

City of St. Johns, Michigan



WINTER NEWSLETTER



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- * February 14th—Winter property taxes due
- * February 20th—Clinton County Courthouse/City of St. Johns closed for President's Day
- * February 22nd—Water/Sewer Bills Due

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Have your water/sewer bills emailed, contact City Offices at (989) 224-8944 or visit the city website at cityofstjohnsmi.com to sign up.
- If you wish to avoid the hassle of remembering to pay your water/sewer bill, sign up for automatic payment withdraw from your checking or savings account. Visit the city website at cityofstjohnsmi.com to sign up.
- If you have an emergency after hours, during the weekend or holidays relating to sewer, water, drainage or streets call (989) 224-9192 for assistance.
- Dashboard information is available at cityofstjohnsmi.com/egov/documents/1669749989_12602.pdf

- Adopt a hydrant- Please keep the area around fire hydrants clear of snow and ice so the fire department can access the hydrant during a fire emergency.



Granger Recycle Coach App

Download the **FREE** Granger Recycle Coach App to check when your trash/recycling will be picked up. You can access details specific to St. Johns trash & recycling anytime! You can receive **reminders on collection days** and also reference what items are or are not accepted.



Keep Sidewalks Clean of Snow & Ice

- ✓ When snow or ice shall cease to fall during the daylight hours, such snow or ice shall be cleared from the sidewalks within 12 hours. When snow or ice have ceased during the nighttime, it shall be cleared from the sidewalks by 6:00 pm of the day following.
- ✓ Do not throw snow, slush or ice in the street. This is against state statute and a citation may be issued for individuals who violate this code (Motor Vehicle Code P.A. 82 of 1978, 257.677a).



Christmas Tree Disposal

- Christmas trees will be picked up by the City of St. Johns Public Works Department beginning January 3rd. Please make sure all decorations are removed & placed out by the curb. Do **NOT** have your tree wrapped in a plastic bag.
- You also can take your tree to the Public Works Department, 1000 N. US-127 BR compost area with 24/7 access. Please use the Kuntz Drive entrance.



Winter 2022 Property Taxes

- The 2022 Winter Property Tax bills were mailed on November 30th. If you did not receive your tax bill contact the City Treasurer at (989) 224-8944. Failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt the taxes from penalties. Winter taxes are payable to City of St. Johns and are due by 4 pm on **Monday, February 14, 2023**. Tax and assessing information is available on the City website at www.cityofstjohnsmi.com.

Annual Property Assessments

- The City will mail all property owners annual property assessments in mid-February 2023. Please contact the assessing department with any questions or to make an appointment by calling (989) 224-8944. (Please review the back side of your property assessment if you wish to contest the values through the March Board of Review process.)

2023 Downtown Parking Pass

- Due to some coming changes in the City of St. Johns downtown parking program, we will not be selling 2023 parking passes until some time in the new year.
- The 2022 parking pass will continue to be valid for parking until a final decision is made. If your vehicle will be parked in a City parking lot overnight and you do not have a pass, you need to purchase a 2022 pass (at a reduced rate) from the Police Department.
- The pass **MUST** hang from the rearview mirror of the vehicle or you will be ticketed.
- Purchase of a parking pass does not guarantee you a parking spot in a certain lot.
- Spaces in the parking lots are on a first come, first served basis.
- Your vehicle needs to be moved at least once every 72 hours. If you live downtown and need to leave your vehicle in the lot for an extended period of time, please contact the police department at (989) 224-6721 ahead of time.
- No parking is allowed on any city street between the hours of 1:00 & 6:00 am. Your pass is not valid for street parking during the day or at night.
- Passes are transferrable between vehicles, but no refunds are given if you move out or leave your employment before the end of the year.

Winter Outdoor Activities at City Park

• During the winter months, there is an unsupervised sledding hill open to the public during daylight hours. The hill is located at the main City Park, 805 W. Park St., St. Johns. The hill is at the far northwest corner of the park. There are also walking trails throughout the park which is a great way to get out and get some exercise.



• Also there is ice skating and ice hockey available at the ice rink, weather permitting. The ice skating hours are Monday—Friday, 6:00—8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 1:00—6:00 p.m. The ice hockey hours are Monday—Friday, 5:00—6:00 p.m. and 8:00—10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m.—noon. Open skating and hockey are allowed at the City Park ice rink at any time except those times that are posted exclusively for skating or hockey. Please visit the parks and recreation department at stjohnsmi.myrec.com for more information.

Wilson Center Programs:

Due to possible construction taking place at the Wilson Center, please see the recreation website at stjohnsmi.myrec.com for updated programming information.

Recreation Department Winter Activities

Registration is done online at stjohnsmi.myrec.com. Follow **City of St. Johns Recreation** on Facebook for updates to programs/classes.



Pool Programs—Adult lap swim is on Tuesday/Thursday mornings from 5:00—6:00 am and Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 12:00—1:00 pm. Registration is available online one week prior to the program date. Open swim is from 6:30—8:00 pm beginning January 13th, registration is not required for open swim. Pool programs are held at the St. Johns High School.

Yoga Classes—The next session of yoga starts January 10th. Session runs for 5 weeks and meets twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00-7:00 pm. Advanced registration is required. Classes will be held at the St. Johns Train Depot, 107 E. Railroad Street.

Prevent Your Pipes From Freezing

Pipes and utility meters can freeze when the temperature remains below 25° for extended periods of time. Here are some tips to help protect water lines during cold weather:

- * Be sure pipes in unheated parts of your home/crawl space are insulated.
- * If you have a faucet located in an unheated location, allow a thin stream (about the thickness of a pencil) of cold water run through the faucet.
- * Leave interior cupboard doors under sinks open, especially if the sink piping is adjacent to an exterior wall.
- * Plug up drafty cracks & repair broken window panes that allow cold air inside where pipes are located.
- * If your pipe is frozen, gently warm it with hot air from a blow dryer at the point where it enters your house.
- * Know the location of the water shut-off valve. Check it periodically to ensure it works properly.
- * Shut off & drain all pipes leading to outside faucets.



The City of St. Johns maintains underground water lines from the water main to the curb stop near the property line. Water lines running from the curb stop to the house, as well as internal plumbing, are the responsibility of the property owner.

Household Battery Recycling Program



• The City of St. Johns offices (1st floor, Clinton County Courthouse) does accept 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 city offices, however, they are accepted for free at Bee's Sports located at 2138 S. US-127 BR, St. Johns.

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



- Most types of construction such as pools, 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.
- 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). **All permits must be applied for online at cityof-stjohnsmi.com. Click on Permits.**

Emergency Communication Network—Smart911.com

- 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.



Trash and Recycling Guidelines

- Trash (**BROWN LID**) is collected weekly (either Wednesday or Friday depending on your location). 
- Recycling (**YELLOW LID**) is collected every other week, the same day as your trash. 
- Carts must be placed by the curb by 7:00 am on collection day.
- Please bag all trash. Double bag if there is kitty litter, animal waste, sawdust, ashes, insulation or packing peanuts.
- Please limit bags of trash to 30 pounds.
- Recycling does not need to be sorted. As you have an item to recycle, just toss it in your cart. Do **NOT** place plastic bags in your recycling cart (trash bags or store bags). **YOUR CART WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**
- Acceptable recycled items: corrugated card board; plastic jugs; tubs & containers; mixed paper; metal cans & foil; boxboard; clear & colored glass bottles and containers; and cartons.
- Please make sure containers are empty prior to placing them in the trash or recycling containers.
- For detailed guidelines and a collection calendar, go to grangerwasteservices.com/stjohns.

