



CITY CONNECTION



Construction Update

The CSO Early Action Project commenced the week of November 4, 2024. This project is located at the base of the Broad Street hill and includes construction from Pier 33 through Pri-Mar Petroleum, Broad Street and into Public Works yard. Construction is scheduled to be underway throughout the winter months with completion by mid-May. Broad Street will be closed, and traffic detoured at times for the work to be accomplished.

The reconstruction of Botham Avenue, from South State Street to Niles Avenue is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2025. The construction is expected to be underway into the summer months. **Cleveland Avenue** is slated to be resurfaced from Hilltop Road to Lakeshore Drive in the summer or fall of 2025. **Broad Street** from Wayne Street to approximately Public Works will also be resurfaced, likely in the early summer of 2025.

Additional information, as it becomes available will be posted to the Engineering Department webpage, sjcity.com/cityengineer

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY DECEMBER & JANUARY 2024

DECEMBER	04- WED	ADULTS: 80'S NIGHT!
	06- FRI	MOVIE MATINEE
	09- MON	WINTER SAFETY REFRESHER
	10- TUE	IT'S ELEMENTARY- DEWEY DECIMAL SCAVENGER HUNT!
	11- WED	TEENS: CLAY & COOKIES
	12- THU	TWEENS: INDOOR SNOWLAND
14- SAT	"A CHRISTMAS CAROL" COMMUNITY READ ALOUD	
19- THU	PAGES & PAWS	
JANUARY	03- FRI	MOVIE MATINEE
	08- WED	TEENS: SNOW SLIME
	09- THU	TWEENS: ESCAPE ROOM!
	14- TUE	IT'S ELEMENTARY- FLASHLIGHT READING!
	13- MON	SILENT BOOK CLUB
	15- WED	ORGANIZED BY DESIGN
	16- THU	PAGES & PAWS
	22- WED	FAMILY-FOCUSED FINANCIAL

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Calendar

- **December 2:** Winter tax bills mailed
- **December 6:** Community Tree Lighting & Light Up the Bluff | 6PM
- **December 7:** Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- **December 7:** Reindog Parade | 3PM
- **December 7:** Santa's House | 4-7PM
- **December 8:** Holiday Artisan Fair | 11AM-4PM
- **December 8:** Santa's House | 1-5PM
- **December 9:** City Commission | 6PM
- **December 12:** Santa's House | 4-6PM
- **December 13:** Santa's House | 4-6PM
- **December 14:** Santa's House | 12-5PM
- **December 15:** Santa's House | 1-5PM
- **December 19:** Santa's House | 4-6PM
- **December 20:** Santa's House | 4-6PM
- **December 21:** First day of winter
- **December 21:** Santa's House | 12-5PM
- **December 22:** Santa's House | 1-5PM
- **December 23:** Santa's House | 12-5PM
- **December 23:** SJPS winter break (12/23-1/3)
- **December 24:** Christmas Eve / City Hall, Library & Ice Arena closed
- **December 25:** Christmas Day / Hanukkah begins / City Hall, Library & Ice Arena closed / No rubbish collected
- **December 26:** Kwanzaa begins
- **December 26:** Christmas Tree pickup begins
- **December 26:** Wednesday rubbish collected
- **December 27:** Thursday rubbish collected
- **December 31 - 1 :** New Years Eve / New Years Day, City Hall & Library Closed
- **January 2:** Wednesday rubbish collected
- **January 3:** Thursday rubbish collected
- **January 13:** City Commission meeting | 6PM
- **January 17:** Christmas tree pick up ends
- **January 20:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day; City Hall Closed



Light up the Bluff

Friday, December 6, 2024 | 6PM

The annual Light Up the Bluff and tree lighting ceremony are returning this winter. Join us at Lake Bluff Park. The evening will begin with the St Joseph High School choir singing some holiday classics followed by the lighting of the large tree and the bluff lights at 6:30pm.



Candy Cane Lane

December 20, 2024 - January 5, 2025



We invite you to explore Milton Park this winter. Candy Cane Lane will feature a story walk with the book, *The Mitten*. Visit the pergola for an ornament craft to take with you, search for hidden candy cane rocks, explore the decorations, and count all the candy canes in the park. Bundle up your family and join us for a little outdoor fun. The story and park decorations will be available during the St Joseph school district winter break.



St. Joseph Today Events

MERRY & BRIGHT WEEKEND
December 6-8 | All Weekend | Throughout SWMI
stjoetoday.com/merryandbright

Celebrate the winter season in the downtown! Attendees will enjoy extended shopping hours, events, special offers and more.

REINDOG PARADE
Saturday, December 7 | 3PM
stjoetoday.com/reindog

The annual Reindog Parade is a great time for all. This event features dressed up pets and their owners in a variety of holiday garb. Be prepared to see all kinds of costumes from "Santa Bernards" to "Reindeer Rottweilers" – definitely a must-see event! The event also marks the arrival of Santa. After the parade, children can share their wish lists with Santa at Santa's House.

SANTA'S HOUSE
Select Dates Throughout December
stjoetoday.com/santa

Santa's House is moved from the North Pole each year to the corner of State & Pleasant Streets in downtown St. Joe! Santa will be available for wish list conversations and holiday photo ops weekends in December. Don't forget to bring a camera to capture this magical visit! Grab a postcard from the Welcome Center to write a letter to Santa. Santa's House will still take its spot on the corner of State and Pleasant Streets to serve as a drop off for letters!



HOLIDAY ARTISAN FAIR
Sunday, December 8 | 11AM - 4PM | Union + Social
stjoetoday.com/artisanfair



Join us for an indoor/outdoor Holiday Artisan Market on Sunday, December 8 from 11:00a-4:00p at Union + Social (indoor booths) and Court Place Plaza (outdoor booths)!



CHILI TOUR
Friday, January 31 | 5PM - 8PM
stjoetoday.com/chili

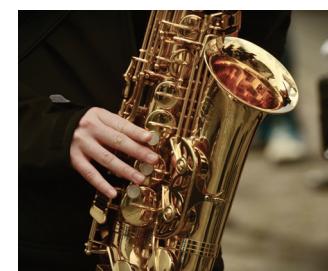


Warm up with us on Friday, January 31 as downtown St. Joe hosts a Chili Tour. Participating locations or "Chili Stops" will play host as you have the opportunity to try their best recipes.



A JAZZY JOLLY CHRISTMAS
Sunday, December 8 | 6:30PM & 7PM | John and Dede Howard Auditorium

The St. Joseph Municipal Jazz Band will be presenting its annual holiday concert - A Jazzy Jolly Christmas. Enjoy a variety of holiday favorites with a jazzy twist as performed by the Count Basie Orchestra, Ray Charles, the movie Polar Express and more including the evening's featured vocalist, Lisa Chilton. The Jazz Band is composed of members from the St. Joseph Municipal Band and will be joined by the St. Joseph Public Schools Jazz Ensembles to begin their portion of the program at 6:30pm. Admission is free.



Ice Arena

Weekly Schedule

- Sunday**
 1PM – 6:30PM: Open Skate
 7PM – 8:30PM: Stick & Puck
- Monday**
 12PM – 4:30PM: Open Skate
 7PM – 8:30PM: Stick & Puck
- Tuesday**
 3PM – 6:30PM: Open Skate
- Wednesday**
 12PM – 6:30PM: Open Skate
 7PM – 8:30PM: Stick & Puck
- Thursday**
 3PM – 4:30PM: Open Skate
 7PM – 8:30PM: Stick & Puck
- Friday**
 12PM – 9PM: Open Skate
- Saturday**
 3PM – 9PM: Open Skate

Winter Break Schedule (December 22 – January 5)

- Sunday**
 1PM – 6PM: Open Skate
 6:30PM – 8PM: Stick & Puck
- Monday**
 11AM – 12:30PM: Stick & Puck
 1PM – 6PM: Open Skate
- Tuesday**
 11AM – 12:30PM: Stick & Puck
 1PM – 6PM: Open Skate
- Wednesday**
 11AM – 12:30PM: Stick & Puck
 1PM – 6PM: Open Skate
- Thursday**
 11AM – 12:30PM: Stick & Puck
 1PM – 6PM: Open Skate
- Friday**
 11AM – 12:30PM: Stick & Puck
 1PM – 9PM: Open Skate
- Saturday**
 1:30PM – 3PM: Stick & Puck
 3:30PM – 10PM: Open Skate



ACH Water Payments

Sign up for ACH water payments, it's easy and convenient. The forms can be found on the City website, if you have question call 269-983-6324.

SNOWMAN CONTEST First snowfall – February 28

Build a unique and creative snowman (or woman!) in your yard or at any of the City's parks and send photos of your completed creation to cwelch@sjcity.com to be entered into our newest contest!

The contest will begin after the first snowfall of the season and will continue through February 28, 2025. Contestants must include the name of their snowman, where it was built, and their contact information. Entries will be posted on the City of St. Joseph Facebook & Instagram accounts. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finalists! This fun and festive contest is open to all city of St. Joseph residents.



Winter Taxes

The due date for winter taxes is 5:00pm February 14, 2025. If paid after 5:00pm February 14, 2025, a three percent penalty will be applied. When paying taxes you must include your parcel number. Do not include your water account number. You can pay in person at City Hall, online through the City website, by mail, using the City drop box, using your bank's bill pay, or by phone. Postmarks are not recognized as the payment date, if your payment is not received by 5:00pm

February 14, 2025 it will be considered late and the three percent penalty will be applied. We will not accept partial payments, you must pay the amount of tax due, nor more or no less. If your summer taxes are deferred, they are also due 5:00pm February 14, 2025. If you have questions about paying your taxes, refer to the back of your tax bill or call 269-983-4731.