

February 2023

Connecting the Chamber with members in a monthly news source.



Connections

ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce

The President's Perspective

An important role the Chamber plays for the business community is the role of business advocacy. The St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce works to foster good relations with the various levels of government and to represent the business community in addressing legislative issues. The Government Relations Committee develops the Chamber's legislative position on business-related issues and maintains working relationships with government officials at the local, state and federal level.

Some upcoming ways to get involved:

- Great Northwest Days at the Capitol on Feb. 7-8, 2023, in Jefferson City
- Washington, D.C. Fly-In on March 7-9, 2023 in our nation's capitol
- Public Affairs Coffee – St. Joseph School District Board Candidate Forum March 29 at 7:30 a.m. at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center.

One thing the Government Relations Committee considered was the fact that in the 2021 Community Survey only 11 percent of respon-

dents believed our community appearance to be excellent, while 63 percent thought it was below average or poor. Community appearance ranks fourth in importance on the survey.

As an answer to this, the Chamber is excited to be a part of the Adopt a Block program, which is now live. This is a program in which businesses adopt an area and enlist their employees to help get the block back into shape. The imaginestjoseph2040.com website has been updated and now includes the Adopt a Block video and registration information. Check it out if you would like to get involved or want to share it with others in your organization. We hope you will consider adopting a block this year.

Special thanks to Kevin Kelly, Jody Carlson, Shaylynn Burnham and Tama Wagner for their support of launching this exciting new program to beautify St. Joseph.



Natalie Redmond
President & CEO

Know a business that should be a Chamber member?

Ask them to join today!

Send them to our website:

saintjoseph.com/join

Or have them contact

Tony Luke

Director of Development

(816) 364-4101

luke@saintjoseph.com



NEW MEMBERS

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

Insperity

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www.insperity.com
Employee Benefits

Peterbilt of St. Joseph

Eric Bottorff
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www.kcpete.com
**Truck Sales, Service Repair and/or
Accessories - Industrial**

KC CPA Solutions LLC

Justin Bodenhausen
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justin@kccpasolutions.com
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Accounting Services

Lake Ave Liquor

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Retail

NWMO FreshWorks

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Janitorial and Maid Service

La Mesa Mexican Restaurant

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Restaurants

Doculock

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www.doculockllc.com
**Scanning & Copying
Paper Shredding**

Baskin-Robbins

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Ice Creams & Frozen Desserts

80 Days Cafe

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Catering

Aspire Business Development

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Consultants

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Marketing

February Calendar

For more information, call 816/232-4461. **CREDIT CARD RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE, 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.

1, 15, 9, 23 **Circle of Influence**

Feb. 1 & 15 and Feb. 9 & 23

11:30 a.m. to 1p.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 Tony Luke for more information, luke@saintjoseph.com or (816) 364-4101. Meetings held at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1201 Woodbine.

7-8 **Great Northwest Day at the Capitol**

**Tuesday & Wednesday,
Feb. 7 & 8**

Jefferson City, MO

www.greatnorthwestday.com

The Chamber partners with other Northwest Missouri communities to sponsor a trip to the State Capitol to meet and talk with our state legislators. The two-day trip includes a luncheon with regional legislators, viewing of the Legislature in action, and a reception for all members of the General Assembly.

9 **DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast**

Thursday, Feb. 9

7:15 a.m., \$10

Breakfast provided

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., John Joe Insurance & Rogers Pharmacy

Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center

1201 N. Woodbine Road

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!

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or www.saintjoseph.com

14 **Lunch & Learn Seminar**

*Lunch by
Tropical Smoothie Cafe*

Tuesday, Feb. 14

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.

Presented by Jeremy Eaton Yoga

"Engaging with Empathy"

Mary Davis, CPA with Missouri Enterprise, will lead an interactive discussion about how and why empathy builds engagement both at work and in your personal life. She'll explore active listening, empathy vs. sympathy, recognizing emotions and how to use an empathy "formula" to separate facts from feelings. Come ready to actively participate!

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16-26 **Restaurant Week**

Feb. 16 - Feb. 26

STJrestaurantweek.com

Presented by John Joe Insurance

Foodies are invited to savor and save on new dining options or tried and true favorites during St. Joseph's fourth annual Restaurant Week, coordinated by the Chamber and Joe Town Fun. Enjoy food specials and exclusive menus. To see which restaurants are participating and what specials will be offered visit STJrestaurantweek.com.

16 **BUSINESS after HOURS**

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Thursday, Feb. 16

5 to 7 p.m., Free

Van-Am Tool & Engineering

2401 S.W. Parkway

Business After Hours is your monthly chance to make some new connections! Free refreshments. Bring your business cards. Come check out the new paint location for Van-Am!

27 **Women's Leadership Group**

Presented by Human Resource Management Association of Northwest Missouri

Monday, Feb. 27

Noon to 1 p.m., Free

Bring your own lunch

Come learn from Jennifer A. Jackson, Ph.D. and associate professor in the Missouri Western State University Department of Communication at this session. She'll discuss being respectful and why word choices matter. Women's Leadership Group is co-hosted by the Chamber and the Missouri Small Business Development Center.

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Chamber of Commerce

**Looking for a job?
See our jobs board.**

**Want to make a job
posting on this site?**

Go to

choosesaintjoseph.com/job-post-form

*(Small employer listings
appear under the Chamber
icon.)*