



# CITY CONNECTION



## CALENDAR

- **April 1:** 2024 Park Passes requirement begins
- **April 8:** City Commission Meeting 6PM; Brush Week begins
- **April 15:** Tax Day
- **April 22:** Earth Day, City Commission Meeting 6PM
- **April 26:** Arbor Day
- **April 28:** Dog Day at the Fountain 2PM - 4PM
- **May 1:** Whirlpool Compass Fountain opens
- **May 4:** Blossomtime Youth Parade, City Hall open for Absentee Voting
- **May 5:** Cinco de Mayo
- **May 6:** Brush Week begins
- **May 7:** Local Election Day
- **May 11:** Run for the Buds 5k & 10k, Blossomtime Grand Floral Parade
- **May 12:** Mother's Day
- **May 13:** City Commission Meeting 6PM
- **May 15:** Police Memorial Day Service 12PM
- **May 18:** Armed Forces Day
- **May 24:** Memorial Day Parade 12PM
- **May 27:** Memorial Day; City Hall and Library Closed
- **May 29:** City Commission Meeting 6PM

## Blossomtime Festival



The Grand Floral Parade is the crown jewel of the Blossomtime Festival and is celebrating its 118th year in 2024. The Grand Floral Parade begins in St. Joseph and continues through the city, across the Bicentennial Bridge and into Benton Harbor. St. Joseph and Benton Harbor have been the host cities since the Parade's inception in 1923.

This year's schedule includes the Youth Parade on Saturday May 4th, at noon - starting at Bear Park on State St. and Market St. and ending at State Street and Ship Street; the Run for the Buds 5k & 10k on May 11 at 10:30AM - beginning at 715 Ship St.; and the Grand Floral Parade on Saturday May 11 at 1PM - beginning at Main St. and Pearl St.

If you're interested in participating, volunteering or vending during the festival please visit [blossomtimefestival.org](http://blossomtimefestival.org).

## Parking and Storage of Boats, Trailers & RVs

In March 2024, the City Commission updated the Zoning Ordinance associated with parking or storage of boats, trailers, off-road vehicles, recreational vehicles (campers) and other similar equipment, confirming and streamlining the language. The regulations are as follows:

1. Parking or storage of equipment in the front yard must be on a hard surface and is limited to 48 hours
2. Equipment can be parked or stored in the rear yard if located five feet from the side or rear lot line and on a hard surface.
3. Equipment cannot be occupied or connected to electric, sewer, water or gas service.

City staff will be enforcing the regulations throughout the community. To learn more, visit the city's website at [sjcity.com/planning](http://sjcity.com/planning) or call 269-983-1212.

## We Are Online!

Stay in the know and follow us online. For updates on events, projects, and other City news, follow us online!

Instagram: @cityofstjoseph Facebook: facebook.com/sjcitygov Website: sjcity.com

## Reminders



**Park Reservations**  
Looking to reserve a pavillion or park shelter for your upcoming spring or summer event? Park reservations can be made online 24/7 at [sjcity.com/parksrec](http://sjcity.com/parksrec).

**Parking Permits** are required for Lion's Park, Kiwanis Park, Tiscornia Beach & the Elm St Fountain Lot from April 1 through October 31. To get your permit, complete an application online at [sjcity.com/forms](http://sjcity.com/forms) or in person at City Hall.

## Monthly Library Programs

### Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library

500 Market St., St. Joseph



**TEENS & ADULTS**  
2nd Saturday of Every Month  
Ages 14 & up | 12-5pm  
Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library



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ST. JOSEPH MAUD PRESTON PALENSKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
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### Time for a New Air Conditioner Unit or Generator?

Replacing or installing a new air conditioner, generator or similar equipment? A mechanical permit is required before any work begins. Check with your contractor before they start work and display the permit in your window.

Remember:

- Equipment should be installed per the manufacturer's recommendations while complying with the requirements of the City's Zoning Ordinance (Section 3.9.3.C).
- Equipment must be located in the rear or side yard, a minimum of three feet from the lot line.
- There are screening requirements for commercial properties and properties with more than three dwelling units.
- Once work is complete, your contractor must call for a final inspection.
- For additional information call 269-983-1212 or visit [sjcity.com/building](http://sjcity.com/building).



### Construction and Preventive Maintenance Update

**Lead Service Line Replacements** are continuing throughout 2024 with upcoming work on Kingsley Ave. between South State St. and Niles Ave., South State St. between Wallace Ave. and DuVerne Ave., Morton Ave. from Harrison Ave. to Wisconsin Ave., Michigan Ave. from Morton Ave. to the easterly dead end, and Morrison Ave. from Wayne St. to the dead end.

**The Upton Drive Reconstruction Project**, which includes full reconstruction of Upton Drive from the southerly limits near the St. Joseph River to Momany Drive, is underway and expected to continue through the fall.

**The Lake Boulevard and Broad Street Resurfacing Project**, the limits being Hatch St. to Ship St. on Lake Boulevard, and from State St. to Lake Boulevard on Broad St., is expected to begin April 4, ending in mid-June.

**Sewer Cleaning & Televising** is underway with a completion expected in mid-May.

**The 2024 Sidewalk Replacement Project** is underway, predominantly in the northwest quadrant of the City (north of Central Avenue and west of Main Street/M63).

**The 2023 Asphalt Preventative Maintenance Project** will be completed in spring/early summer 2024. Due to weather conditions, some of the roads selected for fog sealing, also known as seal coating, were not treated last fall. A map of the streets selected for this preventive maintenance measure is available on the City Engineer webpage.

Additional information is available at [sjcity.com/cityengineer](http://sjcity.com/cityengineer) or by calling 269-983-5541.

### MDOT Open Houses

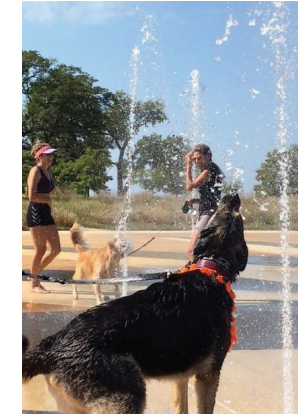
In 2027, MDOT plans to rebuild the M-63/I-94 Business Loop (Main Street) from Central Ave to the Blossomland Bridge, and the I-94 Business Loop to the Bicentennial Bridge. MDOT will hold two Public Open Houses this spring to gather your input. Please join us at City Hall in the Commission Chambers, 700 Broad Street, to share your feedback!

- Public Open House #1  
Wednesday, April 10th – 4:30 to 6:30 PM
- Public Open House #2  
Wednesday, May 16th – 4:30 to 6:30 PM



### Community Recycling Events

- April 9: Lake Michigan College 2 to 6PM
- May 11: Southeast Berrien County Landfill Recycle Center 8AM to 12PM



### Dog Day at the Fountain

**DATE CHANGE!!**

Join us for a dog-gone good time at the Whirlpool Centennial Fountain, 200 Broad St, on Sunday, April 28 from 2 to 4PM.

Dogs may play in the fountain, but must remained leashed.

### Shadowland's Cars & Coffee

**Saturday, May 25  
9AM to 11AM**

Kick off your Memorial Day Weekend at Shadowland's Cars and Coffee at Shadowland on Silver Beach, 333 Broad Street. No admissions fee.



### Antiques on the Bluff

Something old is new to you! Find hidden treasures along Lake Bluff Park at this premier antique show that overlooks Lake Michigan. This event features over 50 vendors and runs the first Sunday of the month, May through October. Rain or shine from 10am to 5pm. **Please note that the Lake Boulevard Resurfacing project may temporarily impact this event. Please visit [stjoetoday.com](http://stjoetoday.com) to confirm the location before you attend!**



### Memorial Day Parade

**Friday May 24, 2024 | 12:00pm- 1:00pm**

Honor veterans who have served this great country and remember those who have sacrificed their lives to protect our freedom at the annual Memorial Day Parade. The parade is expected to begin at the intersection of Lake Blvd. and Park St. **Please note that the Lake Boulevard Resurfacing project may impact this event. Please visit [sjcity.com](http://sjcity.com) to confirm the location before you attend!**

### St. Joe Farmer's Market Begins May 25th

Market-goers will enjoy fresh finds at the weekly St. Joe Farmers Market. Vendors will offer a variety of products including baked goods, locally grown produce, perennials and cut flowers, meats and cheeses, coffee and more! This event is held Saturdays from 9am until 2pm in the scenic Lake Bluff Park, overlooking Lake Michigan.

Enjoy extended market hours (9:00a-4:00p) on June 1, July 20, August 17 and August 31 to coincide with the Lake Bluff Artisan Fair!

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