

NEW HOURS FOR CITY OFFICES:

8 AM—4 PM; M—F
(OPEN DURING THE LUNCH HOUR)

Appointments are available if you wish to meet between 4 pm—5 pm

PLEASE NOTE: FRONT ENTRANCE (BY THE FOUNTAIN) IS PERMANENTLY CLOSED TO THE CLINTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE. THE SOUTH PARKING LOT ENTRANCE IS NOW THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO ENTER THE COURTHOUSE.

Dates to Remember:

- Sunday, November 1st—Daylight Savings Time Ends—Set clocks **BACK** 1 hour
- Tuesday, November 3rd—Election Day. Polls are open 7 am—8 pm
- Wednesday, November 11th—Offices closed in Observance of Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th—Offices closed for Thanksgiving
- Monday, November 30th—Winter Property Taxes are mailed & due February 16, 2021



The trick-or-treat hours are from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2020. If you plan to go door to door, remember to practice social distancing, wear a face mask & use hand sanitizer to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Please use caution while driving as there will be lots of children running to collect candy.

City of St. Johns, Michigan Fall 2020 Newsletter



Fall Leaf Collection Program

City residents have the option to either bag or rake their leaves. Each property owner can receive up to 4 packs (20 bags) of yard waste bags, which can be picked up at City Offices (1st floor, Clinton County Courthouse).

The following is the leaf collection schedule starting in November:

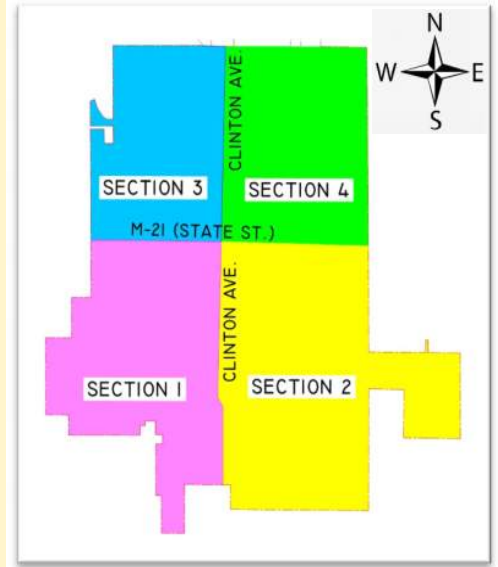
- Section 1 (November 2—6)—South of M21 and West of S. Clinton Avenue
- Section 2 (November 9—13)—South of M21 and East of S. Clinton Avenue
- Section 3 (November 16—20)—North of M21 and West of N. Clinton Avenue
- Section 4 (November 23—27)—North of M21 and East of N. Clinton Avenue

If you wish to rake, please rake leaves in a pile in the City right-of-way area in front of your house, between the sidewalk and the curb. If there is no sidewalk in front of your property, please rake leaves 6 inches behind the curb but not further than 6 feet from the curb. **DO NOT RAKE LEAVES IN THE STREET**, as the leaves can be hazardous with traffic and also block storm sewers from draining properly. **Anyone raking or otherwise placing leaves, trimmings, & similar type organic plant materials in the public street will be subject to a \$50 civil infraction fine.**

If you wish to bag your leaves, each property owner can receive up to 4 packs (20 bags) of yard waste bags, which can be picked up at City Offices (1st floor, Clinton County Courthouse). The bags can be used for leaves and garden vegetation (no dirt). These bags will be picked up at the curb during your normal scheduled leaf collection pick-up.

Just a reminder, despite all advanced preparation, equipment can breakdown or weather events can slow or end the program early. Plan to have your leaves raked before your scheduled week. Early snowfall requires equipment and crews to be redirected to snow removal operations.

- The regular curbside brush pick up is suspended during leaf pick-up.
- Loose leaves & biodegradable yard waste bags can also be taken to the Department of Public Works, 1000 N. US-127 BR. This site is open 24/7. Please use the Kuntz Drive entrance.



Election day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020 (polls are open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.)

If you are unsure of your precinct location or whether you are registered to vote, check:



<https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/>

You can either enter your first and last name, birth month & year, and your zip code or your driver's license number, birth month & year. It will give you your polling location, dates of upcoming elections, clerk contact information, absentee ballot information, etc.

The City has three (3) polling places for residents. You will vote at the same precinct for all elections.

- Precinct 1: First Baptist Church located at 512 South US-27
- Precinct 2: Nazarene Church located at 515 North Lansing Street
- Precinct 3: Wilson Center located at 101 West Cass Street

Absentee ballots are due back before the polls close at 8 p.m. The city has a white drop box on the south end of the Clinton County Courthouse parking lot. The drop box may be used to drop off absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots. The box is checked every business day and will be checked several times on election day.

City of St Johns residents can call (989) 224-8944 for assistance with your election questions.

Recreation Department Website



Check out the current programs that are available at the St. Johns Recreation Department by going to <https://stjohnsmi.myrec.com>. You can create a household account and also pay for the programs by visiting this site.

Smart911.com—Free, Private & Secure

Residents are encouraged to create free Safety Profiles on **Smart911.com**, a secure information platform that instantly tells 9-1-1 dispatchers vital information that can assist in an emergency.



A free service – Provided by your community



Private and secure – You control your information



Saves time in an emergency – When seconds count

Trash & Recycling Services

Granger picks up trash on a weekly basis and recycling is picked up every other week. If you find that your recycling bin is over flowing, the St. Johns Lions Club Recycling Center (605 N. Swegles St., corner of Steel & Swegles Streets) is available for any of your extra recycling needs. Also to save room in your recycling bin, crush or break down boxes to make more room for other items.



Burning Permit Info.

The City of St. Johns prohibits leaf and brush burning per ordinance #388. Outdoor burning may aggravate asthma and other respiratory ailments.

Residential recreation fires (no leaves or trash) is permitted in the City when properly contained & supervised. Please call the Police Dept. at (989) 224-6721 for questions.

Fire Hydrant Flushing



Fire hydrants are periodically flushed to make sure they are operable and also to clean the water mains of rust and sediment that develops over a period of time. During the process, the water could become slightly colored; however, it should clear up shortly after flushing.

Flushing of the hydrants is done in the spring and fall. When flushing occurs, it is done between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm. Please look for postings at www.cityofstjohnsmi.com or Facebook for exact dates when hydrant flushing will occur.

Keep Sidewalks & Hydrants Clear



Please keep snow and ice cleared from sidewalks within twelve (12) hours after precipitation ceases during daylight hours. When snow and ice occurs during nighttime hours, it must be cleared by 6:00 p.m. the following day (City Ordinance 95.84). When clearing your sidewalk or driveway, please do not place the snow or ice in the street or the shoulder of the road. It is against the state statute to deposit snow, ice or slush in the street or on the shoulder of the road. A citation may be issued to individuals violating the code (Motor Vehicle Code P.A. 82 of 1978, 257.677a).

Also please keep areas around fire hydrants clear of snow or ice so the fire department can access the hydrant during a fire emergency.

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

Most types of construction such as fences, decks, sheds, etc. require a permit in the City.

Residents desiring to connect to City utilities must obtain a utility permit & pay the fee prior to any work commencing which is done online by visiting cityofstjohnsmi.com, click online services, then permits. A permit must also be obtained prior to performing any work in the street right-of-way (sidewalk or driveway removal, removal/planting/trimming trees or utility service repairs).

Sidewalk/Driveway Approach Replacement Program

Property owners will be reimbursed \$1.75 per square foot for sidewalk replacement and \$.70 a square foot for sidewalk sections raised. There is a \$200.00 reimbursement for replacing driveway approaches. Reimbursements are given as funds are available. Sidewalk & approach construction must meet City Construction Standards. Inspections are required during demo and completion.

Work performed without an inspection will not be eligible for reimbursement. Contact the Public Works Department at (989) 224-8944, ext. 229 for information.

Signage in Right-Of-Way

Signage is prohibited in the area between the sidewalk & curb or where these improvements would be located if constructed. Prohibited signage includes real estate & political signs, employment & service opportunities, garage sale signs, etc. Signage is also prohibited on utility poles, which are located in the right-of-way (City Ordinance 153.09).

Contact City offices to advertise your garage sale on the access channel.

Parking Regulations

No vehicle shall be left on public city streets between 1:00 am—6:00 am of the same day. Parking is prohibited on a sidewalk or between curb & sidewalk (City Ordinance 71.09). Any vehicle wishing to park overnight in a designated municipal parking lot must obtain a permit at the St. Johns Police Department located at 409 S. Whittmore St., St. Johns. For special circumstances or to receive permission to park, contact the St. Johns Police Department between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at (989) 224-6721. In some instances, permission may be granted to park on the street overnight. After hour emergency parking circumstances call 911 for assistance.

Off-Street Parking Regulations Within A Residential District

Recreational vehicles stored on any City lot or parcel between October 16th—April 30th must be parked on a hard surface (asphalt or concrete). Recreational vehicles must be parked behind the front line of the house. Parking is allowed in the side yard on the grass from May 1st—October 15th.

No parking is allowed in the rear of buildings except in garages, driveways leading to garages and other parking spaces approved by special use permit.

Motor vehicles shall be allowed to be parked only on a parking area or driveway. Required parking areas including driveways shall be constructed from materials that provide a hard surface (concrete or asphalt). The driveway and parking area shall not be located in front of the residential structure (City Ordinance 155.341).

After Hour Emergencies

For night, weekend and holiday emergencies relating to sewer, water, drainage or streets, please call (989) 224-9192.