

## City Services & Ordinances

### Is it Time for a Trim?

Help prevent weeds running wild by keeping your grass (and weeds) under eight inches tall. Property owners will be notified if there is a violation and, if necessary, billed for mowing services plus overhead costs. (Ordinance 93.50)



### Residential Yard Waste Pickup

Arrange for residential yard waste pickup at [cityofstjohnsmi.com](http://cityofstjohnsmi.com). Requests submitted by 2 p.m. on Mondays will be scheduled for the same week.

Please bag brush and keep yard-waste piles under four cubic feet (4'x4'x4'). Larger loads can be brought to the self-service facility at the Department of Public Works 1000 N. Business 127.

### Off-Street Parking

St. Johns regulates residential off-street parking to improve safety, traffic circulation and aesthetics in our city's residential districts. Ordinance 688, Section 155.341 provides guidance on outside storage of inoperable and unlicensed vehicles, trailers, recreational vehicles and more.

### Right-of-Way Areas

- Property owners, with a little pre-planning, you can be reimbursed \$2.50/sq. ft. for sidewalk and driveway repairs. To be eligible, you'll need to obtain a right-of-way permit and pay the fee before any work begins. Construction must meet City Construction Standards and inspections are required. Learn more or apply at [cityofstjohnsmi.com/sidewalkdriveway](http://cityofstjohnsmi.com/sidewalkdriveway).
- Permits are required prior to performing any work in the street right-of-way such as removing, planting or trimming trees; sidewalk or driveway removal and replacement and any utility service repairs.
- Signage is prohibited in right-of-way areas, on utility poles, and on street and regulatory signs in the right-of-way. Also, keep in mind that commercial signs are not allowed on residential lots (Ordinance 675).

## Important Dates

**July 4-5** Independence Day, offices closed

**Aug. 6** National Night Out, 6-8 p.m.

**Aug. 9** St. Johns Mint Festival begins

**Aug. 11** Final day of Mint Festival

## 2024 Elections

**Aug. 6** Primary Election

**Nov. 5** General Election

**Polls are open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on election day.**

### Precincts #1 and #3 Voting Location

Due to ongoing construction at the Wilson Center, Precincts 1 and 3 will continue to share the gym at First Baptist Church, 512 S. US-27 in St. Johns for all 2024 elections (please use the Swegles Street entrance).

### Railroad Depot & Pavilion Rentals

Learn more and reserve the perfect spot for your upcoming event at [stjohnsmi.myrec.com](http://stjohnsmi.myrec.com); an online account is required for venue rentals.



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Office hours: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (Mon-Fri)

*For night, weekend and holiday emergencies relating to sewer, water drainage or streets, please call:*  
**989.224.9192**



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# St. Johns Newsletter

Summer 2024





## Summer Vibes in St. Johns

Join us as we celebrate all that summer in St. Johns has to offer!

### Parks & Recreation

There's even more fun happening at the City Park this summer! Cool off at the spray park, which is free to the public and open daily from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. through Labor Day.



A Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Trust Fund Grant is behind accessibility improvements to the sand volleyball court, including new paved parking, sidewalks, bleachers, an ADA-accessible viewing area and a drinking fountain with wash station.

### Hit the Trails

The Scott Road Connector Trail is nearly complete and connects the multi-use paths along Townsend and Scott roads to the 43.3-mile Fred Meijer Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee Rail Trail. The connection creates a crushed-limestone loop around the city and provide easy access to Michigan's vast trail network.



### Saturdays on Maple Street

Enjoy the season's freshest local produce and unique wares at the St. Johns Farmers Market on Maple Street west of the courthouse, Saturdays from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. through October.



### National Night Out

Join the St. Johns Police Department (SJPD) August 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the St. Johns City park for a free, family-friendly night out against crime. Enjoy refreshments, bounce houses, games, prizes, entertainment, a fire department JAWS demonstration and so much more.



### The 39th St. Johns Mint Festival is Aug. 9-11

This year's Mint Festival is as packed as ever with things to do in downtown St. Johns, and the carnival returns to the City Park and Clinton County Fairgrounds. The fabulous Grand Mint Parade is at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Information and event schedules are at [mintfest.org](http://mintfest.org).



### Experience Classic Car Nostalgia

"Cruise In" to the St. Johns High School parking lot July 17 from 4-8 p.m. for the classic car show and automotive program scholarships fundraiser. On Aug. 22 from 9-10:45 a.m. hundreds of classics will be stopping in downtown St. Johns as part of their tour north to Cheboygan from Coldwater.



### Wednesday Night Concerts in the Park Series

Bring your lawn chairs to the City Park Performance Shell for our annual Concert in the Park series! Concerts start at 7 p.m. every Wednesday through Aug. 28. Admission is always free and donations are accepted. Refreshments are available for purchase from the Lions Club food trailer. Check out the lineup on the City's website or Facebook page.



## Trash & Recycling in St. Johns

### Trash

Granger collects trash (brown lids) on a weekly basis. Please bag all trash, limiting the weight of each bag to 30 pounds.

### Recycling

Granger collects recyclables (yellow lids) every other week. Materials do not need to be sorted—just toss them in your bin. **Never put plastic bags of any kind in your bin as they can clog and damage sorting equipment.**

- St. Johns Lions Club Recycling Center at 605 N. Swegles St. accepts household recycling.
- St. Johns City Offices recycle alkaline/zinc carbon, lithium, mercuric oxide (button cell) and nickel cadmium batteries at their first-floor offices in the Clinton County Courthouse.
- Bee's Sports recycles auto and marine batteries free of charge at 2138 S. US-127 BR in St. Johns.
- St. Johns Police Department provides free, safe prescription medication disposal. Please, no liquids, aerosols, inhalers, sharps or over-the-counter medications. Sharps may be taken to Granger.

For detailed guidelines and a collection calendar, go to [www.grangerwasteservices.com/stjohns](http://www.grangerwasteservices.com/stjohns).

## Mint City Safety Reminders

### Emergency Communication Network: Smart 911.com

Visit [www.clinton-county.org](http://www.clinton-county.org) or go to [Smart911.com](http://Smart911.com) and subscribe to county-wide emergency alerts by email, text, landline and/or cell phone.

### First Saturday Siren Testing

St. Johns will continue to test early-warning sirens the first Saturday of each month at 12 p.m. through September (unless there's severe weather in the area).

### Burn Permits

Recreational fires are allowed in the city when properly contained and supervised. To protect air quality, burning leaves and/or brush is prohibited. (Ordinance 388)