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# In the Know in St. Joseph

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH

May 2022

## Residents of St. Joseph...

Is it just me, or does it feel like Spring is not coming and summer will be especially welcome this year? St. Joseph has many great amenities to explore, and I wanted to highlight a few:

- **Klinefelter Park:** Includes a walking trail around a central wetland area. The park is maintained in a natural vegetative state where wildlife can co-exist with the visitors. Our plan is to add new enclosed bathrooms to this park.
- **Millstream Park:** Sits on the northwestern edge of the city and provides a multitude of recreational activities, including Disc Golf, baseball fields, dog park and playground. The area features a wooded walking trail nestled among the Watab River.
- **East Park:** 95.30 acres along the Sauk River. Potential features in this park include: walking trail, canoe/boat landing, passive recreation area, nature center, educational signage, nature trails and landscaping.
- **Lake Wobegon Trailhead:** The Lake Wobegon Trailhead provides you with access to the Lake Wobegon Trail, a 65-mile-long, 10-foot-wide, paved end to end trail. A spur of the Lake Wobegon Trail goes north to Holdingford, home of Minnesota's longest covered bridge. At the west end of the Wobegon trail, you may continue to the Central Lakes State Trail, a 55-mile paved trail to Fergus Falls.

The city plans to continue our sidewalk and trails connection system, providing a safer environment for pedestrians to walk or bike throughout the city.

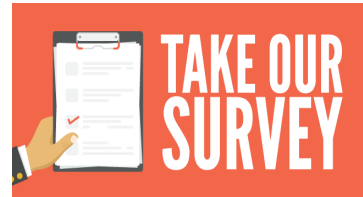
We are excited to see the applications for this year's events coming back. Joetown Rocks, Millstream Arts Festival, and La Jam are already slated to be in full force and I suspect Rock for Alzheimer's, Octoberfest, Rocktoberfest, will also be back.

There is so much to explore in our city. Please check out our website and social media for more information on upcoming events and locations of our parks and trails. Happy spring! Looking forward to seeing you in our parks, on our trails and at our events!

**Mayor Rick Schultz**  
326 7th Ave SE  
320-260-0393

## Mark Your Calendars

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|--------|---------------------------------------|
| May 30 | Memorial Day, City Offices Closed     |
| July 4 | Independence Day, City Offices Closed |
| Sept 5 | Labor Day, City Offices Closed        |



We want your feedback on City services. Please take a few minutes to answer questions to help us better meet your needs. The survey is available until May 26th

and can be found at [www.cityofstjoseph.com](http://www.cityofstjoseph.com).

## Needed! Flower Basket Watering Attendants

The city is looking for individuals to water the flower baskets along College Avenue and Minnesota Street. Must be 18+. Apply online at [www.cityofstjoseph.com](http://www.cityofstjoseph.com). Contact Public Works Director, Ryan Wensmann with any questions at 320-557-3819.

## Annual Spring Cleanup—May 21st

Residents that participate in the City Refuse Program are eligible to place additional refuse curbside at no 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.

## City Audited Financial Statements

As required by Minnesota Statutes, the City of St. Joseph completed a financial audit of year end 2021 financial statements. Audit findings were presented to the City Council at the May 16th City Council meeting. The audited financial statements can be found on the city website under the Finance tab.

## Compost Site Open!

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 4-7 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM—Noon. Permits can be purchased at the Government Center and online [www.cityofstjoseph.com](http://www.cityofstjoseph.com).

## Permit Fees:

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|------------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| St. Joseph Residents   | \$45 | St. Joseph Township | \$70 |
| St. Wendel Township    | \$70 | St. Cloud Residents | \$60 |
| 2nd Permit/Replacement | \$5  |                     |      |

## 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>.

### Lawn Irrigation Tips

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 timer 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.

### 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.

### RV Dump Station

The city offers an RV dump station located at the main lift station just east of Millstream Park. There is no charge, but donations are accepted to maintain this service.

## Park & Recreation Events

More information on each event can be found at [www.cityofstjoseph.com](http://www.cityofstjoseph.com)

**Summer Recreation:** There is still time to register for the summer rec programs begin offered by the City of St. Joseph. Registration deadline is May 27th.

**Women of Today Bike Event:** May 14th, 10AM—12PM, Klinefelter Park. Bike and helmet giveaways, bike safety training and tips will be provided.

**Peace of Mind Paddling:** June 17th, 10AM—12PM, Kraemer Lake. Only 6 spots available. The fee is \$50 and includes board rental, life jacket, and session.

**Summer Story Walks:** Story Walk through Klinefelter Park. There will be a different story each week July—August. Story Walks combine three healthy activities: walking, active movement and reading.

**Fun Days in the Park:** One Saturday June—August will have a Fund Day in the Park! Activities include water balloons, face painting, Readers Theater Presentation, chalk art, bubbles, bocce ball, and more games!



- June 18th, 1PM—3PM  
Klinefelter Park
- July 23rd, 1PM—3PM  
Northland Park
- August 20th, 1PM—3PM  
Centennial Park

**Movie in the Park:** Movie in the Park is returning to Millstream Park on August 27th at 8:30PM. Come out and view Encanto!

### Flushable Wipes Not Flushable

Items such as paper towels, facial tissues, baby wipes, sanitary napkins and other related items are not flushable. Event wipes that are labeled as flushable should not be flushed. These products do not breakdown like toilet paper and can cause sanitary sewer issues.

### Pick Up After Your Pets

Be a good neighbor, and pick up after your pets. Pet waste can contain harmful bacteria that causes excess algae and weed growth in lakes and rivers. Make sure to bring a bag with you on walks with your pet. The city also offers pet waste bags at a number of city parks.



### Election Judges Needed

The City is still seeking individuals interested in becoming an election judges for the 2022 elections. Applications are available on the city website. Any questions can be directed to City Clerk, Kayla Klein 320-229-9421. Judges do not have to live in city limits to be eligible. Training will be provided. Judges will earn \$14.00/hour and head judges will earn \$15.00/hour.