

4th Ward Alderman

John Hoscheit Profile



Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share with the Chamber members my background and qualifications to serve as Alderman for the City of St Charles. Having been a Chamber Member for 30+ years and having helped sponsor a number of Chamber events I know how important the Chamber role is in promoting the economic and cultural success of our community.

In my opinion the role of local government is to provide essential services and a welcoming business community, while keeping taxes in check. The primary focus of the city council should be to make St. Charles a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family (both now and for generations to come). We have a diverse population and need to focus on serving each constituent group.

Personally, I feel that we all owe an obligation to serve our community. My commitment has been to attempt to give back at least a part of what the community has provided to my family and me.

After graduating from St Charles High School, I attended the University of Illinois obtaining degrees in accounting (passing the CPA exam) and law. For the past 37 years I have practiced law in St Charles, providing legal services to a variety of businesses, professionals and families. I have also been privileged to raise my family here.

Outside of work, I have dedicated myself to a number of community roles, including:

- Serving on the St Charles Park District Board from 1984-1990
- Serving as 5th Ward alderman for the City of St Charles from 1990-1994
- Serving on the Kane County Board and Kane County Forest Preserve District for 24 years from 1996- 2020. I was President of the Forest Preserve District for 12 of those years.
- Serving on the Board and as President of the Illinois Association of Park Districts.
- Serving for 10 years on the St Charles East sports boosters
- Serving on various Bank boards, hospital committees, and the Norris Cultural Arts Center Board

I believe that serving alone is not enough, but it is the accomplishments achieved during that service which are critical. The following is a list of the accomplishments that I had an active role in

- Building the Redgate and Stearns Road Bridges
- Preserving open space by growing the Forest Preserve holdings from 6000 acres to 24000 acres including local parcels such as:
 - Doubling the size Leroy Oakes Preserve
 - Acquiring the land surrounding the Q Center campus and maintaining the critical bike trail link
 - Coordinating with the Park district to develop the Eastside Sports complex
 - Installing and expanding the 200+ miles of bike and running trails
- Serving as Finance Chairman in the various elected offices, establishing conservative budgets and freezing the tax levy at the County level for the past ten years.
- Obtaining millions of dollars in grants for the St Charles Community including:

- St Charles Park District for park development and riverfront shoreline restoration
- City of St Charles for multiple riverfront development projects and the 7th Ave Creek project
- The St. Charles Initiative for the First St Corridor project
- Lazarus House
- St Charles History Center
- COVID assistance grants for local businesses, the Chamber of commerce, the City and other local governmental entities
- Supporting funding for major transportation corridors on Randall Road and Kirk Road.

In the next four years the City is faced with a number of challenges, the most important of which is recovering from the COVID crisis. Many of our local businesses are strained to the breaking point. It is incumbent on the City to create an environment which promotes the recovery of these businesses. If the businesses succeed, the City and its citizens succeed.

The City is also faced with planning and development of the balance of the riverfront by the abandoned police station. The City council must act diligently to make sure that the area is developed professionally and in harmony with the rest of the downtown.

Finally, the City should support completion of projects like the First Street development, the extension of the bike trail through town on the abandoned rail line, and support redevelopment of parcels such as the Charlestown Mall.

I feel that my experience makes me the candidate best suited to help the City accomplish these goals. I have good working relationships with the other local governmental bodies whose support is needed for these projects to succeed and have a track record of helping achieve difficult goals. Thank you for your consideration and I would appreciate your vote on April 6th.