



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Oct 1 Farmers Market, 9am –2pm (SJT)
- Oct 2 Final Antiques on the Bluff, 10am–5pm (SJT)
- Oct 3-7 Brush Pickup Week
- Oct 6 Planning Commission, 4:30pm
- Oct 8 Farmers Market, 9am-2pm (SJT)
- Oct 10 Columbus Day, City Hall closed  
State of the City Community Meeting 6pm  
City Commission Meeting 7pm
- Oct 11 Last day to register to vote for November election
- Oct 13 Parks Advisory Board 8am
- Oct 15 Farmers Market, 9am-2pm (SJT)  
Home Chemical & Electronics Recycling  
(berriencounty.org/recycling)
- Oct 19 Water Services Joint Operating Board 4pm
- Oct 20 Downtown Development Authority 8:30am  
Zoning Board of Appeals 4:30pm
- Oct 21 City water bills due
- Oct 24 City Commission meeting 6pm
- Oct 25 Library Board 6pm
- Oct 26 Pension Board 10am  
Recreational Harbor Authority, 11:30am
- Oct 27 Cemetery Board 9am
- Nov 3 Planning Commission 4:30pm
- Nov 5 City Hall open for Absentee Voting 8am-2pm
- Nov 5-10 Krasl Artisan Market
- Nov 6 Daylight Savings Time ends
- Nov 8 Election Day 7am-8pm

## November 8, 2016 Presidential Election

Don't miss important deadlines and remember, you can't vote unless you're registered.



You still have time to register to vote in the Michigan General Election being held November 8, 2016, as the Voter Registration Deadline is **Tuesday, October 11, 2016**. You can register to vote either on-line at [webapps.sos.state.mi.us/MVIC](http://webapps.sos.state.mi.us/MVIC), or stop by the Clerk's Office here at City Hall to register. If you have changed your address, your name, or need to change your political party, you must re-register by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Michigan voters are able to vote a straight ticket or split ticket in this General Election.

### Offices to be voted on include

- President
- Representative in Congress and State Legislature
- State Board of Education Members
- Regent of the University of Michigan
- Governor of Wayne State University
- County Prosecutor, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner, Surveyor and 5<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner
- Justice of Supreme Court
- Judge of Court of Appeals 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Court, Probate Court, 5<sup>th</sup> District Court
- Lake Michigan College Board Trustee
- School Board Members

### Proposals on the ballot include:

- Lake Michigan College Capital Millage Proposal

You may request an **Absent Voter Ballot Application**, if you:

- Are 60 years of age or older
- Expect to be absent from the community the entire time the polls are open
- Are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another
- Cannot attend because of the tenets of your religion
- Are an election worker at a different polling location
- Cannot attend because you are in jail awaiting arraignment or trial

Polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

### Please take note of our permanent polling locations:

- Precinct 1 – St. Joseph City Hall, second floor – 700 Broad Street**
- Precinct 2 – Howard Ice Arena – 2414 Willa Drive**
- Precinct 3 – Zion Evangelical UCC Church – 3001 Veronica Drive**

We are expecting a very large turnout so we ask that you please be patient while waiting in line. Try to keep conversations to a minimum to help those voting so they may concentrate and are able to finish in a timely fashion.

We are here to help answer your questions! For information on how to obtain an absentee voter ballot, confirm your registration, check your polling location or work as an election inspector at the polls, please call the City Clerk's Office at (269) 983-6325. See you at the polls!



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From our Public Works Director,  
**Tom MacDonald**

## Final Brush Collection for 2016

Residents are permitted to place brush along city streets for collection by the Department of Public Works during the first full week of each month from May through October. 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. Do not include railroad ties and landscape timbers in the brush piles. The final week of brush collection for 2016 will take place during the week of Monday, October 3 through Friday, October 7.

## 2016 Fall Leaf Collection

The City of St. Joseph Fall leaf Collection will take place the week of October 10 and will continue until Wednesday, November 23. Residents can rake leaves in the gutter line of paved city streets for collection by the Department of Public Works. Leaves placed for collection should not include branches, twigs, limbs, logs, grass clippings, rocks, roots or any other yard waste as this can cause difficulties with the equipment used for collection.

## Residential Special Pick-ups (Large Items)

This program is intended for the removal of oversized items that cannot be collected with your normal weekly rubbish collection. We cannot take any hazardous items in a special pick-up. If you have any question as to whether the City will collect the material, please contact the Department of Public Works in advance, at (269) 983-6341.

All special collection programs are limited to residential property. Commercial or industrial property (including apartments and/or condominiums) are not eligible for these programs and must use a private hauler.

### Some general guidelines include:

- Three Special Pick-Ups per household per calendar year.
- Special Large Item Pick-Ups shall only be made on Thursdays, and must be called in by noon on the Wednesday prior.
- Special Large Item Pick-Ups shall be limited to a total of three cubic yards per pick-up.
- No material normally handled by the contracted residential trash service will be picked up.
- No material considered Hazardous Waste (chemicals, solvents, oil, paint, pesticides, etc.) will be picked up. No items containing refrigerants chemicals like Freon coolant (refrigerators, air conditioners, etc.). No items that would be hazardous to workers (boards with nails, broken glass, etc.) will be picked up.
- Special Large Item Pick-Ups shall not include items generated through contracted work.
- To see complete details, go to [sjcity.com/government/departments/streets](http://sjcity.com/government/departments/streets).

## Sidewalk Maintenance, including Snow and Sand removal

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, please call the Department of Public Works at 983-6341 to arrange to have the tree trimmed or removed.

Let's have  
a Spooktacular  
TIME  
Happy  
Halloween  
Join us  
if you dare

**Trick-or-Treat Hours**  
Downtown Halloween Trick-or-Treat through  
St. Joseph Today will be held on  
**Monday, October 31st from 4:30 - 6 pm.**

For more information, please visit  
[www.stjoetoday.com](http://www.stjoetoday.com).

City-wide trick-or-treat will run  
from 6 - 7 pm that same night.



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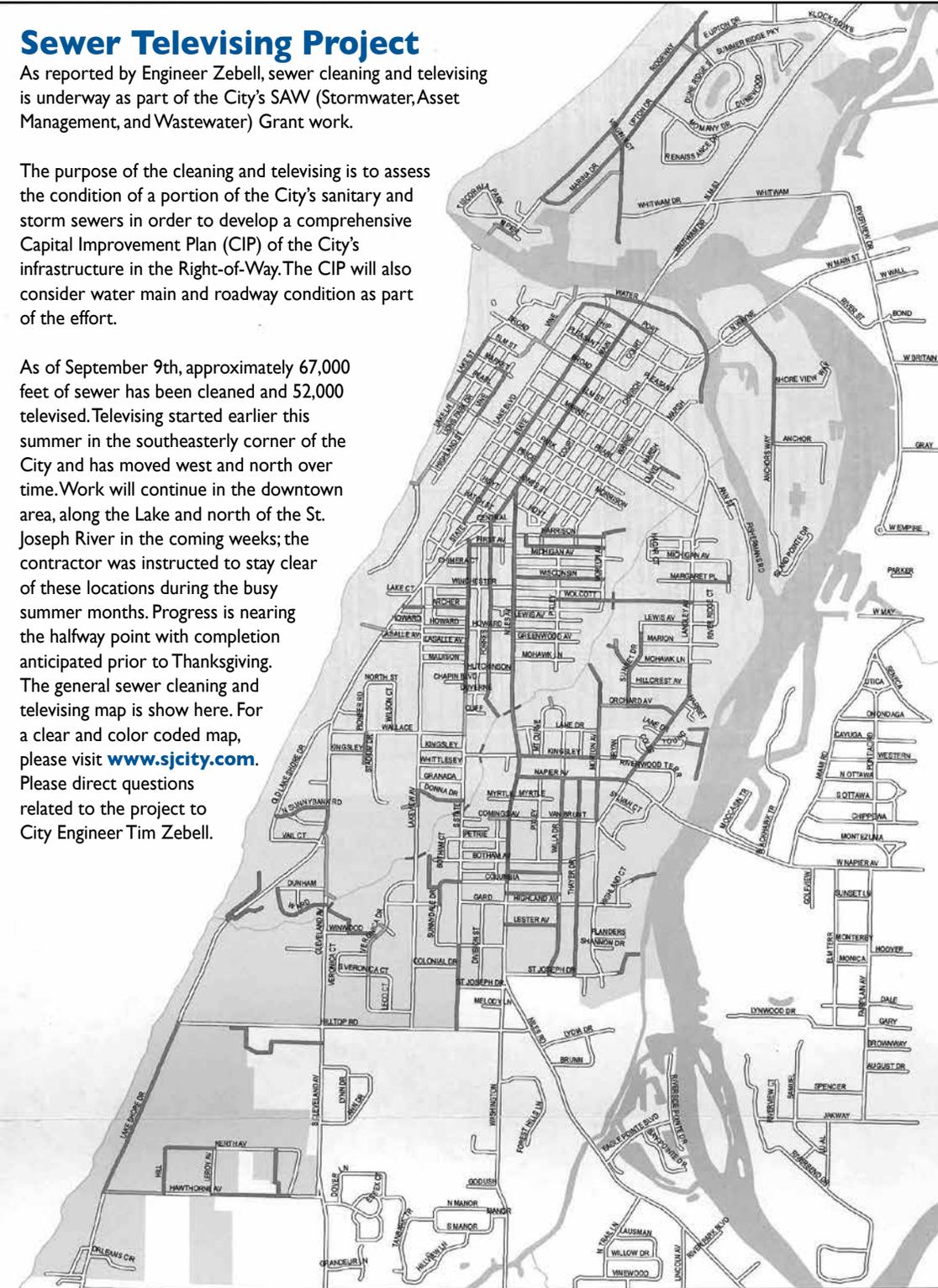
If you missed the first State of the City community meeting, please be advised that there is another being held on Monday, October 10th at 6 pm. At this meeting, we share with residents what is happening at City Hall and to listen to your ideas and concerns. We hope to see you on October 10th at 6 p.m.

## Sewer Televising Project

As reported by Engineer Zebell, sewer cleaning and televising is underway as part of the City's SAW (Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater) Grant work.

The purpose of the cleaning and televising is to assess the condition of a portion of the City's sanitary and storm sewers in order to develop a comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) of the City's infrastructure in the Right-of-Way. The CIP will also consider water main and roadway condition as part of the effort.

As of September 9th, approximately 67,000 feet of sewer has been cleaned and 52,000 televised. Televising started earlier this summer in the southeasterly corner of the City and has moved west and north over time. Work will continue in the downtown area, along the Lake and north of the St. Joseph River in the coming weeks; the contractor was instructed to stay clear of these locations during the busy summer months. Progress is nearing the halfway point with completion anticipated prior to Thanksgiving. The general sewer cleaning and televising map is show here. For a clear and color coded map, please visit [www.sjcity.com](http://www.sjcity.com). Please direct questions related to the project to City Engineer Tim Zebell.



The City of St. Joseph would like to thank the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Kiwanis Club for their generous donation toward the purchase of the new climbing structure in Tiny Tot's Park.



## Notice of Repeal St. Joseph Housing

Effective August 15, 2013, the City of St. Joseph repealed Section 41.17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of St. Joseph, Michigan, which had required persons reside in the City of St. Joseph not less than three (3) years before applying for admission to public housing.

The City of St. Joseph and the St. Joseph Housing Commission are fully committed to accepting public housing applications from all persons, not just City residents, and fully support equal housing opportunity within the community regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability.

### Sewer Televising/Cleaning Reference Map



#### Televising/Cleaning Work:

- Both Sanitary and Storm Sewer
- Sanitary Sewer
- Storm Sewer

- Streets
- City Limits
- Stream Crossings
- Water Bodies

April 5, 2016

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## Library News:



**BUS**  
  
**TRIP**

### Friends of the Library Bus Trip

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#### Grand Rapids Public Museum

#### Gerald R. Ford Museum

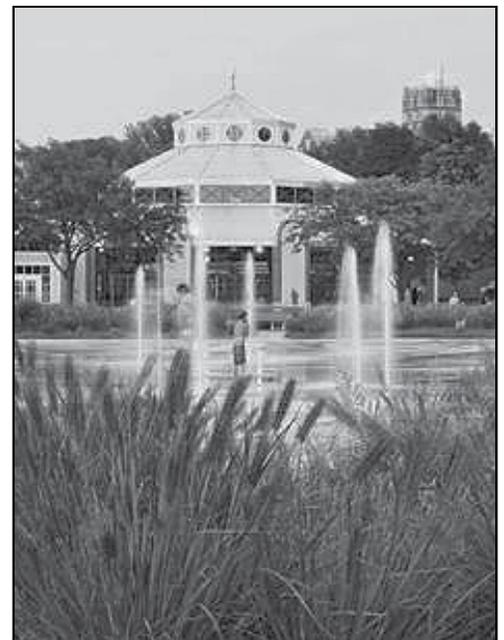
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Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2016  
Time: 8:45 am–5:30 pm  
Cost: \$60.00 (Due by October 10, 2016)  
**Limited Seating! Contact Sherry @ 428-4833**  
Price Includes : Admission to both Museums  
Bus fare & Driver's Tip  
**Lunch not included—Cafeteria available in the GRP Museum**

1st-3rd Graders:  
It's Elementary!  
Detective club  
4th Monday of each month  
5:30–6:30 pm

4th-6th Graders:  
Tween Team!  
Root Beer Floats  
& Toothpick Sculptures  
Monday October 10th  
5:00 - 6:30 pm

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**Whirlpool Compass  
Fountain closed for  
the Season!**  
It will reopen early  
May 2017.