



ST. JOSEPH

Economic Development Partnership

Think Outside the Limits

life  
BEYOND THE  
limits



## Catch THE Buzz

St. Joseph began as a trading post in 1843 and has continued to grow as a commercial center. Historically, the city is the home of the famous Pony Express and of western legends like Jesse James – but today, it gains its national recognition as a center of research

and technology in the Midwest. The bustling westward expansion of the mid-19th century has been succeeded by multi-million dollar business complexes and major interstate highways and airports, keeping transportation and commerce the pulse of the city's life.

Remnants of the past are celebrated with more than 50 National Historic Register listings, mansions, estates and historic commercial structures. Celebration of the past merges with excitement for the future in vibrant downtown revitalization. The spirit of westward expansion that inspired an entrepreneurial attitude in the early 19th century is still evident today. Known for its pivotal role in the Animal Health Corridor, St. Joseph and the surrounding area is buzzing with research, development and production in industries relating to animal health and nutrition.



**MORE  
THAN  
76,000  
RESIDENTS**



### Population

Although close enough to Kansas City to enjoy its amenities, St. Joseph is a city in its own right. St. Joseph has more than 76,000 residents in its city limits and more than 150,000 in the metro area. Enjoy living in a city that's large enough to meet all your needs, but small enough that you can make a difference.

### Transportation

St. Joseph is quite expansive, encompassing 45 square miles. However, daily commutes are light, averaging 16 minutes.

St. Joseph is just 35 minutes away from Kansas City International Airport, which is closer to the airport than many of Kansas City's own suburbs. This means you are just a short half hour direct drive from St. Joseph to KCI, where you can catch a three-hour non-stop flight to the coasts.

### Cost of Living

It is less expensive to live in St. Joseph. According to AreaVibes, you will spend this much more living in other nearby communities on things like groceries, utilities, rent/mortgage and other everyday expenses:

Kansas City, Mo.	4.3 percent
Gladstone, Mo.	4.7 percent
Blue Springs, Mo.	7 percent
Platte City, Mo.	7.6 percent
Lenexa, Kan.	12.9 percent
Overland Park, Kan.	14 percent

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THE NATIONAL  
AVERAGE**



### Homes

St. Joseph is a community of charming neighborhoods interlaced by a richly-wooded parkway system. Whatever your style, St. Joseph has a home to suit you. Grand, tree-lined avenues graced by traditional brick homes are popular spots with joggers and dog walkers. A little apart from the business bustle are family-friendly neighborhoods of new construction. The young, the single and the empty-nesters find the vibrancy of downtown loft-living the ideal blend of comfort and convenience. For those with the vision to build, creating a custom home in the nearby country and scenic rural areas is an affordable dream.







## Enjoy THE arts

St. Joseph residents never need to leave home to enjoy the arts. Music lovers enjoy St. Joseph's very own professional symphony orchestra and professional theatrics in the richly-ornamented surroundings of the historic Missouri Theatre, St. Joseph's art deco treasure. It is one of the nation's only suspended ceiling theater houses.

The city celebrates the visual arts year-round at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art, and seasonally with events such as Art in the Park and the annual Trails West!® festival. Festivals such as St. Patrick's Mexican Fiesta and the Coleman Hawkins Jazz festival celebrate the city's cultural diversity and continue to draw crowds from the Kansas City metropolitan area to St. Joseph.



## SAFETY

LOW VIOLENT CRIME RATE.

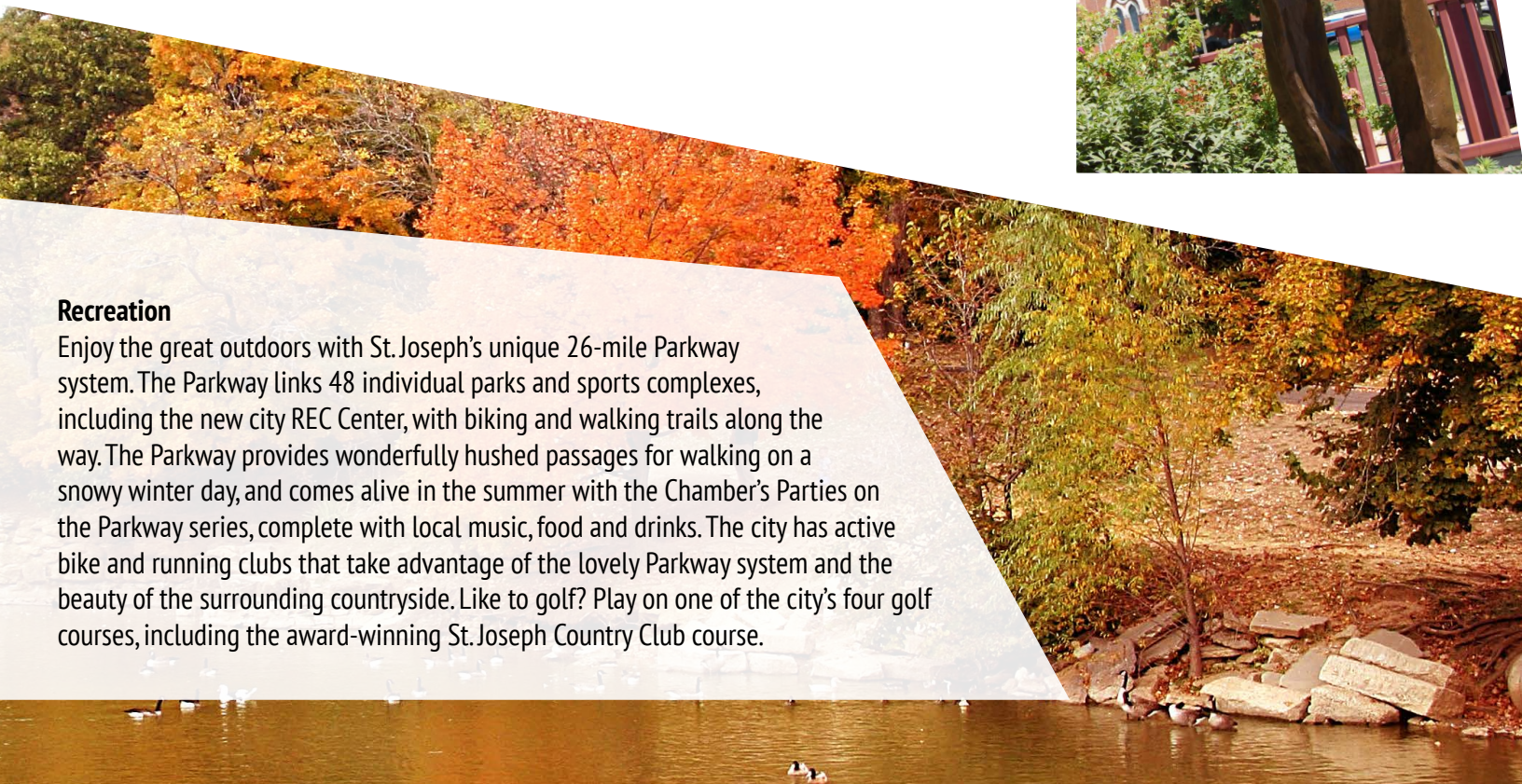


Feel safe with your family when you're out late or on a walk. St. Joseph's violent crime rate is low.

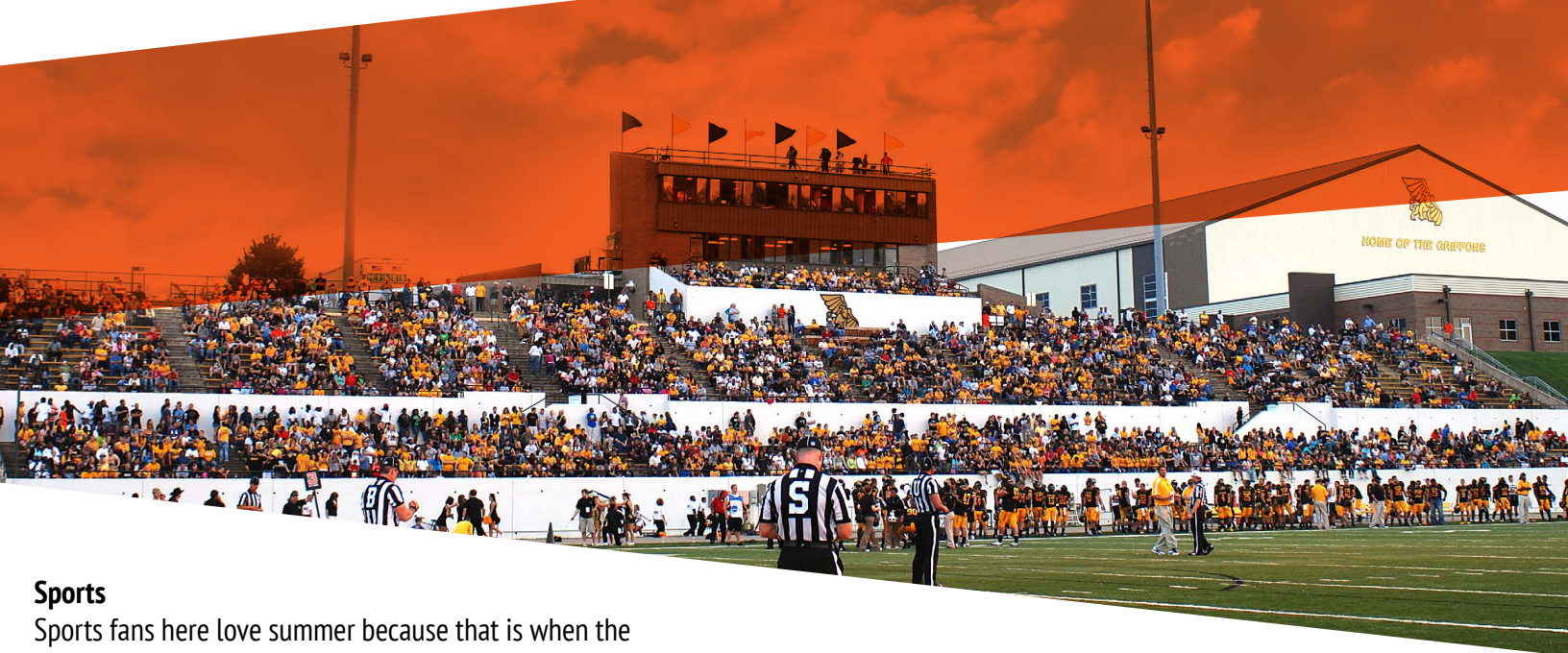


## Recreation

Enjoy the great outdoors with St. Joseph's unique 26-mile Parkway system. The Parkway links 48 individual parks and sports complexes, including the new city REC Center, with biking and walking trails along the way. The Parkway provides wonderfully hushed passages for walking on a snowy winter day, and comes alive in the summer with the Chamber's Parties on the Parkway series, complete with local music, food and drinks. The city has active bike and running clubs that take advantage of the lovely Parkway system and the beauty of the surrounding countryside. Like to golf? Play on one of the city's four golf courses, including the award-winning St. Joseph Country Club course.







## Sports

Sports fans here love summer because that is when the Kansas City Chiefs come to St. Joseph for Summer Training Camp. The three-week camp draws 60,000 attendees, 30,000 of which are visitors to the city who come to enjoy watching professional football training on the campus of Missouri Western State University. St. Joseph was chosen as the summer training site over a number of other cities across the Midwest. The university partnered with the Kansas City Chiefs in constructing the new Indoor Sports Complex, which houses a full-size indoor football field, weight room, offices, locker and meeting rooms. The Training Camp is free to the public and provides concessions and a Kid Zone for smaller children.

The Mustangs play baseball in the city's recently remodeled Phil Welch Stadium. The city's youth soccer association offers a multi-field complex with both fall and spring seasons. Tennis and swim clubs, an aquatic park, several indoor pools and exercise facilities are also highlights of St. Joseph's sports scene. Many families enjoy Griffons' football and basketball games at the campus of MWSU or make a quick drive to Kansas City to see the Chiefs, Royals, Sporting KC or NASCAR.



Shoppers can delight to the charms of downtown boutiques for unique finds at stores like Mod Podge and The Lucky Tiger, while finding major name stores to meet more everyday needs. East Hills Shopping Center, St. Joseph's recently remodeled indoor mall, offers stores like JC Penney, Gordmans, Dillard's, and many more. The Shoppes at North

Village offer an outdoor shopping experience with stores like Old Navy, Bed, Bath and Beyond and Target, just to name a few.

Dining experiences abound, from the culturally-diverse offerings in the downtown (Barbosa's Mexican Restaurant, Boudreaux's Louisiana Seafood and Steaks, The Ground Round) to restaurants with universal name recognition (Buffalo Wild Wings, Cracker Barrel, Cheddar's Casual Cafe) conveniently located in major shopping areas.





## Education

Education is integral to St. Joseph living. Families choose from a variety of excellent public, private and parochial schools. The St. Joseph public schools have state and nationally recognized elementary and high schools. St. Joseph believes in the future of its students. Two new elementary schools were added to the district in 2014.

The Missouri Western State University (MWSU) main campus occupies 744 acres in the midst of quiet neighborhoods, offering more than 100 degree programs – including several graduate-level programs, as well as research opportunities in the \$2.5 million Kit Bond Science and Technology Incubator.

St. Joseph's unique location puts the city within an hour's drive of several additional top-quality universities. An easy 45 highway miles north of St. Joseph is the campus of Northwest Missouri State University (NWMSU).



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THE WORLD**



## Healthcare – Nationally-Recognized Health System

As a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, Heartland Health and Mosaic Life Care offer multiple physician practices, a medical center, and a community foundation. This integrated, regional health delivery system employs more than 3,100 people in St. Joseph. In 2010, Heartland Health was awarded the prestigious and world-renowned Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, accepted in Washington, D.C.





There are many reasons to think outside the limits and choose to live in St. Joseph – our low cost of living, our low crime rate, our unique and artistic spirit and our history and character. In St. Joseph, you can make a difference in your business and in the community. Think outside the limits. Think St. Joseph!



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