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ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce

Connections

The President's Perspective

The City Council invited me to come speak at its last STEP meeting to chat about economic development with local residents. I wanted to share some of that information with our Chamber members. The Chamber has a contract with the City and County for economic development. We also have private investors as part of the Partnership for Success Program. Together we have a public/private partnership that we call the St. Joseph Economic Development Partnership. It truly is a partnership!

While we work in the very competitive arena to attract new industry to St Joseph, we also work on keeping existing industry here. A big part of what we do is working with local employers to ensure they are growing, expanding and happy in our community. This means we continue to have good jobs in St Joseph. We help with expansion projects, but also help with needs like talent recruitment, housing, infrastructure, training, etc. Here are some of the highlights of the last five years...

5 – Year Total:

- Total New Jobs Projected 666
- Total Estimated Average Wage of the Projects \$49.962
- Total Estimated Capital Investment - \$568 million (over half a billion)

A few highlights over the last five years....

Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health invested more than \$31 million in new equipment upgrades in 2020. The company is expanding with another investment of more than \$20 million for more enhancements to provide state-of-the-art research and development and manufacturing processes. This puts the total of

both projects at more than \$51 million. BI employs about 900 in St Joseph.

Schuetz Container Systems Inc., located in St. Joseph in 2014 and expanded in 2018 on its nearly 60-acre campus in Eastowne Business Park. In 2022 it began the final incentive process for the second expansion. This is \$15 million and 44 new jobs.

Clarios, LLC approved a \$25 million industrial development project to purchase new machinery and equipment. This should create 114 new jobs with an average salary of just over \$69,000. The total investment including real property improvements is \$48 million.

CII Missouri is the most recent new company to locate in St. Joseph. From Leavenworth, KS, St. Joseph competed against a number of metros in the Kansas City area and Springfield, MO, for its newest facility. The company began production in a new 80,000-square-foot facility in Eastowne Business Park in late 2022 and will make a \$24 million capital investment in St. Joseph and create 48 new jobs over a three-year period. CII adds to St. Joseph's food-related cluster in St. Joseph. The company provides flavoring based ingredients primarily for the cereal and bread industries.

To check out our economic development website visit www.choosetstjoseph.com



Natalie Hawn
President & CEO

NEW MEMBERS

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

The Accel Group
Jonathan Patterson
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The Interior Shoppe LLC
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Interior Design

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Fitness

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Real Estate (Associate)

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Health Services

HOTWORX
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Fitness

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Restaurants

Office Depot
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Office Equipment & Supplies

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Restaurants

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Real Estate

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Signs/Banners

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Landscaping & Lawn Maintenance

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Tax Return Preparers

December Calendar

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

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Chairman's Breakfast

Presented by John Joe Insurance

Join Chairman of the Board Don Tolly as Tim Cowden, President & CEO of the Kansas City Area Development Council, gives his Kansas City Region Development Update, including highlights on the World Cup and the recent Tech Hub designation. Triumph Foods is the Speaker Sponsor.

Tuesday, Dec. 5
7:30 a.m., \$30
St. Joseph Country Club
50 Ridgeland Road
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461
or www.saintjoseph.com

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BUSINESS after HOURS **HOLIDAY PARTY**

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

It's the biggest Business After Hours of the year! Come to the annual Chamber member Holiday Party and as a thank you for being a member, enjoy food and drink samples from our Chamber Tastes caterers and providers. Come see old friends and meet some new ones!

Tuesday, Dec. 5
5 to 7 p.m., Free
Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center
1201 N. Woodbine Road

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Elected Officials Social

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., Deluxe Truck Stop L.L.C., Tim Lager Insurance Agency & News-Press NOW

Don't miss your chance to meet our elected officials from the St. Joseph School District, City of St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri House of Representatives and Missouri Senate. Appetizers and drinks provided.

Wednesday, Dec. 6
5 to 7 p.m., Free
The Benton Club
402 N. Seventh St.

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Lunch & Learn Seminar

Presented by Jeremy Eaton Yoga

Topic: Living & Dealing with Stress & Anxiety During the Holidays

What does stress typically look like? And how can you tell when your employees are being affected by it? Anxiety is a growing diagnosis in the U.S. One in three people have been diagnosed with anxiety since COVID and that's a foundational underlayer of mental health problems we're facing in the country. The holidays can be a particularly stressful time. Come learn from Drew Fisher of Fisher Counseling Services on how to best handle anxiety and stress during the holiday season.

*Lunch by
Hawaiian Bros Island Grill*

Tuesday, Dec. 12
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

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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, Dec. 14
7:15 a.m., \$10
Breakfast provided
The Ruby Theatre
615 S. 10th St.

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Shop St. Joseph

Presented by First Option Bank

This popular program encourages residents to shop locally during the holidays. Shoppers collect tickets through Dec. 18 and a \$10,000 grand prize winning ticket number is released on Dec. 20. This year a small business prize and lots of fabulous second chance prizes are available as well. See our website for more information.

Nov. 15 to Dec. 20
go to www.saintjoseph.com
for more information

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BUSINESS after HOURS

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Don't miss the last Business After Hours of the year! Get happy at the Angry Swede. It's your last chance to make those new business connections before the new year. Free to attend. Bring your business cards.

Thursday, Dec. 21
5 to 7 p.m., Free
The Angry Swede Brewing Co.
513 Francis St.

Know a business that should be a Chamber member?

Ask them to join today!

Contact luke@saintjoseph.com
or send them to our website:
saintjoseph.com

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