



In the Know in St. Joseph

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH



March 2022

Annual Spring Cleanup—May 21st

Residents who participate in the City Refuse Program are eligible to place additional refuse curbside at no additional charge. All refuse must be out curbside by 6AM on the 21st and items are limited to a 6ft x 6ft area.

Exceptions (include but are not limited to): Appliances, electronics, tires, pollutants, yard waste, construction waste, computer monitors, and televisions.

Appliance & Electronic Dropoff May 21st, 8AM—Noon

The appliance & electronic drop-off is at the St. Joseph Public Works Facility located at 1855 Elm St E. There is a limit of two items per household. Please be prepared to present your ID to confirm residency.

2022 UTILITY RATES/PER BILL CYCLE

Water Usage	\$5.25	per 1,000 gallons
Water Line Charge	\$24.00	
Sewer Usage	\$6.10	per 1,000 gallons
Sewer Line Charge	\$34.00	
State Surcharge	\$1.62	
60 gal Recycling	\$15.80	
90 gal Recycling	\$22.10	
30 gal Refuse & Sr. Rate	\$19.00	
60 gal Refuse	\$20.50	
90 gal Refuse	\$24.50	
Refuse Tax	9.75%	
Street Light Utility	\$4.80	
Stormwater	\$14.00	

Utility Bill Payment Assistance Program

The City of St. Joseph has partnered with the State of Minnesota to offer assistance to city residents with their water bills. Please visit www.cityofstjoseph.com and click on the MN Energy Assistance Program at the top of the home page.

Compost Permits Available Soon!

The compost site will open May 1st, weather permitting. Site hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 4-7 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM—Noon. Permits will be available for purchase by the end of March.

Frozen Service Line Prevention

Check your water temperature. If it's below 38°, run your water at a pencil-sized stream 24/7. This is a cheaper alternative to having your water service thawed in the event of a frozen line.

Residents of St. Joseph...

GO PAPERLESS. Save yourself some hassle by going paperless with your utility bill. You can setup auto pay for your account so you never have to worry about late fees again. Setting up and monitoring your account is simple and easy. Go to the City's website, under Utility Billing and you will find the links to pay automatically.

1. Direct Payment Authorization: Submit a completed Authorization for Direct Payment Form and your utility bill payment will automatically be withdrawn from your account on the 15th of every even numbered month.
2. Online Bill Pay. Pay online with the City's secure payment portal. Create an account and setup your recurring online payment by check, savings account, or credit card. If you have any questions, please reach out to City staff.

Happy Spring!! Warmer weather is near and soon the trees will start to get their leaves and we will see green again. As snow and ice are melting, I encourage you to keep the storm drains in your area free from ice and snow.

On Saturday, April 16th, the St. Joseph Jaycees will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt. Look for a flyer soon.

Cue up to the David Bowie music: "Ch-ch-ch-changes!" I am referring to all the construction changes around town. We have a lot of great things happening in St. Joseph. The expansion of Bad Habit Brewing Co.; the remodel of the old fire hall, and other construction in the downtown area. We also welcome Jolie Olie's Sweet Shoppe and Amy Hedtke Insurance to our City.

It's OK to not be OK, and it's good to get help! People of all different backgrounds and demographics experience mental health crises. There are local and national resources to help those in need. If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, here are some resources to help:

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support. Call 1-800-273-8255. Beginning July 16, 2022, the Lifeline can be reached by dialing 988.
- Crisis Text Line offers 24/7 help anywhere in the United States via text or WhatsApp. Text 741741
- Stearns County Adult Mental Health Crisis Response Phone Number: 1-800-635-8008.

Mayor Rick Schultz

Mark Your Calendars

April 15th—City Offices Closes at Noon

April 7th—Tornado Drills at 1:45 PM & 6:45 PM
Severe Weather Awareness Week

May 30st—Memorial Day, City Offices Closed

Community Development Update

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 www.cityofstjoseph.com under the Building Department tab.

2021 was very busy with development activity and 2022 is shaping up to be just as busy!

Highlights include:

- Sale of the Village/Fire Hall building on 1st Ave NW
- Bad Habit Brewing Expansion
- Redevelopment of the property at 414 8th Ave NE.
- Remodel and redevelopment of commercial properties along Ash St W near the Post Office
- Townhome development, near Kennedy Community School is planned for construction in 2022



Clean Water Starts with You!

Safely Deposit Pharmaceuticals – A secured drop box for unused prescriptions is located outside on the west side of the Government Center.

Keep a Lid on Trash – Refuse carts left open cause garbage to fall out into storm drains. Avoid over-filling and properly bag your garbage.

Tap not Bottled – Tap water is the smarter option. Plastic bottle production and disposal can cause many environmental hazards.

Properly Dispose of Hazardous Waste – Stearns County's hazardous waste drop off site is just a few miles east of St. Joseph. It is easy to drive up and drop off your toxic wastes at no cost.

Keep Fat, Grease & Cooking Oil Out of our Plumbing – Grease and oils clog up not only your pipes, but also the city's pipes. Properly dispose leftover fat in sealable containers and then into the trash.

FIREFIGHTERS WANTED

The City of St. Joseph is accepting applications for the St. Joseph Volunteer Fire Department. Members are paid per response and training will be provided. Positions are open until filled.

Apply online at www.cityofstjoseph.com.

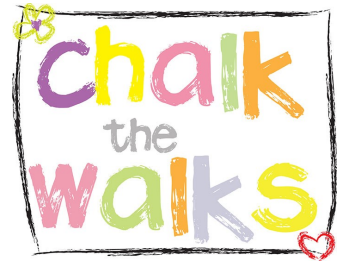
Park & Recreation Events

More information on each event can be found at www.cityofstjoseph.com.

March Madness Game Nights: Come out to Neighbor's Route 75 Bar & Grill on March 17th for Trivia Night and March 24th for Family Feud. Events start at 6:30PM.

Spring Scavenger Hunt: Every Monday in April a spring related item will be hidden in Klinefelter Park for you to find and take a picture with.

Take pictures with all four items and be entered to win a prize.



Chalk the Walk: 1:00 PM on April 23rd at Klinefelter Park.

Take a lap around the Klinefelter trail and then draw colorful spring picture on the path with chalk.

Kids Bike Safety Event: Join the St. Joseph Women of Today for the 2nd Annual Bike Safety Event on May 14th from 10AM-Noon at Klinefelter Park. Free bike helmets for the first 100 kids. Kids can enter their name into drawings to win a free bike and other fun prizes.

Youth Summer Softball/Baseball/Soccer Leagues: Sign up by May 27th. Fee is \$20.

Newmie Baseball Camp: May 14 & 21. Registration closes May 1st. Register at City Hall or www.cityofstjoseph.com.



Dog Licensing: The city no longer requires an annual license for dogs. Dog owners should have their dogs leashed at all times while off their property except in the established city dog park. A current rabies vaccination record is still required and owners will have to submit vaccination records upon request.

Fire Mitigation & Spring Safety Tips

- Daylight Savings Time begins March 13th. This is a great time to check smoke detector batteries and replace if necessary. There should be a smoke detector in every bedroom and at least on every level of your home.
- Check fire extinguishers and recharge if needed
- Inspect gas grills, including gas hoses & propane tanks prior to use.
- Review your family's Fire Escape Plan
- Store fuel for lawn & garden equipment, pesticides, and chemicals in a safe/approved container and out of the reach of children.



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2022 Summer Softball/Baseball/Soccer Leagues



The City of St Joseph is offering softball/baseball/Soccer leagues this summer! Softball, baseball and soccer programs are an excellent way to help your child develop hand-eye coordination and decision-making skills. The focus will be on developing fundamentals of the game – running the bases, catching, throwing, hitting; ball handling, passing–while also instilling sportsmanship and promoting teamwork.

- Everyone plays in every game, all skill levels welcome
- Bats, balls, tees, & helmets will be provided (please have your child bring their own glove)
- Each participant will receive a t-shirt

****All sessions will be held at the Millstream Park Fields****

B-100 T-Ball Ages: 4-6 Mon 6-7PM June 6 – July 25 Cost \$20

For kids new to baseball/softball and eager to learn the basic skills and the rules of the game. Kids will have the opportunity to hit from a tee, developing the correct form and hand-eye coordination. Balls used will be Incrediballs which mimic the size and weight of a baseball with a softer composition to prevent injuries.

B-200 Soft Toss Ages: 6-8 Tues 6-7PM June 7 – July 26 Cost \$20

For kids that have already been introduced to the basic skills of the sport, but are anxious to hone those skills. Participants will work on improving their throwing, catching, and situations in position play. The season will start with hitting off a tee and graduate to hitting balls tossed by a coach.

B-300 Coach Pitch Baseball Ages: 9-10 Tues 7:15-8:15PM June 7 – July 26 Cost \$20

For kids that have a solid grasp of the skills of baseball. Players will continue to develop skills and position play. The season will begin with players hitting balls pitched by coaches and graduate to player pitched balls.

S-400 Pony League Girls Softball Ages: 9-10 Mon 6-7PM June 6 – July 25 Cost \$20

For kids that have a solid grasp of the basic skills. Players will continue working on skills and positions for softball. Participants will begin pitching to each other. No metal cleats allowed.

S-500 Soccer Ages 6-10 Monday 7-8PM June 6 – July 25 Cost \$20

For kids wanting to learn the basic skills and rules of the game. Kids will develop the correct form and hand(foot) eye coordination, passing skills, and team play.

Registration Deadline
May 27th

2022 Summer Softball/Baseball/Soccer League Registration

Tear off & return with payment (make checks payable to City of St. Joseph)

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____ AGE: _____ T-SHIRT SIZE: _____ (Youth S-XL)

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

PROGRAMS: B-100 B-200 B-300 S-400 S-500

I hereby give permission for _____ to participate in the summer recreation program. I will not hold the City of St. Joseph responsible for any accidents in connection with this activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Online Registration: www.cityofstjoseph.com