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Actor Chris Witaske Announced as St. Charles Electric Christmas Parade Grand Marshal

ST. CHARLES, IL – The St. Charles Business Alliance and the Events Committee are excited to announce Chris Witaske as the Grand Marshal for the 2025 St. Charles Electric Christmas Parade, which will be taking place in downtown St. Charles on Saturday, Nov. 29, presented by St. Charles Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram. The Electric Christmas Parade is part of St. Charles Holiday Homecoming, which is a two-day event that begins on Friday, Nov 28 with a Lighting of the Lights Ceremony, sponsored by Solutions Networking.

Actor Chris Witaske is a St. Charles native who graduated from St. Charles East High School in 2001. Following graduation, Witaske studied Theater Arts at the University of Iowa before moving to Chicago to work at comedy venues including Second City Theater.

After moving to Los Angeles in 2013, Witaske had his television acting debut in Fox's *New Girl*, which led to various other roles such as *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, Netflix original comedy series *Love*, and Emmy-winning FX original series *The Bear*, to name a few.

Along with his roles in television and film, Witaske is also recognized for his recurring role in the popular "Turning into Your Parents" Progressive Insurance commercials, and co-creating the adult animated series on Netflix, *Chicago Party Aunt*.

Chris Witaske speaks on being named this year's Electric Christmas Parade Grand Marshal. "I'm incredibly proud to be from St. Charles – it's such a wonderful community that has given me so much support throughout the years," said Witaske. "Although I now live in Los Angeles, St. Charles will always be home to me, and I'm truly honored to be part of this holiday tradition."

The Presenting Sponsor for 2025 St. Charles Holiday Homecoming is St. Charles Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram. Additional Sponsors include MKFM Law, Smile Haven Dental Studio, Solutions Networking Corporation, St. Charles Closets, Hotel Baker, Karas Restaurant Group, LawnBoyz Landscaping, McNally's Heating & Cooling, Premier Living Real Estate, Mendel Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, Trotter and Associates, Wahlburgers, Arcada Theatre, Comcast, McGrath Honda of St. Charles, Simple EJ's Kitchen and Tap, Dr. Ghaderi of St. Charles Plastic Surgery, Theriault Booth LLC. Attorneys at Law, Garrett Popcorn, and Heinz Brothers Greenhouse Garden Center.

For more information on the Electric Christmas Parade and St. Charles Holiday Homecoming, please visit www.stcholidayhomecoming.com. For additional inquiries, please contact the St. Charles Business Alliance at 630-443-3967.

About the St. Charles Business Alliance

The mission of the St. Charles Business Alliance is to drive economic growth to make the St. Charles Community a destination where people, businesses and tourism thrive. The Alliance produces Restaurant Week, St. Patrick's Parade, Spring Shop Crawl, Fine Art Show, STC Live!, Jazz Weekend, Scarecrow Weekend, and Holiday Homecoming. For more information about the Alliance, visit www.stcalliance.org.



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