



In the Know in St. Joseph



July 2021

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

Property Maintenance: City Ordinance prohibits storage of rubbish items outside including trash, furniture, appliances, old machinery, motor vehicle parts and tires, unused building materials, yard waste, and other unsightly items. The storage of any abandoned or junk motor vehicle on private property is also prohibited. Help us keep St. Joseph looking great this summer!

Noise: As you are out and about this summer, please keep in mind the following noise regulations:

- **Outdoor Power or Lawn Equipment:** The operation of outdoor power or lawn equipment such as lawnmowers, power hedge clippers, power saw, leaf blower, or trimmer is prohibited between 9PM—7AM.
- **Construction:** Construction noise is prohibited between 9PM—7AM
- **Operation of Recreational Vehicles:** The operation or recreational vehicles not licensed for travel on public highways is prohibited between the hours of 9PM—6AM.
- **Use of Legal Fireworks:** Legal fireworks which cause noise are prohibited between the hours of 10PM—8AM.

Weed & Brush Control: Weeds and grasses are required to be kept under 10 inches in height.

Campfires: Campfires are required to 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 noncombustible material.

Odd/Even Sprinkling Regulation: From May through September, the odd/even watering regulations 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.



Mark Your Calendars

- July 19 City Council Meeting, 6PM
- August 2 City Council Meeting, 6PM
- August 3 National Night Out
- August 16th City Council Meeting, 6PM
- Sept 6 Labor Day, City Offices Closed



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

The City of St. Joseph has an Official Facebook page! Search City of St. Joseph, MN and give us a like and a share!

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

The City is conducting a survey for Klinefelter park located at 1000 Dale St E. The survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T297559> and on the City website. The Park Board will meet at Klinefelter Park on Monday, July 26th beginning at 6:30 PM to discuss the results and obtain additional input.



Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

The mission of RSVP is to engage adults age 55 or better in meaningful volunteer service that strengthens the well-being of both self and community. RSVP bridges the gaps between those who need and those who give. The Greater St. Cloud Area RSVP serves Stearns, Benton, and Sherburne counties and there are currently 33 active RSVP volunteers residing in St. Joseph. If you or someone you know would like to explore a volunteer position, contact RSVP at 320.255.7295!

NEW BUSINESS ALERT!

Please welcome Hudson & Company to downtown St. Joseph. Hudson & Company, a women's clothing and accessory boutique on the corner of College Ave. and MN St, opened on June 18th.



NOW HIRING

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

- **Police Officer:** Closes 3:00PM, July 16th
- **City Council & Planning Commission Meeting Attendant:** Open until filled. The meeting attendant is responsible for attending and taping City Council and Planning Commission meetings.

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

Residents of St. Joseph...

WEEDS, WEEDS, WEEDS - What is the Ordinance governing weeds?

In recent months, the City of St. Joseph has received a number of complaints from residents concerning weed and brush control on various properties throughout the City.

What weeds and brush need to be controlled by the City? Per City Ordinance, It is unlawful to have any growth of noxious weeds, grasses or rank vegetation to a height greater than ten (10) inches or any accumulation of dead weeds or grasses on any lot or land. This includes the boulevards, adjacent sidewalks and alleyways during the months of May through September. It is also unlawful for any person to cause, permit or allow poison ivy, rag weed, or other poisonous plants on any land or lot so that the particles are carried through the air into any public place. So even though your grass may not be growing, the control of weeds is part of the homeowner's obligation.

If the City Weed/Brush Ordinance is ignored or violated, the City Weed Inspector will serve written notice of the violation to the owner of record. If the violation is not corrected in ten days of receipt of notice, or if no owner can be found, the Weed Inspector will have the weeds, grass and other vegetation on the property cut and removed. The owner of record will be billed at a minimum

of \$100.00 per parcel. Unpaid fees will be presented to the City Council prior to the first day in October of each year for possible assessment to the property.

I want to thank the St. Joseph Lions, the St. Joseph Jaycees and the City of St. Joseph for organizing, aiding and hosting the 4th of July parade. While no Joetown Rocks festival occurred, it was good to see the summer session begin with some normalcy.

The Community Center group, city staff and members of the City Council met with several architect firms recently. The goal is to choose a firm which will guide our community through design, management and construction of this facility. We are making progress.

The downtown replacement of stone, benches, sidewalk and most importantly, trees is complete. Thank you all for your patience while construction was underway. It looks great and adds to the downtown aesthetics.

I welcome Hudson & Company, a new women's clothing and accessory boutique, set in the beautifully restored corner building at College Avenue and Minnesota Street. Hudson & Company is the fourth boutique location for Ann Hudson, who also owns NEAR + NORTH in Sartell, Nisswa and Wayzata. In addition to clothing and accessories, Hudson will expand the offering to include home decor and gift items from local artists and vendors.

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Help Keep Our Water DRINKABLE, FISHABLE, SWIMMABLE

What Can You Do?

Tip#1: The best practice to cleaning your driveway is by using a broom and dust pan. Hosing your driveway with water can cause dirt, grass clippings, oil, fertilizers and other pollutants to collect in the street and may harm our local lakes and rivers. Any debris that is collected should be disposed of appropriately and not swept into the street or gutter.

Tip#2: Water usage increases greatly during the summer months as people begin to care for a lawn or garden.

- 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

Tip #3: Pick up after your pets. Pet waste is not fertilizer, it can be acidic and harmful to our lakes and rivers.

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.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. If you are hosting a neighborhood event, please contact the St. Joseph Police Department at 320.363.8250.

