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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

In the Know in St. Joseph

March 2020



On the Go in St. Joe

Congratulations to Anne Meyer Jarrell on her Planning Commission appointment. The Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council regarding planning and zoning matters, and helps guide the overall development of St. Joseph

Census Day is April 1, 2020 – get Counted. The Census is at the heart of American democracy, inscribed in our Constitution and rooted in the very ideals of our nation. Census data determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the size of voting districts for state and local governments. Census data guides approximately \$589 billion in federal spending allocated to local communities each year.

Police Force Recognition. Recently there were two incidents which gave St. Joseph Law Enforcement regional attention. These drug and gun incidents remind us of the dangers these officers face on a regular basis. St. Joseph is well aware of the hazards Police Officers face, having lived through Brian Klinefelter’s horrific episode.

Despite recent controversies involving police in other parts of the country, the police officers in St. Joseph have devoted their careers to public service and put their lives on the line for the residents of the community they serve.

The challenging work these police officers do in the field earns them our compassion and respect. They know that it does not matter - whether en route to the scene of an accident, entering a house to address a domestic violence call, or responding to any other wide array of incidents - at any moment that officer could face a potential life-and-death situation in which split-second decisions must be made.

I am very proud of and will always support our police staff and their dedication. Each officer is diligent, engaged and takes pride in their responsibility to our community. The commitment police officers make is not one they take lightly. They have very difficult jobs and each one of them deserve utmost admiration from the community they serve.

On another matter, like many other residents in and around St. Joseph, my dogs take full advantage of the dog park at Millstream. While it may not be the most pressing topic, I’d like to remind everyone of some dog park etiquette: Have Fun, Be Safe and Scoop the Poop. This is a simple reminder to those who use our off-leash dog area, as conditions seem to be deteriorating and may be considered unsanitary. We certainly do not want to be in a similar situation as Carver County where they have said “if conditions do not dramatically improve, they will shut down the facility until sanitary standards are met”.

We are not eager to do anything so drastic, but instead want to encourage all patrons to keep the park clean and safe for all users. Please use the park wisely and pick up after your animal.

Mayor Rick Schultz



Your response matters. Health clinics. Fire departments. Schools. Roads and highways. The census can shape many different aspects of the St. Joseph community. Every 10 years the U.S. Census Bureau works to count every person in the United States as mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.

Residents can expect to receive information in the mail in March 2020. Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone. For more information visit 2020census.gov.

The city’s new Recreation Director, John Anderson, is well versed when it comes to community recreation. John recently retired from St. Cloud Park and Recreation, where he was involved in every aspect of community recreation. John is excited to explore building recreational opportunities for residents of all ages here in St. Joseph.

Our goal is to provide activities for a variety of ages in a variety of settings. Currently, we are organizing a summer ball program for youth. We would also like to make more use of the Community Center and city parks. Pickleball classes, senior yoga, fitness classes, hiking, snow shoeing, Twins trips, and drama are all possibilities.

The fledgling Recreation Department will need help from many to be successful, presenting various opportunities for contributions by volunteers. We have plans for a 5-K later in the year, which will employ volunteer race marshals along the course. The baseball/softball program and Movies in the Park program would benefit from volunteers to operate the concession stands.

Equally important is the need to replace well-used equipment for the ball program. This presents a fantastic donation opportunity for local businesses and/or service organizations. In addition, we understand there will be a number of children that will not be able to afford the fee-based programs will offer. In order for every child to participate in healthy activities we would like to establish a scholarship fund to defray these costs. We are confident that we can accomplish all of these things and more, but it will take a village.

In this effort we are seeking your input! Please let us know your interests via email at recdirector@cityofstjoseph.com. You may also visit the city website at www.cityofstjoseph.com and take part in a survey that will help set the direction for this exciting new effort. There will also be a listing of events that are available for registration.

NEW UTILITY RATES effective January 1, 2020

You will see these rates applied for the first time on the March utility bill.

	2020 Rate	2019 Rate	
Water Usage	\$ 5.05	\$ 4.95	per 1000 gallons
Water Line Charge	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	
Sewer Usage	\$ 6.30	\$ 6.20	per 1000 gallons
Sewer Line Charge	\$ 34.00	\$ 34.00	
State Surcharge	\$ 1.62	\$ 1.10	
1 Recycling cart	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	
Second Recycling Cart	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	
Senior rate - 30 gallon refuse cart	\$ 14.00	\$ 13.00	
30 gallon refuse cart	\$ 15.50	\$ 15.00	
60 gallon refuse cart	\$ 18.00	\$ 17.00	
90 gallon refuse cart	\$ 40.50	\$ 40.00	
Refuse Tax	9.75%	9.75%	excludes recycling
Street Light per unit	\$ 4.80	\$ 4.40	per unit
Storm Water Single Family	\$ 10.00	\$ 6.00	per unit
Storm Water Multi-Family	\$ 27.20	\$ 16.32	per billable acre
Storm Water Commercial	\$ 42.30	\$ 25.38	per billable acre
Storm Water Indust/Instit	\$ 33.00	\$ 19.80	per billable acre

STATE SURCHARGE EXPERIENCES SLIGHT INCREASE As required by the Minnesota Department of Health, the City of St. Joseph must charge \$1.62 per water connection each billing cycle for the Clean Water Act. This item is identified on your utility bill as “State Surcharge”. This is the first increase since 2007.

HOW CAN I PAY MY UTILITY BILL? Payments may be made by cash, check, money order, automatic withdrawal (ACH), and credit/debit cards. Payment options include:
 \$ Pay in person at the Government Center, Mon-Fri, 8 AM—4:30 PM
 \$ Mail payments to 75 Callaway St E
 \$ Deposit payments into the box located along the College Avenue side of the building
 \$ Pay online through our website at www.cityofstjoseph.com.
 \$ Pay over the phone at 320.363.7201.
 \$ To establish automatic withdrawal (ACH) please contact the City Offices for a form.

NEW! CITY YOUTH SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Programming is now offered for youth ages 4-12. Program details and registration forms are available online at www.cityofstjoseph.com. As you hover over the *Departments* tab, you will find *Recreation Department*, then select *Youth Activities*. If you have questions, please contact Recreation Director John Anderson by phone at 320.557.8140 or by email at recdirector@cityofstjoseph.com.

REFUSE COLLECTION TIME: Our contractor alternates their service route frequently. Please place your cart(s) curbside by 6AM for collection.



Save The Dates!

It's time again for the semi-annual clean up. Curbside collection Thursday May 21st ONLY; beginning at 6 AM Appliance/Electronics Collection Saturday May 23rd; 8 AM—12 noon At the Government Center entering off College Ave S onto Baker St E

COMPOST PERMITS AVAILABLE NOW!

OPENING MAY 1ST *weather permitting*
2020 Compost Hours:
Mon Wed Fri 4—7 PM; Saturdays 8-12 noon

Compost Area will be CLOSED:

- May 25 Memorial Day**
- July 4 Independence Day**
- Sept 7 Labor Day**
- Nov 27 & 28**

Seasonal Compost Permit Fees:

City of St. Joseph Residents Urban Tax Rate	\$35
City of St. Joseph Residents Rural Tax Rate	\$60
St. Joseph & St. Wendel Township Residents	\$60
City of St. Cloud Residents	\$45

DOG LICENSES DUE APRIL 1ST

Dog License Renewal Fees:
\$10/dog before May 1st
\$25/dog beginning May 1st
\$10/dog – first time licensed



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a program of the food group



Looking for a way to stretch your grocery dollars?
Shop Fare for All in St. Joseph!

2020 Dates

January 20, February 10,
March 16, April 20, May 11,
June 15, July 20, August 17,
September 21, October 19,
November 16, December 14

WHAT'S FOR SALE? *

- Mega Meat pack (\$25): variety of 7-9 meat items
 - Mini Meat pack (\$11): variety of 3-5 meat items (pork-free)
 - Produce pack (\$10): 12- 15 lbs. of fresh vegetables & fruits
 - Combo pack (\$20): Mini Meat AND Produce pack- save \$1.00
- *Pack contents vary each month

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Simply stop in and shop in St. Joseph or any of our 35+ locations once a month. There are no income or residential restrictions. No pre-registration is needed, and the sale is always open to everyone!

WHY SHOP AT FARE FOR ALL?

Fare for All is a non-profit community-supported food purchase program that is open to everyone! Save up to 40% on fresh produce and frozen meats. The more people who participate, the more savings are passed onto customers.

Cash, Credit, Debit and EBT cards accepted. No Checks.



St. Joseph:
Resurrection Lutheran Church
610 County Rd 2
St. Joseph, MN 56374
Monday 3:30-5:30 pm

WWW.FAREFORALL.ORG



763-450-3880

PERFORMANCE MEASURE SURVEY



THERE IS A LINK ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.CITYOFSTJOSEPH.COM OR GO TO: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/St_Joseph2020

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

The City of St. Joseph is participating in a free online survey of City services. Please take a few minutes to answer 13 questions about your City services to help us better meet your needs. The survey can be accessed through our website at www.cityofstjoseph.com. The survey link will be available until April 3, 2020.

PARKING REMINDERS

- No vehicles can be parked overnight from 2-7 AM on any roadway or alley from November 1st to April 1st.
- No vehicles can be parked on the grass/ground surface, except as noted below.
- A maximum of two licensed operable RV's (campers, boats, snowmobiles, etc.) can be parked outside on a residential lot.
- RV's that are parked outside must be on a hard surface driveway or parking pad or up to one can be parked in the backyard on ground surface provided it is at least 10 feet from property lines and 20 feet on a corner side.
- A parking pad requires a city zoning permit to ensure proper placement and material. Gravel is prohibited.

WATER LINE FREEZE INFORMATION

While the City is not experiencing any frozen water lines at this time, we would like to remind residents to be mindful of long periods of extreme cold weather and the impact to service lines. If the temperatures become extreme residents are



encouraged to run a steady stream of water about as thick as a pencil. The City will make every effort to notify residents should there be a threat of service lines freezing. Notification will be via the website, cable access and local newspapers and radio stations.



THREE SECONDS

Nearly 80% of crashes and 65% of near-crashes involved some form of driver inattention within three seconds before the event. **NHTSA**

- FRI MARCH 13 American Legion 4:30-8 PM
Sponsored by Sons of the Legion
- FRI MARCH 20 American Legion 4:30-8 PM
Sponsored by Sno-Joes Snowmobile Club
- FRI MARCH 27 La Playette 5—8 PM
Sponsored by St. Joe Joes Baseball
- FRI APRIL 5 St. Joseph Cath Schl 4-7:30 PM
Sponsored by the St. Joseph Catholic School
- FRI APRIL 10 Sal's Bar 4:30—7 PM
Sponsored by the St. Joseph Lions Club



FREE OPPORTUNITY FOR TRAINING!
ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY FIRE HALL
6 – 10 PM, APRIL 20th or APRIL 30th
REGISTER at 363-7201

ST. JOSEPH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH
10 AM – 1 PM
KENNEDY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Visit booths sponsored by local retail, commercial, educational & service organizations.
Food ♦ entertainment ♦ games for the kids

TORNADO DRILL

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH
1:45 & 6:45 PM
For more info visit
BeReadyMN

THE ST JOSEPH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
NOW MEETING
THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
12 NOON ♦ GOVERNMENT CENTER
THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.