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Discover lots of cool events during St. Joseph Today's annual Fall Festival.



Friday, Sept. 26:

Second Annual Rotary and Slumberland Great Bed Race, 4:30 p.m. — Benefits Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary youth programs and the Slumberland Furniture 40 Winks Foundation.

It's Finally Friday, 5-8 p.m. — Sales, harvest menus and entertainment at downtown merchants and restaurants.

Saturday, Sept. 27:

Day on the Farm, all day, downtown Farmers' Market 9 - 2 p.m.

Just-harvested fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats and fall decorations, free petting zoo, face painting and live music. Sponsored by United Federal Credit Union.

The Great Pumpkin Festival, starts 10 a.m. — Pumpkin carving and decorating contests, pumpkin games and prizes along with plant and bake sales. Enter the Great Pumpkin Race at 2 p.m. and cheer on the pumpkin flotilla to benefit Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary youth programs. You could win up to \$1,000!

To learn more about these and other fall events, contact St. Joseph Today at 269-985-1111 or visit www.stjoetoday.com or [facebook.com/stjoetoday](https://www.facebook.com/stjoetoday).



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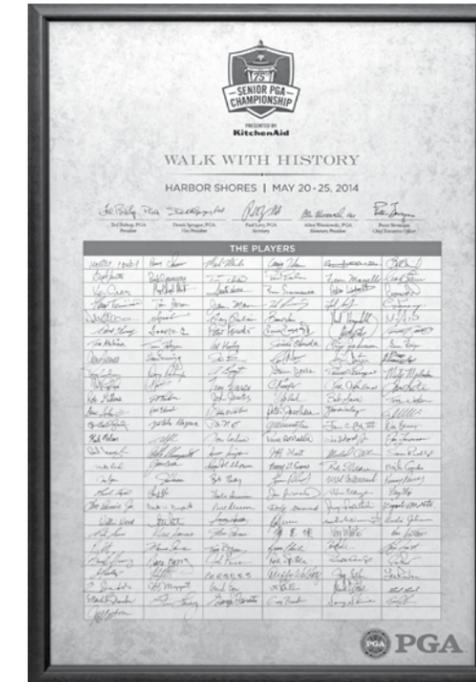
Your Connection to City Hall and the People Who **SERVE** You

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sept 8 City Commission meeting 6 pm
- Sept 11 Housing Commission meeting 8:30am
- Sept 13 Farmers Market, 9am – 2pm (SJT)
- Sept 15 Last day to pay taxes without penalty by 5pm
- Sept 16 TwinCATS 9:30am
- Sept 17 Water services Joint Operating Board 4pm
- Sept 18 Downtown Development Authority 8:30am
Airport Authority 9:30am
Joint Wastewater Board 11am
Zoning Board of Appeals 4:30pm
- Sept 20 Farmers Market 9am – 2pm (SJT)
- Sept 22 Fall begins
City Commission meeting 6pm
- Sept 23 Library Board Meeting 6pm
- Sept 24 Parks Advisory Board 8am
Recreational Harbor Authority 12pm
- Sept 25 MEDIC I 8:30am
- Sept 26 Fall Festival (SJT)
- Sept 27 Farmers Market 9am – 2pm (SJT)
Fall Festival (SJT)
St. Joseph Wine Festival (SJT) and Public Art Auction 4 – 9 pm
Hazardous Waste Collection (berriencounty.org/recycle)
- Oct 2 Planning Commission meeting 4:30pm
- Oct 4 Farmers Market 9am – 2pm (SJT)
- Oct 6 Last day to register to vote for the November election
Community meeting with City Commission and staff 6pm
- Oct 7 Community meeting with City Commission and staff 6pm
- Oct 8 Community meeting with City Commission and staff 6pm
- Oct 13 Columbus Day, City Hall and Library open
City Commission meeting 6pm
- Oct 15 Pension Board 9am
Water Services Joint Operating Board 4pm
- Oct 16 Downtown Development Authority 8:30am
Airport Authority 9:30am
Joint Wastewater Board 11am
Zoning Board of Appeals 4:30pm
- Oct 18 Hazardous Waste Collection (berriencounty.org/recycle)
- Oct 20 TwinCATS 9:30am
- Oct 21 City water bills due
- Oct 23 MEDIC I 8:30am
- Oct 27 City Commission meeting 6pm
- Oct 29 Library Board 6pm (Changed from 10/28)
Parks Advisory Board 8am
Recreational Harbor Authority 12pm
- Oct 30 Cemetery Board 9am
- Oct 31 Downtown Trick-or-Treat 4:30-6pm (SJT)
Citywide Trick-or-Treat 6-7:30pm
- Nov 1 City Hall open for absentee voter ballots, 8am-2pm
- Nov 2 Daylight Savings Time ends
- Nov 4 Election Day

Bring home your very own landmark!

Bid at the public art auction Sept. 27 and enjoy a whole weekend of fun at the Fall Festival



Join us for the annual Wine Festival & Public Art Auction Sept. 27, 4-9 p.m., under the tents in Centennial Park, next to the Whirlpool Compass Fountain. Taste Michigan's greatest wines and enjoy live music while bidding on any of the one-of-a-kind lighthouses from this year's Shining Sculptures outdoor art exhibit.

Other auction items include a special 75th Senior PGA Championship presented by KitchenAid Pro-Am golf ball sculpture autographed by all 26 participating pro and amateur golfers. The winner will also get a framed scroll featuring the pros' signatures. You can also bid on five beautiful, limited-edition prints of our lighthouses from local photographer Joshua Nowicki.

The auction takes place from 5-6:30 p.m. and proceeds benefit the Lighthouse Forever Fund to save our iconic lighthouses. Want to help? Text LIGHTHOUSE to 80888 to donate \$10, contact the Berrien Community Foundation at 269-983-3304 or donate online at www.lighthouseforeverfund.org. To learn more about the details of the auction, please go to www.St.JosephPublicArt.com or call Susan Solon at 983-5541.

While you're there, enjoy more than just the art. Sample tasty vintages from local wineries Baroda Founders Wine Cellar, Burgdorf's Winery, Fenn Valley Vineyards, Lemon Creek Winery, St. Julian Winery, Warner Vineyards, Round Barn Winery, White Pine Winery, Virtue Cider and more. Then dance to live music from Medicinal Groove from 4-5 p.m. and 6:30-9 p.m.
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Whirlpool Compass Fountain Fall Hours include noon to 2 p.m. and 5 – 9 p.m. daily (weather permitting).



Resilient St. Joseph!

We encourage you to get involved in the planning for the future of your community. One way to do that is by attending at least one Community Action Team (CAT) meeting. These workshop meetings are a way for you to assist with identifying and prioritizing goals and actions that will affect our community over the next 10+ years. The Master Plan can only be as good as the amount of input, opinions, feedback and recommendations it receives.

Please mark your calendar for the next Community Action Team meeting held at St. Joseph High School's Student Center and hosted by the Land Information Access Association (LIAA), a nonprofit community service and planning organization assisting with the process.

Wednesday, September 24th, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Wednesday, October 22, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

For more information about the Master Plan process and what you can do to help, please visit www.resilientmichigan.org/st_joe.asp or contact Claire Karner, Community Planner by phone at 231-929-3696 or emailing her at ckarner@liaa.org.



Berrien County's Collection of Electronics and Disposal of Household Chemicals

Recycle your electronics and safely dispose of your household chemicals on Saturday, September 27, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., at Silver Beach County Park, 101 Broad Street, below the bluff, in St. Joseph.

This event is open to Berrien County residents only. Accepted items include auto liquids, yard chemicals, cleaners, pool chemicals, solvents, oil-based paint, stain, household batteries, auto batteries, fluorescent light bulbs (tubes & CFLs), medications, sharps/needles, liquid toiletries, driveway sealer, poisons, and flammable materials. Donations are accepted to offset the collection, transportation, and processing of the chemicals. Latex paint, or water-based paint, will NOT be accepted. Latex paint can be dried out and placed with regular curbside trash. Other items that are not accepted are gas grill size propane tanks, waste from businesses, and waste that is generated outside Berrien County.

Green Earth Electronics Recycling of St. Joseph will be collecting electronics at this event. Accepted electronics include CRT televisions (\$10/TV recycling fee), CRT computer monitors (\$5/monitor recycling fee), computers, other office electronics, microwaves, small and large appliances, Freon appliances such as refrigerators and dehumidifiers, cell phones, anything that has a cord or runs on a battery. The fee for CRT TVs and computer monitors is due at the event. Other accepted electronics are collected at no cost to the resident.

For more information go to www.berriencounty.org/recycle or call Jill Adams, Berrien County Parks Department, 269-983-7111 x8234.



City-Wide Unidirectional Flushing

The City will be conducting an unidirectional flushing program of our water distribution system commencing around mid-September. Unidirectional flushing offers many benefits including improved water quality and better system hydraulics. The flushing will cause sediment to be stirred-up and the best way to avoid experiencing discolored water is to refrain from using water when the flushing is underway in your neighborhood. Running water from an outside spigot or utility sink following the flushing once the flushing is complete is also recommended. The intent is to complete most of the flushing during daytime hours; however some flushing will occur at night. Signs will be placed in the neighborhoods prior to flushing and more detailed information will be available on the City's website at www.sjcity.com in the coming weeks. Those desiring additional information about the program should contact City Engineer Tim Zebell (tzebell@sjcity.com).

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 6th at the St. Joseph Library at 6:00 p.m.
Precinct 2: October 7th at the Howard Ice Arena at 6:00 p.m.
Precinct 3: October 8th at the St. Joseph Fire Station at 6:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the meeting specific to your precinct, please feel free to attend one of the other meetings. We want to hear your opinions and concerns.

Library News...

- The regular meeting for the Library Board of Trustees has been changed from Tuesday, October 28 to Wednesday, October 29, at 6:00 p.m.
- Story Times are Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Children through age 6 are invited to come to listen and learn about a different fun topic each week.
- The library inventory project has resumed for the fall. The library will be closed until 3 p.m. on Thursdays through the end of the year.



Please help us save the North Pier Lighthouses by donating to the Lighthouse Forever Fund. To find out all the ways you can donate, visit www.LighthouseForeverFund.org or call 983-5541 for more information.

The Penwell Garden

Mark and Jeanne Penwell were honored recently by their neighbors on Evergreen Drive for their kindness and dedication to the neighborhood as their neighbors placed a sign in the garden naming it "Penwell Garden". The Penwells, who have lived on Evergreen Drive since 1985, created the garden years ago and continue to maintain its landscaping to this day.



Pictured l to r: Fred Schultz, Commissioner Mary Goff, Jeanne Penwell, Mark Penwell, and Mayor Mike Garey.