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**PARK SHELTERS
CAMPGROUND
COMPOST AREA**

PARK SHELTER reservations for 2014 will begin at **8 AM THUR JAN 2, 2014**.

COMPOST AREA CLOSING SOON, re-opening in spring. Seasonal permits for 2014 will be available for purchase at the City Offices April 1st.



BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The City annually seeks applicants for membership to the **PLANNING COMMISSION & PARK BOARD**. Applications are available at the City Offices and online at www.cityofstjoseph.com. Completed applications will be accepted until **4:30 PM December 20, 2013**.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Winter driving conditions make it necessary to remain alert to pedestrian traffic as well as changing road conditions.

- * Allow extra time for travel
- * Replace windshield wipers as needed
- * Check your tires for pressure & tread
- * Equip vehicles with snow brush/scraper
- * Place a winter emergency kit in your vehicles



HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Join in the festivities on the patio at Bello Cucina, (corner of College Ave & Minnesota St), **FRIDAY DECEMBER 6th at 6 PM**

Caroling, Refreshments, Santa, Art Project & Treat Bags for the kids!



REMINDERS !

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE Please remember that all snow, ice, dirt and rubbish must be removed from sidewalks adjacent to your property within 24 hours after the same has been deposited. Properties not in conformance after this time period are subject to removal of those items by the City, and the cost of removal assessed to the property owner(s).

PARKING RESTRICTIONS Remember that parking is prohibited on City streets from November 1st to April 1st between the hours of 2 AM and 7 AM.

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.

FIRE HYDRANTS We appreciate your help in keeping the hydrant in your neighborhood free of snow to help provide quick identification and access in the event of a fire.

MAILBOXES Residents are responsible for removing snow around their mailbox to avoid delay in mail delivery.

REFUSE & RECYCLING CONTAINERS Place these at the edge of the driveway for collection during snow season to allow plows to remove snow to the curb.

HOLIDAY REFUSE & TREE COLLECTION

Due to the Xmas holiday, refuse will be collected on **FRIDAY DEC 27TH**. Holiday trees will be collected curbside on **THURSDAYS JAN 2ND & 9TH**. No decorations, bags or stands.

If you are having difficulty paying your heating and/or electric bill we encourage you to contact

TRI-COUNTY ACTION PROGRAM, INC
1210 23RD AVE S, WAITE PARK
(320) 251-1612 or WWW.TRICAP.ORG

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ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A SEWER BACKUP?

Sanitary sewer line blockages are typically caused by roots, grease, or improper disposal of items. Tree roots can enter the sanitary sewer system at joints and cracks in the sewer service lines and mains. Grease can solidify in the sewer lines and restrict other waste from flowing through. The lines can be blocked by disposable diapers, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, washing machine lint, or similar items that might get flushed down the drain or toilet.

The following items should be disposed of in your trash can, **NOT** in the sanitary sewer system:

- * Diapers
- * Feminine hygiene products
- * Dental floss
- * Rags or shop towels
- * Garage waste products: oil, grease, gasoline & antifreeze
- * Household waste: ashes, corrosives, glass, metals, paints, poisons or solvents
- * Yard waste such as sand, soil or mud

If a sewer backup occurs on our property, the City request that you take the following steps:

- * Call the City immediately at 363-7201 during normal business hours, or 363-8250 after hours to report a back up. The City will help identify the location of the blockage. If the blockage is in the City's main sewer line, the City will attempt to clear the blockage.
- * If the blockage is determined to be in the individual service line, the property owner is responsible for scheduling and payment of service to clear such blockage.
- * Notify your insurance agent of the backup.
- * Clean the entire contaminated area in a safe manner. There are reputable companies in the area that are well versed in handling these situation.
- * Document the actions taken (calls, contacts, costs) in response to the sewer backup.



Are you lucky enough to have the best neighbor in town? If so we'd like to hear from you. Please email or send written descriptions of why your neighbor is the best neighbor in town. We'd like to recognize good deeds and kind actions of our 'best' neighbors. Include your neighbor's name and address along with your name and contact information. Email us at cityoffices@cityofstjoseph.com or send your information to the City Offices, P.O. Box 668.

The St. Joseph EDA is interested in putting a face on business (literally) in St. Joseph. It doesn't matter if the business is an industrial, commercial, or home business establishment; we want to know what sets them apart. Email us your authorized photos (approved by business) showing the best of St. Joseph businesses and/or business owners. Tell us what's interesting about them. We'll feature them on the City website and in the City newsletter. Email your photos and comments to: cityoffices@cityofstjoseph.com

Upcoming Holiday Schedule

The City Offices will be closed :
Nov 28 & 29, Dec 24 & 25, Jan 1 & 20