



Town of St. John Newsletter

March 2023

St. John Corridors Plan

101st Ave, Calumet Ave, & 109th Ave



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StJohnCorridorsPlan.org

The Town of St. John is proactively planning for three of our emerging corridors: 101st Avenue, Calumet Avenue, and 109th Avenue. In addition to dealing with traffic concerns, we need your help to define a community-supported vision for the future of these areas. **Join us on Thursday, March 9th from 5 - 7PM for a community open house at Town Hall!** Share ideas and learn more about the St. John Corridors Plan that is just getting started: www.StJohnCorridorsPlan.org.

St. John Seeking Upscale Dining Development

The Town Council approved an Ordinance to authorize 10 additional liquor licenses as part of a state law which designates waterways as development project areas. This is permitted under the state's Riverfront Development laws, even though St. John and other communities do not have riverfront, designated and named waterways qualify under the law.

The intention of this action is to promote food oriented dining development along the US-41 corridor. These are site specific licenses, meaning that a licensee cannot simply move to a location and retain the license. These are not to allow establishments like bars or nightclubs, rather food oriented businesses as the primary business and alcohol as a secondary revenue source.

St. John is working with commercial developers to bring in more upscale dining options for residents and visitors to keep local dollars here in town.

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TOWN MOVING FORWARD WITH \$3.8 MILLION ROAD PROJECT

93rd Avenue/US-41 Roadway Improvement Plan

The Town is completing the award of a \$3.8 million contract to F. H. Paschen for roadway improvement at 93rd Avenue West of US-41. The project is meant to improve traffic flow east and west along that highly traveled roadway. This project will have two turn lanes from Eastbound 93rd onto US-41 to allow for better flow and less backups. It will allow a through lane and right turn lane from eastbound 93rd Avenue. Improvements will continue there allowing a left turn lane onto Keilman Street and an East-West turn lane from Keilman Street.

This project will begin in March/April and will be completed by November/December of 2023. There will be lane restrictions and closures at times along this route so stay tuned for announcements. As part of this expansion, the old parsonage at St. John the Evangelist Parish will be demolished and a new sidewalk will be installed to allow for better and safer pedestrian access.

Utilities will be relocating utilities which will include removal of some NIPSCO poles along this area to allow for underground services.

Additional improvements include a new 12" water main installation along 93rd Avenue under US-41.

\$2.3 Million in Road Projects for Community Crossing Grant

The Town of St. John has submitted application to the Indiana Department of Transportation for \$1 million matching grant through the state's Community Crossing Matching Grant (CCMG). The Town has planned \$2.3 million in roadway improvements for the summer of 2023 which includes:

- 93rd Avenue (from Fairbanks to Deodor)
- Deodor (from Elle to 89th)
- Parrish (from 89th to 85th Avenue)
- White Oak (from 93rd Avenue to 109th Avenue)

From St. John Township Trustee, Cathy Lareau

DAV (Disabled America Veterans) Chapter 17 and the St. John Township Trustee will be co-sponsoring a VA Claim Informational Seminar on April 1, 2023, from 11am to 4 pm. DAV will have National service officers present who will give a presentation on VA disability benefits and will help you file a VA claim. If you're a veteran in need of help with your VA claim, come out and see one of the DAV professionals. There will be light refreshments served. Anybody that comes to the seminar will be able to be seen about their VA claim that day. Pre-registration required.

For more information or to register, contact Steve Bramer, DAV Commander of Chapter 17, at (219) 712-4065.

If transportation is needed, St. John Township residents may contact the St. John Township Trustee office at (219) 865-2705. You must call during office hours Monday -Friday, 8am - 4pm.

ST. JOHN



POLICE

From the office of Chief Steven Flores

First, is our body worn cameras. We recently received a grant for the cameras and the officers have been testing them out for the last couple of months. Now that we have the bugs worked out, we are fully using them on patrol which helps tremendously not only with transparency, but with our investigations. Many times, when offenders know or see the camera on the officers, it tends to de-escalate situations by simply them knowing they are being recorded. They are also very useful by corroborating cases that officers file charges on. Second, with the help of two of my officers, we started a crisis intervention program. Sergeant Lukasik and Officer Wartman both have master's degrees in psychology and Officer Wartman is a certified addiction and crisis intervention officer/counselor. Officer Wartman has used his skills numerous times while working, assisting residents who suffer from mental illnesses, suicidal thoughts, and substance abuse. There are not very many shifts that go by where he doesn't use his crisis intervention skills. We are also working on bringing on a clinical counseling intern from Indiana University Northwest to assist with the program. We are hoping to have someone on board by May. Officer Wartman is also in the planning stages of providing law enforcement officers across the entire region with a 40-hour crisis intervention training. This training is very similar to the one the Illinois State Police just implemented. The program has been extremely helpful to people who need it, and it's getting busier and busier.

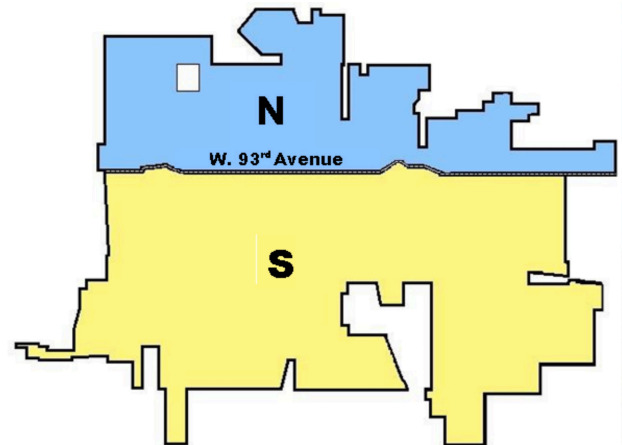


**WHEN IT'S TIME TO CHANGE
THE CLOCKS, IT'S TIME TO
CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS.**

Contact the St. John Fire Department at (219) 365-6034 with questions or for assistance with your smoke alarms.

Spring Leaf Pick-up April 4 - April 29

April						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 N	5 N	6 N	7 N	8 N	9
10	11 S	12 S	13 S	14 S	15 H	16
17	18 N	19 N	20 N	21 N	22 N	23
24	25 S	26 S	27 S	28 S	29 S	30



Public Works Monthly Report

12/13/22-01/23/23

Cleaned Street Drains: Various street drains, culverts, ditches, etc., throughout Town

Utility Locates: Completed - 466

Street Lights/Building Lights: Replaced 8 street lights bulbs, 2 ballast and 1 photo-cell at control panel

Street Maintenance: On-going cold patching and crack sealing throughout Town

Water Meters: Final Reads - 4 | Register Replacements - 72 | New Construction - 29 | Check Valve Repair - 3

Misc: Daily check of 14 lift stations; Turned water off per resident for water valve repairs; Replaced six fluorescent bulbs and two ballasts at the Building and Planning offices; Emptied, washed and waxed leaf vacs for storage; Helped setup for Christmas luncheon at Town Hall; Laid ground protection mats for pilot study at Well #8; Read water meters; Filled in pothole on White Oak Avenue and on Ruth Court; Mike Bultema conducted Shared Ethics Advisory Commission on-line training to all PW employees; All PW drivers attended annual snow plow meeting at PW; Delivered shut-off notices per Clerk's Office; Salted and plowed streets throughout Town; Shut water off per resident on Northcote Avenue; Various mailbox repairs due to snow plow damage; Took down all Christmas in the Park signs; Checked and repaired a leaking fire hydrant on Acorn Drive; Took down volleyball nets at Lake Hills park; Broke down Christmas in the Park and chipped all trees; Assembled office chairs for Clerk's Office; Took down holiday signs and snowflakes from decorative street light poles; Replaced 25 MPH and 30 MPH signs throughout Town; Checked and repaired leaking hydrant on W. 96th Avenue; Worked on water main break on Primrose Drive; Trimmed trees along north side of W. 93rd Avenue from Blaine Street to Town limits.



**Coming Soon to Heartland Park:
A 9 hole par 3 beginner disc golf course!**



To learn more about the 2023 Recreation Offerings and Park Information and how to register, please visit

<https://stjohnin.gov/Parks/2023Flyer.pdf>

Chair Yoga

Location: Now Yoga Club

Age: 16 & up **Fee:** \$60 **Time:** 1:15p—2p

Code **Day** **Date.** **Session Length**

057 WED 4/5– 5/10 6 Week

058 WED 5/24-6/28 6 Week

Youth Summer Camp

Little Ones Camp **Age: 4-6**

Step Two Camp* **Age: 7-10**

Location: Lake Hills Park Amphitheater **Fee:** \$150

Code **Day** **Date**

001 Little Ones Mon.-Thurs. June 12- July 27

002 Step Two Mon.-Thurs. June 12- July 27

*Additional child from same family is \$40.00 discount, registration must be made at Clerk Treasures Office.

Ladies Empowerment Walk Program

Location: Prairie West Park **Fee:** \$25 (each walk program)

Date: Saturday, April 1 11am-12pm

Age: 15– Adult **Min/Max:** 3/1 **Code:** 042

Baseball & Softball Youth Camps **Ages: 5-12**

Location: Civic Park **Time:** 9a-1p (B) 9a-11a (S)

Code	Camp Dates	Code	Camp Dates
027 018	*May 30– June 1	028 019	June 5-8
029 020	June 12-15	030 021	June 19-22
031 022	June 26-29	032 023	July 10-13
033 024	July 17-20	034 025	July 24-27
035 026	July 31-Aug 3		



ST. JOHN PARK & RECREATION

19TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT 2023

MORNING HUNT:

CHECK IN 9:30am, HUNT 10:00am

AFTERNOON HUNT:

CHECK IN 10:30am, HUNT 11:00am

AGE GROUPS: 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

**APRIL 1ST, AT
HEARTLAND PARK BASEBALL FIELDS.
10600 WHITE OAK AVE.**

Bring your basket and hop on over Heartland Park baseball fields for our 19th Annual Egg Hunt! This free event is open for St. John residents up to 12 years old.

Scan the QR code for the registration form or click [HERE](#); fill out and return to St. John Parks and Recreation Department.

Mailing address: 9350 Hack St. Building 2, St John, IN 46373

Email: parks@stjohnin.com



Save the Date!



St. John Freedom Fest

July 3rd at Heartland Park

3:00-6:00pm The Noise

6:30-9:30pm Rockology

9:30pm Fireworks

Summer Concert Series at Lake Hills Park Fridays, 6:00-9:00pm

June 16 Mark Hydra & Fifty One Lincoln

June 23 Smolen and Friends

June 30 Gerhart

July 14 Time Bandits

July 20 The Muddsharks

July 28 Rockology

August 4 The As Ifs

August 11 Saturday June Band

August 18 Ultimate British Invasion

***Sept. 7 (6-8p) Oscar & the Majestics**

Important Contacts

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10955 W 93rd Ave.
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8:00am-4:30pm

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Upcoming Meetings

Located at Town Hall
10955 W 93rd Ave. St. John, IN

3/1	Plan Commission	7pm
3/15	Storm Water Management Board	6pm
	Plan Commission Study Session	7pm
3/20	Park Board	5pm
	Safety Board	6pm
	Board of Zoning Appeals	7pm
3/21	Waterworks Board	5pm
	Sanitary District	After WB
3/22	Economic Development Committee	5pm
	Redevelopment Commission	7pm
	Town Council	After RDC

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