



Halloween Candy Crawl

Thursday, October 31

3:30-5:30 p.m., children are invited to trick-or-treat at participating St. Johns businesses. This annual event is hosted by the St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce.

6-8 p.m., traditional trick-or-treating begins and ends with the sounding of the fire siren. Please turn on your porch light to participate, and drive with special care as little ghosts and goblins are running about in St. Johns.



2024 General Election

Tuesday, November 5

Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you would like to **vote in person without the lines**, early in-person voting is available in Clinton County for nine days prior to the election. Vote at the Dewitt Township Hall or Bingham Township Hall from Sat., Oct. 26 through Sun., Nov. 3.

For specific times and other election information, visit cityofstjohnsmi.com/election or call the clerk's office at 989.224.8944.



Dates to Remember

- **November 3**
Daylight Savings Time ends
- **November 5**
Election Day
- **November 8**
Offices closed for Volunteer Day
- **November 11**
Offices closed in observance of Veterans Day
- **November 28 & 29**
Offices closed for Thanksgiving
- **December 24 & 25**
Offices closed for Christmas
- **December 31 & January 1**
Offices closed for New Year



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

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

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The City of St. Johns Newsletter Fall 2024



Fantasy Forest 2.0

Fantasy Forest 2.0 is a universally accessible playscape that has been designed to embrace the City's long history of community and collaboration, while also meeting our modern needs and goals.

Fantasy Forest 2.0 will be a sanctuary where laughter and adventure thrive. The new play structure and enhanced flooring focus on safety, stimulation and accessibility. The estimated investment to construct the full master plan is \$2.4 million.

Thanks to several grants and City funds, we have secured more than half of the necessary backing! Your continued support is crucial to bringing this project to life! Your contribution, regardless of size, will play an important role in ensuring Fantasy Forest 2.0 becomes a jewel for our families now and for generations to come.

As we prepare to break ground on Fantasy Forest 2.0, we are working to preserve the history of the original Fantasy Forest. A wooden picket fence surrounds the current playscape. Many pickets bear names in honor of those supporting the original construction. We are inviting supporters to take home their piece of St. Johns history:

Nov. 1-15 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Bring your own tools to remove on your own.

Nov. 6 & 13 from 12-6 p.m. City staff will be on hand to assist with removal. No appointment is needed.

To learn more, visit: cityofstjohnsmi.com/fantasyforest



Help turn fantasy into reality.

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City Services & Ordinances

Fall Leaf Collection

Our beautiful tree-lined streets become quite a chore during the fall, don't they? The City's leaf collection program can help make things a little easier.



Collection will begin on or about Nov. 4 beginning on the north side of town. Please pile your leaves in the City's right-of-way area. If no sidewalk, please rake leaves 6 inches behind the curb but not more than 6 feet. NEVER rake leaves into the street.

Once complete, we'll make one final pass to collect late-fallen leaves. Dates will be posted to the City's Facebook page and website. Also, the Department of Public Works, 1000 N. US-127 BR, is open 24/7 and accepts loose leaves and biodegradable yard waste bags (use the Kuntz Dr. entrance behind the Journey Federal Credit Union).

If you plan to bag: Visit cityofstjohns.com and select "Yard Waste Pick-up," to schedule service. Only place leaves and garden vegetation in the bags with no dirt, and please keep them under the 50 lb. weight limit. Be sure to put out your bags before your scheduled pickup date.

Please remember, there are many factors that impact leaf collection—an equipment failure or weather event may delay pickups or end the program early.

October Fire Hydrant Flushing

This work is performed between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Watch for specific dates in October and April at facebook.com/CityofStJohnsMI and cityofstjohnsmi.com. If water discoloration occurs, run the tap for one or two minutes until it's clear.

Sidewalk/Driveway Approach Replacement Program

Property owners, with a little pre-planning, you can be reimbursed \$2.50/sq. ft. for sidewalk and driveway approach 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.

Signage Ordinance 675

Commercial signs are prohibited on residential lots. No signs are allowed in right-of-way areas (between sidewalk and curb), on utility poles, and on street and regulatory signs. Political signs are allowed on personal property and must be removed within five days of Election Day.

Zoning, Building, Utility & Right-of-Way Permits

Permits are required prior to performing any work in the street right-of-way.

Burning Permits

Recreational fires are allowed in the city when properly contained and supervised. Burning leaves and/or brush is prohibited. (Ordinance 388)

Off-Street Parking Regulations

Due to a recent change to Ordinance 688, Section 155.341, a zoning permit is now needed to store a recreational vehicle outdoors between Oct. 16 and Apr. 30. Learn more at cityofstjohnsmi.com/codeenforcement; the permit does not need to be renewed if requirements are met.

Trash & Recycling

Granger collects trash (brown lid) on a weekly basis. Please bag all trash, 30 lbs limit per bag.

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. They will 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 grangerwasteservices.com/stjohns.