

1st Ward Alderman Candidate

Richard Balla Jr Profile

My name is Rich Balla and I am an enthusiastic candidate for a City of St. Charles First Ward Alderman seat. With the exception of four years attending Iowa State University, I am a life-long resident of St. Charles. I attended St. Patrick's Grade School and St. Charles (East) High School. In 1997, I purchased a home, and have been a constant resident, in the First Ward. In 2008 I was inducted into the St. Charles Hall of Fame and received the Jodie Harrison Lifetime Achievement Award. I am an avid golfer and love to compete in tournaments or just play a round with friends.



28 years ago, I joined Tour Edge Golf, where I now serve as the Vice President of Accounting. Tour Edge Golf is a small business located in Batavia. 15 employees have been with the company for over 20 years.

I've seen how this small business has created livelihoods for its employees, and just as importantly, how it truly created a family. It is through that experience that I have come to a deep and personal understanding of the value of small businesses in St. Charles. Small businesses are the economic and social engine that drive our community. I will support and facilitate opportunities for their growth. I also believe that ongoing development of First Street and development of the former police station are paramount for our community's future.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve as a First Ward Alderman and respectfully ask for your support, and I ask for your vote.