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Connecting the Chamber with members in a monthly news source.



Connections

ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce

The President's Perspective

Imagine St. Joseph

I have heard it said that until you imagine what success looks like, it is impossible to achieve.

The same holds true for the future of our community, if we cannot imagine and define what we want for the future of St. Joseph, it will be impossible to achieve. This is the purpose of the community planning process that the Chamber and United Way initiated.

The planning process is titled Imagine St. Joseph 2040. It begins with the question, what do we want the future of our community to look like? This is meant to stimulate a broad-based conversation to understand the future trends that will impact us, the challenges ahead, and the realities of doing nothing.

Rebecca Ryan, with Next Generation Consulting, will be facilitating various meetings over the next several months to create a community vision for our future and from that an identification of issues and challenges to be addressed.

With our future defined, it is then up to the community, each of us, and those organizations representing the community like the City, County, School District, United Way, the Chamber, and many others

to develop their own specific plans with the preferred future in mind. Everyone working together, with a shared vision for what the future of St. Joseph can be and will be.

The success of the planning process and our ability to bring about positive change will be based on our ability to effectively engage the community. In addition to hosting "Futures Labs" to bring community participants together, we will also provide information and updates on the process through the Imagine St. Joseph 2040 website (imaginestjoseph2040.com) and provide opportunities for residents to offer input and suggestions. Your engagement is important.

The Imagine St. Joseph 2040 process provides us a chance to set the path for the future of our community. It is incumbent on us to take advantage of this opportunity to set a path for a prosperous and successful future in which our children and grand-children will want to take part. St. Joseph's future is in our hands. Imagine!



R. Patt Lilly
President & CEO



Don't Miss The First

Parties on the Parkway

Thursday, May 10

**Live Music.
Food. Drinks.**

26 Miles of Gorgeous Parkway.

5 to 8 p.m.

Corby Pond

Phil Vandel | Country

Presented by NODAWAY VALLEY BANK

COJOE

Website: cojoe.saintjoseph.com

E-mail: cojoe@saintjoseph.com

518 Felix St.

816-364-4115

Trying to get work done at coffee shops can be a hassle.

If you are a small business owner, freelancer or other entrepreneur who is looking for modern, clean office space available for rent by the day or more long term, check out CoJoe, an innovative coworking space located in historic Downtown St. Joseph.

CoJoe provides an alternative to both the distractions of working at home or a public space, as well as the logistics of maintaining a private office.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Missouri Enterprise

Dusty Cruise
900 Innovation Dr., Suite 300
Rolla, MO 64501
(573) 341-0117
dcrui@missourienterprise.org
www.missourienterprise.org

Consultants

Mik Chester

15651 Eden Drive,
Savannah, MO 64485
chestervictorycommittee@gmail.com

Civic Member

The Ugly Duck

Jaylon Sybert
10590 Highway 48,
Rosendale, MO 64483
(816) 262-3646
jaysybert@gmail.com

Catering

IST -- Industrial Service Technologies

Travis Papenberg
2545 Pleasant Ridge Road (04)
(816) 489-6588
isttoday@outlook.com
www.istprojectex.com

General Contractors

Van Am Tool & Engineering LLC

Marianne Hughes
5025 Easton Road (07)
(816) 233-6622
mhughes@vanam-tool.com
www.vanam-tool.com

Machine Shop

St. Joseph Arts Academy

Jason Riley
2027 N. 36th St. (06)
(816) 294-4856
jason@jasonriley.com
www.stjosephartsacademy.com

Music

www.saintjoseph.com
(816) 232-4461
chamber@saintjoseph.com



May Calendar

All members, employees and guests are invited to attend events. Call the Chamber for any dietary needs.

2 & 16
10 &
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Circle of Influence

Circle of Influence is a leads group composed of small business professionals who are looking to increase their revenue by forming relationships with other Chamber members for the purpose of exchanging 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. There is a \$100 joining fee. There are two groups, one that meets the first and third Wednesdays at Stoney Creek Hotel and another that meets the second and fourth Thursdays at Commerce Bank at Ashland and Karnes roads. Contact Natalie Redmond for more information, redmond@saintjoseph.com or (816) 364-4107.

May 2 & 16 -- May 10 & 24
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Guests Free

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Lunch & Learn Seminar

Presented by CliftonLarsonAllen

Lunch by Jimmy John's

Tuesday, May 8

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$10
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

Dan Danford, CFP, will present "What Your Mother Never Taught You About Money." From the presentation, members will learn why value matters more than price, why "neither a borrower nor lender be" is counter productive, and why keeping money in the bank won't make them rich.

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DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast

Presented by Mosaic Life Care

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!

Thursday, May 10
7:15 a.m., \$7

Breakfast provided
Timber Creek Event Center, 121 S.E. Turner Road

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

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Parties on the Parkway

Presented by Nodaway Valley Bank

Join us for Parties on the Parkway! These events are open to the public and allow those who attend to enjoy food, drinks, live music and St. Joseph's incredible Parkway system. Food and beverages are available for purchase. No alcoholic beverages may be brought into the event. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Park. The band will be Phil Vandel.

Thursday, May 10
5 to 8 p.m., Free

S.W. Parkway and King Hill Drive
(Rain date: May 17)

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PRIMETIME - NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Presented by Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation

Help the Chamber roll out the red carpet for new members at Primetime! This Oscar-themed event allows existing members to meet the Chamber's newest members, who showcase their goods and services in a trade-show-like format, but with an Academy Award flair. Enjoy food and beverages by Chamber Tastes caterers.

Wednesday, May 16
5 to 7 p.m., FREE

Castle Bridge Event Center
8403 B U.S. Highway 59 South

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Legal Fundamentals Breakfast

Presented by Polsinelli

The Human Resources Management Association of Northwest Missouri, Polsinelli and the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce partner on the presentation of "#MeToo ... and More -- a Legal Update for HR." Carol C. Barnett will present "#MeToo" and Katharine Sangha will present "The Supreme Court Speaks: Is there a New Standard for Review of Exempt Status Employees?"

Friday, May 18
7:45 a.m., Free

Mosaic Life Care, Flourish & Thrive Rooms
5325 Faraon St.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
pbryson@polsinelli.com

Mark your calendars now, and confirm your reservation one week prior to the event. Reservations must be cancelled 24 hours in advance to avoid charges. For more information, call 816/232-4461. CREDIT CARD RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE, www.saintjoseph.com

Need help recruiting or retaining talent?

The Made With Uncommon Character campaign can help your business recruit top talent and keep your best employees. St. Joseph has a lot to offer and has tremendous character in our people, architecture and amenities.

Visit the website below and follow Made With Uncommon Character on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for interesting stories, a community calendar and resources you can give to potential employees -- like housing, school, healthcare options and more.

Need a brochure or goodie bag to give recruits? We have them! E-mail bailey@saintjoseph.com.

uncommoncharacter.com



Presented by Triumph Foods

Want to support the Made With Uncommon Character campaign in a fun and easy way? Come to the Apple Blossom BBQ! Traditional BBQ, Cinco de Mayo Pork Tacos, drinks, kids activities and much more!

Friday, May 4

5 to 10 p.m. with music by Blue Oyster Culture Club (BOCC) at 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

Come have lunch after the parade, kids activities and live KKJO remote.

Tickets available at uncommoncharacter.com/apple-blossom-bbq or at the door. Made With Uncommon Character is a joint endeavor by the Chamber, City of St. Joseph, St. Joseph Convention and Visitors Bureau, Mosaic Life Care, Missouri Western State University and the St. Joseph School District.