



### Fantasy Forest Updates

Fantasy Forest 2.0 officially opened on October 1st! Families, students, and community members came together to celebrate the new play space and all of the hard work that made it possible.



To learn more, visit:  
[cityofstjohnsmi.com/fantasyforest](http://cityofstjohnsmi.com/fantasyforest)



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into Reality.

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### St. Johns Notifications

Sign up for text and email notifications online at [cityofstjohnsmi.com](http://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).



### Dates to Remember

- **October 31**
  - Candy Crawl from 3:30 - 5:30pm at Participating Businesses
  - Trick or Treating 6 - 8pm
- **November 2**
  - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- **November 3**
  - Fall Leaf Collection Begins
- **November 11**
  - Offices closed in observance of Veterans Day
- **November 27-28**
  - Offices closed for Thanksgiving
- **December 24-25**
  - Offices Closed for Christmas
- **December 31 & January 1**
  - Offices closed for New Year

## Register for Rec Programs

**October 30  
6 - 7:30pm**

Charcuterie Board Class



**Oct. 28 - Nov. 20  
Tuesday/Thursday  
11:30-12:30pm**

Midday Yoga



To register, visit  
[stjohnsmi.myrec.com](http://stjohnsmi.myrec.com)



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# Halloween

Friday, October 31

**3:30-5:30 p.m.**, children are invited to trick-or-treat at participating St. Johns businesses! Join us for this annual tradition, hosted by the St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce, and enjoy a fun, safe afternoon of Halloween treats downtown.

**6–8 p.m.**, the streets will come alive with little ghosts, goblins, and ghouls! Traditional door to door trick-or-treating will begin and end with the sounding of the fire siren. Leave your porch light on to welcome trick-or-treaters, and please drive with extra caution as our costumed kiddos enjoy a night of spooky fun.



## Trash and Recycling

- Granger collects trash (brown lids) on a weekly basis and recyclables (yellow lids) every other week. Recycling material do not need to be sorted-just toss them in your bin. **Never put plastic bags of any kind in your recycling bin as they can clog and damage sorting equipment.**
- 7am - 5pm, M-F, 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.

## Billing Info You Need to Know

Water and sewer bills are sent monthly. The bills are sent the first week of the month and are due the 22nd of the same month. Contact City Offices at (989) 224-8944 with questions.

## City Services

### 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. 3 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 on 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.)

You may also bag leaves by using bio-degradable yard waste bags. Please place bagged leaves to the curb and the bags will be picked up with the regular fall leaf collection.

Curbside brush collection will pause during leaf collection. After leaf collection is finished, yard waste collection will be suspended until spring. Please keep in mind that factors such as equipment issues or weather events may cause delays or bring the leaf collection program to an early end.



### 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](http://cityofstjohnsmi.com/sidewalkdriveway).

### Please Sign Up for Emergency Alerts

Visit [clinton-county.org](http://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.

### 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) Visit [cityofstjohnsmi.com](http://cityofstjohnsmi.com) under "Fire Department."

## Right-of-Way Do's and Don'ts:

- 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. All permits must be applied for at [cityofstjohnsmi.com](http://cityofstjohnsmi.com); select "Permits" (\$75/permit).
- 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).

### October Fire Hydrant Flushing

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



## Recreational Vehicle Parking Rules

- Oct 16 – Apr 30: RVs stored outdoors must be on a hard surface (concrete/asphalt), at least 180 sq. ft. (9 ft. wide min.), and behind the front line of the house. A zoning permit is required (one-time if requirements are met).
- May 1 – Oct 15: RVs may be parked on the side yard grass.
- Cars and Trucks must be parked only in driveways or designated parking areas on hard surfaces (City Ordinance 155.341).