



The City of
St. Johns
Newsletter
Spring 2025



Dates to Remember

- **May 6**
 - Special Election
 - *St. Johns School Bond Proposal*
- **May 10**
 - City of St. Johns Spring Cleanup
- **May 26**
 - Memorial Day
 - *Offices Closed*
- **June 19**
 - Juneteenth
 - *Offices Closed*

St. Johns Notifications

Sign up for text and email notifications on line at cityofstjohnsmi.com. Get notified regarding meeting agendas & minutes; City Office news (payments, election notices, holiday closures); and community communications (non-emergency such as parades, trash delay, etc).



What's new for the Mint City?

Effective July 2025, all quarterly water/sewer accounts will be going monthly. The July bill will be sent in August and all water/sewer bills from this point forward will continue to be sent monthly. Also on the July bill there will be a charge for waste services, (if you currently pay for waste services), this charge was formerly on your summer property tax bill and will now be on the monthly water/sewer bill. Contact City Offices at (989) 224-8944 with questions.

New payment software is coming this summer -

MORE INFO COMING SOON! BS&A Payments offers an efficient way to accept payments electronically, on line, and over the counter.

BS&A Payments offers:

- Single Login for Electronic Payments
- Ease of Use - payments easily made from anywhere (phone, desktop/mobile, text, over the counter)
- Autopay Capability
- Security and Compliance
- Automatic Card Updates
- Payment Options: credit/debit card, Apple pay, Google pay, ACH (autopay), and cash or check are always accepted.



Save the Date for Spring Cleanup: May 10th

Mark your calendar! The City of St. Johns Spring Cleanup is Saturday, May 10, 2025. Place items at the curb between May 3 and 6 a.m. on May 10. Late items will not be picked up. Clean-up is limited to 3 cubic yards (about the size of a truck bed).

Acceptable Items:



Appliances
(no food;
remove doors from
fridges/freezers)

Electronics (TVs,
computers, stereo
equipment)

Lawn mowers
(drained of fuel & oil)

Hub caps, copper/brass
tubing, scrap metal, large
toys, bikes, furniture,
mattresses

Odd lumber (bundled,
under 4 ft.), carpeting
(bundled, under 6 ft.)

Prohibited Items:



TIRES, liquids,
hazardous waste,
car parts

Household trash or
recyclables

Yard waste
(including stumps),
batteries, books,
magazines

Construction/
demolition debris,
dirt/sand, latex paint

Please box, bag, or bundle items (50 lb. limit). Only City residents in 1-4 unit dwellings can participate (covered by your garbage tax assessment). Non-residents face a \$500 fine for illegal disposal.



Residential Yard Waste Pickup

Schedule your residential yard-waste pickup at cityofstjohnsmi.com.

Requests submitted by 2 p.m. on Mondays will be scheduled for that 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. Bus. 127 - use Kuntz drive entrance (located behind JFCU).



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)





Trash and Recycling in St. Johns

- Granger collects trash (brown lids) on a weekly basis and recyclables (yellow lids) every other week. Recycling 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 recycles 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.

City Services

Please Sign Up for Emergency Alerts

Visit clinton-county.org or go to Smart911.com and subscribe to county-wide emergency alerts by email, text, landline and/or cell phone.

First Saturday Siren Testing

St. Johns will test early-warning sirens the first Saturday of each month at 12 p.m. from April-September (unless there's severe weather in the area). As always, use safe weather practices when severe weather is approaching.

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)

Parking in Downtown St. Johns

Scan the QR code or visit cityofstjohnsmi.com/parking to see all the free parking options available in downtown St. Johns.



Overnight parking in St. Johns is prohibited from 2-6 a.m. except in designated areas, which require an annual parking permit. To purchase a permit or request a special-circumstance overnight parking exception contact the St. Johns Police Department at 989.224.6721.

Rental Housing Program

The St. Johns Rental Housing Program helps ensure that our City continues to be a great place to live. All rental property must be registered at cityofstjohnsmi.com; select "Rental Housing Program" to get started.

Permitting: Pools, Fences, Decks, Sheds and More

Most construction projects require zoning, building, utility and/or right-of-way permits before work begins. All permits must be applied for at cityofstjohnsmi.com; select "Permits" (\$40/permit).

City Sidewalk and Driveway Approach Replacement

Property owners who receive advance approval may receive \$2.50/sq. ft. for sidewalk or approach replacement projects. To qualify, the project must meet City standards and pass a required inspection. Contact the Public Works Department at 989.224.8944 ext. 229 for information or online at cityofstjohns.com.

Special Election: May 6th, 7am-8pm

There will be a Special Election for the St. Johns Public School Bond Proposal held in the City of St. Johns on May 6, 2025. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Since this is not a statewide or federal election, the nine days of early voting will not be held. As a reminder, Precinct #3 voters (who normally vote at the Wilson Center) will be voting at the First Baptist Church at 512 S. US-27 (please use the Swegles Street gym entrance).

If you signed up to be on the permanent absentee ballot list, you will automatically receive a ballot in the mail. If not, you can fill out an absentee ballot application at **cityofstjohnsmi.com/election**.



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