



CITY OF  
**St. Joseph**

2016 Calendar

## DAYS GONE BY

*History with its flickering lamp  
stumbles along the trail of the past,  
trying to reconstruct its scenes,  
to revive its echoes,  
and kindle with pale gleams  
the passion of former days.  
~Winston Churchill*



Did you know the City of St. Joseph has been housed in three different City Halls? This photograph shows the first structure, located on the southwest corner of Broad and Main Streets, circa 1894.



Present day City Hall on the southeast corner of Broad and Main Streets



Fun-filled winters at Whittlesey Park have been a tradition in St. Joseph since the late 1930s. This photo shows a group of kids taking advantage of the outdoor activities available on a cold winter day in 1954.



← Moms help their kids learn to skate at the John & Dede Howard Ice Arena in the same location today.

# JANUARY 2016



**SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY**

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					City residents can begin to reserve city parks for 2017 SJPS resume classes					January series at Library begins 12:30 pm					Planning Commission 4:30 pm																			
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31 City Commission 6 pm					Library Board 6 pm					Pension Board 10 am										Last day for Day Vendor Applications Last day for Christmas tree pickup 4th Annual Chili Tour, 5-8 pm (SJT)					Winter Beer Fest, Noon - 4 pm (SJT)									

This symbol indicates dates when recycling will be collected along with residential rubbish. Please use the provided cart (brown top) for recycling newspapers, aluminum cans, tin, steel, or aerosol cans, plastic tubs, jars & trays, plastic bottles, glass jars and bottles, books, junk mail, cardboard, magazines, catalogs, office paper, and paper bags. Please check the City's website or contact Best Way Disposal at 269-463-3232 for more information about recycling.

Leaf collection will take place on the days marked on the calendar with this symbol. Please remember to rake leaves into the gutter for collection; do not put leaves in bags, or place branches, twigs, grass clippings, rocks, or other debris in the leaf pile. Only those residents on Niles Avenue, Main Street, and Lakeshore Drive should bag leaves rather than placing them in the gutter.

Brush collection will take place the first full week only in the months of May through October, on the days marked on the calendar with this symbol. Brush collection includes small amounts of tree limbs or brush. It is not intended for the removal of entire trees. Brush may be up to 6" in diameter and 8' long. The root ball must be removed as it cannot be fed through the chipping equipment.



Education has played an important role in St. Joseph since its founding as a village in 1834. This photo shows the old St. Joseph High School shortly after its completion in 1916. The building, located at the intersection of Niles, Winchester and Forres Avenues, served the area's 9th-12th graders until 1959 when the current high school opened. This building was then used as the junior high until 1976.

◀ Milton Park occupies the same location today.

# FEBRUARY 2016



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Residents from all over Berrien County would flock to the popular Tip Top Cafe, shown here circa 1950, on the corner of State and Ship Streets in downtown St. Joseph for their delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner options. While the cafe occupied the first floor of the building, the second and third floors were used as residential apartments and meeting spaces for various local clubs.





This photo shows a group of people spending a leisurely day at Lake Front Park. The Park's landscape used to include several ravines. To make the space more accommodating to the public, the Ladies Park Improvement Association raised funds to construct two footbridges in 1884; one at Elm Street and the other farther south. This image shows the group standing on the south bridge, circa 1900.





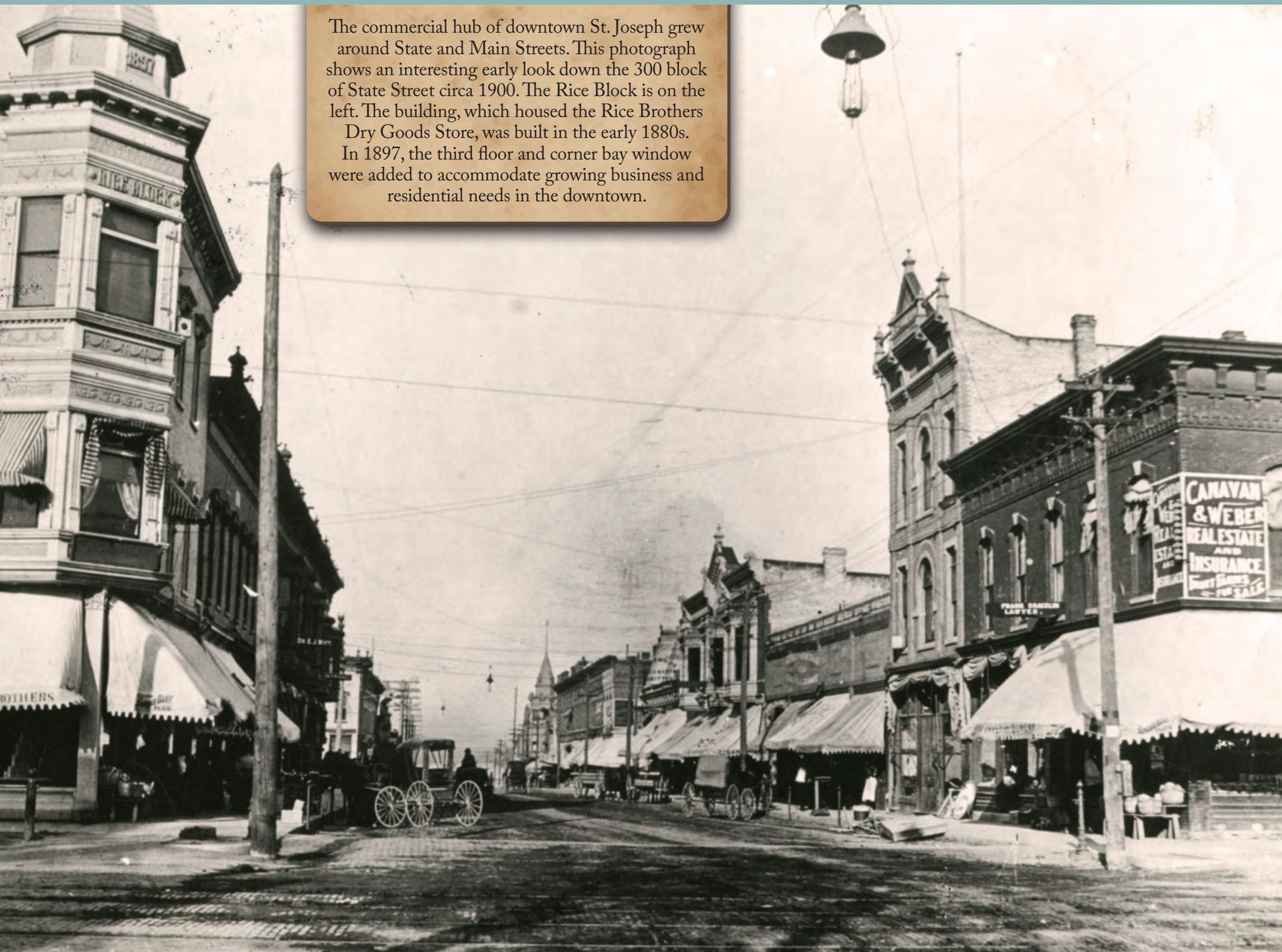
◀ Joggers enjoy the walkway at Lake Bluff Park today.

# APRIL 2016



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<p>MARCH 2016</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>MAY 2016</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>					<p>1</p> <p>2016 park passes required</p>
<p>3</p> <p>SJPS Spring Break begins Last day to register for May election</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>SJPS resume classes City Commission 6 pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Recycling (berriencounty.org/recycling)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Planning Commission 4:30 pm Parks Advisory Board 8 am</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Tax Day</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Water Services Joint Operating Board 4 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>City water bills due Downtown Development Authority 8:30 am Zoning Board of Appeals 4:30 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Earth Day</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pension Board 10 am Recreational Harbor Authority 11:30 am</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Cemetery Board 9 am</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>City Hall open for AV ballots if needed 8 am-2 pm</p>

The commercial hub of downtown St. Joseph grew around State and Main Streets. This photograph shows an interesting early look down the 300 block of State Street circa 1900. The Rice Block is on the left. The building, which housed the Rice Brothers Dry Goods Store, was built in the early 1880s. In 1897, the third floor and corner bay window were added to accommodate growing business and residential needs in the downtown.



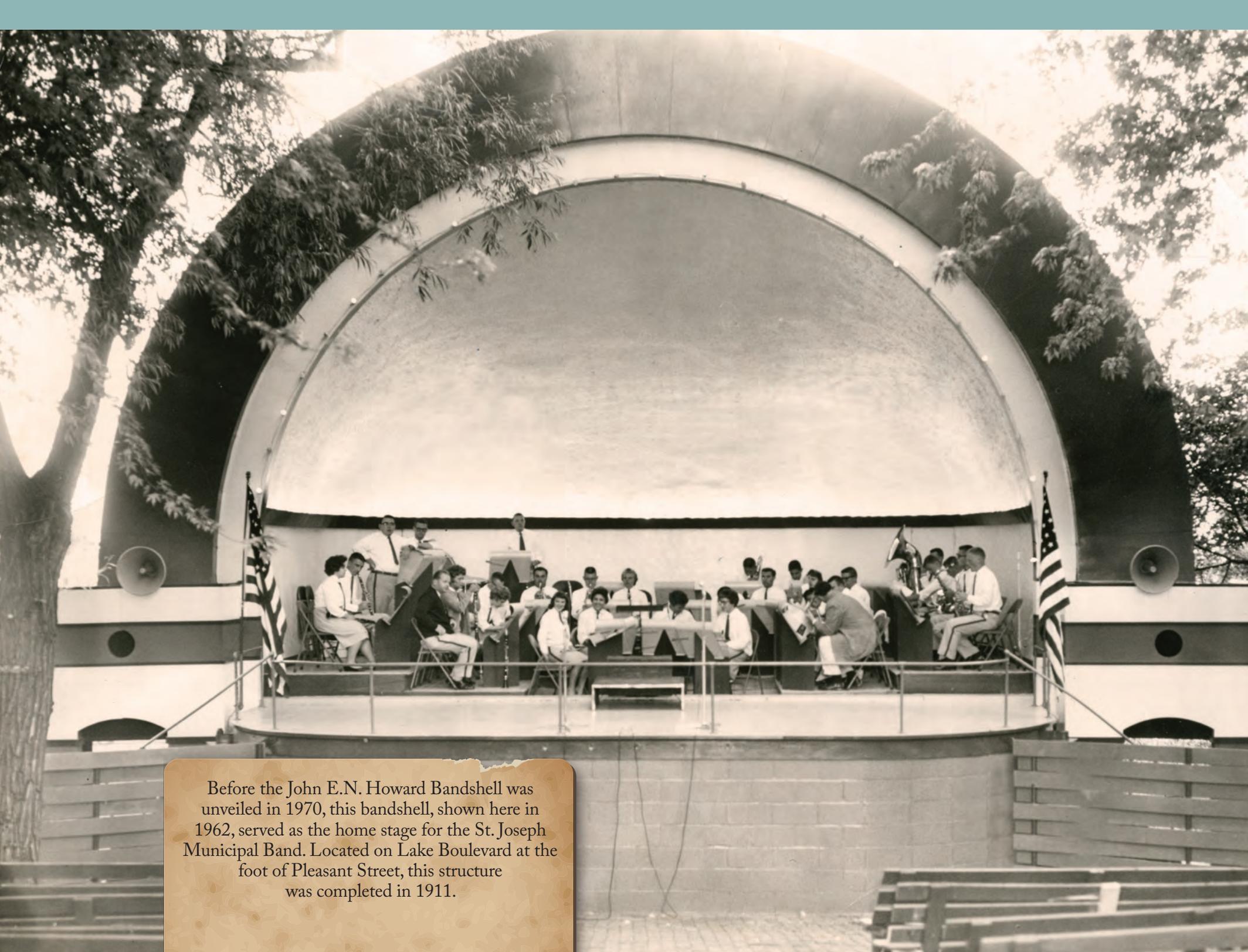


◀ St. Joseph enjoys a vibrant downtown today.

# MAY 2016



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>1</b> Antiques on the Bluff (SJT) 10 am-5 pm	<b>2</b> May election if needed 7 am-8 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Cinco De Mayo Planning Commission 4:30 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Blossomtime Grand Floral Parade 1 pm Library closed	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> Mother's Day	<b>9</b> City Commission 6 pm	<b>10</b> Police Memorial Ceremony, Lake Bluff Park noon	<b>11</b> Housing Commission 8:30 am Parks Advisory Board 8 am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Water Services Joint Operating Board 4 pm	<b>18</b> Downtown Development Authority 8:30 am Zoning Board of Appeals 4:30 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Public art unveiling & kickoff 5:30 pm	<b>21</b> Armed Forces Day BBQ, Blues & Bluegrass: A Taste of Michigan, Noon-8 pm (SJT) Home Chemical & Electronics Recycling ( <a href="http://berriencounty.org/recycling">berriencounty.org/recycling</a> )	
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> City Commission 6 pm	<b>24</b> 77th Senior PGA Championship Presented by KitchenAid Recreational Harbor Library Board 6 pm	<b>25</b> 77th Senior PGA Championship Presented by KitchenAid Recreational Harbor Authority 11:30 am	<b>26</b> 77th Senior PGA Championship Presented by KitchenAid	<b>27</b> 77th Senior PGA Championship Presented by KitchenAid Memorial Day Parade, noon (SJT)	<b>28</b> 77th Senior PGA Championship Presented by KitchenAid St. Joseph Farmers Market 9 am-2 pm (SJT)	
<b>29</b> 77th Senior PGA Championship Presented by KitchenAid	<b>30</b> Memorial Day City Hall, Library & SJPS closed, No rubbish collected	<b>31</b> Monday rubbish collected	<b>WHIRLPOOL COMPASS FOUNTAIN 2016 HOURS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 1-May 27: 2-4 pm &amp; 5-9 pm daily</li> <li>• May 28-Sept 4: 11 am-9 pm daily</li> <li>• Sept 5-Sept 30: Noon-2 pm &amp; 5-9 pm daily</li> <li>• Oct 1-Oct 15: Weekends only Noon-2 pm &amp; 5-9 pm</li> </ul> <b>Fountain closes by October 15</b> (These dates may vary due to weather conditions.)			APRIL 2016 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JUNE 2016 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30



Before the John E.N. Howard Bandshell was unveiled in 1970, this bandshell, shown here in 1962, served as the home stage for the St. Joseph Municipal Band. Located on Lake Boulevard at the foot of Pleasant Street, this structure was completed in 1911.



Before the Whirlpool Compass Fountain was located below the bluff, the area was home to one of St. Joseph's most successful industries. The Cooper-Wells Company, which was in business from 1878-1952, specialized in the production of stockings for men, women and children. This illustration, circa 1930, shows a detailed look at the company's extensive factory buildings.



MAIN PLANT & OFFICES  
*Cooper, Wells & Co.*  
St. Joseph, Michigan

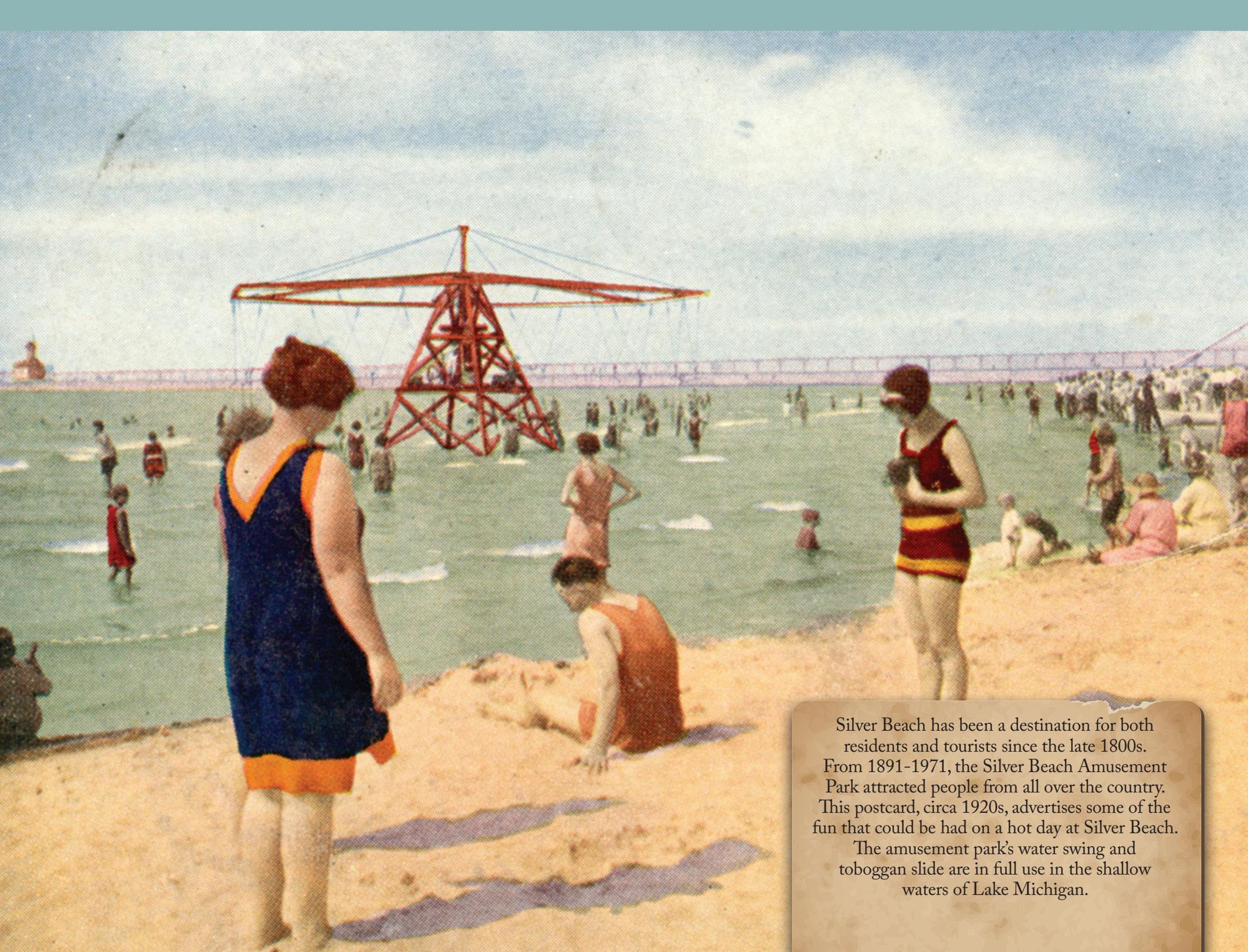


◀ Whirlpool Compass Fountain with the Silver Beach Center today

# JULY 2016



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<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Antiques on the Bluff 10 am-5 pm (SJT)</p> <p>Municipal Band Concerts 3:30 &amp; 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Independence Day</p> <p>City Hall &amp; Library closed</p> <p>Municipal Band Concerts 3:30 &amp; 7:30 pm</p> <p>No rubbish collected</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Last day to register to vote in August election</p> <p>Monday rubbish collected</p> 	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Brown Bag Concert, Noon (SJT)</p> <p>Tuesday rubbish collected</p> 	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Planning Commission 4:30 pm</p> <p>Wednesday rubbish collected</p> 	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Library closed</p> <p>Thursday rubbish collected</p> 	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff</p> <p>Library closed</p> <p>Farmers Market 9 am-2 pm (SJT)</p> <p>Movie in Centennial Park at dusk</p>	
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Silver Beach has been a destination for both residents and tourists since the late 1800s. From 1891-1971, the Silver Beach Amusement Park attracted people from all over the country. This postcard, circa 1920s, advertises some of the fun that could be had on a hot day at Silver Beach. The amusement park's water swing and toboggan slide are in full use in the shallow waters of Lake Michigan.



◀ Present-day Silver Beach scene.

# AUGUST 2016



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Tourists and residents alike enjoy a bustling summer day in downtown St. Joseph in 1896. The Hotel Whitcomb and Lake View House, which catered to the many visitors who visited the area, are seen in the background.



ST. JOE. PARK & SUNDAY. 1896. JUNE 20.

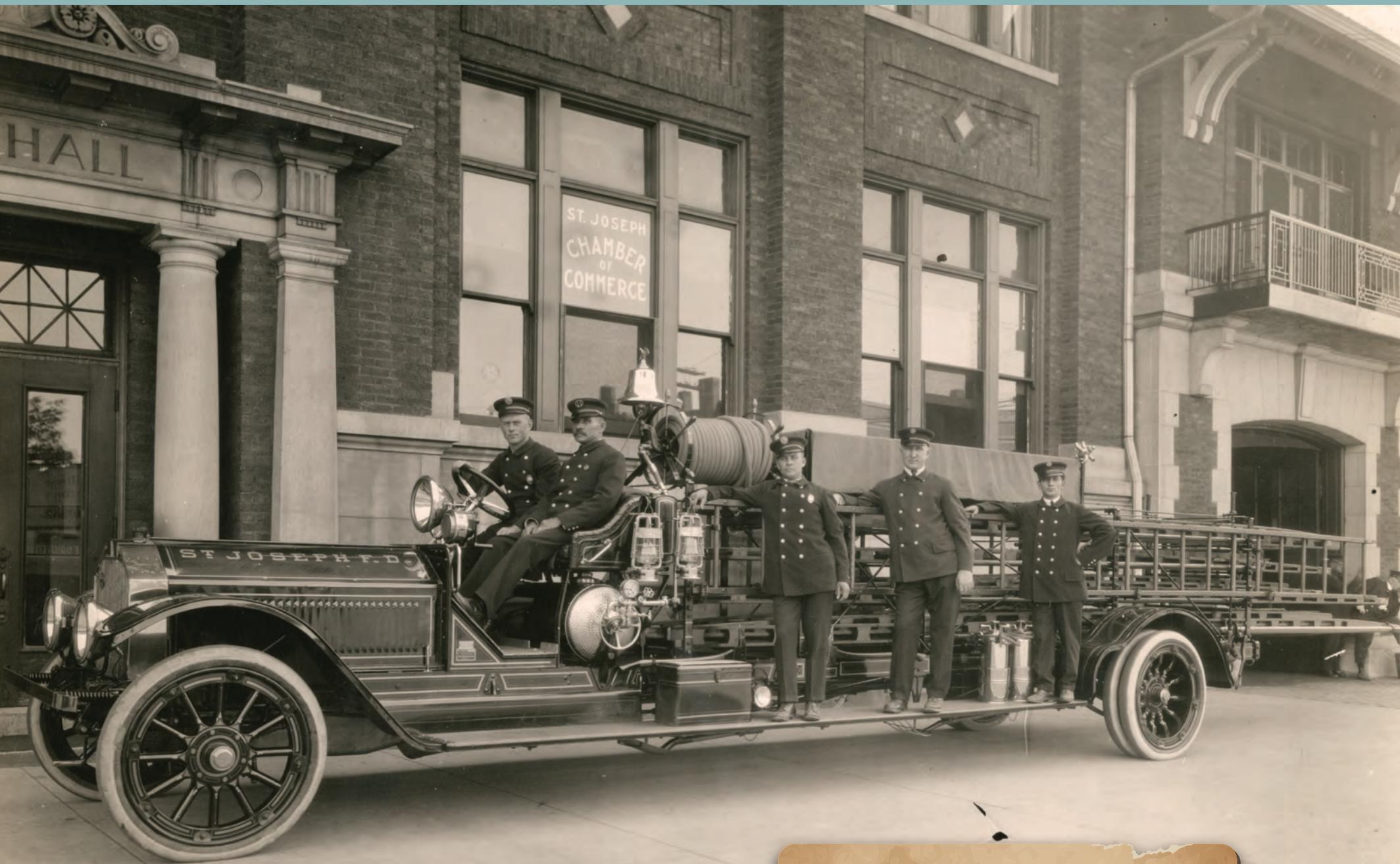


← Tourists and locals frolic in the Whirlpool Compass Fountain below the bluff.

# SEPTEMBER 2016



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Several members of the St. Joseph Fire Department show off their new ladder truck, circa 1920. The old City Hall and Fire Department are visible in the background.



◀ St. Joseph firemen showcase their new truck in October 2015.

# OCTOBER 2016



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Before the Blossomland Bridge was built, the State Street Bridge allowed for easy transportation across the river to the Edgewater area. This photo shows the bridge facing towards Edgewater, circa 1910. To the left, a building from the Wallace Lumber Yard is visible and to the right is the freight house for the Michigan Central Railroad, which was popularly called the Vandalia Line.

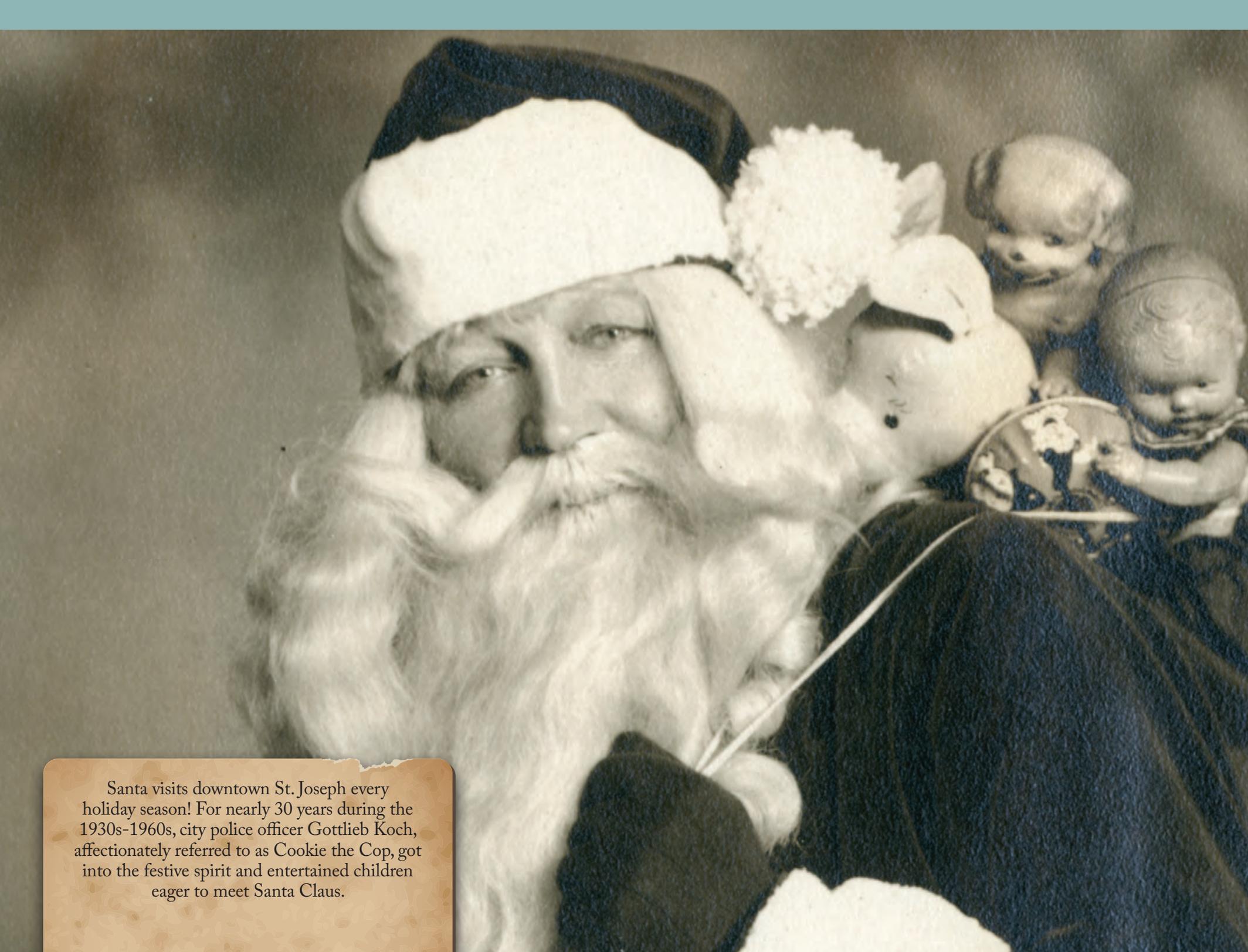


◀ The Margaret B. Upton Arboretum is at the same location today.

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Santa visits downtown St. Joseph every holiday season! For nearly 30 years during the 1930s-1960s, city police officer Gottlieb Koch, affectionately referred to as Cookie the Cop, got into the festive spirit and entertained children eager to meet Santa Claus.



◀ Santa visits with children in his house in downtown St. Joseph today.

# DECEMBER 2016



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		 Pearl Harbor Day	 Parks Advisory Board 8 am				
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	City Commission 6 pm	Board of Review 3 pm		Downtown Development Authority 8:30 am Zoning Board of Appeals 4:30 pm	SJPS Winter Break begins at end of school day		
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	
		 First day of Winter Water Services Joint Board 4 pm		 City Hall closed		Christmas Eve Library closed	
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
Christmas Day	City Hall & Library closed Normal rubbish schedule				City Hall closed	New Year's Eve Library closed	



Photo courtesy of Pat Moody

## CITY OFFICIALS (LEFT TO RIGHT)

- Commissioner Jeffrey E. Richards, DVM, elected Apr. 2, 1984
- Commissioner Mary J. Goff, appointed Aug. 11, 1986
- Mayor Michael C. Garey, elected Apr. 5, 1999
- Mayor pro tem Frances P. Chickering, elected Nov. 6, 2007
- Commissioner Christopher C. Heugel, elected Nov. 5, 2013

The City Commission typically meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month; the meeting schedule is marked in this calendar. The meetings take place in the City Commission Chamber on the second floor of City Hall at 700 Broad Street in St. Joseph. The meeting agenda is posted in advance in the lobby of City Hall and also is available on the City's website, [www.sjcity.com](http://www.sjcity.com). Meeting minutes are available on the website, or from the City Clerk's Office.

The information included in this calendar was gathered prior to November 2015. Please look for any changes and updates on the City's website, [www.sjcity.com](http://www.sjcity.com) or call City Hall at 983-5541.

Left to right: St. Joseph City Commissioners Warren Gast, John Gessert, Joseph Hanley, William Gillespie, and Downtown Development Authority chairman George Keller look on as Mr. Hanley cuts the ribbon during the dedication of the State Street reconstruction project in downtown St. Joseph, Michigan circa 1978-1979.



## ST. JOSEPH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

(All public meetings in this calendar are at St. Joseph City Hall unless otherwise noted.)

- Airport Authority**, 3rd Thursday, monthly, 9:30 am, SWMI Regional Airport
- Board of Review**, March, July and December, 983-1231
- Cemetery Board**, last Thursday, bi-monthly (Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct), 9 am, Riverview Cemetery office, 429-0021
- Downtown Development Authority**, 3rd Thursday, monthly, 8:30 am, 983-5541
- Employees Retirement System (Pension Board)**, 4th Wednesday, quarterly (Jan, April, July, Oct) 10 am, 983-4731
- Housing Commission**, 2nd Thursday, bi-monthly, 8:30 am, Lakeview Terrace, 983-2814
- Joint Wastewater Board**, 3rd Thursday, monthly, 11 am; Wastewater Plant, 983-7719
- Library Board**, 4th Tuesday, monthly, 6 pm, Library, 983-7167
- Medic One Community Emergency Service**, 4th Thursday, monthly, 8:30 am, Medic One main office, 925-2141
- Parks Advisory Board**, 2nd Thursday, monthly, 8:30 am, 983-5541
- Planning Commission**, 1st Thursday, monthly, 4:30 pm, 983-1212
- Recreational Harbor Authority**, 4th Wednesday, monthly, 11:30 am, West Basin Marina, 983-5432
- TwinCATS**, 3rd Monday, monthly 9 am at Kinexus
- Water Services Joint Operating Board (WSJOB)**, 3rd Wednesday, monthly, 4 pm, Water Plant, 983-1240
- Zoning Board of Appeals**, 3rd Thursday, monthly, 4:30 pm, 983-5541

Note: The Audit Committee, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Construction Board of Appeals, Property Maintenance Board of Appeals, Hospital Finance Authority, Municipal Officers Compensation Commission and Tax Abatement Committee do not have a fixed schedule, but meet as needed. Call 983-5541 for more information. All meetings are subject to change. Please call the numbers listed above to confirm. Thank you.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the staff at the Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, located in the Priscilla U. Byrns Center at 601 Main Street in St. Joseph. We appreciate your assistance in the selection and interpretation of the historical images featured throughout the calendar. Our City is fortunate to have such a priceless resource and we hope that our citizens visit, support and contribute to the Heritage Museum's historical collections so our local stories continue to inspire generations to come.

If you enjoyed the "then and now" photos featured throughout the calendar, we have some exciting news! This spring the Heritage Museum, in collaboration with the History Center at Courthouse Square in Berrien Springs, is set to release a new book titled *Historic St. Joseph Walking Tour: A Historical Journey Through Downtown St. Joseph*. The book will feature then and now photos along with a self-guided walking tour that highlights historical businesses, monuments, houses and more.

## QUICK FACTS: LIVING IN THE CITY



**Carroll Crafts Gift Shop on Ship Street was once at the present site of Czar's and Tim's Too.**

### **Grass must be mowed to less than 6" in height.**

Properties that fail to meet this standard may be mowed by the City and the cost of the work will be billed to the property owner. Property owners are also responsible for mowing and maintaining tree lawns adjacent to their property. In addition, offenders may be prosecuted.

**Residential rental properties must be registered with the Inspection Department.** These properties are inspected every two years for compliance with the property maintenance code. There is a fee for registration and inspection. Call 983-1212 for more information.

**Building permits must be obtained from the Inspection Department** before beginning any construction, remodeling, mechanical, electrical or plumbing work valued in excess of \$100. Purely cosmetic changes such as painting are exempt. Call 983-1212 for more information. Permit applications are available online at [www.sjcity.com](http://www.sjcity.com).

**Right-of-way permits are required for any work performed within the right of way**, which typically is the area within and including the sidewalks (i.e., driveway approaches, etc.). The permit application is available online or call the Inspection Department at 983-1212.

### **Sidewalk maintenance, including snow and sand removal, is the responsibility of the property owner.**

Please trim overhanging tree limbs, brush, or grass that encroach on any part of the public sidewalk adjacent to your property up to a height of 6'8", or any trees, brush or plantings that obstruct vision at a street intersection or driveway, or blocks a street sign. (If a "tree lawn" tree is encroaching on the sidewalk, obstructs vision at an intersection, or blocks a street sign, call 983-6341 and we will arrange to have the tree trimmed or removed.) The City routinely examines sidewalks for tripping hazards; the cost of repair is typically shared between the City and the property owner. "Approach" sidewalks – sidewalks between the street and the public sidewalk, or between the public sidewalk and the building – are the responsibility of the property owner.

**The Property Maintenance Code** addresses items such as broken windows, rotting wood, missing shingles and peeling paint. The City inspects properties on a four-year rotation. If your property is identified as having deficiencies, you will receive a notice from our Inspection Department describing the problems and setting a deadline for performing the repairs. If you have any questions, contact the Inspection Department at 983-1212.

**Overnight on-street parking is not permitted** from 2:30 am-6 am except for Saturday mornings, Sunday mornings and holiday mornings. If there are unusual circumstances requiring you to park on the street overnight – such as out-of-town guests, or construction activity obstructing your parking area – call 926-2538 for a parking pass (but call before you get a ticket!).

## QUICK FACTS: HOME & PERSONAL SAFETY

**Unnecessary noise**, or loud music from 10 pm-7 am is not permitted in the City. Please control barking dogs.

**Neighborhood watch programs** are set up through the St. Joseph Public Safety Department (SJPSD). Call 985-0300 to find out if there is a neighborhood watch group in your area, or if you are interested in forming one.

**Fire safety and property security surveys** of homes and properties are conducted at no charge by the Public Safety Department. Call 983-4641 if you would like to schedule a visit to tour your home and offer fire safety suggestions, and 985-0300 to ask the Police Department to examine your home and recommend security improvements.

**Police reports** are available from the Police Department on the first floor of City Hall. Call 985-0300, 8 am-5 pm Monday through Friday, for more information.

**Vacation home checks** are performed by the Public Safety Department and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Call 985-0300 to let us know when you will be out of town, and we will check on your property in your absence.

**All building fire alarm or security alarm systems** must be registered with the Public Safety Department; call 985-0300 for more information. Audible external alarms (including vehicle alarms) must automatically silence themselves within 10 minutes. There are fines for excessive false alarms from a property in a year; please keep your system in good working order to avoid accidental activations, and call the SJPSD before testing your system to avoid being charged a fee for a false alarm.

**Bicyclists age 8 or younger must ride on the sidewalk** if a sidewalk is available. Please do not let children ride in the street if they can stay on the sidewalk.

**Call the SJPSD at 985-0300** for free suggestions on home, personal and children's safety.

## QUICK FACTS: RUBBISH COLLECTION

**Residential rubbish is collected weekly** under a City contract by Best Way Disposal (463-3232). Best Way provides large, gray, two-wheeled carts for weekly collection. Place the cart curbside not earlier than 5 pm the night before collection; please bring the cart in by 10 am the morning following collection. All rubbish should be in a sealed bag or container. Alternate collection days during holiday weeks are noted in this calendar.

**Recyclable materials**, including plastics, cardboard, newspaper and glass are also collected from residences by Best Way. Recycling can be found on the city's website ([www.sjcity.com](http://www.sjcity.com)). Recycling is picked up once every two weeks, on the same day as your regular rubbish collection.

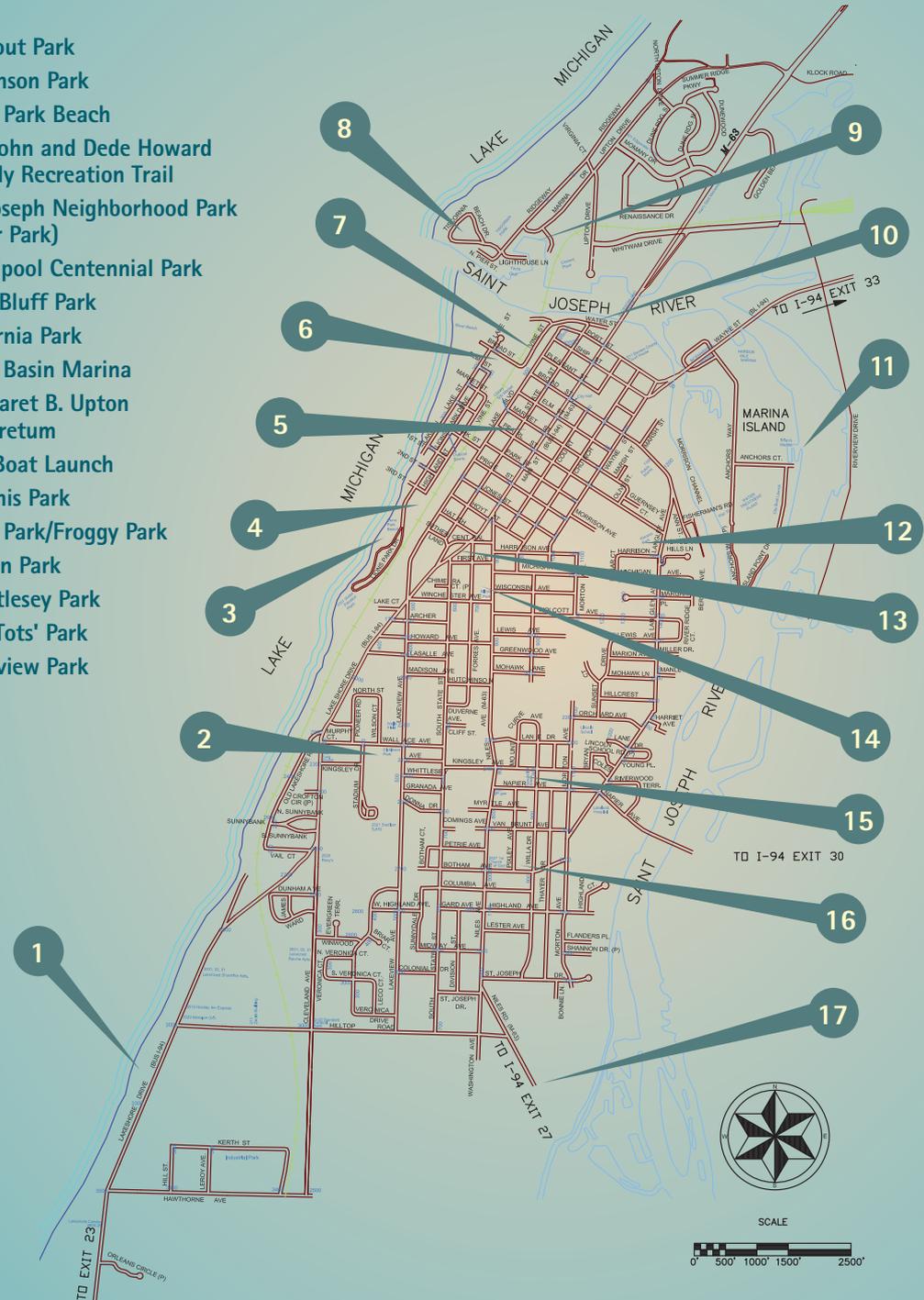
**Recycling days** are marked on the calendar with a symbol. ♻️

**Yard waste** such as grass clippings, leaves, sod, soil, roots, weeds and garden waste cannot be thrown out with rubbish; under state law, it must be collected separately to preserve landfill space. The City does not collect yard waste and it cannot be placed in the street. Residents who require yard waste removal must contact a private service provider directly and make appropriate arrangements. Most providers, such as Best Way Disposal, rent a large, wheeled bin for a set fee for the season, which typically is April 1st through November 30th.

**Special pick-ups** are intended for the removal of oversized items that cannot be collected with the regular rubbish collection. We cannot take any hazardous items such as chemicals, solvents, oil-based paint, refrigerators, air conditioners, broken glass, or boards with nails in a special pick-up. We will not collect any material that results from work being performed by a contractor rather than a homeowner; it is always a contractor's responsibility

## PARK LOCATIONS

1. Lookout Park
2. Dickinson Park
3. Lions Park Beach
4. The John and Dede Howard Family Recreation Trail
5. St. Joseph Neighborhood Park (Bear Park)
6. Whirlpool Centennial Park
7. Lake Bluff Park
8. Tiscornia Park
9. West Basin Marina
10. Margaret B. Upton Arboretum
11. City Boat Launch
12. Kiwanis Park
13. Point Park/Froggy Park
14. Milton Park
15. Whittlesey Park
16. Tiny Tots' Park
17. Riverview Park



*(Rubbish Collection cont.)*

to remove any waste generated by their work, whether that is an old water heater, old or spare carpeting, brush, limbs, or any other material. Each pickup can be no more than three cubic yards. Three pickups are allowed for each parcel in each calendar year. There will be an additional fee for pickups above the three allowed. Pickups are made on Thursdays of each week; call Public Works at 983-6341 by noon on Wednesday to arrange for a pickup the following day. Please do not place the items at the curb before 5 pm Wednesday.

**Household hazardous waste collection** is provided by Berrien County. There are several collection days each year in various parts of the county and they are noted on this calendar. You have to transport the hazardous waste to a designated site for collection. For more information, call 983-7111 x8234 or visit [www.berriencounty.org/recycle](http://www.berriencounty.org/recycle).

**Large projects** such as remodeling or demolition work that do not fit into the above categories will require you to rent a dumpster from a rubbish company. The dumpster should be placed on your property, if possible; if it is not possible, it may be placed on the street with a permit obtained from the Inspection Department; call 983-1212. The dumpster must have reflective material attached for visibility at night and must be placed to allow the best possible visibility at intersections and driveways. Please schedule your work to minimize the amount of time a dumpster is required.

**Storm drains and roadside ditches** lead to our creeks, rivers and Lake Michigan. So, any motor oil, pet waste, leaves, grass clippings or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain gets into our water sources without being treated. In addition, over-fertilizing your lawn causes chemicals to wash into our water sources. Never over-fertilize your lawn, or dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain or into a ditch.

**Brush** is defined as small branches up to 8 feet long and 6 inches in diameter. Brush does not include twigs, grass clippings or leaves nor does it include an entire tree which has been chopped down and cut into logs. Brush is typically collected and put through a chipper so the root ball of each branch must be removed to allow it to pass through the chipper. Public Works will only collect brush curbside during the first full week of each month from May through October. For your convenience, specific dates for brush removal have been identified in this calendar with the  symbol. During the off-season (November through April), residents must use their yard waste containers to dispose of brush.

When utilizing this program, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- This program is not intended for complete removal of trees by homeowners or contractors. Residents who require this type of service need to contract with a professional tree removal company. Make it clear with your contractor that the job includes hauling the tree away after cutting it down.
- Stack the pile so the larger ends are all facing the same way.
- Keep brush and limbs completely clear of city streets, sidewalks, mailboxes, street lights and sign poles, landscaping, fences, overhead tree branches and power lines.
- Place the pile (maximum 8 feet long) between the curb and sidewalk (tree lawn) or directly behind the sidewalk if no tree lawn exists.
- No loose leaves, grass clippings, weeds, plant clippings, stumps, roots, limbs exceeding the size limits, building lumber, landscape timbers or bags of garbage will be picked up. If any of these items are mixed in the brush stacks, the entire pile will not be removed.

**Leaf collection** happens twice a year in the spring and fall; specifically, mid-March through April 30th and October 1st through November 30th. For your

convenience, specific dates for leaf collection have been identified in this calendar with the  icon.

Because Public Works uses several large pieces of equipment to remove the leaves from the street, it is important to NOT place other items such as branches, trash, grass, rocks, sod and yard waste in the piles. These items can damage the equipment and cause delays for everyone using the service. Outside of the dates noted for pick up, residents must dispose of all leaves by utilizing a yard waste container.

**What is Japanese Knotweed?** Japanese Knotweed, a fast-growing perennial plant, is an invasive species that has been found growing in our community. Once it becomes established, it will shade-out all plants in the area, leaving nothing underneath. Without ground-layer vegetation to hold onto the soil, serious erosion is likely to occur.

**What does it look like?** Japanese Knotweed is a tall, bamboo-like plant that is green with red stems in the summer and has tassel-like, white flowers in late summer/early fall; it has an exotic look.

**How can it be eradicated?** Controlling this plant is a tough job and most likely will take multiple approaches over several years. It is important to keep in mind that knotweed can reproduce with only a tiny stem or root fragment left in the soil.

**What should I do as a resident?** Become educated about Japanese Knotweed. Some valuable resources can be found on the internet at:

[www.mnfi.anr.msu.edu/invasive-species/index.cfm](http://www.mnfi.anr.msu.edu/invasive-species/index.cfm)

[www.michiganinvasives.org](http://www.michiganinvasives.org)

[www.misin.msu.edu](http://www.misin.msu.edu)

[www.facebook.com/stopknotweed](https://www.facebook.com/stopknotweed)



Japanese Knotweed

## QUICK FACTS: WATER & SEWER SERVICE



**Berrien County Court House on Ship Street (c. 1910)**

**Lawn sprinkling is on an "even/odd" schedule.** If your property address is an "even" number, you may water your lawn and plants on "even" numbered days of the month. If your address is an "odd" number, you may water on "odd" numbered days of the month. Call 983-6324 with questions or to request a 30-day permit for new plantings or sod.

**High water bill?** Check your home for leaks. A running toilet or dripping faucet can waste a tremendous amount of water over a three-month period. If you have a meter in a pit outside your home, there could be an underground leak. Fix leaks as soon as possible to avoid being billed for the excess water used.

**Low water bill?** Call 983-6324 if your water usage seems unusually low — you may have a defective meter. We will arrange a service call and check the meter at no cost.

**Go Paperless!** You can now have your water bill delivered via email. Send an email to [water@sjcity.com](mailto:water@sjcity.com). We will sign you up.

**Payment options include:** In person at City Hall (cash/check), our 24/7 Drop Box, USPS mail, our Automatic Bill Payment (ACH), your own bank's online service or, a 3rd party through [www.sjcity.com](http://www.sjcity.com).

**Moving into or out of a property in the City?** If you are moving into a property, you must make an application for water service in person at City Hall. You will need your photo ID to complete the application. If you are moving out of a property, call the Water Department at 983-6324 to arrange for a final water meter reading and a bill to be sent to you; be ready to tell us the date you are moving out and the address where we should send the final bill. Please give us a few days' notice of your need for a final reading. Remember that water meters are routinely read quarterly and without a final read, it is impossible to accurately prorate the three-month billing amongst the parties.

**Leaving for the winter?** If your property will be vacant and you would like your water service shut off temporarily, call 983-6324. There is a charge for this service and you will continue to be billed the minimum quarterly charge while the water is turned off. However, when you have the water turned off at the road, you should be protected from the damage that may occur from an undetected leak or frozen pipes while you are away for an extended period of time.

**Trouble paying your water or sewer bill?** Please contact us right away at 983-6324 if you will have trouble paying your water/sewer bill. If we talk to you and understand your situation, we can work with you to set up a payment schedule. If we don't hear from you, your service may be turned off once your account becomes delinquent. Restoring service requires payment in full plus an administrative shut-off/turn-on fee. Please contact us so we can keep your water turned on.

**If we leave a service tag on your door,** please call 983-6324 within a few days to arrange for a service call. Typically we need to access your property to inspect, service or replace your water meter; there is no charge to you for these service calls. However, if we ask for a service call and do not hear from you promptly, your service may be disconnected until you contact us for an appointment.

**Water leaks** on the main public water line in the street, or between the main public water line and the individual service connection shutoff valve (usually located near the property line) are the City's responsibility and will be repaired by the City. Water leaks on the individual service connection between the shut-off valve and the building, or inside the building, are the responsibility of the property owner.

**Sewer backups** can be caused by a problem in the public sewer or in a property's private sewer service. If you believe the problem might be in the public sewer, call Public Services and we will check the public main and possibly save you the expense of calling a plumber. Call 983-6341 between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday; call St. Joseph Water Plant at 983-1240 at night, on weekends or holidays.

**Sewer breaks** on the main public sewer line in the street are the City's responsibility and will be repaired by the City. Sewer breaks on the individual service connection — even when that connection is still under the street — are the responsibility of the individual property owner.

**Need to remove or replace your meter?** Don't. It is a violation of City ordinance to tamper with your water meter. Call 983-6324 if your meter has to be removed or replaced for any reason, and we will make an appointment to do so.

**Water plant tours are available by calling 983-1240.** Our water plant staff is very proud of our facility, and loves to show off the building and explain our water treatment process.

## QUICK FACTS: FACILITIES (EXCEPT PARKS)



**Carnegie Library at Elm and Main (c. 1910)**

**City Boat Launch**, 282 Anchors Court on Marina Island, features a fish cleaning station installed in the fall of 2013 as well as new restrooms. There is a parking fee for both residents and non-residents. Annual passes are available from the City Clerk's Office at City Hall.

**City Hall**, at 700 Broad Street, is open 8 am-5 pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays noted in this calendar as "City Hall closed." City Hall contains the City Commission Chamber, Public Safety, and the offices of the City Manager, City Attorney, Personnel Department, City Engineer, Community Development, Communications and Marketing, Assessor, Inspection Department, Zoning Department, City Clerk, Finance Department and Water Billing Department. Call 983-5541 for more information.

**City Cemetery**, 1918 Lakeview Avenue, is the oldest cemetery in the City, with graves dating back to the early 1800s. The City currently has only columbarium spaces available in this cemetery. Call 983-6325 for information.

**Public Safety Department** is located at City Hall, 700 Broad Street. Call 911 for emergencies, 926-2538 to report non-emergency issues, and 985-0300 to contact St. Joseph Public Safety Department.

**Department of Public Works**, 1160 Broad Street, is open to the public by appointment only. Residents with service requests call 983-6341. Public Works' regular hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 am-4 pm, except holidays noted in this calendar as "City Hall closed." For after-hour Public Works emergencies, please call 926-2538.

**Fire Department**, 923 Broad Street, is open to the public by appointment only. Call 983-4641. Always call 911 for emergencies!

**John E. N. Howard Band Shell**, located at the corner of Lake Boulevard and Port Street, hosts the Municipal Band Concerts, the Brown Bag Concerts, and a variety of other public events. It may be rented for weddings only; call 983-6325 for information.

**John and Dede Howard Ice Arena**, 2414 Willa Drive, is regularly open during the ice skating season each year Thanksgiving Day through mid-March, weather permitting. Call 983-8795 for hours, or visit [www.sjcity.com](http://www.sjcity.com). Season passes are available. There is an admission fee as well as an ice skate rental fee. There is a concession stand located inside. The facility may be rented for private skating or hockey games; call 983-5432.

**Lakeview Terrace**, 601 Port Street, is a HUD-subsidized independent living facility. Monthly rent is tied to income under federal guidelines for affordability. Lakeview Terrace is entirely funded through user fees and HUD subsidies. Call 983-2814 for information.

**Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library**, 500 Market Street, is open Monday through Thursday 10 am-8 pm, Friday 10 am-6 pm and Saturday, 10 am-5 pm. The library is closed Sundays. Internet WiFi service available. For more information, call 983-7167 or visit [www.stjoseph.lib.mi.us](http://www.stjoseph.lib.mi.us). The library is jointly operated by the City and St. Joseph Charter Township under a contract. Library cards are free for City and Township residents.

**Riverview Cemetery**, 2925 Niles Road, is the active City cemetery. Burial lots, cremation lots, and columbarium spaces are available; City residents receive a discounted rate. Call 983-6325 for information.

**Water Treatment Plant**, 1701 Lions Park Drive, is able to treat up to 16 million gallons of water each day, and serves not only the City of St. Joseph, but also Lincoln Charter Township, Royalton Township, St. Joseph Charter Township, and the villages of Shoreham and Stevensville. The water plant is open to the public by appointment only; call 983-1240 to schedule a tour.

**West Basin Marina**, 273 Marina Drive, has both seasonal and transient slips ranging from 30' to 60' in length. The marina also has gas and diesel fuel, a ship's store, showers and laundry facilities, a fish cleaning station, winterization and seasonal storage services. The marina is entirely funded through user fees; no City tax dollars are used in its operation. Call 983-5432 for more information.

**ST. JOSEPH  
IS ALL ABUZZ!**

**BEACH  
BUGS**

**PUBLIC ART IN ST. JOSEPH**

May 20-Sept. 24, 2016  
[StJosephPublicArt.com](http://StJosephPublicArt.com) or [StJoeToday.com](http://StJoeToday.com)

A vibrant public art poster with a yellow and orange sunburst background. At the top right is a red ladybug. Below it, the text "ST. JOSEPH IS ALL ABUZZ!" is written in bold, black, sans-serif font. In the center, a red and white striped beach umbrella is positioned over a large, stylized sun. Below the sun, the word "BUGS" is written in large, colorful, cartoonish letters: 'B' is red with white spots, 'U' is black with white stripes, 'G' is green with white spots, and 'S' is orange with white spots. At the bottom, the text "PUBLIC ART IN ST. JOSEPH" is written in bold, black, sans-serif font. A red banner at the very bottom contains the dates "May 20-Sept. 24, 2016" and the website information "[StJosephPublicArt.com](http://StJosephPublicArt.com) or [StJoeToday.com](http://StJoeToday.com)".

# ST. JOSEPH COMMISSION & STAFF DIRECTORY

**Police, Fire, Medical Emergencies: Call 911**

**Non-emergencies: SJPD 926-2538, SJFD 983-1442**

(all telephone numbers in this calendar are in the 269 area code)

## City Commission

Commissioner Jeffrey Richards, DVM.....	983-2929
Commissioner Mary Goff.....	983-1328
Mayor Michael Garey.....	983-0454
Mayor Pro Tem Fran Chickering.....	983-7949
Commissioner Chris Heugel.....	930-2859

## City Staff

City Manager: John Hodgson.....	983-5541
Assessor: Deb Deja.....	983-1231
Chief Building Official: Cecil Derringer.....	983-1212
Cemetery Sales/Burials.....	983-6325
City Attorney: Laurie Schmidt.....	983-5541
City Clerk: Deb Koroch.....	983-6325
City Engineer: Tim Zebell.....	983-5541
Communications and Marketing: Susan Solon.....	985-0349
Finance Director: Deb Koroch.....	983-4731
Fire Deputy Director: Jim Crow.....	983-4641
Ice Arena: Andrew Peters (Oct.-March).....	983-8795
Lakeview Terrace: Nancy Walker.....	983-2814
Library: Stephanie Masin.....	983-7167
Marina: Andrew Peters (March-Oct.).....	983-5432
Parks/Cemeteries: Greg Grothous.....	983-6341
Personnel: Laurie Moore.....	983-0443
Police Deputy Director: Steve Neubecker.....	985-0300
Public Safety Director: Mark Clapp.....	985-0300
Parking Tickets.....	983-2573
Police Records.....	983-2575
Public Works: Tom MacDonald.....	983-6341
Streets: Don Evans.....	983-6341
Wastewater Treatment Plant: Tim Lynch.....	983-7719
Water Billing: Joan Ross.....	983-6324
Water Maintenance.....	983-6341
Water Plant Superintendent: Greg Alimenti.....	983-1240
Water/Sewer Emergencies.....	983-6341
Zoning:.....	(after hours) 983-1240
	983-1212

Dear St. Joseph Resident,

2015 will be remembered as a landmark year for restoring and preserving our North Pier lighthouses to their 1932 historical beauty. A 30-member committee of volunteers stepped up and the community responded by nearly reaching the \$2 million goal in just two years. As of November 1, 2015, the Fund totals over \$1,820,000 in private donations. This great success has allowed us this past June to begin construction and we are happy to report that restoration is being completed on both of our historic beacons. These iconic symbols are once again structurally safe and beautiful and will shine upon us for many years and future generations to come. This major project could not have been accomplished without the generosity of so many. A donor wall will be erected in Tiscornia Park this spring acknowledging those donors who gave \$500 and higher. A heartfelt thank you is extended to the many donors, volunteers and residents who walked with us on this very important and historic path.

Other projects that were started and/or completed in 2015 include updating the city's 20-year Master Plan, the consolidation of cemetery records and upgrading the records management system, the purchase of a new fire truck and extrication equipment, completion of the fire station structural improvements, and finalizing the Botham Avenue Reconstruction and Park Street Bridge projects. Additionally, improvements to the Water Plant and West Basin Marina were made, replacement of the roof at the Mausoleum in the city's cemetery has been finished, and the library steps were repaired. We continue to have a healthy and balanced budget while receiving the highest level for a clean audit.

Beyond these improvements to our capital assets, the City was able to provide public entertainment through the Whirlpool Compass Fountain, Movies in the Park and the Splishin' and a Splashin' public art display, all well received by residents and visitors alike. We are proud to say that, together, we continue to find new and innovative ways to provide you with efficient and cost effective services that you can afford.

In 2016 we plan to continue to build on this progress with many projects planned, but two major projects are top on our list. The first priority includes continuing to educate ourselves and our residents on the detrimental effects Japanese Knotweed can have on our community and developing a long-term strategy for the elimination of this plant in our neighborhoods and ravines. Please visit the city's website for more information about invasive species, their effects, and how you can help. The other top priority for city staff before the busy summer is upon us is to partner with Berrien County, local businesses and residents in order to develop a cohesive plan to reduce congestion in and around our downtown, including the discussion about parking.

We hope you enjoy the 2016 City Calendar, as it is a major part of our communication efforts to keep you informed and knowledgeable regarding local government.

We wish you a blessed 2016!

St. Joseph City Commission



Jeff Richards



Mary Goff



Mike Garey



Fran Chickering



Chris Heugel