



# CITY CONNECTION

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sept 9 City Commission 6pm
- Sept 12 Housing Commission 8:30am
- Sept 14 Farmers Market (SJT)
- Sept 16 TwinCATS 9:30am  
Summer Taxes due by 5pm
- Sept 18 Water Board 4pm
- Sept 19 Airport Authority 9:30am  
Joint Wastewater 11am  
Zoning Board of Appeals 4:30pm
- Sept 21 Farmers Market (SJT)
- Sept 22 Fall begins
- Sept 23 City Commission 6pm
- Sept 24 Library Board 7pm
- Sept 25 Parks Advisory Board 8am  
Dedication of new Fish Cleaning Station 11am
- 11am Harbor Authority 12pm
- Sept 26 MEDIC 1 8:30am
- Sept 28 Farmers Market (SJT)  
Fall Festival (SJT)  
St. Joseph Wine & Food Festival (SJT)  
and Public Art Auction 4pm
- Oct 3 Planning Commission 4:30pm
- Oct 5 Farmers Market (SJT)
- Oct 6 Antiques on the Bluff (SJT)
- Oct 7 Last day to register to vote for  
November election  
Community Meeting 7pm
- Oct 8 Community Meeting 7pm
- Oct 9 Community Meeting 7pm
- Oct 14 Columbus Day, City Hall open  
City Commission 6pm
- Oct 16 Pension Board 9am  
Water Board 4pm
- Oct 17 DDA 8:30am  
Airport Authority 9:30am  
Joint Wastewater 11am  
Zoning Board of Appeals 4:30pm
- Oct 21 City water bills due  
TwinCATS 9:30am

CALENDAR CONTINUED ON MAILING PANEL

## City of St. Joseph General Election to be held November 5, 2013

Voters in St. Joseph will go to the polls on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 to elect three (3) candidates to the St. Joseph City Commission. Electors who wish to vote in this election must be registered to vote in the City of St. Joseph no later than October 7, 2013. To check the current status of your voter registration, please call the City Clerk at 269-983-6325 or log onto <https://webapps.sos.state.mi.us/mivote/> to access the Michigan Votes website. Applications for Absent Voter Ballots are available on the St. Joseph City website under Elections & Voting.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at these official polling place locations:

**Precinct #1** - St. Joseph Public Library, 500 Market Street

**Precinct #2** - Howard Ice Arena, 2414 Willa Drive

**Precinct #3** - Zion Evangelical Church, 3001 Veronica Drive

Electors will be asked to vote for three (3) candidates. The two Candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall serve a term of four years and the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes shall serve a term of two years.



The names of the candidates as they will appear on the General Election ballot are as follows:

GEORGE BARFIELD  
MICHAEL C. GAREY  
MARY GOFF  
CHRIS HEUGEL

The newly elected City Commission will hold their organizational meeting on Monday, November 11, 2013 for the purpose of selecting commissioners to serve as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem through November 2015.

If you have any questions regarding this election, please call the City Clerk's office.

## Coming in October...

### St. Joseph Utility Customers Can View & Pay Bills Online

In an effort to provide more convenient and cost effective payment options, the St. Joseph Water Department is pleased to announce a new way to view and pay your utility bills—Electronic Billing & Payments.

#### Electronic Billing

Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> utility customers can participate in our new online billing and receive emails when their bills are ready for viewing through a link from the City website at [www.sjcity.com](http://www.sjcity.com). Customers will be able to access a copy of their bill which will contain all the same information historically printed on your regular paper bill. Outstanding balances are posted daily, so customers will know exactly how much they owe by simply accessing the system either online or through a mobile application. Of course, customers may still have paper bills mailed if they prefer, but either way, the electronic payment system will be available to all customers.



#### Electronic Payments

This new service will allow customers to pay online directly through either their checking or savings at no additional cost to the customer. For a convenience fee of just \$2.99, you may also pay by credit or debit card by utilizing a telephone payment service. Payments may be submitted for immediate processing or scheduled for payment at a later date. In addition, customers will also be able to pay their St. Joseph utility bill at pay station locations like Wal-Mart and Harding's Market. Further details on these new payment options will be highlighted in your October 1 utility bill.

Security of online information is always a concern, so when the City looked for a company to provide online bills and payments, security was a top consideration. The third party vendor chosen, Payment Service Network (PSN), maintains a Level 1 certification by the PCI-DSS, the highest degree of security awarded by the industry.

This new utility payment service will soon replace the current third party vendor, [www.govpaynow.com](http://www.govpaynow.com) for all utility payments. PSN's service is less expensive and provides multiple ways to pay utility bills. The [www.govpaynow.com](http://www.govpaynow.com) payment option will still be available for paying taxes, the marina, fines and fees for some time.

## Share Your Opinions and Concerns at a Community Meeting

The City invites residents to a community meeting to share what is happening at City Hall and to listen to your ideas and concerns. There will be three (3) community meetings held:

**Precinct 1** - October 7th at the St. Joseph Library at 7 pm

**Precinct 2** - October 8th at the Howard Ice Arena at 7pm

**Precinct 3** - October 9th at St. Joseph High School at 7pm

If you are unable to attend the meeting specific to your precinct, please feel free to attend one of the other meetings. These community meetings replace the meetings typically held in late November/early December.



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## Dedication

### New Fish Cleaning Station & Restrooms

Wednesday, September 25th  
11 a.m.

City Boat Launch, 282 Anchors Court

A special thank you to the Steelheaders for their contribution toward the project.

## Become Involved by Volunteering for a City Board

Each year, the St. Joseph City Commission appoints citizens who express an interest in serving on the numerous boards, commissions and committees that are so vital in helping shape the future of the City of St. Joseph.

If you have a willingness to voluntarily serve your Community in this capacity and have a particular interest or knowledge in any of the following areas, you may wish to contact the Clerk's office for an application to seek an appointment or complete an application on-line at [www.sjcity.com](http://www.sjcity.com). Questionnaires are also available for those members seeking re-appointment to a City board, commission or committee.

The following board, commission, and committee appointments will be made in 2013:

Name of Board/Commission/Committee	Month of Appointment	Number of Openings
Board of Review	May	four (4)
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	May	one (1)
Cemetery Board	May	two (2)
Housing Commission	May	one (1)
Joint Waste Water Treatment Board	May	one (1)
Library Board	May	one (1)
Planning Commission	May	four (4)
Recreational Harbor Authority	May	three (3)
Water Service Joint Operating Board	May	one (1)
Zoning Board of Appeals	May	one (1)
Municipal Officers Compensation Commission	November	one (1)
Retirement Board	November	one (1)
Downtown Development Authority	November	two (2)
Tax Abatement Committee	November	two (2)
Parks Advisory Board	November	three (3)

Notes: Appointment(s) are made at regular (bi-monthly) City Commission meetings. The number of openings does reflect some positions expected to be filled by certain pre-designated officials (i.e. Commission members or city staff). The number of openings does not reflect unexpected, mid-term vacancies which occur from time-to-time.

Terms for board, commission and committee appointments are generally for three years. Applications from citizens seeking an appointment or questionnaires from those members seeking re-appointment should be submitted to the City Clerk by December 31, 2013 or at least thirty (30) days prior to the date the appointment is to be made. Applications are retained for one (1) year. Throughout the coming year, the City Commission will review the applications and questionnaires submitted to make the necessary board, commission and committee appointments.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Clerk's office at (269) 983-6325.



## Fall Festival

### Downtown St. Joseph, September 27 & 28

Join us as we celebrate the fall season above and below the bluff in downtown St. Joseph. Enjoy family activities such as the Farmers Market, petting farm, face painting, horse-drawn trolley rides and much more presented by United Federal Credit Union. Wine lovers can sample wine from more than a dozen Michigan wineries, enjoy bites from local eateries and bid on a plane, train or helicopter during the St. Joseph Wine Festival and Public Art Auction. That weekend, also check out the Great Bed Race and the Great Pumpkin fun presented by the Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary. For more information visit [stjoetoday.com](http://stjoetoday.com) or [facebook.com/stjoetoday](https://facebook.com/stjoetoday).

## It's Finally Friday

### Downtown St. Joseph, September 27

5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Spend an evening downtown the stores promote hot sales, host open houses, showcase giveaways, present demonstrations, feature live entertainment and more!

## St. Joseph Farmers Market

### Lake Bluff Park Every Saturday through

October 4, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Farmers Market is a great gathering spot where you can enjoy talking with farmers, locals and perhaps a chef or two. Seasonal produce has been a plentiful this year, so make this a stop every weekend!

## Antiques on the Bluff

### Lake Bluff Park, October 5, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Come to Antiques on the Bluff and step back in time to memories of days gone by ... but not forgotten. With more than 70 dealers traveling to participate, this show is a must-attend for area antiques lovers. Rain or shine.

## Halloween Trick-or-Treating

### Downtown St. Joseph, October 31

4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Trick-or-treat at participating downtown merchants and then head out for city wide trick-or-treating.



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- Oct 22 Library Board 7pm
- Oct 24 MEDIC I 8:30am
- Oct 26 Krasl's Artisan Market
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- Oct 30 Parks Advisory Board 8am  
Harbor Authority 12pm  
Krasl's Artisan Market
- Oct 31 Cemetery Board 9am  
Downtown Trick-or-Treat  
4:30 – 6pm - (SJT)  
Citywide Trick-or-Treat 6pm – 7:30pm  
Krasl's Artisan Market
- Nov 3 Daylight Savings Time ends
- Nov 5 Nov 5 Election 7am – 8pm
- Nov 11 City Commission Organizational Meeting  
7:30pm

Going once, going twice ...

# Sold!



We'll be auctioning 27 one-of-a-kind art figures on Saturday, **Sept. 28, 2013 at 6 p.m.** Join us in the tents in Centennial Park, next to the Whirlpool Compass Fountain, for the annual **Wine Tasting Festival and Auction**. Enjoy tasting Michigan's greatest wines while enjoying live music. Professional Auctioneer, Jerry Glassman, will lead the auction that evening.



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