

Important Dates

- Feb. 14** Winter property taxes due
Feb. 19 Closed for President's Day
Feb. 22 Water/sewer bills due
Mar. 29 Good Friday, City offices close at 12 p.m.

2024 Elections

- Feb. 27** Presidential Primary Election
May 7 Regular Election
Aug. 6 Primary Election
Nov. 5 General Election

Community members who are interested in running for office can visit the City's website for information about qualifications and requirements. The deadline to file for office is Tuesday, April 23 by 4 p.m. Residents can also get involved locally by serving on a board or committee.

Precinct #3 Voting Location Change

Voters in Precinct 3 will head to a new (though temporary) polling location for all 2024 elections. Due to ongoing construction at the Wilson Center, in-person voting for Precinct 3 will be at the First Baptist Church, 512 S. US-27 in St. Johns (please use the Swegles Street entrance). Precincts 1 and 3 will share the church gym.

The St. Johns City Commission adopted a resolution on November 27, 2023 that facilitates the change. Precinct 3 will resume its location in the Wilson Center, 101 West Cass Street beginning in 2025.

Early In-Person Voting

Beginning with the 2024 Presidential Primary Election, Michiganders have the option to vote in person for the nine days leading up to Election Day. Check the City of St. Johns Facebook page and website for information and updates about early in-person polling locations and hours.

Trash & Recycling Guidelines

Granger collects City residents' trash bins (brown lids) each week and collects recycling bins (yellow lids) every other week on the same day as trash.

As winter is upon us, please be sure your bin(s) and bags are not obstructed or buried by snow, and keep them out of the street. Before tossing containers into your trash or recycling bins, please make sure they're emptied—and close lids all the way to prevent ice and snow from getting in. Please be patient if weather conditions delay 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, trash bags, etc.—in your recycling bin. These culprits can clog the sorting equipment, requiring hours of shut-down time to untangle. For this reason, Granger will not pick up bins containing plastic bags.

Acceptable recycled items:

- boxboard
- cardboard (corrugated)
- cartons
- glass (clear and colored)
- paper (mixed)
- metal cans and foil
- plastic jugs, tubs, and containers

If you have additional recycling that does not fit in your bin, you may take it to the St. Johns Lions Recycling Center which is located at 605 N. Swegles Street. Please follow their recycling guidelines.



100 East State Street, Suite 1100
PO Box 477, St. Johns, MI 48879
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Office hours: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (Mon-Fri)

For night, weekend and holiday
emergencies relating to sewer, water
drainage or streets, please call:
989.224.9192

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Park with Peace of Mind

As our beautiful downtown has evolved, so have the parking needs of our residents and visitors. After a long process with lots of community input, our new downtown parking plan takes effect on January 1, 2024.

Free two-hour parking remains available on Clinton Ave. and elsewhere, making it easy to visit downtown businesses. Some streets and City-owned lots require an annual permit for daytime and/or overnight parking, which can be purchased at the St. Johns Police Department.

The SJPD will be issuing friendly reminders while sign installation is being completed and people are getting used to the new policies. Full enforcement (including citations) begins February 1, 2024. Be sure to scan the QR code or visit cityofstjohnsmi.com/parking to see all the parking options available in downtown St. Johns.



City Services

Winter 2023 Property Taxes

Property tax bills for winter were mailed Nov. 30, 2023. 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 the City of St. Johns and are due by Wed., Feb. 14, 2024, at 4 p.m. Additional information is available at cityofstjohnsmi.com.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas trees will be picked up by the City of St. Johns Public Works Department beginning the first week of January. Please make sure all decorations are removed before placing your tree by the curb for pickup, and do not wrap your tree in a plastic bag.

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

Household Battery Recycling Program

Did you know we accept household batteries for recycling? We can accept alkaline/zinc carbon, lithium, mercuric oxide (button cell), and nickel cadmium batteries. Drop yours off to the City of St. Johns offices, located on the first floor of the Clinton County Courthouse.

While we cannot take auto and marine batteries, Bee's Sports will recycle them free of charge at 2138 S. US-127 BR in St. Johns.

Construction & Permitting

All permits must be applied for online.

To begin, visit cityofstjohnsmi.com and select Permits.

Most construction projects require a zoning, building, utility and/or right-of-way permit. A utility permit and fee are required prior to beginning any work. A permit is also required before work begins in the City's right-of-way areas.

Rental Housing Program

The City of St. Johns Rental Housing program helps ensure that St. Johns continues to be a great place to live, whether you're staying for a few years or many generations. Any property being used as a rental (non-homestead; PRE is less than 100%) must be registered and earn Good Standing certification.

Please visit cityofstjohnsmi.com and click "Rental Housing Program" to register your property. Once registered, you will be prompted to pay inspection fees.

Winter Safety in the Mint City



Please keep these updates and tips in mind to help keep St. Johns' streets beautiful and safe!

Emergency Communication Network Smart 911.com

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

Clearing snow and ice keeps our neighbors safer.



- Assist St. Johns firefighters by keeping areas around fire hydrants clear of snow or ice.
- 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).
- Never move 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).

Safe overnight parking in St. Johns

Overnight parking is available by permit only in designated lots and designated downtown side streets. No parking is allowed on other City streets between 1-6 a.m. (City Ordinance 71.09).

To obtain an overnight parking permit or to request a special-circumstances exception for street parking, contact:

St. Johns Police Department
409 S. Whittemore St.
989.224.6721 (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.)



**For after-hours emergency parking,
call 911 for assistance.**