



# Connections

## ST. JOSEPH Chamber of Commerce

### The President's Perspective

April is on the horizon and with the nicer weather and flowers also comes election season.

April brings us a St Joseph School Board and Mayor/City Council election. I would encourage the business community to meet the local candidates and vote on April 5. Who we put into leadership positions is important and shouldn't be taken lightly. Be informed on the candidates and the issues important to your business and our community. If you would like a chance to meet the candidates, the Chamber will be hosting two candidate forums.

1. Monday, March 28 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Stoney Creek – the St. Joseph School District Board and Municipal Judge candidates
2. Thursday, March 31 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Stoney Creek – Mayor and City Council candidates



Natalie Redmond  
President & CEO

As a reminder, the Government Relations committee meets each year and reviews the survey our members fill out to determine issues the Chamber should advocate for on the local, state and national levels. On the local level for 2022, the priority areas are: the School District, public infrastructure funding, future residential development, downtown development, community appearance, crime, tourism and meeting facilities, neighborhood revitalization and Interstate 229.

To read more about these issues go to our website and click on Advocacy. Give them some thought and ask the candidates questions about these issues. Who we elect today affects tomorrow's future.

## NEW MEMBERS

*The following businesses and individuals have been approved for membership in the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce:*

#### Greater Than Financial

Wakefield Hare  
412 1/2 Court St.,  
Savannah, MO 64485  
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**Financial Services**

#### Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, LLC

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www.wfaafinet.com  
**Financial Services  
Investments**

#### Maid For More LLC

David Allison  
2205 Goff Ave. (05)  
(816) 752-3253  
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www.maidformore.com  
**Janitorial & Maid Service**

#### Active Duty Air Force Recruiting

Katrina Smith  
5301 N. Belt Highway Ste. 107 (06)  
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AirForceRecruitingSaintJosephMO  
**Government**

#### Build-a-Quilt

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**Retail**

#### Bartlett Center

LaTonya Williams  
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**Social Service/Welfare Organizations**

#### Corby Place Senior Living

Chris Burris  
422 Felix St. (01)  
(816) 233-4600  
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www.corbyplace.com  
**Apartments**

#### Vesko Construction LLC

Jacob Koenig  
4305 State Route P,  
Easton, MO 64443  
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**General Contractors**

#### Dr. Andrew Trout

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**Civic Member**



**HOURS:**  
TUESDAY-SATURDAY | 4PM-10PM  
CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY

**DAILY SPECIALS:**  
TUESDAY-SATURDAY | 4PM-10PM



777 Winners Circle, St. Joseph, MO 64505

StJoFrontierCasino.com  

# March Calendar

For more information, call 816/232-4461. **CREDIT CARD RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE**, [www.saintjoseph.com](http://www.saintjoseph.com)

All members, employees and guests are invited to attend events. Call the Chamber for any dietary needs. Reservations must be cancelled 24 hours in advance to avoid charges. See COVID-19 event guidelines at [saintjoseph.com](http://saintjoseph.com)

**2, 16, 10, 24** **Circle of Influence** **March 2 & 16 and March 10 & 24**  
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Guests Free  
Circle of Influence is a leads group composed of small business professionals looking to exchange direct client referrals and leads. The group also provides a forum for the discussion of issues which businesses commonly encounter. Only one member per profession/speciality in each group is allowed. Cost is \$100 to join. There are two groups, one that meets the first and third Wednesdays and another that meets the second and fourth Thursdays. (Holidays affect this schedule.) Contact Natalie Redmond for more information, [redmond@saintjoseph.com](mailto:redmond@saintjoseph.com) or (816) 364-4107. Meetings held at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1201 Woodbine.

**3, 28, 31** **Public Affairs Coffees** **Thursday, March 3**  
Mayor's State of the City Address  
Presented by Farmers State Bank  
The Public Affairs Coffee series features issues involving social, economic, governmental, legislative and corporate activities that are of concern to Chamber members and the business community. Before the April election a variety of forums are being held. Light breakfast served. There is a \$15 charge to attend in person, but there are ways to watch online or listen to the radio. All events will be held at 7:30 a.m. at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1201 N. Woodbine Road. Check Facebook for more details.  
**Monday, March 28**  
School District & Municipal Judge Candidate Forum  
**Thursday, March 31**  
City Candidate Forum

**3** **Small Business Owner Roundtable** **Thursday, March 3**  
9 a.m., Free  
The Membership Council will host a new roundtable discussion series for small business owners only on the first Thursday of each month. In person or via Zoom, meet with Board Member and Membership Chair Amy Ryan of Commerce Bank and Membership Council Member Annette Weeks, of the Center for Entrepreneurship, and other small business owners. This month the topic will be workforce.  
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce  
3003 Frederick Ave. or  
register for Zoom link

**8** **Lunch & Learn Seminar** **Tuesday, March 8**  
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$10  
Presented by Butchart Flowers Inc. & Greenhouse  
Ever wonder how easy it is to transform your entire day leading to more production and less stress? Join international yoga instructor, Jeremy Eaton, in a yoga session designed just for you. Learn how to use a chair and your desk to aid you in movement, enjoy the presence of your breath and connect with your senses all in this session. Participants will be provided a handout including the poses from the session to bring the same sense of peace right into your home or office. No need to bring a mat or a change of clothes. This session will show you how you can fit this into your regular work day.  
*Lunch by Murphy's Smokin' Meats & Catering*  
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce  
3003 Frederick Ave.  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:  
816/232-4461  
or [www.saintjoseph.com](http://www.saintjoseph.com)

**10** **DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast** **Thursday, March 10**  
7:15 to 8:30 a.m., \$7  
Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., John Joe Insurance & On the Top Search  
The Diplomats Club is a fun group that provides opportunities to promote your business and serve as a link between the Chamber and the community. Join them for their monthly meeting!  
Breakfast provided  
Bartlett Center  
409 S. 18th St.  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:  
816/232-4461 or [www.saintjoseph.com](http://www.saintjoseph.com)

**15** **SPECIAL BUSINESS after HOURS** **Tuesday, March 15**  
5 to 7 p.m., Free  
Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.  
Bring your business cards and come meet your next potential client at this extra Business After Hours this month. Catch the luck of the Irish and wear your green to this St. Patrick's Day themed event.  
Max Joe's Daiquiri Lounge  
2013 S. Belt Highway

**18** **FARM CITY BREAKFAST** **Friday, March 18**  
7 to 9 a.m., \$12  
Presented by LifeLine Foods  
This popular event recognizes the farmer/producer and the importance of agribusiness to the area economy. Proceeds benefit Agriculture Future of America (AFA) scholarships. The keynote speaker will be YouTube ag celebs the Peterson Farm Brothers.  
Word of Life Church  
3902 N. Riverside Road  
Tickets available at the Chamber or online

**28** **Women's Leadership Group** **Monday, March 28**  
Noon to 1 p.m., Free  
Bring your own lunch  
Presented by Human Resource Management Association of Northwest Missouri  
Each month the Chamber and Northwest Missouri State University's Small Business Development Center bring business topics to light that are important to women. This month the topic will be business etiquette.  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:  
816/232-4461 or [www.saintjoseph.com](http://www.saintjoseph.com)

**31** **BUSINESS after HOURS** **Thursday, March 31**  
5 to 7 p.m., Free  
Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.  
Bring your business cards and come meet your next potential client. It's free and you can bring a guest. Don't miss this opportunity.  
Pony Express Museum  
914 Penn St.