

1st Ward Alderman

Ron Sikaitis Profile

My name is Ron Silkaitis and I am running for re-election as 1st Ward Alderman in the City of St. Charles. As a lifelong resident of the city, I have seen St. Charles evolve from a small town into a vibrant city. My wife, Monica and I have raised our four daughters in this beautiful city. I have seen this amazing city grow from 9,000 residents in 1960 to almost 33,000 residents in 2020.



My ties to this city run deep. My grandparents moved here and were married at St. Patrick Church in 1913. My grandfather had a barbershop for many years in downtown St. Charles and my maternal grandparents owned a neighborhood grocery store, called The St. Charles Market, at 3rd and Bowman Streets. I am recently retired, after working 43 years as a Ford Automotive Technician at Zimmerman Ford (now Hawk Ford) in St. Charles. As alderman, I have always attempted to balance the small-town charm and history of this city with the desire and need to embrace the future. My vision for St. Charles is for the city to remain and grow as a thriving, financially secure, and family-friendly city for current and future residents. St. Charles has always been a proud jewel in the Fox Valley and I have and will continue to ensure the city remains a beacon of community, progress, and tradition.

It has been a privilege to serve as your 1st Ward Alderman. My 20 years on the city council have provided me with an in-depth understanding of the various issues facing our city. I have always respected and worked well with my colleagues on the city council, even when we have had opposing viewpoints. I listen to all sides, which guides my decision-making. My positions and voting record have been thoughtful, well-founded, and consistent. It reflects what I have learned from residents about what they want and do not want. My council votes are based on all the information that I can acquire. I have experience in finding common ground between competing agendas, and a proven ability to work with others to reach a consensus.

Qualifications:

Through my professional experiences, my civic work as alderman, and my personal experience as a father, I bring a unique and valuable perspective to the council. I have served the community in a variety of capacities, including:

- *Current Chairperson of the Government Services Committee
- *Current Member of the 708 Mental Health Board
- *Current Member of Tri-Com Central Dispatch Board
- *Previous Member of the St. Patrick School Education Committee
- *Past High School and Youth Football Referee

Priorities:

1. Address the challenges COVID has brought to our city, especially the health of the residents and the economic well-being of our local businesses.
2. Work together with our residents to ensure that their voices are heard, address their concerns, and let them know that we value their input.

3. Attract and encourage businesses to locate and prosper in St. Charles through proactive planning, enhancing the current programs already in place, and continue working with The St. Charles Chamber of Commerce to promote and assist local businesses.
4. Preserve the heritage of our city and the scenic Fox River Valley through relationships with The Historic Preservation Commission and The Community Foundation.

I am proud to have served as your alderman for 20 years and would be honored to continue to serve you in this position. I will strive to advance policies that uphold our shared values and will work to embrace the past and move forward into the future. If re-elected, I will focus on serving the citizens and preserving the welcoming atmosphere of St. Charles. I will strive to ensure that current businesses flourish in the city, while attracting new businesses. I am pleased that the city council has worked together to help our local businesses endure through these challenging times of the pandemic. For 2021, I look forward to working with the mayor, my fellow city council colleagues, and the people of St. Charles, to defeat the pandemic and make our wonderful city even better. Please come out and vote on April 6.