



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 22 Library Board Annual Meeting 6pm
- July 23 Brown Bag Concert 12pm (SJT)
- July 24 MEDIC I 8:30am
- July 25 Friday Night Concert 7:30pm (SJT)
- July 26 Farmers Market 9am – 2pm (SJT)
- July 27 Municipal band concert, 3:30 & 7:30pm
- July 28 City Commission meeting 6pm
- July 30 Parks Advisory Board 8am
Recreational Harbor Authority 12pm
Brown Bag Concert 12pm (SJT)
- August 1 Chalk the Block (SJT)
Friday Night Concert 7:30pm (SJT)
- August 2 City Hall open for absentee voter ballots,
8am – 2pm
Chalk the Block (SJT)
Farmers Market 9am – 2pm (SJT)
- August 3 Chalk the Block (SJT)
Antiques on the Bluff, 10am – 5pm (SJT)
Municipal band concert, 3:30 & 7:30pm
- August 5 Election Day – Primary, 7am – 8pm
National Night Out, Riverview Park 5 – 8pm
- August 6 Brown Bag Concert 12pm (SJT)
- August 7 Planning Commission 4:30pm
- August 8 Friday Night Concert 7:30pm (SJT)
- August 9 Farmers Market 9am – 2pm (SJT)
Concours d'Elegance 10am – 4pm
- August 10 Municipal Band Concert, 3:30 & 7:30pm
- August 11 City Commission meeting 6pm
- August 13 Brown Bag Concert 12pm (SJT)
- August 15 Friday Night Concert 7:30pm
- August 16 Farmers Market 9am – 2pm (SJT)
- August 17 Municipal Band Concert, 3:30 & 7:30pm
- August 19 TwinCATS 9:30am
- August 20 Brown Bag Concert 12pm (SJT)
Water Services Joint Operating Board 4pm
Hazardous Waste Collection
(berriencounty.org/recycle)
- August 21 Downtown Development Authority 8:30am
Airport Authority 9:30am
Joint Wastewater Board 11am
Zoning Board of Appeals 4:30pm
- August 22 Friday Night Concert, 7:30pm (SJT)

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Resilient St. Joseph

Residents are encouraged to join in the development of the City's New Master Plan!



Resilient St. Joseph is an exciting new 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.

Please plan to join the City Commission, the Planning Commission, City staff, and LIAA on **Thursday, July 31st from 5:30 – 9:00 PM** at St. Joseph High School's Student Center as we officially kick off the public engagement portion of this community visioning process. LIAA has a great lineup of speakers including a representative from Local First of Grand Rapids; the State Climatologist, Jeff Andresen; and an expert from the Michigan Department of Community Health, all focused on increasing community and economic resilience. No R.S.V.P is necessary and free pizza will be provided.



Innovative ideas for sustainable communities since 1993

The Planning for Resilient Communities project is a multi-jurisdictional planning assistance program developed by the Land Information Access Association (LIAA), a nonprofit community service and planning organization headquartered in Traverse City, Michigan. Major funding for this project is provided by the Kresge Foundation with additional support from the Americana Foundation, the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation, the University of Michigan Water Center, and the MDEQ Coastal Zone Management Program. With this grant funding, LIAA will provide a full range of professional planning and technical support services to the City of St. Joseph. These services include public education and participation processes, data gathering and analyses, evaluation of future scenarios, vulnerability analyses, visioning and goal setting, task identification, and formal master plan development. Please contact Claire Karner, Community Planner at LIAA by phone at 231-929-3696 or emailing her at ckarner@liaa.org.



Unidirectional Flushing City-Wide

The city is working with Wachs Water to conduct a unidirectional flushing program of the city's water distribution system. Unidirectional flushing offers many benefits including improved water quality. The unidirectional flushing program will cause sediment to be stirred up in the water system so please be on the lookout for door hangers as well as other public notices as fall approaches. The best way to avoid experiencing discolored water in your home is to refrain from using water the day(s) the water is flushed in your neighborhood. Please contact City Engineer Tim Zebell (tzebell@sjcity.com) with your questions.



Golf Carts and ATV's

A friendly reminder that operating a golf cart and/or ATV that has not been specifically modified to meet the requirements of a Low Speed Vehicle per State and Federal law is illegal on public roadways, sidewalks or private property without the expressed permission of the owner. Essentially, unmodified golf carts and ATV's are considered to be off-road vehicles and may be operated only on one's own private property or a golf course.



Primary Election Tuesday, August 5, 2014

A Primary Election will be held in the City of St. Joseph on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The purpose of the election is to select the candidates who will appear on the November 4, 2014 General Election ballot.

Please remember that there are two party sections on the ballot: Republican Party and Democratic Party. You may vote in one party section only; you cannot "split your ticket." If you vote in more than one party section, your partisan ballot will be rejected.

Ballots are identical for each Precinct with the exception of the Delegate section. A Precinct Delegate is an elected representative to the local political party from your Precinct so each Precinct will have a different list of candidates. To learn more about Precinct Delegates, go to www.michigan.gov/vote.

Polling Locations include:

Precinct 1 – St. Joseph Public Library, 500 Market St.

Precinct 2 – Howard Ice Arena, 2414 Willa Dr.

Precinct 3 – Zion Evangelical Church, 3001 Veronica Dr.

Questions? Contact the Deputy City Clerk at dwestfall@sjcity.com.

Housing Commission Board Vacancy

The City of St. Joseph is seeking applications from interested residents to fill a vacancy on the Housing Commission Board. The selected resident would finish the remainder of the 5-year term which ends May 2017. The Housing Commission meets bi-monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at Lakeview Terrace High-rise, 601 Port Street.

As with all board members, you need to be able to commit to regular meeting attendance, have the ability to receive communication by phone and/or email and have some comfort in communicating ideas in a group setting. Each of our Boards and Commissions are staffed by city personnel who assist with on-going administration of the group.

If you are interested, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 269-983-6325 for more information or complete the Board and Commission application available on our website at www.sjcity.com.

Inspection Report

The Inspection Department recently wrapped up their first six months of what Building Inspector Cecil Derringer considers a typical year with over 325 permits issued. Currently, there are five new homes under various stages of completion, start-up construction work at United Federal Credit Union site is underway, and anticipation for the new Buffalo Wild Wings to begin soon. All of this on the heels of completion of the Inn at Harbor Village, a 9-story multi-use project, which involved much of the entire inspection staff for just over a year.

The Inspection Department team includes Mechanical Inspector Ed Wainwright, Property Maintenance Inspector Dan Gelder, Support Clerk Rhonda Fryer, Electrical Inspector Ken Simpson, and Chief Building Official Cecil Derringer. Ken, Ed and Cecil are licensed by the State of Michigan in their respective trades, registered as inspectors and certified as Plan Examiners.



Left to right: Ed Wainwright, Dan Gelder, Rhonda Fryer, Ken Simpson, and Cecil Derringer.

Summer Rec Is Fun!

Be Sure to visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bhsjymcasjcitysummerrec and 'Like' them.



Movies In The Park!

- July 26: Despicable Me 2
- Aug. 2: The Philadelphia Story
- Aug. 9: Grown Ups
- Aug. 16: The Goonies
- Aug. 23: Field of Dreams
- Aug. 30: Casablanca





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18th Annual Chalk the Block

Thursday, July 31 - Sunday, August 3

Downtown St. Joseph

For more information, contact www.stjoetoday.com
or call 985-1111



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Tri-State Regatta arrives late
night/early morning
at Margaret B. Upton Arboretum
- August 30 Tri-State Regatta sailboat fleet in port
Farmers Market
Craft Fair 10am – 5pm (SJT)
- August 31 Tri-State Regatta departs 9am
Municipal Band Concert, 3:30 & 7:30pm
Big Band Concert 9pm