being taken for a ride by _____ who will be gone when there is no additional land or hand-picked politicians for him to grow richer off of.

Personal/General Comments

I moved back here after leaving a job I loved in San Antonio. I left a beautiful affordable house a community I volunteered in the "barris" disease. I felt they needed someone who cares to help when they could & I did.

People need a way to collectively address issues they feel strongly about, without fear of arrest or being singled out. People don't get involved any more because they feel it would do no good and too many people are afraid to state their feelings.

I still volunteer in community where I previously lived - family ties there. Thanks!

My wife stays at home with our 4 children who are all under age 8. We live in St. Peters.

We've only lived in St. Charles county for 4 months.

Widower, 93, live alone. Don't want tickets.

Recreation

We need a teen club.

Community Information Question 6 - Arts & Culture are available in St. Louis. We need something here to bring in Broadway shows. Also, public transportation to get to those places in St. Louis would be a real benefit.

St. Charles County should have an amusement park. St. Charles County would support a Fine Arts Museum (I believe). School districts do not manage their finances very well, which in turn creates continuing requirements for tax increases. This is a major burden.

I think school coaches should do more for the sport than to get themselves ahead. Also I think they should play all players even if they aren't the best player, but made the team. A lot is bias towards parents and take it out on the players.

Religion, Morality, Spirituality

Christianity promotes healthy families, healthy communities and good quality of life overall. St. Charles County is blessed with an abundance of good Christian churches. The more cooperation between government, hospitals, colleges, universities, schools, the better.

I feel our country is declining in moral values. We need to put God back in our schools and put an end to abortion. We must stop killing innocent babies and make no mistake, it is murder.

Road and Driving Behavior
When granddaughter visits us, we make them wear: car seat belts, helmets and car seat for the 2 year old.
I consider speeding on city streets a serious problem.
Rudeness; Responsibility
People can be down right nasty at time. People are so self-centered. I recently went to Kicks 66 on 94 N and was very rudely treated because I laid my change on the counter instead of in her hand.
Satisfied with Community
We are a 4th generation family in St. Charles. From a farm community to a city and county that is the fastest growing in the country. I'm proud of St. Charles and hope the next generation keeps it growing and progressing. They will enjoy living here like we have.
I just moved here in the last year after working in St. Charles for 10 years, but living in St. Louis County. We have been pleasantly pleased with the people, businesses and utilities here in St. Charles. We wish we would have moved sooner.
I live in the area of my dreams. My child can go to any house in a several house radius & find a playmate in a safe environment. Her school is very community oriented and only a block from home. It has a wonderful "Leave it to Beaver" feel.
Just moved in county/region few months ago. Love it!
I wouldn't move back to St Louis, the quality of life in St Peters/ St Charles Co is too good.
We have lived in St. Peters since 1974. We have always been impressed with the city, also the Rec Plex. Our daughter lives in St Charles on Elm St. My healthcare providers are across the river, but our pcp is in St. Charles.
I love St. Charles County
My husband stepped on a rusty nail in our yard, after having a new roof placed on our house and I am very grateful for the St. Charles Department of Community Health. We were able to get a tetanus shot for free. I was so grateful that we sent in a donation.
A lot of the issues that were addressed do not impact me or my family at least at this time. We try to stay involved in the community issues, volunteering, etc. I believe that St. Charles is doing a good job.

STOP SMOKING!!! I would actively support non-smoking establishments.
I want to see a smoke-free environment in public buildings!
My family patronizes only smoke-free restaurants.
I agree with the smoking ban but several members of my family are smokers and would not support it.
I think making restaurants smoke free is a complete joke. Smokers should have just as many rights as non-smokers.
I am a non smoker, but I am tired of people deciding for me that I should not be exposed to smoke. If I have a concern about secondhand smoke I would avoid restaurants & bar that allow smoking.
I would strongly support St. Charles County going smoke-free in public places/ restaurants.
Smoking in food establishments should be banned.
I am in favor of legislation that would prohibit smoking in restaurants in my area.
I strongly want my community to go smoke-free
Making St. Charles County smoke-free is paramount for maintaining the health of my family when we are out in the community. It's good for health and good for business.
It is in the best interest of everyone to ban indoor smoking in all public places. My family and I do not go to public places that allow smoking inside because I am highly allergic and one of my children has asthma.
I travel a lot and many states have banned smoking in restaurants. I will go out of my way to avoid restaurants that allow smoking.
The most important issue to me at the present time is the smoking issue. We could improve the overall health of our community by banning smoking in all public places and providing education about the dangers of secondhand smoke.
Ban Smoking in Public Places!!!!
I feel strongly towards having smoke-free workplaces (including all restaurants) for the health and safety of all patrons.

Smoking is a major problem, especially just outside the entrance to a non-smoking building.
I have no problem taking money out of this area and going somewhere else (i.e. Chesterfield) to enjoy a smoke free meal. For myself and my husband, that is our choice; unfortunately for my husband's grandparents, being in a smoke-free environment is a necessity.
I consider smoking in restaurants, bowling alleys, and other public places to be a very serious problem.
No one in my family smokes but you act like people who smoke are awful people. Well I feel if you want to treat these smokers like you want to and do then how about the drunkards. I dislike their drinking more then the people who smoke.
Littering is a problem. Smokers throwing cigarette butts on ground. Would strongly support legislation to eliminate smoking in all restaurants. Would like to see law enforcement enforce littering control.
Social and General Issues
We are new to the community and have not discovered all the problems yet.
I think St. Charles is a good and healthy place to live and raise a family. Being connected more to the greater St. Louis area as a regional partner is something I'd like to see. Affordable housing for lower & middle income individuals and families is a problem.
We need a smoke-free environment. More public transportation for the elderly & continue meals on wheels programs. Need to freeze real estate tax for fixed income elderly.
I believe communities have lost control of highway and residential road ways and speeding. Very self-centered individuals, all ages. Our communities are filled with very stressed-out citizens. Not healthy.
1. All children should have good health. 2. The middle class is losing ground. 3. We need to recycle more. 4. There is a need for mass transportation. 5. Health insurance companies are getting rich at the expense of the sick.
(1) Young people with loud stereos in cars. Sometimes 2&3AM. (2) People violate traffic laws daily. (3) Some people don't recycle filling our dumps with recyclables. 6 out of 7 on S. Duchesne do recycle. (4) Cellular phones on ears driving is a hazard.
Issues where we are falling behind the best areas in the country. 1. Public Schools 2. Smoke-free public places. 3. Law enforcement/violence. 4. Consolidated trash/solid waste management. Forget the vehicle emission testing.
Need laws to force people to take responsibility for their actions instead of trying to blame others. Need families to take responsibility for their child's education. They should pay for a portion of their education & all of any sports or extra curricular activities.
Programs to prevent teen pregnancy and smoking should be funded and encouraged.

<p>We have little problems like my garden hose being cut with a knife, spray paint on my siding, and general juvenile-type issues. We have a lot of young drivers that speed through the neighborhoods where there are children playing.</p>
<p>Wish there was more support and money for law enforcement. Wish there were more bike and walking trails. Wish more neighborhoods got to know each other and did neighborhood watch groups. We do love St Charles.</p>
<p>I have lived in St. Charles County for more than 15 years and it has changed very little. Working in an educational environment has crushed the belief that education does away with racism because it does not.</p>
<p>Our family moved to St. Charles in 1954. I used to be proud to be from St. Charles. Not now!!! Most of the people aren't from here. Too many Republicans that don't care if you have a job or not!!! All they care about is the Chamber of Commerce.</p>
<p>I am a life long resident of St. Charles and feel I am being run out of town due to my economic status. It's the long-term people who have made St. Charles and now I am unable to live in my hometown. Rich people move in next to the poor and then force the poor out.</p>
<p>Smoke free restaurants is a must. Controlling obesity is also a must. Air pollution needs to be better controlled. The availability of healthy places to eat and buy food. Should get government funding started.</p>
<p>I have a form of Leukemia that doesn't let me help as I want to. Blacks get everything. Not sick or unemployed if you are white because you can't get any public, county, state, or federal help.</p>
<p>Smoking in restaurants is a major problem. Affordable dental care for lower income families needs to be prioritized. Litter is a problem along the roadways especially entering the town.</p>
<p>Animals not kept in yards. Trash along roads & highways. Too many trees being cut down - our oxygen supply in danger. Too many people running red & yellow lights. Roads are terrible. Need more places for teens. Need more police. Too much congestion.</p>
<p>Main concerns: Serious misuse of land - too many strip malls, auto places. Entertainment - need places for our kids to go without driving 20-25 min. Example: movie theaters, clean smoke-free bowling alleys, playgrounds in all subdivisions.</p>
<p>High schools are generally too large and has led to: smoking, drugs, alcohol, violence. Way too much traffic because of too much building (homes) led to: more accidents, more road rage.</p>
<p>If everyone did one voluntary project, this would be a better place to live. Too many people want to know what's in it for me! Get rid of trash service; go back to private firms.</p>

We need more affordable housing for the disabled. Group homes for the mentally ill. Better transportation for all. Better mental health services. Mental health courts. More new town developments. More money for schools. Better job opportunities.
Biggest problems in St Charles: 1. Cancer/environment pollution causes. 2. Need for smoke-free environment. 3. Job security/lack of jobs. 4. High rate of asthma. 5. House affordability. 6. Lack of affordable insurance and resources available for uninsured
The biggest problems are the cost of health care and jobs with a living wage.
I have major concerns regarding teen pregnancy, school violence, vandalism, lack of parental rules and support of school personnel and drug usage.
Medicine & Insurance are outrageous. Affordable housing in O'Fallon does not exist; apartments are ALL too expensive. They need a grocery store in North O'Fallon. Recplex & YMCA should be more affordable for those who make \$39,000 a year or less.
Taxes
Special interest groups: schools, fire dist., ambulance dist., teachers, etc. Tax increases out of control. No financial accountability for any of these groups. Stop trying to legislate morality. Take responsibility for your own actions.
We must be aware that senior citizens cannot continue to afford property tax increases due to re-assessment and voted increases. Some other source must be found as our population base continues to age.
Taxes are too high. Stop adding real estate tax. State should support school. Where is all the gambling money that was "supposed" to save our schools? Raise amounts to schools.
The money each community has to spend in St. Charles County is a sin. ___ ___ should stop feeding out of the public trough. He thinks of himself as a king. _____ is just as bad.
I'm in my 60's, its getting harder to keep my house due to high taxes, also the association fees keep going up. Savings is almost gone, can't afford heat, keep it usually 60 to 62 in home. Freezing all winter. Can't afford car insurance but we are forced to have it.
Transportation: Roads and Highways, Metro-link
Issues needing focus - running red lights - aggressive driving - speeding in general everywhere. Survey is somewhat redundant. Would have been easier online.
The condition of Interstate 70 is one of our biggest problems.
Currently the Planning and Zoning Commission of St. Charles County has approved a development at the corner of Dietrich and Hwy 61 which will increase the traffic on 61 and also will have it's own sewage treatment plant.
Public transportation is desperately needed in all of St. Charles County. Please bring bus lines out here.

I want to commend the St. Charles Street Department that keeps our streets clean in the bad weather. I want to commend Mo.Dot. (Missouri Department of Transportation). We have had so much street construction in O'Fallon and 40 and N and they provide adequate and safe bypass of construction zones.
Transportation is vital to St. Charles County. We need a Metro-link connection here. Why not use old railway?
Roads/highways need to be expanded due to growth!
Lack of public transportation in St. Charles County is a serious problem.
Lack of any kind of public transportation in St. Charles County is a serious problem for seniors and young people. There are no local busses, no busses to airport or to Metro-link station. No Greyhound bus station - no place to get a train.
Needs to be more modes of transportation. Bike paths, sidewalks, Metro-link, buses, etc.
There are not enough sidewalks in the county to encourage walking (especially O'Fallon).
We need a real bus system like they run in St Louis.
Sidewalks are improving, but public transportation is non-existent and safe bicycle routes are lacking. We need public transport and MetroLink! I have confidence that the drinking water supply is safe, but the streams and waterways are at risk.
Roads and services need to be addressed and how much our taxes are in this county. If not improved in the next couple of years we plan on moving after we retire in next couple of years. It costs us too much to live here for the services we have.
I use to volunteer but I'm the sole support for myself and husband and I'm trying to get a Masters Degree too. St. Charles County needs public transportation, affordable housing, and a pay scale equal to St. Louis.
#2 problem: adequate affordable transportation
Major problem: Transportation from St. Charles to St. Louis-need light rail system.
Public Works Department lacks leadership and the will to keep the public streets repaired. The top of the ramp coming up from West 70 to North on 94 is in terrible shape. Its a terrible thing to drive over and presents our town in a very depressive way.
We need public transportation desperately to get from St. Charles County to St. Louis County and to Kansas City so we can avoid driving as much as possible.
Need van type service to Airport Rd Station like Seattle, Phoenix, etc. Cost via taxi is more than train ticket to Chicago. Been here 31 years. Excellent city, police, fire departments.