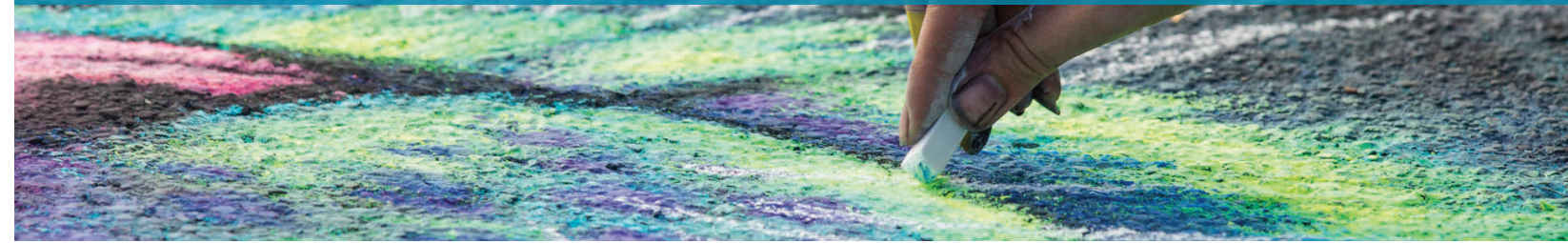




CITY CONNECTION



Calendar

- **Aug 2:** Friday Night Concert | 7 PM
- **Aug 4:** Antiques on the Bluff | 10 AM - 5 PM; Municipal Band Concert | 7 PM
- **Aug 5-9:** Brush Week
- **Aug 6:** Primary Election; National Night Out
- **Aug 7:** Wednesday Brown Bag Concert | 12 PM
- **Aug 9:** Friday Night Concert | 7 PM
- **Aug 11:** Municipal Band Concert | 7 PM
- **Aug 12:** City Commission Meeting | 6 PM
- **Aug 14:** Wednesday Brown Bag Concert | 12 PM
- **Aug 16-18:** Love Local
- **Aug 16:** Friday Night Concert | 7 PM
- **Aug 17:** Lake Bluff Artisan Fair; Krasl Summer Art Market | 10 AM - 5 PM
- **Aug 18:** Municipal Band Concert | 7 PM
- **Aug 21:** Wednesday Brown Bag Concert | 12 PM
- **Aug 23:** Friday Night Concert | 7 PM
- **Aug 25:** Municipal Band Concert | 7 PM
- **Aug 26:** City Commission Meeting | 6 PM
- **Aug 28:** Wednesday Brown Bag Concert | 12 PM
- **Aug 30:** Friday Night Concert | 7 PM
- **Aug 31:** Lake Bluff Artisan Fair
- **Sept 1:** Antiques on the Bluff | 10 AM - 5 PM
- **Sept 1-2:** Municipal Band Concert | 7 PM; Tri-State Regatta
- **Sept 3-6:** Brush Week
- **Sept 9:** City Commission Meeting | 6 PM
- **Sept 14:** Community Recycling Event | 9AM to 1PM at Silver Beach County Park
- **Sept 17:** Krasl Summer Art Market
- **Sept 20-22:** Love Local
- **Sept 20:** City Offices Closed at 11:30 AM
- **Sept 30:** City Commission Meeting | 6 PM

**Look for even more events in this newsletter!*

Chalk The Block

August 2-4 | All Weekend

Summer is in full swing as artists take over Broad St. and part of the Pleasant Street Plaza in downtown St. Joseph during Chalk the Block! Attendees can watch as amateur and professional artists prepare their squares on Friday evening, work all day Saturday and enjoy the completed chalk masterpieces on Sunday. This family-friendly festival showcases regional, national and international artists, using St. Joseph as their backdrop.



Attendees can vote for their favorite chalk masterpiece. Tickets will be sold at the People's Choice Tent on Broad St. for one dollar each on Saturday from 12 PM -8 PM and Sunday from 11 AM - 2 PM. Additionally, check out the Kids Chalk Zone from 12p-4p on Saturday. stjoetoday.com/chalktheblock

Movies in the Park

Aug 3 - Aug 31 | 7:30 PM

Gather your family and friends, a blanket or chair and a little popcorn and join us this summer. We will be showing free movies around town Saturdays in August.

Cars 3

Whittlesey Park | Aug 3

Tangled

Whirlpool Centennial | Aug 10

Luca

Milton Park | Aug 17

Iron Giant

Whirlpool Centennial | Aug 24

Super Mario Brothers

Whittlesey Park | Aug 31



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2024

01 THU

ANIMAL MAGIC

Cute & cuddly or slimy & slithering- what kind of animals will be visiting us at the library? Join us in the auditorium at 3:30pm and find out!

01 THU

HISTORY OF MICHIGAN BEER

Ann Arbor author Patti Smith covers Michigan beer history from Prohibition to brewpubs in her new book. Meet us in the Norris Room at 6pm.

09 FRI

INDIANA JOEL MAGIC SHOW

Kids & families: Prepare to be WOW'D by the magic of Joel Tacey! Join us in the Felland auditorium for a magical show at 10:30am.

10 TUE

TV DINNER NIGHT

It's Elementary! 1st-3rd Graders can bring their own or enjoy a provided TV Dinner in the library at 6pm.

25 WED

IF VINES COULD TALK

Michigan Wine Ambassador: Steve Salisbury will be with us to talk about the wines & vines of Southwest Michigan. Program at 6pm.



FALL FEST

Saturday, September 21 9 AM - 2 PM

All ages are sure to have fun at this celebration of autumn! Attendees will enjoy the Critter Barn, Balloon Twisters, a Farmers Market, Storytime in Lake Bluff Park, Interactive Booths feat. local organizations and more. stjoetoday.com/fallfest

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SEPTEMBER

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Dickinson Park

The Dickinson Park ball fields are being renovated this summer and are now closed for your safety. The project will entail the grading and renovation of both playing surfaces to include a new irrigation system, fencing, renovation of the dugouts and concrete flatwork.

The park is expected to reopen in September 2024. Thanks for bearing with us!



Whirlpool Centennial Fountain

August 28 Closed for maintenance

September 2 Last Day of 2024 Season

September 3 Dog Day at the Fountain



Engineering Update

Lead Service Line Replacements funding through the FY22 and FY23 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) is coming to a close. As a result, lead service line replacements will pause, with the exception of emergencies, until additional funding is secured. The City has applied for FY25 DWSRF funding and expects to be informed of a decision later this summer.

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 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 Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Early Action Project is scheduled to begin as early as October. This project includes the installation of new a sewer pipe from Public Works through Pri Mar Petroleum and slightly into Pier 33 property. Broad Street, in front of Public Works, will be closed for part of the project. Work is expected to be complete by May 2025.

Design work is underway on the reconstruction of Botham Avenue from South State Street to Niles Avenue and resurfacing of Cleveland Avenue from Hilltop Road to Lakeshore Drive. Work on both of the roads is proposed in the 2025 construction season.

Additional information on the above projects is available at [sjcity.com/cityengineer](https://www.sjcity.com/cityengineer).

Yard Waste

The City recently entered into a new five year contract with Best Way Disposal for residential rubbish, recycling and yard waste. By popular demand, the new agreement extends yard waste collection each year – collection will now begin on March 15 and continue through December 15.

As before, yard waste containers may be purchased directly from Best Way for weekly pick ups, or tags can be purchased at City Hall for more ad hoc pick up. For more information, please visit www.sjcity.com/publicworks/page/yard-waste.

Temporary Sign Regulations

Remember that temporary signs have restrictions! A temporary sign is any sign posted or displayed for a limited amount of time, such as banners, construction signs, garage sale signs and political signs.

One and two-family dwellings are allowed to display not more than 24 square feet of signage at any time. Signs must remain on private property. The maximum height for each sign is four feet and the size may not exceed six square feet.

To learn more visit www.sjcity.com/building/page/sign-information-and-applications.



Upcoming Primary Elections

Primary elections will be held in the City of St. Joseph on Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

Early voting will be offered again at Lake Michigan College Todd Center, 2785 E Napier Ave, Benton Harbor, MI 49022. Early voting will run from Saturday, July 27, through Sunday, August 4, 2024, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, with the exception of Wednesday, July 31, 2024, which will run from 11 AM to 7 PM.

Absentee voting has already begun. Ballots can be requested in person at City Hall, by phone at 269-983-6325, or online at Michigan.gov/vote.

The last day to have an absentee ballot mailed to you is Friday, August 2nd. The last day to pick up an absentee ballot from the City Clerk's Office is Monday, August 5th, at 4 PM.

St. Joseph City will hold office hours on Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 7 AM to 3 PM. During these hours, residents can register to vote or receive an absentee ballot.

Absentee ballots returned to City Hall by 8 PM on August 6 will be counted.

Election Day hours in all precincts are 7 AM to 8 PM.

To find your precinct, or for any other election-related questions please contact the City Clerk's Office at clerk@sjcity.com or 269-983-6325.



Wednesday Night Market

August 7 - August 28 | 4 PM to 8 PM

The Wednesday Night Market will feature a mix of artisans and farmers and their handcrafted goods along with food/beverages in Court Place Plaza (across from Silver Harbor Brewing). There's something for everyone—anything from home decor and furniture to jewelry, baked goods, candles, soaps and more! Visit stjoetoday.com/nightmarket for more information.



Farmers Market

October 12 | 9 AM to 2 PM

Market-goers will enjoy fresh finds at the weekly St. Joseph 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 in the scenic Lake Bluff Park, overlooking Lake Michigan. Visit stjoetoday.com/farmersmarket for more information!

Sustainability Committee

The Sustainability Committee is working to support the City in becoming a more sustainable and eco-friendly community. One simple yet impactful practice they recommend is **home composting**. Not only does composting reduce waste, it also enriches our gardens and plants. Use the QR code or visit <https://www.sjcity.com/bc-sustainability/page/home-composting> to read about the benefits of home composting and a quick guide on how to get started.



Finance

Summer tax bills have been mailed. Tax payers have until 5 PM on September 16 to pay their tax bill. Payments can be made in person, by mail or online at www.sjcity.com/finance/page/water-billing-forms-and-documents. Payments received after 5 PM on September 16 will be assessed a 4% penalty.

Remember to pay your water bill. Any unpaid balance prior to December will be placed on your winter tax bill. You can pay your water bill automatically, it's easy and convenient. For more information visit www.sjcity.com/finance/page/water-billing-forms-and-documents.