



# In the Know in St. Joseph

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH



November 2021

## Residents of St. Joseph...

I was happy to see so many families come out to the St. Joseph Fire Department Safety Fair. Our department is first-class whose primary purpose is to serve and protect our community. We are lucky to have such members in our midst.

I want to thank and congratulate local voices, Mary Bruno and former College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University history professor Annette Atkins for representing St. Joseph at the fifth annual TEDxStCloud. This year's theme was, "ideas worth spreading—the opportunity to gather, to thoughtfully consider new ideas, and to address together the challenges we face growing as individuals and as a community."

Veterans Day was November 11th. Thank you veterans for your patriotism, your love for our country, and your willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. The Veterans Crisis Line is a great source of support. It is a free, confidential resource that's available to anyone, even if you're not registered with VA or enrolled in VA health care. If you are a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, the Veterans Crisis Line is available 24/7 at 1-800-273-8255.

School has started, leaves are falling, and the Public Works Department will be pulling the plows out of storage pretty soon....oi. This time last year we had 7 inches of snow on the ground. As the City is gearing up for colder weather, I encourage residents to do the same.

With the holiday season fast approaching, we will soon see advertisements for the Shop Small Crawl, SnowFest 2022, and other holiday activities. Stay tuned!

*Mayor Rick Schultz*

## Help Keep Our Water

**DRINKABLE, FISHABLE, SWIMMABLE**

### What Can You Do?

Bagging, mulching, or composting your leaves stops them from blowing into the streets. This helps keep the storm drains free of leaves, which pollute waterways and can even cause localized flooding if they form a clog. Be a good neighbor and clear leaves out of the street.



## Truth in Taxation Hearing

The City Council will present the 2022 preliminary budget and projected property tax impact on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:00pm. The public hearing for the proposed 2022 fee schedule will be held at the same time. The preliminary levy was set in September. The final levy cannot be increased. The preliminary levy and tax rate are summarized below.

2022 Proposed Levy	Net Tax Capacity	Preliminary Levy	Preliminary Tax Rate
Urban Properties	\$4,754,892 (↑4.97%)	\$2,986,607 (↑12.38%)	62.8112% (↑4.14%)
Annexed Commercial	\$655,719 (↑4.41%)	\$273,388 (↑24.01%)	41.693% (↑6.59%)
Annexed Rural Residents	\$401,849 (↑5.34%)	\$88,500 (↑10.89%)	22.0232% (↑1.10%)

## Holiday Tree Collection

When: **January 6th & January 13th**

Limit of 1 tree per household. All trees must have decorations and stands removed. Place the tree on the ground next to the refuse cart by 6AM on the day of pickup.

## Recycling Holiday Lights

There are two locations residents can take holiday lights to recycle.

- WACOSA, (320) 251-0087  
310 Sundial Dr. Waite Park, MN 56387
- Stearns Co. Household Hazardous Waste Facility (320) 257-0087



## Need help with your utility bills?

The Minnesota Energy Assistance Program has expanded their coverage to include water bills. The program helps pay for current and past-due bills for electricity, gas, oil, propane, repair/replacement of broken heating systems, and water & sewer. More information is available on the City's website and Facebook page.

## Now Hiring—Warming House Attendants

The City of St. Joseph is hiring part-time warming house attendants. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age. The rate of pay is \$12.00/hr. Warming house hours are weekdays from 4PM—8PM and weekends from 12PM—8PM. Interested applicants can apply in person at the St. Joseph Government Center, or online at [www.cityofstjoseph.com](http://www.cityofstjoseph.com).

## Facility Reservations

We are currently accepting reservation requests for the St. Joseph Fire Hall and various park shelters through Jan. 31, 2022. Beginning at 8AM on Jan. 3, 2022, reservation requests can be made for the following time frame: Feb. 1, 2022—Jan. 31, 2023. Priority will be given to those in person, followed by phone and email requests. Contact City Hall with any questions 320-363-7201.



## Park & Recreation Events

### Yoga with Betsy (beginners & seniors)

Class is designed for those new to yoga and/or seniors. \$10/session. Thurs. 7-7:45AM, Starting Dec. 2nd. Bring cash or check to each class you attend.

### Yoga with Betsy (intermediate level)

Class is designed for intermediate yoga students. \$10/session. Wed. 4:30—5:15PM, Starting Dec. 1. Bring cash or check to each class you attend.

### Senior Walking Pass

Seniors have the opportunity to use the walking path at the Haehn Campus Center. M-Fri 6:30AM—11PM; Sat & Sun 8AM—10PM from Nov. 1st—Mar. 31st. Cost is \$55.

### Whitney Senior Center

The City of St. Joseph partners with the Whitney Senior Center to provide activities to our seniors. The first 30 seniors to obtain a membership with the Whitney Senior Center will receive a reduced rate on their membership. Current classes being offered in St. Joseph take place at Heritage Hall and include: Senior Yoga, Wednesdays at 1:30PM; and Enhanced Fitness on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 1:30PM.

To become a member, call 320-255-7245 or apply online at <https://www.ci.stcloud.mn.us/93/Whitney-Senior-Center>.

## Snow Removal

Property owners are required to clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours after a snowfall event. If the owner fails to do so, the city may remove the snow or ice and the owner will be charged for the service. It is unlawful to blow snow into a street or alley.

## Adopt a Fire Hydrant



When clearing your driveway of snow, please take the time to clear the snow around any fire hydrant on your property or in your vicinity.

## Winter Parking Regulations

No parking is allowed on any City street from Nov. 1st to Apr. 1st between 2AM and 7AM. Any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance is subject to a fine and immediate towing at the owner's expense.

## Attention Snow Birds



Are you planning on heading south for the winter? A resident absent from his/her residence for at least 30 consecutive days may qualify to temporarily suspend garbage/recycling services. You can also request a house watch from the St. Joseph Police Department while you are away. Call City Hall at 320-363-7201.

## AED Training

There are 9 outdoor Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) throughout the city. AEDs are lightweight, portable devices that provide an electric shock to the heart, to restore a normal heart rhythm. Join us on Monday, Dec. 6th from 7PM—8PM in the St. Joseph Government Center to receive training on these devices.

## Elf in the Park,

Sponsored by Minnesota Street Market, Food & Art Co-Op

Join the fun! Starting Dec. 1st, an elf will be hiding in one of our city parks. A different park will be selected each week through Dec. 29th. If you find him, **leave him there!** Take a picture with him, bring the picture to MN Street Market and you will receive a treat! Good Luck!



## SNOWFEST 2022—JAN. 28-29TH

SNOWFEST is back! Festivities will kickoff Friday, Jan. 28th. Saturday's events will include sledding, ice skating, smores, hot cocoa, bonfire, face painting & crafts, and events at local businesses. There will also be a medallion hunt earlier in the week. More information to come!

## St. Joseph Winter Farmer's Market

Where: Resurrection Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

When: Saturdays

Nov. 6th Feb. 12th

Nov. 27th Mar. 12th

Dec. 18th Apr. 16th

Jan. 15th

Time: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM



## SHOP SMALL CRAWL



Shop small on November 27th from 10AM—5PM in downtown St. Joseph. Participating businesses include Milk & Honey Ciders, Daisy A Day, MN Street Market, Weathered Revivals, Local Blend, Hudson & Co., Bad Habit, Bruno Press, and Flour & Flower. Download the Visit St. Cloud app for your chance to win a grand prize package! More info. at [joetownmn.com](http://joetownmn.com).

## City Hall will be closed:

Nov. 25th & 26th Thanksgiving  
Dec. 23rd & 24th Christmas  
Jan. 31st New Year's  
Jan. 17th Martin Luther King Jr.

**Welcome St. Joseph's Newest Employees!**  
Police Clerk **Candi Vought**  
Police Officer **Russell Lipinski**