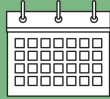




Ice, Ice,
Safety!



Dates to
Remember

Emergency Communication Network

Visit www.clinton-county.org or go to smart911.com to sign up to receive emergency information via email, text, landline, or cell phone. Smart911.com is designed to send out county-wide emergency information or geographical information pertaining to a specific area.

In Your Neighborhood

Please help keep areas around fire hydrants clear of snow and ice so first responders can access the hydrant during a fire emergency.

Safe and Clear Streets and Sidewalks

Please help keep your neighbors, students, elderly residents and postal workers safe this season by clearing ice and snow.

When the ice and snow stop falling, please clear your sidewalks within twelve (12) hours, or clear nighttime snowfall by 6 p.m. the following day (City Ordinance 95.84). Failure to do so will result in a contractor performing the work, and the property owner will be billed.

Never throw or shovel snow, ice or slush to the street or shoulder of the road. Doing so creates hazardous conditions, violates Michigan statute and may result in a citation (Motor Vehicle Code P.A. 82 of 1978, 257.677a).

- **December 5**
 - St. Nick Parade at 6 p.m.
- **December 24 & 25**
 - City Offices closed for Christmas
- **December 31 - January 1**
 - City Offices closed for New Year
- **January 19th**
 - Closed for MLK Day
- **February 16**
 - Closed for President's Day
- **February 17**
 - Winter property Taxes Due

Did You Know?

The long-awaited re-imagining of the Wilson Center is underway! This exciting public-private partnership is transforming the former Rodney B. Wilson School into our first community center and more than 40 apartment units. The roof replacement project, (that took place November 2025), was the first step to protecting the combined City and private investment in the building's interior. Look for the next phase of this transformation to begin after the new year.



Scan for more
information on the
Wilson Community
Center Project.

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Turn-Off Program for Water Service

A turn-off & turn-on program is available for a resident or business owner who will not be occupying their facility for at least 3 months (one billing cycle). The fee is \$30 for each service, which must be paid prior to the service. This will eliminate receiving a water/sewer bill during the time period you are gone. This is a great program for residents that go south for the winter.

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989.224.9192



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City Parking, Taxes, Zoning and Permits

Off-Street Parking Regulations

OCT. 16 - APR. 30

Under the updated Ordinance 688, Section 155.341, storing a recreational vehicle outdoors in a residential district now requires a zoning permit. RVs stored during this timeframe must be placed on a hard-surface material approved by the Zoning Administrator.

MAY 1 – OCT 15

Side-yard parking on grass is allowed during this timeframe. Parking behind the home is only allowed in garages, driveways connected to garages, or in special-use-approved parking areas.

Apply for permits online at cityofstjohnsmi.com under “Permits.”

Need a pad for RV parking? Choose “Zoning – RV Parking Pad.”

Storing an RV? Choose “Zoning – RV Storage.”

All vehicles must be parked on an approved hard-surface driveway or parking area, and these areas cannot be located in front of the house, per City Ordinance 155.341.

Winter 2025 Property Taxes

Property tax bills for winter were mailed Dec. 1, 2025. If you did not receive yours, contact the City Treasurer at 989.224.8944. Remember, failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt you from penalties.

Taxes are payable to: **City of St. Johns** and are due by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026. Additional information is available at cityofstjohnsmi.com.

Zoning and Building Permits

Most construction projects, including pools, fences, decks, sheds and more require zoning, building, utility and/or right-of-way permits. Residents desiring to connect to city utilities must obtain a utility permit and pay the fee prior to any work commencing. A permit is also required before work begins in the City's right-of way areas. This includes sidewalk or driveway removal; removal, planting and/or trimming trees, or utility service repairs. All permits must be applied for online at cityofstjohns.com. Click on "Permit."

Rental Properties

If you purchase a property to be used as a rental (non-homestead; PRE is less than 100%), please visit www.cityofstjohnsmi.com and click "Rental Housing Program" to register your property. Once registered, you will be prompted to pay inspection fees. These inspections ensure that your project meets local safety codes and building standards.



Trash and Recycling in St. Johns

Christmas Tree Disposal

Schedule your Christmas tree pick up online at cityofstjohnsmi.com. The City's Public Works Department will begin pickup **by appointment only** the first week of January. Be sure all decorations are removed before placing your tree by the curb, and please do NOT wrap your tree in a plastic bag!

If you prefer, you can take your tree to 24/7 the compost area at the Public Works Department. Please use the Kuntz Drive entrance at 1000 N. US-127 BR.

Granger Services

Granger collects St. Johns' trash bins (brown lids) on a weekly basis and collects recycling bins (yellow lids) every other week on the same day as trash. Place your carts out the night prior to collection day and be sure to remove them from the right-of-way (between sidewalk and curb) within 24-hours of collection day.

As winter is upon us, please be sure your bin(s) are not obstructed or buried by snow and keep them out of the street to avoid plow-truck accidents. Before tossing containers into your trash or recycling bins, please make sure they're emptied and lids are closed all the way to prevent ice and snow from getting in.



Please be patient if weather conditions delay trash service; it will be restored as soon as safely possible.

For detailed guidelines and a collection calendar, go to www.grangerwasteservices.com/stjohns.

Trash

Please bag all trash, limiting the weight of each bag to 30 pounds. Please double bag kitty litter, animal waste, sawdust, ashes, insulation or packing peanuts.

Recycling

Materials in your recycling bin do not need to be sorted, just toss them in your bin.

Never place plastic bags of any kind - ie. grocery bags, trashbags, etc.-in your recycling cart. These culprits can clog the sorting equipment, requiring hours of shut-down time to untangle. For this reason, Granger will not pick up carts containing plastic bags.

Acceptable recycled items in container:

- Boxboard
- Cardboard (Corrugated)
- Cartons
- Glass (clear and Colored)
- Paper (Mixed)
- Metal Cans and Foil
- Plastic jugs, tubs, and containers

If you have items for recycling that do not fit in your cart, you may take them to the St. Johns Lions Recycling Center at 605 N. Swegles Street (please follow their recycling guidelines).

Battery Recycling :

The City of St. Johns offices (1st floor, Clinton County Courthouse) accepts cell phones, small ink cartridges, and household batteries for recycling. The types of batteries accepted are Alkaline/Zinc Carbon batteries, Lithium batteries, Mercuric Oxide (Button Cell) batteries, Nickel Cadmium batteries. Auto & Marine batteries are NOT accepted at the city offices; however, they are accepted for free at Bee's Sports located at 2138 S. US-127 BR, St. Johns.