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QUARTERLY NEWS



TOP NEWS OF THE QUARTER

Welcome to the **St. Charles Watersheds Alliance** Newsletter. We are a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit involved in promoting green infrastructure within St. Charles County & beyond in our urbanized areas to provide a host of ecological services. We are also involved in conservation of all available areas throughout the County and local region to enhance and improve watershed resilience. We act as a collaborative network between other organizations, businesses, and government entities.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Chicken N Pickle St. Charles — Building Community, Court by Court



This past quarter, SCWA had the pleasure of sitting down with Martha Davis-Goldstein, Community Engagement Manager at Chicken N Pickle St. Charles, at their vibrant venue on 1500 S. Main Street. What started as a conversation about event space quickly turned into an inspiring discussion about shared values — community, sustainability, and a genuine commitment to the neighborhoods they serve.

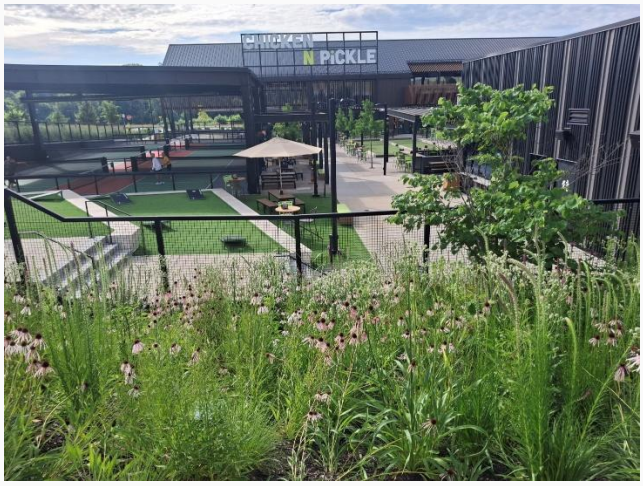
Chicken N Pickle (CNP) isn't just a pickleball and entertainment venue — it's a neighbor. Their Community Days program donates space to nonprofits and community groups during non-peak hours, with no minimum spend required and complimentary paddle and ball rentals. They are genuinely eager to put their property to good use for the people of St. Charles.

What CNP Has to Offer SCWA & Our Members

CNP opened the door to a wide range of collaborative programming opportunities, including:

Trivia & Bingo Nights	Pickleball Tournaments	Community Giveback Nights
Up to 100 guests | 2-hour events. Available Saturdays 10AM–12PM, Sundays after 3PM, and Tuesday evenings. SCWA creates custom trivia categories & questions!	4 courts reserved to start. Available Sat/Sun 10AM–1PM & Sun 4–7PM. Great fundraising potential for SCWA!	Monday & Tuesday, 6–8PM. CNP donates 10% of food & beverage sales (up to $500) to SCWA, plus a promotional info table in the main dining room.

Beyond the event opportunities, our conversation turned to something that catches everyone's attention the moment you pull into the CNP parking lot: the native plantings surrounding the venue. What began as a stormwater management feature has grown into a thriving native plant habitat right in the heart of St. Charles's growing "Streets of St. Charles" development corridor.



The native grasses, wildflowers, and deep-rooted perennials that frame the CNP property have matured beautifully, doing exactly what green infrastructure is designed to do: capturing and filtering stormwater runoff, recharging groundwater, and providing critical habitat for native pollinators and birds. They are living proof that sustainability and vibrant commercial development can grow side by side.

We are encouraged to see this model taking hold in the Streets of St. Charles district, and our eyes are now on the proposed **St. Charles Riverpointe** development to the west along the Missouri River corridor. If Riverpointe embraces the same commitment to native vegetation, stormwater integration, and ecological design, it has the potential to be an even more transformative example of what responsible riverside development can look like in our region. SCWA will be watching — and ready to help — as that project unfolds.



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CERTIFICATIONS

MidAmerica Watershed.Org — Advancing the Green Infrastructure Profession



A new and exciting resource has emerged for green infrastructure professionals across the Midwest and beyond. MidAmerica Watershed.Org (MAWA) will launce a comprehensive online Green Infrastructure (GI) Certification Series in July,

four professional development courses covering the full lifecycle of green infrastructure practice, from planning and design through installation, long-term maintenance, and advanced mastery.

This series was developed to fill a real gap: the need for rigorous, regionally relevant professional credentials that carry weight with municipalities, regulatory agencies, and engineering firms in the heart of the country.

The Four-Course GI Certification Series

Certification	Level	Tuition
GI Planning & Design	Cert 1	**$249**
GI Installation & Construction	Cert 2	**$249**
GI Maintenance & Management	Cert 3	**$249**
Master of Green Infrastructure	Cert 4	**$299**
Complete Package (All 4 Certs)		**$899**

Annual renewal: Certs 1–3 at $75/yr • Cert 4 at $120/yr • 8 CEUs required annually

Each course is delivered entirely online, making it accessible to professionals across Missouri, the Midwest, and nationally. The content spans everything from watershed hydrology and BMP selection to construction oversight, stormwater compliance, and long-term inspection protocols — all grounded in real-world regional practice.

Cert 1 — GI Planning & Design walks participants through site assessment, hydrology fundamentals, regulatory frameworks, and the selection of appropriate best management practices (BMPs) for any urban or suburban context.

Cert 2 — GI Installation & Construction covers contractor oversight, sequencing, quality assurance during construction, and the critical details that determine whether a GI project performs as designed.

Cert 3 — GI Maintenance & Management addresses long-term inspection protocols, maintenance scheduling, vegetation management, and how to keep BMP systems performing effectively over their full design life.

Cert 4 — Master of Green Infrastructure is the capstone credential, synthesizing advanced planning, cross-disciplinary integration, and regional leadership competencies for experienced practitioners ready to lead at the program level.

Why Pursue GI Certification?

- Earn verifiable, nationally transferable professional credentials in green infrastructure
- Accumulate Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for license maintenance and professional development
- Align your expertise with the growing regulatory and municipal demand for GI competency in the Midwest
- Stand out to employers, clients, and agencies seeking certified GI practitioners
- Support the advancement of green infrastructure across the region through your participation

To learn more or to enroll, visit **midamericawatershed.org**. Whether you are a landscape architect, civil engineer, stormwater professional, municipal staff member, or environmental consultant, the GI Certification Series offers a clear, credentialed pathway to deeper expertise and professional recognition in green infrastructure.

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Summer & Fall 2026 — St. Charles County

JULY 3–4
2026
Frontier Park
S. Riverside Dr.
St. Charles, MO

St. Charles Riverfest

The City's premier Fourth of July celebration at Frontier Park on Historic Main Street. Live music, carnival rides, food vendors, children's activities, and a spectacular fireworks display July 4th at 9:20 PM over the Missouri River. NEW in 2026: synchronized Drone Show on July 3rd at 9:20 PM! Free parking at Lewis & Clark Boathouse lot and St. Charles City Hall garage.

JULY 1–4
2026
Ozzie Smith
Sports Complex
O'Fallon, MO

O'Fallon Heritage & Freedom Fest

Four-day Fourth of July extravaganza with free admission! Carnival rides, fair food, live music, and patriotic entertainment. 2026 concert lineup: LOCASH and Lauren Alaina on July 3rd, legendary rock band KANSAS on July 4th — with spectacular fireworks both evenings.

EVERY 2ND SATURDAY
JUN • JUL • AUG • SEP
Frenchtown
St. Charles, MO

Hot Summer Nights in Frenchtown

FREE outdoor concerts every second Saturday of the month, June through September, in Historic Frenchtown. Live music, food trucks, and great community vibes on North 2nd Street. A beloved St. Charles summer tradition. Check stcharlescitymo.gov for the monthly lineup!

AUG 21–23
2026
Historic Main St.
& Frontier Park
St. Charles, MO

Festival of the Little Hills

The Midwest's Premier Arts & Craft Show returns to Historic Main Street for its 55th year! 300+ arts & crafts vendors, antiques, craft demos, 50+ nonprofit food booths, live entertainment on multiple stages, and Kids Corner. 300,000+ visitors annually. Fri 4–10PM • Sat 9AM–10PM • Sun 9AM–4PM.

EVERY SATURDAY
Apr 25 – Nov 28
N. Main Street
St. Charles, MO

Saint Charles Market on Main Street

Running every Saturday through November, the beloved Saint Charles Market returns to historic Main Street. Local produce, artisan goods, and a vibrant community atmosphere. Also expanding to New Town again this season with select Sunday dates near the New Town Amphitheater.

LATE SEP
2026
Frontier Park
500 S. Riverside Dr.
St. Charles, MO

St. Charles Oktoberfest

Prost! St. Charles's beloved annual Oktoberfest returns to Frontier Park on the Missouri River for three days of German heritage, music, food, and cold beer. Family-friendly entertainment and that unmistakable St. Charles charm. Dates TBC — check discoverstcharles.com for 2026 details.

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