



City of St. Johns, Michigan



2022 Newsletter



Farmer's Market

The farmer's market is located on Maple Street (west side of courthouse) on Saturdays from 8 am-noon until October 30th. You will find the season's freshest local produce and many unique products for sale each week.



Concerts in Downtown St. Johns

Come downtown on Thursday evenings from 5-7 pm until September 15th to enjoy **It's A Thursday Thing**. The concerts will be held on Clinton Ave (either at Walker/Clinton or Higham/Clinton). This event is sponsored by the Michigan Arts & Culture Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Then stop by on Fridays from noon—1 pm until August 26 at the Rotary Park Pavilion, near the CIS Trail/ Railroad Depot located at 107 E. Railroad Street for the **Brown Bag Concert Series**. This event is sponsored by the St. Johns Area Community Fund and the St. Johns Principal Shopping District. The concerts are free of charge. Bring a lawn chair, visit one of the many downtown restaurants for take out and come sit and enjoy some music!



St. Johns Mint Festival

The St. Johns Mint Festival will be August 12-14, with events taking place at the St. Johns City Park and Clinton County Fairgrounds. Downtown events include a car show & beverage tent. The Grand Mint Parade will take place on August 13th at 10 am. For the event schedule, visit the St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce website at stjohnsareachamber.wildapricot.org.



US 27 Motor Tour

"BACK IN ITS DAY" Hundreds of classic cars will tour nostalgic old US 27 and make their way from Coldwater to Cheboygan. Their tour will make a stop in downtown St. Johns. The cars arrive on August 25th at 9 am and stay until 11 am. Be sure to **"IT WAS THE WAY"** stop downtown to see some great classics!



2022 Concert in the Park Series

The Concert in the Park Series is located at the St. Johns City Park Performance Shell on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. All concerts are FREE (donations are accepted) and will be held rain or shine. Bring your lawn chairs. The Lions Club food trailer will be available for refreshments.

- ◆ July 27—Ryan Dehues (Timeless Classic Jazz Standards)
- ◆ August 3—Louie Longoria Band (Big Time Country)
- ◆ August 10—Detroit Retro Society (Experience the Music)
- ◆ August 17—FRIENDZ (Big Band Swing/50s Rock/Motown Greats)
- ◆ August 24—Miranda and the M80s (The Best of the 80s)
- ◆ August 31—Matt King (Award Winning Tribute to Elvis)



Cool off at the spray park located at the St. Johns City Park. Bring a picnic and enjoy splashing in the water. The spray park is free to the public and open every day from 10 am to 8 pm until Labor Day.

National Night Out is a free, family-friendly event and is put on

by the St. Johns Police Department and at the St. Johns City Park. This year's event will be Tuesday, August 2, 2022 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Come celebrate a night out against crime. You will be greeted to refreshments, bounce houses, games, and entertainment, along with a JAWS demonstration by the fire department, as well as prizes and fun at the spray park! Police officers will be handing out safety material and meeting the community. There will be representatives to educate the public about 9-1-1/Central Dispatch, Clinton County Advocacy center and other public services agencies.



Pavilion, Railroad Depot & Wilson Center Gym Rental



The pavilions at the city park, the railroad depot along with the Wilson Center Gym are available for rent. Please visit stjohnsmi.myrec.com and click Facilities. *You do need to create an account online to rent one of the facilities.*

Recreation Programs and Summer Camps



To sign up for recreation programs (swimming, yoga, volleyball, flag football) and summer camps, visit stjohnsmi.myrec.com. *You do need to create an account online to participate in any of the programs or summer camps.*

Summer Tax Bills

The summer property tax bills were mailed on June 30th and are due August 15th. Payments can be made online at cityofstjohnsmi.com & click **Online Bill Pay** (3% processing fee applies for online credit/debit card payments or \$3.00 E-Check fee), or placed in the white city drop box on the south end of the Clinton County Courthouse parking lot (near Cass Street), in person at city offices (1st floor, Clinton County Courthouse), or call (844) 623-1635 to pay via phone. If you would like your taxes automatically withdrawn from your bank account, please contact city offices prior to August 12th.



Water/Sewer Bill Payment Options

If you wish to pay online, visit cityofstjohnsmi.com and click **Online Bill Pay**. You may set up your checking or savings account for Autopay, which is free of charge. You can also call (844) 623-1635 to pay via phone. There is a 3% fee for credit/debit card and a \$3.00 fee for E-Check.

Schedule Your Yard Waste Pick-up

If you would like your yard waste (brown bag, brush or leaves) picked up at the curb or have a request regarding a city tree in the right-of-way, visit www.cityofstjohnsmi.com and click **Yard Waste Pick Up/Tree Service**. You will be asked to fill in your address along with the items you would like picked up. ALL requests MUST be submitted before Tuesday at 8:00 am for the current week Tuesday or Wednesday pickup. Requests made after 8:00 am on Tuesday will be scheduled Tuesday or Wednesday of the following week.



There is also a drop off site available 24/7 for yard waste located at the Public Works Dept. at 1000 N. US-127 BR, St. Johns. The gravel access drive is located off of Kuntz St.

Free Compost

Compost from the leaf and yard waste collections is given back to the city residents **FREE** of charge. Compost is great for gardens and flower beds. Compost is usually available in late fall and is located at the Public Works site, follow the dirt drive behind Journey Federal Credit Union off of Kuntz Drive to compost site.

Grass/Weed Height

Grass and/or weeds cannot exceed a height of eight (8) inches under the weed control Ordinance 93.50. The owner will be notified of the violation. If the owner does not comply with the code, the city will contract to have the site mowed and charge the owner with the actual expense plus overhead.

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) are permitted in the city when properly contained & supervised.

2022 Elections

The city will hold two elections in 2022: August 2, 2022 Primary Election and November 8, 2022 General Election. If you have not yet applied for an absentee ballot and wish to, please contact the city at (989) 224-8944 to request an application. New voter id cards were sent out to all registered voters in the city in early June due to redistricting in the state. If you have any questions, please contact the city clerk at (989) 224-8944 ext. 223 or mseavey@stjohnsmi.gov



Walker Street Water Main Replacement

Beginning in late July, contractors will be replacing watermain on E. Walker Street between Baker St. and Scott Rd. followed by curb replacement, road reconstruction and paving. During the construction period Walker Street will be closed to all thru traffic, please plan accordingly and avoid the area if possible. If you are a Walker Street resident, Water Division Staff will be in contact with you prior to the start of the project to discuss driveway access and any disruptions to your drinking water service. Thank you in advance as we continue to improve our drinking water and roadway infrastructure.



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 Grant Replacement Program

Property owners will be reimbursed \$2.50 per square foot for sidewalk and driveway approach replacement. Sidewalk and approach construction must meet City Construction Standards. Inspections are required.

Work performed without an inspection will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Residents must obtain a right-of-way permit and 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).**



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.

Off-Street Parking, Open Storage Regulations

Residents are reminded that the city regulates the outside storage of inoperable and unlicensed vehicles, trailers, recreational vehicles and other materials and equipment on residential properties. Inoperable and/or unlicensed vehicles cannot be stored in the open on private property within the city per St. Johns City Code 94.02. St. Johns City Code section 155.341 states that vehicles can be parked out in the open only if they are on a paved driveway or parking area. Not more than 3 outdoor parking spaces are permitted on a residential lot. Modifications or repairs to a vehicle that take more than 24-hours are not allowed unless they occur inside an enclosed building. Only one trailer/recreational vehicle can be parked on a city lot year-round if it is on a hard surface only. They cannot be parked in the front or rear yard. Violators can be cited for a civil infraction with fines starting at \$50.00 per day. A violation of this code section is a misdemeanor, which carries up to a \$500 fine plus court costs.



Overnight street parking will ONLY be allowed during the Mint Festival weekend (August 12-14).

After Hour Emergencies

If you have an emergency during the night, on the weekend or during a holiday pertaining to sewer, water, drainage or streets, for assistance please call (989) 224-9192.