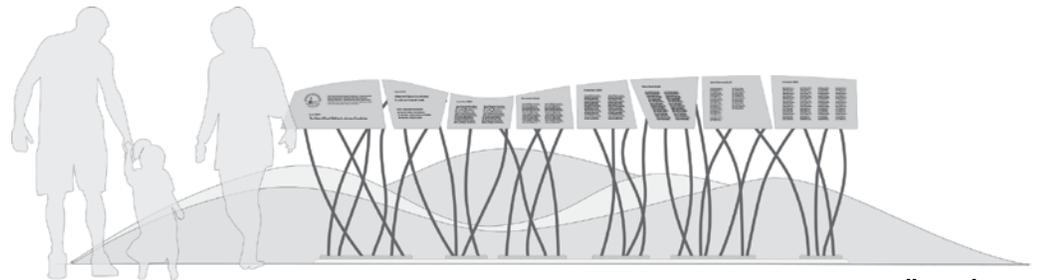




MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan 26 TwinCATS 9am
City Commission 6pm
- Jan 27 Library Board 6pm
- Jan 28 Parks Advisory Board 8am
Pension Board 10am
- Jan 30 Last day for Day Vendor Applications
Last day for Christmas tree pick up
3rd Annual Chili Tour 5 – 8pm (SJT)
- Feb 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb 5 Planning Commission 4:30pm
- Feb 6 11th Annual Magical Ice Fest (SJT)
- Feb 7 11th Annual Magical Ice Fest (SJT)
- Feb 8 11th Annual Magical Ice Fest (SJT)
- Feb 9 City Commission 6pm
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 16 President's Day
City Hall & SJPS closed
Normal rubbish schedule
- Feb 17 Last day to pay taxes at City Hall
without penalty by 5pm
- Feb 18 Water Services Joint Operating Board 4pm
- Feb 19 Downtown Development Authority 8:30am
Airport Authority 9:30am
Joint Wastewater Board 11am
Zoning Board of Appeals 4:30pm
- Feb 23 TwinCATS 9am
City Commission 6pm
- Feb 24 Library Board 6pm
- Feb 25 Parks Advisory Board 8am
- Feb 26 MEDIC I 8:30am
Cemetery Board
- Feb 27 Last day to purchase dog licenses at City Hall
- Mar 2 2016 Park Pavilion reservations open
to non-city residents
- Mar 3 Board of Review Organizational Meeting 1:30pm
- Mar 5 Planning Commission 4:30pm
- Mar 8 Daylight Savings Time begins
- Mar 9 Board of Review 9am – noon; 1-4pm
City Commission 6pm

Lighthouse Forever Fund Raises \$1.6 Million



Donor Wall Rendering

The Lighthouse Forever Fund Committee knew their task of raising \$2 million was not going to be an easy one, especially with the many worthy organizations in our area seeking funding in 2014. But the committee stepped up to the challenge and you responded. It is important to note that while the larger donations have contributed to the success of the campaign, it's the grassroots effort of the many gifts of \$50, \$100, and \$1,000 that has gotten us closer to our goal. The total collected to date surpasses \$1.6 million. We are so grateful. Thank you.

Our community can be proud that our lighthouses will now be made structurally sound for generations to come. The good news is that we now have the preservation portion of the project funded. However, we still need to raise the dollars necessary to reach our goal of \$2 million in order to fully fund the restoration work, which is critical to providing the public with safe access to and into the lighthouses in the future and returning them to their historical appearance that has been altered over the years.

The City and Berrien Community Foundation continues to welcome gifts of any dollar amount and contributions can also be made through www.LighthouseForeverFund.org. Contributions of \$500 and higher will receive recognition on the donor wall, which will be located in Tiscornia Park near the path walking to the pier.

Moving forward, staff is finishing up the necessary documentation needed by the State Historic Preservation Office. Once approved, it is anticipated that contract bidding will begin in April, awarded in May, and construction taking place in June. It is estimated that the work will take five (5) months to complete. We are hopeful to celebrate the project's completion with dedication of the donor wall in late October.

It is important to note that during construction, the North Pier will be closed to the public. We understand the inconvenience this will cause our residents, fishermen and visitors, but it is crucial that the work be done now. We ask for your patience as we work toward restoring our 107 year old beacons so that not only we can enjoy their beauty, but so that future generations can admire their grandeur for many years to come.

Happy New Year!

Mike Garey
Mayor



Shoveled Sidewalks Improves the Safety and Walkability of our City

Old Man Winter has returned in full force, which means keeping sidewalks cleared of ice and snow. While city crews plow sidewalks adjacent to city-owned properties and major school routes, sidewalks in front of your home or business are the responsibility of the property and/or business owner. It is important that sidewalks be cleared of snow in a timely manner for the safety of our pedestrians, including students, postal carriers, dog walkers and other. When sidewalks are not cleared, pedestrians are forced to walk in the street, resulting in unsafe conditions for walkers and drivers.

Additionally, fire hydrants covered by snow and foliage may result in loss of valuable time for firefighters searching for connections. We encourage residents to keep any fire hydrants in your neighborhood clearly visible and easily accessible to firefighters at all times.

Having cleared sidewalks makes our community safer and walker friendly all year.

Some additional winter tips:

- To assist snow removal crews, park vehicles in off-street locations during snow or ice events
- Do not plow, shovel or blow snow into the street
- Do not plow, shovel or blow snow onto a public sidewalk
- Do not allow your snow removal contractor to plow snow onto public sidewalks
- Assist elderly or disabled neighbors with snow removal
- Keep snow piles low enough so they do not create a site distance or viewing problem for motorists

MASTER PLAN SURVEY ON ITS WAY TO YOUR HOME

Please look for the Master Plan Survey, which will be coming to your mailboxes shortly. We encourage you to complete the survey because understanding how the members of our community see the state of our city now, *and what they wish it to be in the future*, will help the City develop a community master plan that will help realize the vision of our community members. Anyone can take the survey - homeowners, renters, business owners, employees, shoppers, visitors—you all have unique perspectives on the City of St. Joseph! Directions on how to complete the survey along with other important information will be a part of the survey. We hope you will take the time to help set the future course of our community!



Unidirectional Flushing Program to Commence this Spring

This past fall, Wachs Water Services undertook a unidirectional flushing program on the City's water distribution system. As part of this project, they divided the city into 19 zones and were able to complete 11 of those zones before the project was put on hold due to the onset of winter weather. There have been 195 sequences out of a total of 300 that have been executed.

The remaining 8 zones will be completed this spring when the weather allows, with most of the remaining flushing being south of Wallace Avenue (west of Niles Avenue) and south of Napier Avenue (east of Niles Avenue). Flushing north of the St. Joseph River will also be conducted, predominantly north of Whitwam Drive.

In order to reduce the impact to our water service patrons, we intend to schedule all remaining flushing sequences at night. Additional information is available at www.sjcity.com. Questions? Contact the City Engineer's office at 983-5541.



St. Joseph is gearing up for its third year of LEGO brick building mania with its "Build Your Way Around Town" month long event. Cultural organizations around St. Joseph will have fun, hands-on programs for kids of all ages throughout the month of March, 2015. For a current list of programs and to print out your site "Blueprint", you can go to www.buildyourwayaroundtown.com. Blueprints will also be readily available at all participating locations: Box Factory for the Arts, Curious Kids' Museum & Discovery Zone, Heritage Museum & Cultural Center, Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph/Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, St. Joseph Today, Shadowland Ballroom/Silver Beach Center, and Silver Beach Carousel. A special thank you to United Federal Credit Union for their sponsorship. All events are free to the public. Looking for more information? Go to www.facebook.com/BuildYourWayAroundTown. Don't miss out on the spectacular, not-to-be-missed "Big Build" city featured in Shadowland Ballroom the weekend of March 27-29, 2015.

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TIME DURING
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Geography**



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and Art*



Science
and History



**WRITING AND
COMPUTER SKILLS**



EACH WEEK, WE WILL HAVE DIFFERENT THEMES TO EXPLORE

- BRAND NEW COMPUTERS
- BEGINS FEBRUARY 2ND
- FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SIXTH GRADE
- NO PRE-REGISTRATION NECESSARY
- QUESTIONS? CALL 983-7167

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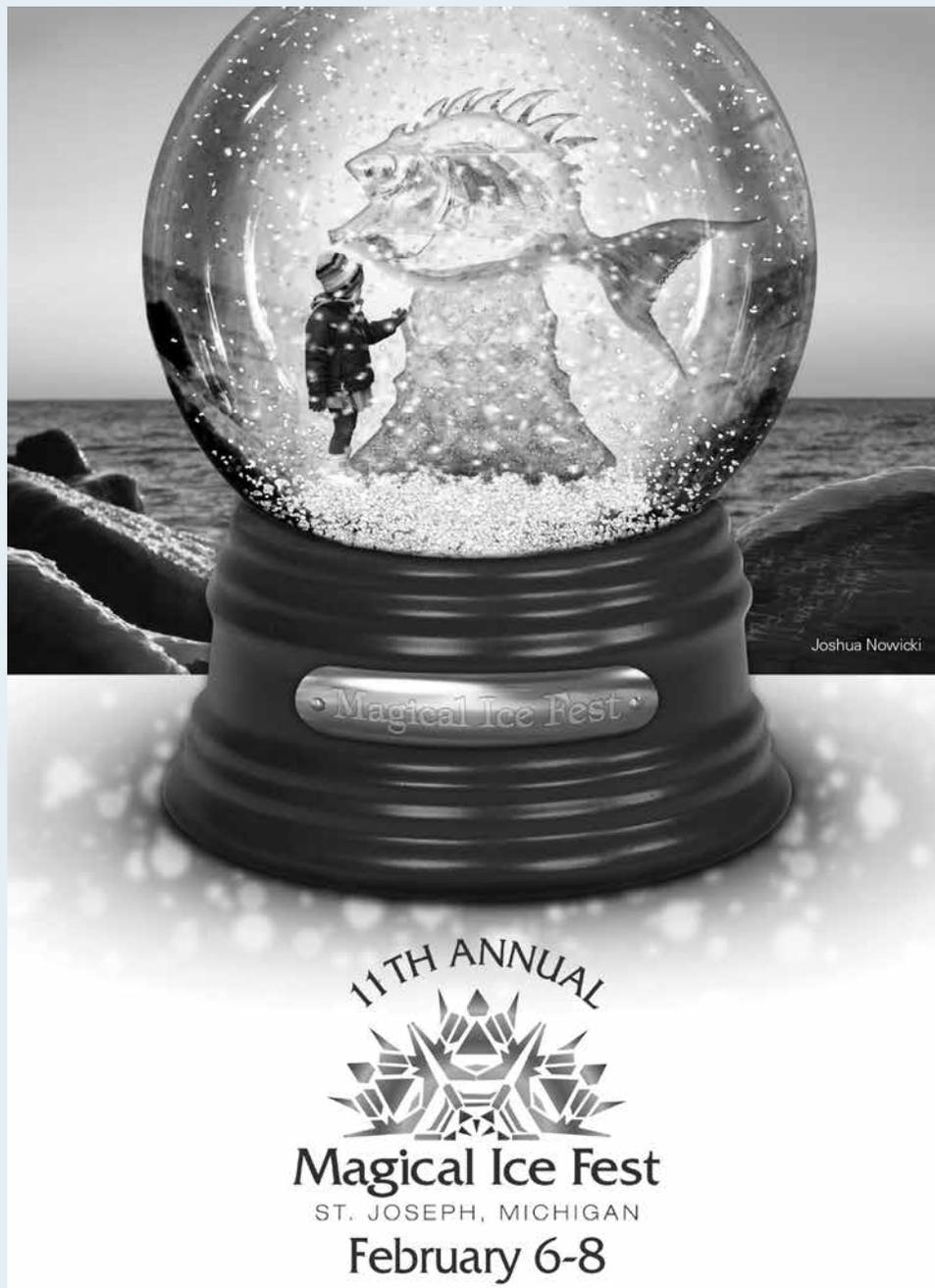
The Friends of the St. Joseph Library are now accepting book donations for their spring book sale. Please bring your items to the library at 500 Market Street and place them in the box in the lobby labeled "Book Sale."




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Joshua Nowicki

11TH ANNUAL
Magical Ice Fest
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
February 6-8

ICE CARVING COMPETITION

Fri. 5:30-7:30pm * Sat. 8am-4pm

ICE CARVING VIEWING

All weekend

FIRE & ICE TOWER

Friday 7:30pm (State & Pleasant Streets)

FIRE & ICE RECEPTION

Friday 8pm-midnight at Shadowland

ICE FEST 5K CHOCOLATE WALK/RUN

Saturday 9am – sunsetcoaststriders.com

THIRD ANNUAL ICE WARS!

Saturday 4:30-6pm

SNOWBIZ SCAVENGER HUNT

All weekend

**MAGICAL FUN TOUR WITH MAGICIAN
JOHN DUDLEY**

Saturday 11am-5pm

Locations: Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library (11am),
Krasl Art Center (noon), Curious Kids' Museum (1pm),
Heritage Museum & Cultural Center (2pm),
Silver Beach Carousel (4pm)

WAIKIKI WEEKEND

Saturday & Sunday at the Carousel

Please note: Event times are approximate.

(Some fees may apply) **For complete details: MagicalIceFest.com**



Gift Certificate

St. Joseph Today Offers Gift Certificates – Perfect Gift for All Occasions

These certificates can be purchased at the St. Joseph Today Welcome Center located at 301 State Street and are available in increments up to \$25.00. Redeemable at more than 40 locations, they make the perfect gift for teachers and colleagues, and are great when you don't know what to buy. Accepting businesses include clothing shops, attractions, restaurants and more. Visit stjoetoday.com for details.



IT'S FINALLY FRIDAY!

Warm up with us on the last Friday of January (January 30th) as the downtown hosts a Chili Tour!

Participating locations or "Chili Stops" will play host as you have the opportunity to try their best recipes. Most are chili recipes, but guests will find chili inspired desserts and hot beverages mixed in as well! For more information, visit www.stjoetoday.com.

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