

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov. 1	City Hall open for absentee voter ballots, 8am – 2pm
Nov. 2	Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 4	Election Day
Nov. 6	Planning Commission 4:30pm
Nov. 7 – 13	Krasl Artisan Market
Nov. 10	City Commission Meeting 6pm
Nov. 11	Veterans Day City Hall closed for in-service/training day Korean War Memorial Service 11am
Nov. 12	Volunteer Dinner, 6-8pm
Nov. 13	Housing Commission 8:30am
Nov. 18	TwinCATS 9:30am
Nov. 19	Water Services Joint Operating Board 4pm
Nov. 20	Downtown Development Authority 8:30am MEDIC I 8:30am Airport Authority 9:30am Joint Wastewater Board 11am Zoning Board of Appeals 4:30pm
Nov. 21	Luminary Festival (SJT)
Nov. 24	City Commission 6pm
Nov. 25	Library Board 6pm
Nov. 26	Parks Advisory Board 8am Library closes at 6pm
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving, City Hall and Library closed Opening Day Howard Ice Arena, 4pm No rubbish collected
Nov. 28	Thursday rubbish collected Thanksgiving holiday observed, City Hall closed
Dec. 1	Winter tax bills mailed Dog licenses available at City Clerk's Office through 2/28/2015
Dec. 4	Planning Commission 4:30pm
Dec. 5	Community Tree Lighting Ceremony 6:30pm Live Mannequins! 7pm (SJT)
Dec. 6	Reindog Parade 4pm (SJT) Santa's House opens through Dec. 21 (SJT)
Dec. 8	City Commission meeting 6pm
Dec. 9	Board of Review 3pm
Dec. 16	TwinCATS 9:30am
Dec. 17	Water Service Joint Operating Board 4pm
Dec. 18	Downtown Development Authority 8:30am MEDIC I 8:30am Airport Authority 9:30am Joint Wastewater Board 11am Zoning Board of Appeals 4:30pm
Dec. 19	Winter Break begins at end of day for SJPS
Dec. 21	Winter begins
Dec. 22	City Commission meeting 6pm
Dec. 23	Library closes at 6pm
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve., City Hall and Library closed
Dec. 25	Christmas Day, City Hall and Library closed No rubbish collection
Dec. 26	Thursday rubbish collected
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve, City Hall open Library closed Parks Advisory Board, 8am

NO Wipes in the Pipes!

Biodegradable or Disposable wipes should NOT be flushed!



The label might say “flushable”, but what the label doesn’t tell you is that disposable wipes such as baby, hygienic, cleaning and disinfectant, continue to clog our sewer lines and damage pumps and other equipment. Products such as convenience wipes, toilet bowl scrubbers and paper towels do not disintegrate or break down in the sewer system causing plugs in sewer pipes and pumps, resulting in sewage backups, costly cleanups and environmental consequences that can result in rate increases for both you and your neighbors. Toilets, sewer pipes, and wastewater treatment facilities are designed to transport and handle toilet paper and human waste only.

How can **YOU** help?

- Do not flush objects down the toilet such as wipes, diapers, feminine hygiene products, or dental floss.
- Dispose of these items in your household or business trash receptacle.
- Inform those who clean your house or business of proper disposal methods for convenience products.
- Select cleaning supplies that can be washed and reused.

The following items should never be flushed down the toilet:

Diapers — cloth, disposable, flushable	Facial tissues
Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.	Toilet bowl scrub pads
Swiffer pads	Napkins — paper or cloth, paper towels
Dental Floss	Egg shells, nutshells and coffee grounds
Fats, oils and greases of any kind	Food items containing seeds and peelings
Hair	Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms or any non-organic material
Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals	Washcloths, towels, rags (no cloth whatsoever)
Plastic of any kind	Cat litter

Bottom-line — Nothing should be flushed except toilet paper and human waste!



More Exciting Opportunities to Get Involved in the Master Planning Process!

St. Joseph residents will have two opportunities in November to provide feedback on community planning issues at two Resilient St. Joseph public meetings.

Coastal Development Mini-Charrette:

On November 13th (5:30 – 8:30 PM) in the City Hall Council Chambers, residents can participate in two sessions focused on management options for the dynamic Lake Michigan shoreline. **Session 1, 5:30 - 6:45 PM**, will feature presentations from Great Lakes expert Guy Meadows and researchers at the University of Michigan discussing shoreline dynamics, coastal management options, and tools to measure long-term financial impacts that can help a community evaluate various policies and actions. **Session 2, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**, will engage residents in a discussion about their vision for the St. Joseph Harbor including the location(s) of commercial port facilities. Residents are welcome to attend one or both sessions and pizza will be provided during the break.

Below the Bluff Community Vision:

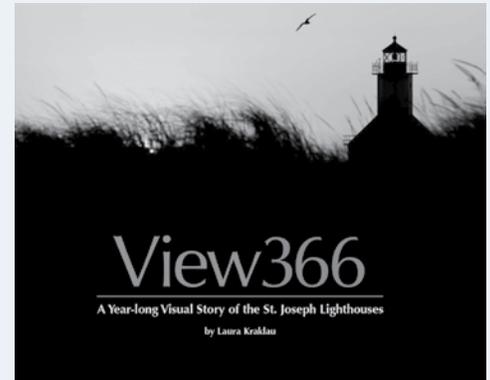
On November 20th (6:00 - 8:30 PM) at the St. Joseph High School, the community is invited to create a vision for the neighborhoods and public areas located below the bluff. Discussions will focus on parking, short-term rentals, bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, and shoreline protection.

In addition, please keep an eye out for a **Community Planning Survey** that will be distributed to all St. Joseph households along with the St. Joseph calendar. This gives you and your neighbors another opportunity to weigh in on the future of your community, and every voice counts!

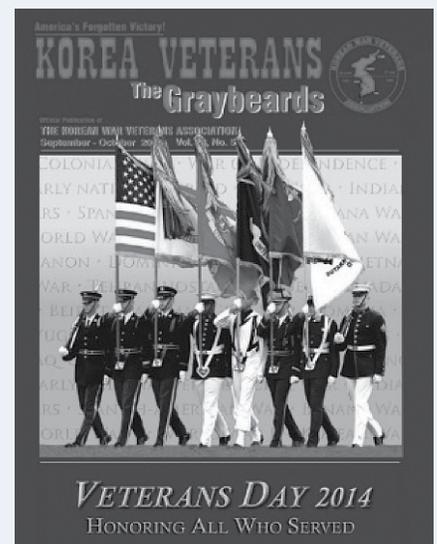
About the Project

Resilient St. Joseph is a land-use planning and community development project that will result in a new Master Plan for the City and will provide guidance for successful community development in the years to come. Through this robust planning effort, the citizens and leaders of St. Joseph are working together to strengthen the community's ability to manage changes and challenges of all kinds — and to thrive. Planning for a strong and diverse local economy, responsive and interconnected human service systems, and carefully managed natural resources will make St. Joseph a more resilient and more desirable place to live, now and in the future.

We encourage you to sign up for the Resilient St. Joseph monthly newsletter to stay informed by visiting www.resilientmichigan.org/st_joe. Questions? Please contact Claire Karner, Community Planner at LIAA, at 231-929-3696 or by email at ckarner@liaa.org.



The St. Joseph lighthouses will be in the spotlight at the Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI on Friday, November 7 at 7 pm. At the “Lighting the Lake” event, Laura Kraklau will introduce her book, *View 366: A Year Long Visual Story of the St. Joseph Lighthouses*. Additionally, the film, *Painting the St. Joseph Lighthouse with Bob Fagan*, will show the lighthouse from an artist’s perspective. Lighthouse Forever Fund buttons and puzzles will also be on sale and proceeds will benefit the Lighthouse Forever Fund. For more information, please go to www.boxfactoryforthearts.org.



The Korean Veterans of SW Michigan will hold their annual Memorial Service on Tuesday, November 11th at 11 a.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall. Please join Senator Proos, Representative Al Pscholka and Mayor Mike Garey in honoring all who served!



November General Election

On Tuesday, November 4, 2014 the City of St. Joseph will hold a General Election. The ballot will include the selection of numerous officials including federal, state, county and local school boards. In addition the ballot contains two state proposals, both regarding the hunting of wolves as game.

When voting the partisan section of the ballot, you may cast a "straight ticket," a "split ticket" or a "mixed ticket." A **Straight Ticket** vote is voting for the party of your choice. Nothing further need be done in the partisan section. A **Split Ticket** vote is voting a straight ticket AND voting for individual candidates of your choice. A **Mixed Ticket** vote means you vote for the individual candidates of your choice in each office, regardless of party. The non-partisan section and the proposal sections of the ballot must be voted separately. Please remember to vote both sides of the ballot.

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Please take note of our permanent polling locations:

- Precinct 1 – Library – 500 Market Street
- Precinct 2 – Howard Ice Arena – 2414 Willa Drive
- Precinct 3 – Zion Evangelical UCC Church – 3001 Veronica Drive

Several campaigns are mailing their own Absent Voter Ballot Applications directly to registered voters. Many of these application forms are inconsistent with the State of Michigan Qualified Voter File and require additional processing time. Please contact Deputy Clerk Denise Westfall at 983-6325 if you would like an absent voter ballot application or print one from our website www.sjcity.com.

You may also check your voter status or polling location at www.sjcity.com; just click on the Michigan Voter Information Center link at the bottom of the front page, then enter your voter information.

See you at the polls!



Library News . . .

Help the St. Joseph Library raise funds for new carpeting! Since it is a community library, they are interested in your opinion so stop in and see the samples the Library Board chose and vote for your favorite. They will share your preference with the City Commission when the project goes out to bid.

Library Holiday Hour Reminders:

Thanksgiving:

- Close at 6:00 p.m. – Wednesday, November 26, 2014
- Closed all day – Thursday, November 27, 2014
- Open for normal operating hours (10-6) – Friday, November 28, 2014

Christmas:

- Close at 6:00 p.m. – Tuesday, December 23, 2014
- Closed all day – Wednesday, December 24, and Thursday, December 25, 2014
- Open for normal operating hours (10-6) – Friday, December 26, 2014

New Year:

- Closed all day – Wednesday, December 31, 2014, and Thursday, January 1, 2015
- Open for normal operating hours (10-6) – Friday, January 2, 2015

Did you know? It is illegal to allow your dog to run at large in public space within the city? City Hall has received a number of calls recently about dogs not being on a leash in city parks. Please note Chapter 7 – Animals and Fowl, Section 7.6, - Running at large – Prohibited of the Code of Ordinances reads: *No person shall permit any animal or fowl owned by him, or within his charge or possession, to run at large in any street, alley or public place within the city, or upon the premises of another unless by permission of the owner or occupant of such premises. Animals or fowl on a leash no longer than six feet, accompanied by the owner or keeper having reasonable control thereof, shall not be deemed to be running at large.*

The Boards, Commissions & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held Wednesday, November 12th, 2014 from 6 – 8 p.m. at Shadowland Ballroom. If you sit on a city board and did not receive an invitation or have not RSVP'd, please contact Tiffany Mitchell at tmitchell@sjcity.com or by calling her at 983-5541.



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6:30 PM
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THE 20TH ANNUAL
LUMINARY FESTIVAL
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21
DUSK - 9 PM

CHAMPS GARDEN

GLOWING CANDLELIT
STREETS AND LATE-NIGHT
SHOPPING AND TREATS!

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LIVE MANNEQUINS!
ST. JOSEPH
FRIDAY DEC. 5
7-8:30 PM

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HOLIDAY PARADE
SATURDAY DEC. 6TH
4:00 PM, STATE STREET

SANTA ARRIVES
DEC. 6 TOO!

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