



In the Know in St. Joseph

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH



May 2021

Residents of St. Joseph...

It's easy to forget what Memorial Day means while you are sitting by the lake, looking ahead at summer vacation – but the historical significance of this holiday is much more than just a three-day weekend. Memorial Day is a solemn day of remembrance for all who have died serving in the United States military. You also might see red poppies being sold. These poppies symbolize efforts to support our country's veterans. They're worn to honor and memorialize the soldiers who gave their lives to protect our country's freedom.

Unfortunately, Joetown Rocks is cancelled again this year. On May 18th, the St. Joseph Lions will decide whether the parade will take place. I hope restrictions will be lifted in time to allow for this wonderful event to occur.

With the cancellation of the Millstream Arts Festival, the organization will be hosting Millstream Night Markets. The markets will occur from 5 – 9PM every Monday beginning June 21st and running through September 27th. The markets will take place in the alley between Krewe Restaurant and the La Playette and will feature artists, live music, food, and children's art.

Lastly, THERE IS NO POOP FAIRY. Our pets, especially our dogs, make great companions as we enjoy the wonderful outdoor spaces of St. Joseph. We need to take care of our beautiful natural environment by picking up after our pets. When you are enjoying an open space trail, our wonderful parks, or just your own neighborhood, you can keep our community more attractive and healthier by "scooping your pet's poop!" When pet waste is not picked up, it does not magically disappear or fertilize the ground. It remains there until it gets washed away by storm water. Please grab it, bag it, toss it.

A friend of mine, Sister Katherine Kraft was a consistent walker, talker and community neighbor. While I haven't seen her in some time, I fondly recall her walking the neighborhoods, meeting people, playing with my dogs, and always sharing a kind word. Like her, I carry a bag with me to pick up litter and debris left on trails, streets and sidewalks. Sister Katherine is a representation of our community. I encourage us all to be a little bit more like Sister Katherine.

Mayor Rick Schultz

Mark Your Calendars

May 31	Memorial Day, City Offices Closed
July 5	City Offices Closed (in observance of Independence Day)
Sept 6	Labor Day, City Offices Closed

WE'RE

HIRING!

The City of St. Joseph is accepting applications for the following positions:

- **Finance Technician:** Closes 3:00PM, May 20th
- **City Council & Planning Commission Meeting Attendant:** Open until filled
- **Summer Seasonal—Public Works:** Open until filled
- **Paid On-Call Firefighters:** Open until filled

Visit: <http://www.cityofstjoseph.com/jobs.aspx> for additional information.

Community Engagement Session—Hollow Park



The St. Joseph Park Board is inviting residents to Hollow Park, located at 207 5th Ave NW, on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 6:30 PM. The intent of the conversation is to gather feedback and listen to any concerns or comments on the park and its future. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will take place at the Government Center.

Minnesota Streetscape Project Update

You may have noticed construction along MN Street. The Streetscape Project will replace the paving stones, sidewalk, pedestrian curb ramps, trees, and benches along the south side of MN Street from 1st Avenue SE to Chapel Lane. No parking will be allowed on the south side of MN Street during construction. The estimated completion date is June 30, 2021.



Compost Site Open!

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 4-7 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM—Noon. Permits can be purchased at the Gov't. Center and online www.cityofstjoseph.com.

Permit Fees:

St. Joseph Residents	\$35
St. Joseph Township	\$60
St. Wendel Township	\$60
St. Cloud Residents	\$45
2nd Permit/Replacement	\$5

Closed:

Memorial Day Weekend
4th of July Weekend
Labor Day Weekend

Spring Reminders

Construction

As construction season approaches, we would like to remind you of the types of projects that require a permit with the city. Projects include: fences, accessory structures, parking pads, decks, roofing, windows and siding. Permit applications and additional information can be found at:

<https://www.cityofstjoseph.com/134/Building-Permits-Inspections>.

CMWEA

Central MN Water Education Alliance (CMWEA) is a coalition of Central MN cities, counties, township and other organizations. CMWEA's mission is to develop and implement educational programs encouraging residents in Central MN to protect water resources utilizing simple behavior changes.



As the weather heats up, start to focus on how you use water outdoors! You might find that you are overwatering. Water usage increases greatly during the summer months as people begin to care for a lawn or garden. Many people often waste water because they are unaware of how much water they need to use. Here are a few tips to help you not overwater:

- Check your sprinklers and make sure they are spraying at your lawn or garden, not on a sidewalk or driveway
- Water early in the morning before it gets too warm. Cooler weather will ensure that the water does not evaporate as quickly
- If your sprinkler system is automatic, make sure to adjust the watering schedule based on weather
- Water your lawn about 1 inch per week
- Adding a water time to your hose to make sure you are not watering for too long

Odd/Even Sprinkling Regulation

From May through September, the odd/even watering restrictions are in effect. Properties having an address ending with an even number may sprinkle on even numbered days only. Properties having an address ending with an odd number may sprinkle on odd numbered days only.



On the Go in St. Joe—Disc Golf Clinic

Calling all youth ages 10-16! The St. Joseph Park Board invites you to attend a disc golf clinic!

When: June 7, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

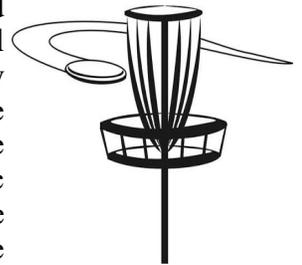
Where: Millstream Park (meet at the park shelter)

To Register: Phone: 320-363-7201

Email: cityoffices@cityofstjoseph.com

Registration Deadline: May 28, 2021, Limit of 15 participants

Parents are encouraged to attend the clinic. Discs for the clinic will be provided or registrants may bring their own. Following the clinic, participants will have the opportunity to register for a Disc Golf League. The league will be Monday evenings beginning June 14th at 6:30PM and run for 8 weeks. The league fee is \$10.00.



Weed & Brush Control

Weeds and grasses are required to be kept under 10 inches in height. Keep St. Joseph looking great this summer!

Campfires

City Ordinance requires campfires be limited in size to not more than 3 feet in diameter by 3 feet in height. The fire is to be contained in a metal ring, rock, concrete or other similar non-combustible material.

Minnesota Housing Loan Programs

Start Up First-time homebuyer loans



The City of St. Joseph is partnering with Minnesota Housing to provide affordable mortgages to first-time homebuyers through the Start Up loan program. Start Up offers fixed interest rates and down payment and closing cost loans up to \$17,000 for eligible first-time homebuyers. Buyers can purchase homes in St. Joseph that cost up to \$294,600.

Minnesota Housing is a state agency that provides access to safe and affordable housing and builds stronger communities across the state. Minnesota Housing offers purchase, refinance, and home improvement loans, as well as financing for affordable rental housing throughout the state.

First-time buyers can get started by visiting www.mnhousing.gov to see a list of participating lenders in the area and to find out additional information.