

## 4th Ward Alderman

### Bryan Wirball Profile

My wife Sara and I have been married for 6 years and we are grateful to call St. Charles our home. We live in a charming neighborhood near downtown. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences from Indiana University at Indianapolis. I have been working in the technology field as a technology specialist for a multinational corporation for over 20 years. I am also a former business owner of a commercial cleaning business.



Sara and I enjoy spending time with our families, especially with our nephews Andrew, who is a student at St. Charles North High School and Patrick, who is a student at University of Nebraska. Sara and I are both avid bicyclists and enjoy staying active outdoors.

For the past several years I have dedicated myself to community service, including serving as a Commissioner on both the city's Zoning Board of Appeals and Natural Resources Commission. I also serve as a St. Charles Education Foundation board member, and a member of the School District 303 Citizen Advisory Committee. I am currently Co-President of the St. Charles Breakfast Rotary Club as well as a volunteer and member of the St. Charles History Museum.

One of my top priorities for St Charles includes supporting economic development efforts that attract diverse businesses and thoughtful development. Ongoing efforts must also include supporting our businesses to help navigate their way through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our beautiful riverfront and surrounding natural amenities are wonderful attractions. The same can be said for our great parks, museum, shops, history, and charming small-town feel. We should leverage and market these assets to bring in additional residents and visitors. Fiscal responsibility is also a top priority of mine. It is important that a blend of revenue-generating measures is implemented in order to take the ultimate burden off of the local taxpayers. This can be accomplished by economic development that generates additional revenue, retention of grants for public projects, public-private collaboration on projects, intergovernmental collaboration on projects and facilitating economies of scale, while holding the line on property tax increases during these unprecedented times. I believe we can balance fiscal responsibility without compromising our city services.

We have incredible historical assets and architecture in our city. It is important that we preserve our city's unique and charming identity that attracts new visitors. Preservation of our historical legacy can work collaboratively with our city's future development. Our downtown has a rich history of many significant structures such as our municipal building. As alderman, I would not support any efforts to potentially sell or redevelop this iconic landmark, as it has been suggested by some public officials.

I will support policy decisions and developments that increase connectivity across the city and make St. Charles a more walkable and bikeable community. This includes enhancing pedestrian safety with additional crosswalks, stop signs, and speed enforcement methods throughout our neighborhoods.

I care about St. Charles' natural amenities and environment. I will advocate for sustainable practices to keep our river and public spaces clean so they can be enjoyed by our residents and visitors. I will also continue to support the City of St. Charles Green City Practices and Programs that provide a variety of environmentally friendly initiatives in our community. I will also continue to support the participation in the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA) Renewable Energy Credit Sales Program which offers an available and affordable way for members of the IMEA and their customers to achieve their renewable energy goals.

Government operations should be transparent. Transparency is not something that's simply achieved, it's an ongoing effort to ensure operations and information are more accessible to all residents and stakeholders. I support embracing and retaining innovative technologies that promote transparency.

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