



In the Know in St. Joseph

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Many items available including vegetables, fruit, herbs, spices, honey, maple syrup, meats, cheese, eggs, baked goods, soaps and natural cleaning products.

Visit the Winter Market inside the Resurrection Lutheran Church (in the shadow of the City water tower on College Ave N/Co Rd 2) from 3-6 PM the following

dates: *January 20* ❄️ *February 17* ❄️ *March 16* ❄️ *April 13*

PLANS FOR GARDEN PLOTS

Although this announcement may seem a bit premature, seed catalogs will be arriving soon! The City is considering offering garden plots for rent by our residents at an anticipated rate of \$25 annually. Plots will be 20'X20' in size and will be located adjacent to the water treatment plant located south of I-94 on Frontage Road. Interested? Call 320.363.7201 to place your name on a waiting list.



WINTER PARKING

RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE

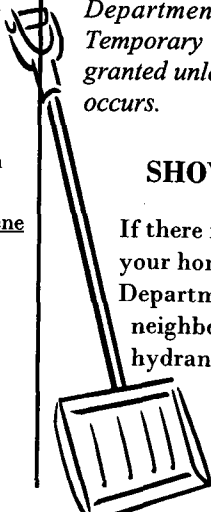
Parking is prohibited on City streets from

November 1st to April 1st
between the hours of
2 AM and 7 AM daily.

In the event that you have visitors and need to leave a car parked on the street, please contact the Police Department at 320.363.8250. Temporary permission may be granted unless a snow event occurs.

SHOVELING ALERT !

If there is a fire hydrant near your home please assist the Fire Department in protecting your neighborhood by keeping the hydrant clear of snow.



HELP WANTED

The Park Board is soliciting ideas for improvements to Cloverdale Park. The small park is located south of MN St E, at the intersection of Able St E and 8th Ave SE. Please submit your ideas for designs, amenities, landscaping, etc. to the City Offices, PO Box 668, St. Joseph or by email to jweyrens@cityofstjoseph.com.

A NFFTE (NIFTY) PROGRAM

Neighborhood **F**resh **F**are **T**oday and **E**veryday
The St. Joseph Economic Development Authority (EDA) wants to bring local food producers, processors and end users together to increase the amount of fresh goods used at schools and colleges. The links between farmers and institutions will further the sustainability of our community, and have a positive impact on our local economy. The EDA will facilitate the formation of a NFFTE network and attempt to match NFFTE needs with resources.

A successful NFFTE program could include:

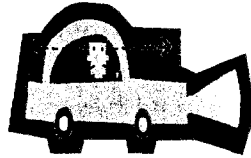
- More local food featured in school and college meals
- Farmers' Market salad bar
- Increased a la carte fare and choice
- Food service visits to farms and farmer visits to cafeterias
- Harvest events
- School gardens
- Processing of locally grown farm foods

For more information contact EDA Director Cynthia Strack at cstrack@municipaldevelopmentgroup.com

**VERIZON
WIRELESS
OPENS**

Mon-Fri 10 AM to 8:30PM
Saturdays 10 AM to 5 PM
Sundays 11 AM to 4 PM

Located in Suite 105 of the St. Joseph Business Center (710 CSAH 75) the *Verizon Wireless Zone* is open to serve you! Stop in to meet owners Travis and Katie Miller or contact them at 363-4562.



CMCU HOSTS DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES

Courses will be held at the Central MN Credit Union, 1300 Elm St E as follows:

4-HOUR REFREHER COURSES

January 18; 12:30-4:30 PM
February 15; 12:30-4:30 PM
March 21; 12:30-4:30 PM

8-HOUR INITIAL COURSES

April 11 & 18; 12:30-4:30 PM

To register please call 271.0274

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PLACE YOUR ADVERTISEMENT HERE !

Advertise in the bi-monthly utility bill reaching 1700+ !

SPECIFICATIONS:

Black printing on white paper
High resolution 300-350 dpi, pdf, tiff, jpeg or eps files
Images should be submitted sized at 100%

RATES PER EDITION:

\$100 — 4X41/2
\$250 — 4X9
\$400 — 8X9

SUBMITTAL SCHEDULE:

December 20th for January mailing
February 20th for March mailing
April 20th for May mailing
June 29th for July mailing
August 20th for September mailing
October 20th for November mailing

NOTE: All advertisements are subject to City approval.

MOVE OVER FOR FLASHING LIGHTS

— It's the Law!



The law states:

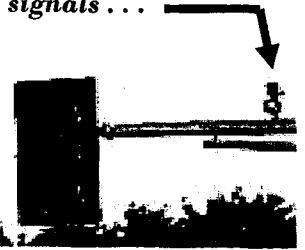
- When traveling on a road with two or more lanes, drivers must keep over one full lane away from stopped emergency vehicles with flashing lights activated — ambulance, fire, law enforcement, maintenance and construction vehicles.
- Reduce speed if unable to safely move over a lane. Failing to take these actions endangers personnel who provide critical and life-saving services. Fines can exceed \$100.

OPTICOM SYSTEM

The "white" lights on traffic signals . . .

What are they for?

What do they mean?



The white lights mounted on traffic signals are part of the OptiCom System, which changes the signals in response to an approaching emergency vehicle. The traffic signals change to give the emergency vehicle a green light, and the other traffic a red stop light. The white lights are to warn drivers that an emergency vehicle is approaching, and to pull over and stop out of the way.

IF THE WHITE LIGHT IS FLASHING: it means that the emergency vehicle(s) are approaching the intersection from a different direction than you are. If your signal is green, it will soon change to red. Treat a flashing white light as a red light. Pull safely to the side of the road and stop.

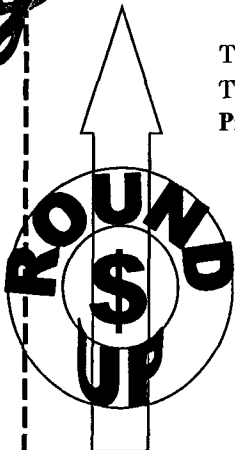
IF THE WHITE LIGHT IS ON BUT NOT FLASHING it means that the emergency vehicle(s) is approaching the intersection on the same street and the same direction you are. If the light is red, it will soon change to green, if it is already green, pull safely to the side of the road and stop and wait until ALL the emergency vehicles have passed.

The City of St. Joseph invites you to **"ROUND UP"** your utility payment to the nearest dollar. The extra funds collected will be used to improve City Parks. If you wish to participate in the Round Up Program, please submit the following information:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

UTILITY ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____



Please return to the City Offices, PO Box 668, or place in the payment box located under the canopy on the south side of the building.