



## Why join the Chamber of Commerce in 2012?

The St. Charles Chamber of Commerce is the "Voice of Business" in our community. Our mission: "The St. Charles Chamber of Commerce is an inclusive and active membership organization that helps its members grow their businesses, their business knowledge, and business connections." When your business needs a friend, the Chamber office is here to help.

Here's a sampling of what we do for our members:

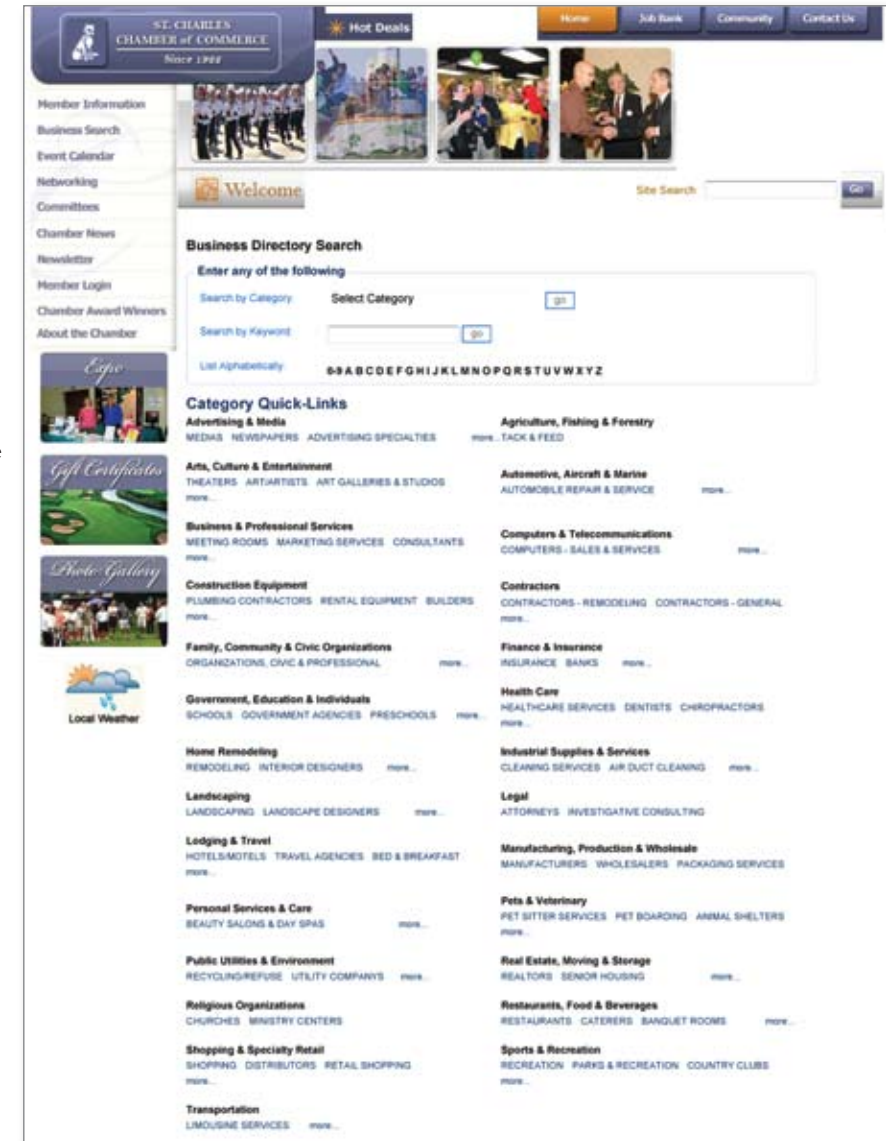
- We keep your business contact information online 24/7 in the searchable business directory at [stcharleschamber.com](http://stcharleschamber.com). You have the ability to enter your business information, hours of operation, and add/edit representatives in your company.
- We keep your annual membership dues low by not raising them for the past ten years.
- We publish your business listing and distribute it free to 23,000+ potential customers in the annual "Chamber of Commerce Membership Directory and Community Guide."
- We refer your business to those who telephone or e-mail us.
- We have an Ambassadors Club that can mentor new Members through our Genesis Program.
- We will send your messages, once per month, to over 625 members through our Blast E-mail service.
- We host Legislative and Women's Business Council luncheons and breakfasts on a regular basis, along with quarterly Networking Extravaganza's and monthly Business After Hours offering business education and networking opportunities to all of our Members.
- We educate our members to help them learn how to promote their business, increase sales, and grow their business through programs such as the Dale Carnegie Training Seminars being held throughout this year.
- We offer the opportunity to showcase your business in a multi-chamber business to business expo held every spring along with Sponsorship opportunities.
- We offer the ability to have you join a Leads Group for weekly leads generation.
- We offer our Chamber Boardroom for your Business Meetings and use of our laptop, screen, and projector for free.
- We offer name badges to our members.
- We provide our Members with the names, addresses and phone numbers of all your fellow Chamber Members in Excel format and also label set-up free of charge.
- We keep you updated on the latest business, economic development and Chamber news through our monthly Newsletters, Weekly Watches, and daily Blast E-mails.
- We provide you an updated list of government officials and their contact information on our website at [stcharleschamber.com/legislative.htm](http://stcharleschamber.com/legislative.htm).
- We sell Chamber Gift Certificates that customers can spend in your store. Each certificate comes with a brochure naming your business, if you choose to be listed.
- We will arrange a ribbon-cutting to celebrate your opening or other business milestone.
- We allow you to get Chamber pricing on dental, life, and long- and short-term disability insurance.

### Can you afford NOT to belong to the Chamber?

For more information on membership, go to our website at [stcharleschamber.com](http://stcharleschamber.com), or call us Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm. We will be happy to discuss how we can help you promote your business through Chamber Membership!

Business Search on the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce website [stcharleschamber.com](http://stcharleschamber.com).

Members select a Main Category and 6-8 keywords for their business listing on the website.



### Upcoming Events

**Friday, February 3, 6:30pm**  
**90th Annual Charlemagne Awards Dinner**

*Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles*

This annual dinner is an event highlighting the best in the community. Awards for civic and humanitarian efforts, community improvements to business, the Chairman's Award, and the LEAP Award are given. The final award of the evening is the "Charlemagne Award" given to a resident of St. Charles who has extended and continuing history of voluntary service to the community. (RSVP, Members Only \$60).

**Thursday, February 16, 4:30-6pm**  
**Business After Hours Event**

*Bond Dental Studio, 202 S. Kirk Rd., St. Charles*

Business After Hours Events are hosted by member businesses on the third Thursday of every month. Each event is a great opportunity to network with other professionals and meet area business owners. (Members & Non-Member Guests).

**Thursday, February 23, 11:30am-1:30pm**  
**Women's Business Council Luncheon**

*Royal Fox Country Club, 4405 Royal & Ancient Dr., St. Charles*

**"An Afternoon of Networking with Friends"**  
Have lunch and two hours of networking your business with other Chamber members. Bring plenty of business cards to pass. (RSVP, Members Only \$25).

**Tuesday, March 6, 8-10 am**  
**Legislative Committee**

**Multi-Chamber**

**"State Chamber Update" Breakfast**  
*Eagle Brook Country Club, 2288 Fargo Blvd., St. Charles*