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St. Joseph Today's Upcoming Events



BBQ Blues & Bluegrass

Saturday, May 17th beginning at noon and going until 8 pm in Whirlpool Centennial Park

Memorial Day Parade

Friday, May 23rd at 12 pm along Lake Boulevard in downtown St. Joseph

Farmers Market

Saturdays, May 31st through October 4th, 9 am - 2 pm

Antiques on the Bluff

1st Sunday of each month May through October 10 am - 5 pm

For more information about St. Joseph Today events, please visit them at 301 State Street; call them at 985-1111; or go to www.stjoctoday.com.

Free movies will be shown every Saturday night throughout the months of July and August. Here is a preview of the first two movies being shown in Whirlpool Centennial Park.



Frozen is being shown Saturday, July 5th



National Treasure is being shown July 12th



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CITY CONNECTION

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 16: Public Art Kickoff Downtown 5:30pm
Last Day for Spring Leaf Pickup
- May 17: Armed Forces Day
BBQ, Blues & Bluegrass Festival (SJT)
Hazardous Waste Collection (berriencounty.org/recycle)
- May 20: TwinCats 9:30am
- May 21: Water Service Joint Operating Board 4pm
- May 22: MEDIC I 8:30am
- May 23: Memorial Day Parade 12pm (SJT)
- May 26: Memorial Day, City Hall, Library, and SJPS closed
No rubbish collected
- May 27: City Commission 6pm
Library Board 6pm
Monday rubbish collected
- May 28: Parks Advisory Board 8am
Recreational Harbor Authority 12pm
Tuesday rubbish collected
- May 29: Wednesday rubbish collected
- May 30: Thursday rubbish collected
- May 31: Farmers Market 9am - 2pm (SJT)
Craft Fair 10am - 5pm (SJT)
- June 1: Antiques on the Bluff 10am - 5pm (SJT)
- June 5: Planning Commission 4:30pm
Last Day of School for SJPS
- June 7: Farmers Market 9am - 2pm (SJT)
- June 9: City Commission 6pm
- June 14: Flag Day
Farmers Market 9am - 2pm (SJT)
- June 15: Father's Day
- June 17: TwinCats 9:30am
- June 18: Water Service Joint Operating Board 4pm
- June 19: Downtown Development Authority 8:30am
Airport Authority 9:30am
Joint Wastewater Board 11am
Zoning Board of Appeals 4:30pm
- June 20: Lest We Forget (lestweforgetswmi.org)
- June 21: Summer begins
Lest We Forget Beach Landing, Tiscornia Park 8a.m.
Farmers Market 9am - 2pm (SJT)
Hazardous Waste (berriencounty.org/recycle)
- June 22: Lest We Forget (lestweforgetswmi.org)
- June 23: City Commission 6pm
- June 24: Library Board 6pm
- June 25: Parks Advisory Board 8am
Recreational Harbor Authority 12pm
Brown Bag Concert, 12pm (SJT)
- June 26: MEDIC I 8:30am
Cemetery Board 9am
- June 27: Friday Night Concert, 7:30pm (SJT)
- June 28: Farmers Market, 9am - 2pm (SJT)
- June 29: Opening municipal band concerts, 3:30 & 7:30pm
- July 1: Summer tax bills mailed
- July 2: Brown Bag Concert, 12pm (SJT)
- July 4: Independence Day, City Hall and Library closed
Fireworks at approximately 10:30pm

It is all about Lighthouses in St. Joseph

Fundraising efforts for the Lighthouse Forever campaign coincide with the kickoff of the 2014 public art exhibit, "Shining Sculptures: Lighting Up St. Joseph", which takes place Friday, May 16th at 5:30 p.m.

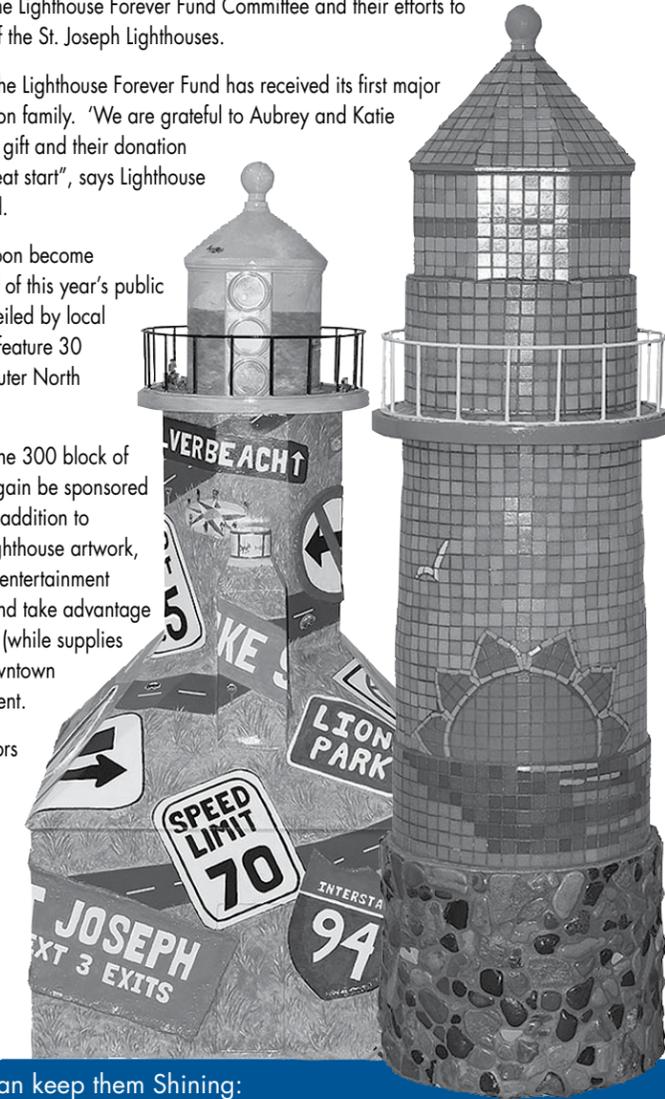
You will recall, that in order to secure the future of the lighthouses, last year the City formally accepted ownership of the structures from the federal government. In the March/April issue of City Connection, we informed you of the forming of the Lighthouse Forever Fund Committee and their efforts to raise \$2 million for the restoration of the St. Joseph Lighthouses.

We are now pleased to report that the Lighthouse Forever Fund has received its first major gift of \$100,000 from the McClendon family. "We are grateful to Aubrey and Katie Byrns McClendon for their generous gift and their donation has gotten the campaign off to a great start", says Lighthouse Forever Fund Chairperson, Bob Judd.

Other efforts of the committee will soon become apparent, beginning with the kickoff of this year's public art exhibit on Friday, May 16. Unveiled by local and regional artists, the exhibit will feature 30 sculpted replicas of the Inner and Outer North Pier Lights.

The event will begin at 5:30 pm in the 300 block of State Street. The kickoff will once again be sponsored by Abonmarche Consultants Inc. In addition to sneaking a peek at the wonderful lighthouse artwork, we hope that you will enjoy the live entertainment provided by The Last Mangos 3.0 and take advantage of the free Artist Appreciation Bucks (while supplies last) to shop in our participating downtown stores and restaurants during this event.

A special thank you to all the sponsors and artists who come together to provide the public art for our enjoyment.



Your donation can keep them Shining:
Text LIGHTHOUSE TO 80888 to donate \$10.
Visit lighthouseforeverfund.org for all the ways to donate.

2014 Summer Recreation Program and Tennis Camp



This year's Summer Recreation Program at the John and Dede Howard Ice Arena will be coordinated by the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph YMCA. The Y brings decades

of experience in planning and running safe and fun summer programming with a wide variety of games, crafts and other activities that kids look forward to. The 2014 Summer Rec staff members – Michelle Cohoon, Audrey Drotos, Eric Ferguson, Eric Fernav, and Kara Reinhardt – are eager to get started. **Nikki Dirnberger** will be the on-site Supervisor. Nikki currently works as the Supervisor of the YMCA's School

Age Child Care Program which provides before and after school care to elementary students from St. Joseph Public Schools at the YMCA. Nikki holds a degree in Elementary Education from St. Mary's College and is a mother of two.

This program begins on June 16th, is for children ages 5 – 11 years old (as of June 1st) and will be offered Monday through Friday, 9 am – 4 pm. 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 23 years and is currently the Men's Tennis Coach at St. Joseph High School. This program runs from June 9th to July 31st and is for children ages 7 and older (must be 7 by June 1st). Classes will be taught at the High School and are grouped by 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 complete the fillable application form from our website; find it at www.sjcity.com; click on the Summer Recreation story under "In the News" located at the bottom of the left side column. Once you complete the form, please return it with your registration fee to confirm your registration. If you have questions, please email Denise Westfall at dwestfall@sjcity.com or call 269-983-6325.

There's always something happening at the St. Joseph Library!

Did you know that in addition to a variety of Book Club options, the library also has other activities that may appeal to you such as Tai Chi, Yoga, Euchre, and Scrabble! In addition to our fun monthly programs we have some outstanding programs planned over the next few months. So mark your calendars for these awesome library events:

Friends of the Library Book Sale: Wednesday, June 4 - Saturday, June 7.

Music in the Garden -- The Deep Fried Pickle Project: Thursday, June 12, 6:30 pm (sponsored by The Friends of the St. Joseph Library)

Summer Reading Program Begins!: Monday, June 16. This year's it's all about science and we've got fun, interesting programs planned! So come get registered and get reading!

Tween/Teen Summer Reading Kick-Off event: Monday, June 16 from 3-7 pm, Tweens and Teens are invited to come get registered for summer reading while kicking off the summer in style with a big party!

Summer Reading Story times: Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am with games in the Garden until 12:30 & Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm

"Watts Up, Cook?" Learn about our local energy source: Tuesday, June 24 at 6:00 pm

Kids Safari Club -- John Ball Zoo: Thursday, June 26 from 12:30-2 pm

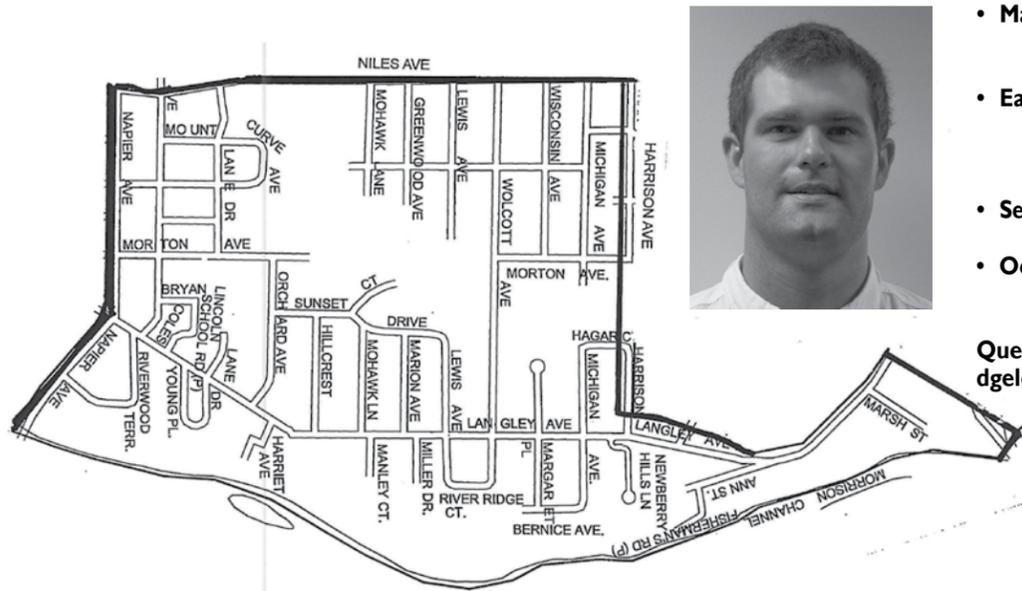
Teen Trivia: Thursday, June 26. Teens are invited to come show off their brain power!



City Manager Richard Lewis, Miss St. Joseph Melaina Von Behren and Mayor Mike Garey at the Blossomtime Festival Mayor's Banquet.

Property Maintenance Program Underway

The adjacent map indicates the target area for the 2014 Property Maintenance Program. Residents within the noted quadrant should have received a notification letter over this past week from Dan Gelder, Code Enforcement Officer. Dan has been newly hired to handle the Property Maintenance Program and notes the following time line for 2014:



- **May/June** Visual inspections conducted on properties from the City right-of-way.
- **Early July** Correction Notices issued to affected property owners. Owners will have until Sept. 25th to complete required repair.
- **Sept. 29th** Deadline for Property Maintenance appeals/extension requests.
- **October** Property Maintenance Board of Appeals hearings. Date to be determined.

Questions: Please contact Dan at [dgelder@sjcity.com](mailto:dgeler@sjcity.com) or by calling 269-983-1212.

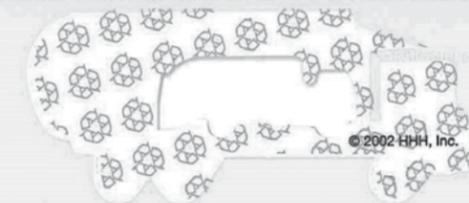


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YARDWASTE STICKER



- One sticker required for each Kraft paper bag.
- Max bag size 32 gallons / 40 lbs.
- Bags without a yardwaste sticker **will not** be collected.

Please place yardwaste at curb **by 6:00am** on your scheduled collection day.

Yard waste, such as grass clippings, leaves, sod, soil, roots, weeds and garden waste cannot be thrown out with normal 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 may either contract privately with a service provider for a large wheeled bin or purchase Best Way Yard Waste Stickers for single bag removal. For your convenience, Best Way Yard Waste Stickers may be purchased from the City Clerk's Office; the cost is \$10 for five (5) stickers.