

June 2023

Connecting the Chamber with members in a monthly news source.



ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce

Connections

The President's Perspective



Natalie Redmond
President & CEO

Economic Development in 2023 is more than incentives to get a company to stay or relocate here. Today, we also have to build a workforce for those companies. We find ourselves working harder than ever on building a better community as outlined in the Imagine St. Joseph 2040 plan, which includes the priorities: invest in people, grow prosperity and create a better place.

COVID taught us people will live where they want and find a job where they want to live. So to continue to grow a thriving workforce, we have to do the work on creating a better place. We know from the community survey in 2021 that 63 percent of the residents surveyed said they thought our

community appearance was below average and it was ranked fourth in order of importance out of all community issues.

We are excited to say we are working as a community to create a better place. Here are a few programs to highlight. Please help spread the word. We can only create a better place if we all work together.

1. **Urban Homesteading for Homeowners** (Local ARPA funds- City)
Property owners may apply for up to \$25,000 to assist in minor repairs to their occupied residential structures.
2. **Urban Homesteading for Developers** (Local ARPA funds- City)
This is a one-to-one match grant of up to \$50,000 to assist residents in acquiring and improving the exterior of buildings in historic and older residential neighborhoods.
3. **River Bluff Gateway Grant** (State ARPA funds)
This is a \$2.5 million grant to initiate a targeted, strategic community revitalization project focusing on four areas from the South Side to the River Bluff Bike Trails. The proposal can include anything from structural rehabilitation to green and open space improvements.
4. **Adopt a Block** (Schmidt Foundation Grant and St. Chamber of Commerce)
This volunteer program utilizes businesses and community groups to revitalize a neighborhood. The goal is to remove debris and blight and energize the neighborhood to become active and vibrant.

For more information on the first three items, call Kim Schutte at (816) 271-5349. For Adopt a Block info, go to imaginestjoseph2040.com

NEW MEMBERS

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

Kapp Cattle and Grain
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Agribusiness

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Agribusiness

Downtown Frames
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Frames

Ian Hessemyer Agency LLC
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Insurance (Associate)

ST. JOSEPH
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WE APPRECIATE YOU!

You are Invited to

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAYS

AT THE ST. JOSEPH
CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

June 6-9

We want to say thank you to our members. Each day enjoy a different event as our way of saying we appreciate you. Each at no cost to our members.

Mark your calendars and look for more details to follow in the coming weeks.

**DRIVE THRU
DONUT & COFFEE**
Tuesday, June 6
7am - 8:30am
Chamber Parking Lot

HAPPY HOUR
Wednesday, June 7
4pm - 5pm
Chamber Boardroom

**LUNCH WITH CHAMBER
BOARD CHAIR, DON TOLLY**
Thursday, June 8
11:30am - 1pm
Chamber Boardroom
RSVP s REQUIRED for this event

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY
Friday, June 9
11:30am - 1pm
Chamber Parking Lot



For more information, please contact Deanna Greiner :
816.676.8122 or visit the Chamber website at saintjoseph.com

June 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.

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Women's Leadership Group

Presented by Human Resource Management Association of Northwest Missouri

Women's Leadership Group is co-hosted by the Chamber and the Missouri Small Business Development Center. This month the group is having a social at lunch. Cost of lunch is on your own. Come for friendly conversation and good food!

Tuesday, June 6

Noon, Free

Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
2818 Frederick Ave.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:

816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

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8, 22

Circle of Influence

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.

June 7 & 21 and June 8 & 22

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Guests Free

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DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast

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

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, June 8

7:15 a.m., \$10

Breakfast provided

Mosaic Life Care
5325 Faraon St.

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or www.saintjoseph.com

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Parties on the Parkway

Presented by Nodaway Valley Bank

It's the first Parties on the Parkway of the year! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and spread out along the Parkway while listening to some great local music. The band will be Yachtly Groove, a yacht rock group. Food, treats and drink vendors available, no coolers allowed. A free balloon artist is available for the kids! Bring friends, family and pets and enjoy the beautiful parkway. Rain date: June 15.

Thursday, June 8

5 to 8 p.m., Free

SW Parkway and 28th Street

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Lunch & Learn Seminar

Presented by Jeremy Eaton Yoga
"Juneteenth"

LaTonya Williams, Gary Wilkinson, Sara Wilson and Kami Jones, who are representatives of either the Bartlett Center or the Black Archives at the St. Joseph Museum, will be on hand to discuss the significance of Juneteenth, how celebrating the holiday could further your company's overall diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) efforts and discuss initiatives and programs in the St. Joseph area to honor Juneteenth, with recommendations for how to get involved.

*Lunch by
Pizza Ranch*

Tuesday, June 13

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$10

St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.

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or www.saintjoseph.com

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UNCOMMON LIFE LEADERSHIP EVENT

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Join us for a morning of leadership development with keynote speaker Matt Griswold, of People Centric Consulting. He will present on two topics: Heros and Villans - the stories we tell ourselves and Humble Leadership -- how humility at work works. This is hosted by Sealed Air Corp.

Tuesday, June 20

8 to 10 a.m., Free

St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.

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BUSINESS after HOURS

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Business After Hours is your monthly chance to make some new connections! Cash bar, refreshments offered. Bring your business cards.

Thursday, June 22

5 to 7 p.m., Free

Copper Hill Golf Club
6480 S.E. 169 Hwy

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

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Metal Fabricators

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Private Clubs

Rachel Beck LLC
Marketing

IBEW Local Union 545
Danny Robinson
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Insurance

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Olin Cox
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Restaurants