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MARK YOUR CALENDAR May / June 2013

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

June 20th: Airport Authority 9:30am
Joint Wastewater 11am
Zoning Board of Appeals 4:30pm
June 21st: Summer begins
June 22nd: Farmers Market (SJT)
June 25th: Library Board 7pm

June 26th: Parks Advisory Board 8am
Harbor Authority 12pm
Brown Bag Concert 12pm (SJT)
Farmers Market (SJT)
June 27th: MEDIC I 8:30am
Cemetery Board 9am
June 28th: 2013 Summer Tax bills mailed
Friday Night Concert (SJT)
June 29th: Farmers Market (SJT)

June 30th: Opening Municipal Band Concerts
3:30 & 7:30pm
July 1st: City Commission meeting 6pm
July 3rd: Brown Bag Concert (SJT)
Farmers Market (SJT)
July 4th: Independence Day, City Hall and
Library closed
No rubbish collection
Fireworks at dusk
July 5th: Thursday's rubbish collected
Friday Night Concert (SJT)
July 6th: Farmers Market (SJT)
July 7th: Antiques on the Bluff (SJT)
Municipal Band Concerts
3:30 & 7:30pm
July 8th: Last day to vote in August primary
City Commission meeting 6pm

**Chemical Bank
presents:**



**Groove to the tunes
& savor the flavors
of spring!**

**May 18, 1-8 p.m.
Whirlpool Centennial Park**

A Taste of Michigan

stjoetoday.com



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CITY CONNECTION

Your Connection to City Hall and the People Who **SERVE** You

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 17th: Public Art Kickoff Downtown 5:30pm
May 20th: St. Joseph River Yacht Club's 100th Birthday
TwinCATs 9:30am
City Commission meeting 6pm
May 23rd: MEDIC I 8:30am
Zoning Board of Appeals 4:30pm
May 24th: Memorial Day Parade 12pm (SJT)
May 27th: Memorial Day, City Hall and Library closed
No rubbish collection
May 28th: Library Board 7pm
Monday's rubbish collected
May 29th: Tuesday's rubbish collected
May 30th: Wednesday's rubbish collected
Parks Advisory Board 8am
Harbor Authority 12pm
May 31st: Thursday's rubbish collected
SJPS's last day of school
June 1st: Regatta Craft Fair (SJT)
Farmers Market (SJT)
June 2nd: Antiques on the Bluff (SJT)
June 3rd: City Commission meeting 6pm
June 6th: Planning Commission 4:30pm
June 8th: Farmers Market (SJT)
June 12th: Brown Bag Concert - 12pm (SJT)
June 13th: Camp 911
June 14th: Flag Day
Friday Night Concert (SJT)
June 15th: Farmers Market (SJT)
June 16th: Father's Day
June 17th: Library's Summer Reading program
begins
TwinCATs 9:30am
City Commission meeting 6pm
June 19th: DDA 1pm
Water Board 4pm

CALENDAR CONTINUED ON MAILING PANEL

Ten years of public art in St. Joseph

Galloping carousel horses, frolicking canines, invading pirates . . .



For nine summers now, with the generous support of the St. Joseph Improvement Association and Cornerstone Alliance, our downtown streets have come alive with the fun and creativity of dozens of regional artists during our annual public art projects. You may recall that in 2004, we showcased carousel horses, paying tribute to the original Silver Beach Carousel that thrilled millions at the Silver Beach Amusement Park from 1910 - 1971. Following the horses, eight more summer projects were successfully displayed and enjoyed by thousands of visitors.

This summer marks our 10th year of public art and it may well be the best display yet! So, fasten your seat belts for the wild blue yonder as downtown streets are turned into helipads, landing strips and train stops as we unveil *All Aboard! Planes, Trains & Helicopters* this Friday, May 17th at 5:30 p.m. The first 500 visitors will receive Artist Appreciation Bucks, which can be spent in downtown shops and restaurants during that evening only. The kickoff event and artist bucks are kindly sponsored by Abonmarche, as a thank you to the talented artists and kind sponsors, so come on down and bring the entire family to check out the art and spend your bucks supporting our downtown. For more information, please visit www.StJosephPublicArt.com.

In conjunction with the public art unveiling Friday night, Lest We Forget will kick off their weekend festivities by holding a Military Vehicles, Motorcycles, and Classic Car

Parade at 6 p.m. The parade route will include traveling from Benton Harbor to St. Joseph along Port Street to Vine, south on Lake Street, east on Park Street, crossing over Main Street to Church Street, heading north and ending at the Courthouse Parking lot. The public is invited to the County parking lot from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. to take photos and to talk to the LWF patrol.

Continuing the weekend, on Saturday St. Joseph Today will hold BBQ, Blues & Bluegrass - A Taste of Michigan. The event, sponsored by Chemical Bank, will be located in Whirlpool Centennial Park from 1 - 8 p.m. and will include live music and great local BBQ!

Additionally, St. Joseph Today is ramping up to again offer their popular Farmers Market twice each week in Lake Bluff Park beginning June 1. Hours of operation are Saturdays from 9am - 2pm and Wednesdays from 4 - 7pm. Their popular Antiques on the Bluff is held the first Sunday of each month, May through October. Also, don't miss the musical brown bag concerts each Wednesday at noon and the Friday Night Jazz concerts at 7:30 pm, both held at the John E.N. Howard Bandshell. For more information about St. Joseph Today events, please visit www.stjoetoday.com.

Let's not forget our favorite summer activity; the traditional St. Joseph Municipal Band concerts! The first concert will be held Sunday, June 30th, with two concerts at 3:30 and 7:30 pm, at the John E.N. Howard Bandshell.

All Aboard! for a great summer in St. Joseph!

2013 Summer Recreation Program and Tennis Camp

The City of St. Joseph extends a warm invitation to all youngsters to take part in our 2013 Summer Recreation Program beginning June 17th at the John and Dede Howard Ice Arena at Whittlesey Park. This program provides structured and well-supervised activities for children in a relaxed and fun atmosphere by using their leisure time constructively. The program is for children ages 5 – 11 years old (as of June 1st) and will be offered Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Activities will include outdoor sports & games, arts & crafts, as well as, character building projects. City residents are free; non-city residents can participate for \$200 per child or \$400 per family.

Pat Hoffmann will be in charge of the summer tennis program again this year. He has been coaching tennis for 22 years and is currently the Men's Tennis Coach at St. Joseph High School. We are confident his program will provide your child with a rewarding tennis experience. The program is from June 10 – August 1 and for children ages 7 and older (must be 7 by June 1st). Classes will be taught at the High School and based on elementary, middle school and high school ages. Fees for city residents are \$45 per child; non-city residents are \$90 per child.

To register, please visit www.sjcity.com. On the home page under "In the News", you will find information and fillable forms to be completed and please return to City Hall. Payment is required at the time you submit your application.

Questions? Please email Denise at dwestfall@sjcity.com or call 983-6325.



The Whirlpool Compass Fountain is now open! May hours are 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. daily. Memorial Day through Labor Day 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. daily



Lions Park Restrooms project is well underway. The target date for public use is Memorial Day Weekend.

Spring Clean Up



We receive calls here at City Hall with common questions about yard waste, leaf pickup and brush collection. Please take the time to read the questions and answers below as it will assist you in your yard cleanup.

What is the definition of yard waste?

Yard waste includes grass clippings, stray leaves, sod, soil, roots, weeds and garden waste.

What do I do with my yard waste?

Under state law, yard waste must be collected separately from rubbish in order 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 contract with a private service provider to make appropriate arrangements. Most vendors, such as Best Way Disposal, provide a large wheeled bin seasonally for a set fee, which typically is April 1st through November 30th.

What is the difference between leaf collection and yard waste?

Leaf collection occurs two times a year, in the spring and fall, when there are large amounts of leaves to be removed at one time. In the spring, when you have a large amount of leaves, you are to rake them into the street for city pickup. The city typically begins picking up leaves in the street on or around May 15th. In the fall, again, when you have a large amount of leaves to be removed, you are to rake them into the street and the city will pick them up beginning October 1st. It is important that **no** other yard waste, such as grass clippings, twigs, branches, clippings, rocks, or other debris, be mixed in the leaf collection as those items may damage the equipment.

Are there any exceptions to raking leaves into the street?

Yes. The only exception is for residents who live along major streets such as Niles Avenue, Main Street, and Lakeshore Drive. They are to place their leaves into bags for pickup. All other residents are to rake them into the street.

What do I do with twigs, small tree limbs or brush?

Brush collection is available from the city for the removal of small amounts of tree limbs or brush. It is not intended for the removal of entire trees. Call 983-6341 to arrange for a pickup before placing the brush at the curb because the city only picks up tree limbs or brush when enough people warrant a pickup. Please remember that brush may be up to 6" in diameter and 8' long.

City of St. Joseph Wins Regional Community Excellence Award



"We are honored to once again win the prestigious Michigan Municipal League Regional Community Project Award", stated Mayor Bob Judd, who was present in Lansing recently to accept the award. The award is based on a

proven community project and is voted on by the hundreds of communities located in our region. There are a total of 7 regions statewide and Region 2, our region, encompasses 13 counties from Lansing to the lakeshore. The City presented the Silver Beach Center project, focusing on the generosity of Whirlpool Corporation along and Gast, Schalon, Upton and Whitwam families to create a family-friendly center that everyone could enjoy. St. Joseph won the first Community Excellence Award in 2007 for our renowned public art project. The city will compete against the other 6 regions for the statewide Top Community Project in September of this year.

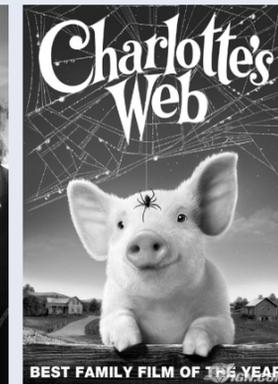


Calendar Correction

We apologize for an error published in the 2013 city calendar. In August, there are two dates listed for the Concours d'Elegance of Southwest Michigan. Please note that the Concours d'Elegance will be held Saturday, August 10th from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. along Lake Boulevard. For more information, please go to www.facebook.com/ConcoursSWMI.

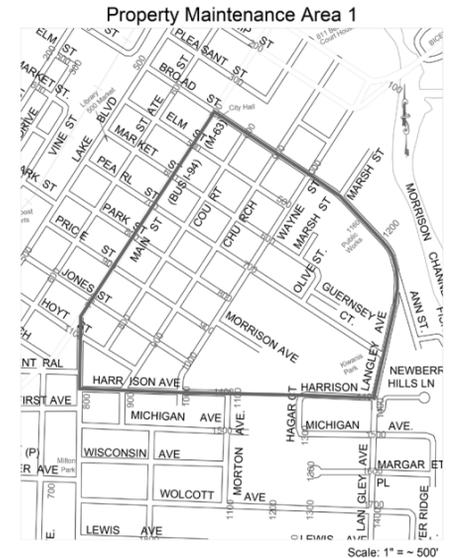


July 6



July 13

A total of nine free movies will be shown every Saturday night throughout the months of July and August. Below is a preview of the first two movies being shown in Whirlpool Centennial Park.



Property Maintenance Program Returns

Acting at the direction of the City Commission, the Inspection and Engineering departments have combined the duties of their seasonal employees into one inspection position. Mr. James Hahn,



bringing a full career of construction experience, has been hired and has begun his duties with the Property Maintenance Program, which will return to the "quadrant" focused

format. Announcement letters were sent to each household affected. Please note that all of these inspections will be conducted from public streets, sidewalks and alleys.

Later in the summer, Jim will identify sections of public concrete sidewalks in the same quadrant affected by the Property Maintenance program for potential "trip hazards". The actual replacement of sidewalk is scheduled for 2014.

Both the Property Maintenance and Sidewalk Replacement programs continue to be well supported by our residents and distinctly add to the safety and improved appearance of our neighborhoods.

Questions regarding property maintenance and sidewalk replacement can be made by calling 983-1212 or emailing jhahn@sjcity.com.