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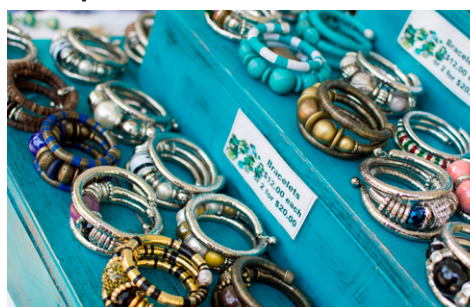


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## 2023 St. Joe Today Events

- May-October.....**Antiques on the Bluff:** 10:00am-5:00pm, the first Sunday of each month May through October in Lake Bluff Park – Dates: May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1
- May 26.....**Memorial Day Parade:** 12:00pm, Lake Boulevard, followed by a ceremony at the John E.N. Howard Bandshell
- May 27-October 14.....**St. Joe Farmers Market:** 9:00am-2:00pm, Saturdays in Lake Bluff Park
- May 31-August 30.....**Wednesday Night Market:** 4:00pm-8:00pm, Court Place Plaza (kiddie corner from Silver Harbor Brewing)
- June 3.....**Lake Bluff Artisan Fair:** 10:00am-5:00pm, in Lake Bluff Park
- June 10.....**Makers Trail Festival:** 1:00pm-7:00pm, Weko Beach—Bridgman, MI
- June 16-18.....**Love Local Weekend:** All Weekend, throughout Southwest Michigan
- July 3.....**Fourth of July Fireworks:** Dusk, presented by the **City of St. Joseph.**
- July 8-September 2.....**Movies in the Park:** 7:30pm, Saturdays in various city parks (no movie on July 22). Presented by the **City of St. Joseph.**
- July 8-9.....**Krasl Art Fair:** Lake Boulevard in downtown St. Joseph.
- June 25-September 4.....**St. Joseph Municipal Band Concerts:** 7:00pm, Sundays, as well as July 4 and Labor Day, at the John E.N. Howard Bandshell
- July 12-August 30.....**Wednesday Brown Bag Concert Series:** 12:00pm-1:00pm, at the John E.N. Howard Bandshell
- July 14-September 1.....**Friday Night Concert Series:** 7:00pm-8:00pm, at the John E.N. Howard Bandshell
- July 14-16.....**Love Local Weekend:** All Weekend, throughout Southwest Michigan
- July 14.....**Mike Yore Memorial Car Show:** 4:00pm-8:00pm, Lake Boulevard
- July 15.....**Lake Bluff Artisan Fair:** 10:00am-5:00pm, in Lake Bluff Park
- August 4-6.....**Chalk the Block:** Artists can begin working on their creations Friday evening. Block/Artist viewing will be available all day on Saturday and Sunday.
- August 14-19.....**Berrien County Youth Fair:** Berrien Springs, MI
- August 18-20.....**Love Local Weekend:** All Weekend, throughout Southwest Michigan
- August 19.....**Lake Bluff Artisan Fair:** 10:00am-5:00pm, in Lake Bluff Park
- September 2.....**Lake Bluff Artisan Fair:** 10:00am-5:00pm, in Lake Bluff Park
- September 16-18.....**Love Local Weekend:** All Weekend, throughout Southwest Michigan
- September 16.....**Fall Fest:** 9:00am-2:00pm, in Lake Bluff Park
- October 20-31.....**Pumpkins on Parade:** Businesses throughout Southwest Michigan decorate pumpkins, vote for your favorite at [stjoetoday.com/vote](http://stjoetoday.com/vote)
- October 31.....**BH Arts District & Downtown SJ Halloween Trick-or-Treat:** 4:30pm-6:00pm, Downtown St. Joseph and the Benton Harbor Arts District
- November 17.....**Luminary:** 5:00pm-8:00pm, Downtown St. Joseph
- November 25.....**Small Business Saturday:** Support local businesses & shop local!
- December 1.....**Window Wonderland:** 7:00-8:30pm, Downtown St. Joseph
- December 1.....**Community Tree Lighting & Light Up the Bluff:** 6:30pm Lake Bluff Park, Lights will remain on through February 15. Presented by the **City of St. Joseph.**
- December 2.....**Fanny Mae Memorial Reindog Parade:** 3:00pm, State Street in Downtown St. Joseph
- December 2-23.....**Santa Series:** Santa’s House, Letters to Santa, Storytime with Mrs. Claus
- December 3.....**Holiday Artisan Fair:** 11:00am-4:00pm, Union + Social Event Venue.



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## Two Beaches, a Carousel and Michigan's Largest Splash Pad - Lots of fun below the bluff!

In addition to the action downtown, extra fun awaits you just below the bluff! Start out at the Silver Beach Center which houses the Curious Kids' Discovery Zone ([curiouskidsmuseum.org](http://curiouskidsmuseum.org)) and the Silver Beach Carousel. Enjoy hands-on exhibits, Carousel rides, local history exhibits and more. The Shadowland Ballroom is also located here, offering a perfect venue for weddings and other events. Silver Beach Carousel will be open varying days and hours this summer. Be sure to check out [silverbeachcarousel.com](http://silverbeachcarousel.com) for updated information and birthday party options.

Just across the street is the Whirlpool Compass Fountain boasting Michigan's largest splash pad. Guests of all ages can enjoy splashing through the fountain, and be in awe of the cannons that shoot water 35 feet into the air. Next to the fountain, grab a bite to eat or a schooner at local favorite - Silver Beach Pizza. The Amtrak station is located here as well for a convenient pick-up/drop-off location for travelers.

Silver Beach was named the "Sweetest Sand" by Timeout Chicago.com and "Best Family Beaches" by Parenting Magazine. This is a great place to spend the

day in the sun, enjoy walking the shore, and relaxing. Looking for a great place to gather with friends on the lake?

Other area beaches include, Lions Park Beach, Tiscornia Park, and Jean Klock Park. All of these locations offer restrooms and changing facilities as well as paid parking.

In addition to the sandy fun on the beaches, be sure to grab a lawn seat at the nearby Shadowland Pavilion. This space is the perfect venue for musical events and can be reserved for weddings, family reunions, and other special events. Stunning views of the

sunset, lighthouse and passing boats make this a great place for hosting events.

Parking is available at the Silver Beach Center (limited), Silver Beach County Park and a neighboring lot across from Silver Beach. All of the attractions and beaches are a short walking distance from downtown.



# Discover the City of St. Joseph

- Charming small town
- Shopping and dining
- Century-old lighthouses
- Lovely beaches
- Lake Michigan sunsets
- Community family events



[www.sjcity.com](http://www.sjcity.com)



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**Fountain Facts:**

- The concrete inner splash pad is 150 feet in diameter
- The outer ring of the splash pad is 200 feet in diameter
- The fountain offers 28 varying water jet heights
- The water jets supply 785 gallons of water per minute
- Spray from the cannons shoots 35-ft up in the air
- The cannons supply 2,560 gallons of water per minute
- The water reservoir holds 10,860 gallons of recycled water

# Enjoy Michigan's Largest Splash Pad!

*Whirlpool Compass Fountain is found just below the bluff and steps from downtown St. Joseph*

- Monday, May 1 - Friday, May 26: 12:00p-8:00p
- Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day: 10:00a-9:00p
- Tuesday, September 5 - Friday, September 29: 12:00p-8:00p

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Start at the Krasl Art Center where you can browse the wonderful sculpture collection, special exhibits and shop in their gift shop. A great weekend for art is July 8-9 during the Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff. The Krasl Art Fair has been rated among the top art fairs in the country; ranked #10 in the nation by Sunshine Artist Magazine, #32 by the Art Fair Sourcebook and #6 by the Art Fair Calendar. There will be a variety of artists featuring a mix of fine art and fine crafts.

As you stroll through downtown St. Joseph, MI be sure to keep an eye out for gorgeous murals.

Currently the town boasts 3 mu-

ral, plus one in the Benton Harbor Arts District, and is excited to bring a temporary mural to the Lake Bluff stairs this year starting in early summer.

On Main Street, the Priscilla U. Byrns Center serves as home to the Heritage Museum and Cultural Center and offers a state-of-the-art setting for your trip to the past. The center houses exhibit halls, artifact and archival collections, a research library, and elegant banquet facilities.

Visit the galleries and artist studios housed at The Box Factory for the Arts. Every year they host the Michiana Annual Art Competition Exhibit, catch this year's event May 19-July 9.

The summer brings back two free weekly concert series, the Wednesday Brown Bag Concerts

(July 12-August 30) from 12:00pm-1:00pm and the Friday Night Concerts (July 14-September 1) from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Both series are held at the John E.N. Howard Bandshell, overlooking the charming St. Joseph River. For more details visit [stjoetoday.com/brownbagconcerts](http://stjoetoday.com/brownbagconcerts) and [stjoetoday.com/fridaynightconcerts](http://stjoetoday.com/fridaynightconcerts).

Enjoy the Summer Concert Series performed by the South-west Michigan Symphony Orchestra (SMSO). The orchestra beach concerts take place at the Shadowland Pavilion where you can reserve a seat or bring your own chair or blanket to enjoy the concert. 2023 concert dates: July 3, 15, 28, 29 and August 12. Check out [smso.org](http://smso.org) for more details and a complete summer schedule.

Sundays, as well as July 4 and Labor Day, are filled with music provided by the St. Joseph Municipal Band. Concerts take place at the John E.N. Howard Bandshell located on Port Street. The one-hour long concerts are performed at 7:00pm June 25 through September 4. Visit [sjcity.com](http://sjcity.com) for more information.



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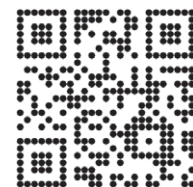
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Take one of several wine and beer tasting excursions to enjoy and discover new favorite beverages. Area wineries and breweries host many events

throughout the season including cooking classes, festivals and concerts. Additionally some of the locales offer a food menu while others let you bring your own food. Even more, you will be able to treat yourself to some delicious eats off a food truck that may be parked at one of these establishments.

## Don't miss the Makers Trail Festival on June 10 from 1:00pm-7:00pm at Weko Beach!

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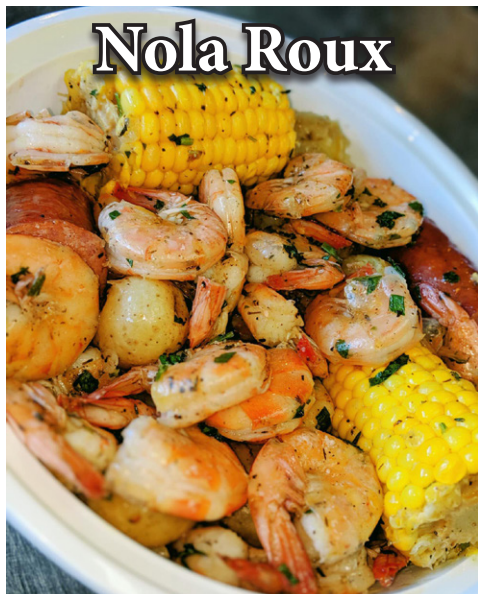
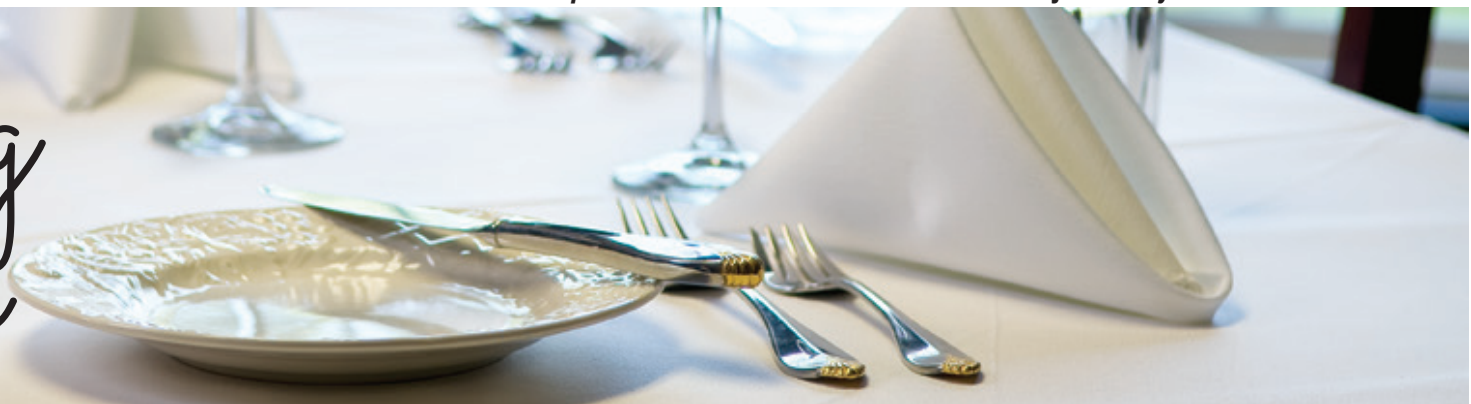
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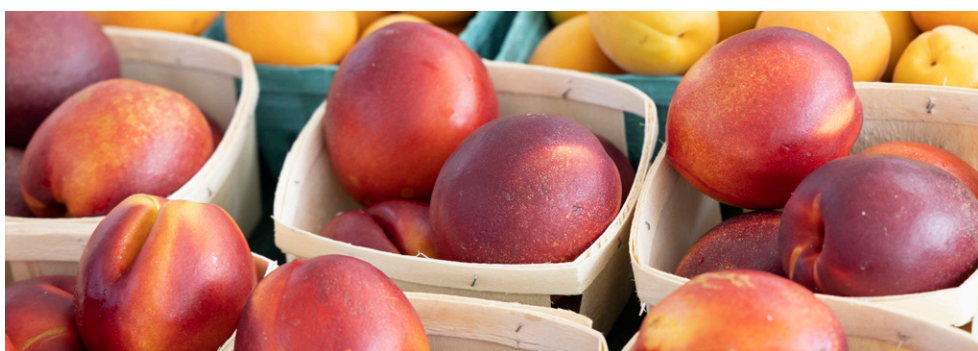
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# Benton Harbor Arts District

## Can't Miss Events in the Arts District

Just minutes from downtown St. Joseph, you will find the Benton Harbor Arts District. Nestled along Water Street, there are plenty of unique places to explore. Browse different art galleries that feature local artists.

Local restaurants offer tasty menu options paired with charming atmospheres. Throughout the year in the Arts District, guests and residents will enjoy Art Hop, glass blowing demonstrations, live music, beer pairing dinners and much more!

### BHAA Arts in the Park

May 26

June 30

July 28

August 25

*Arts in the Park is held in the heart of the Arts District, right behind The Livery. All events feature local artist's booths, food trucks, and live music.*

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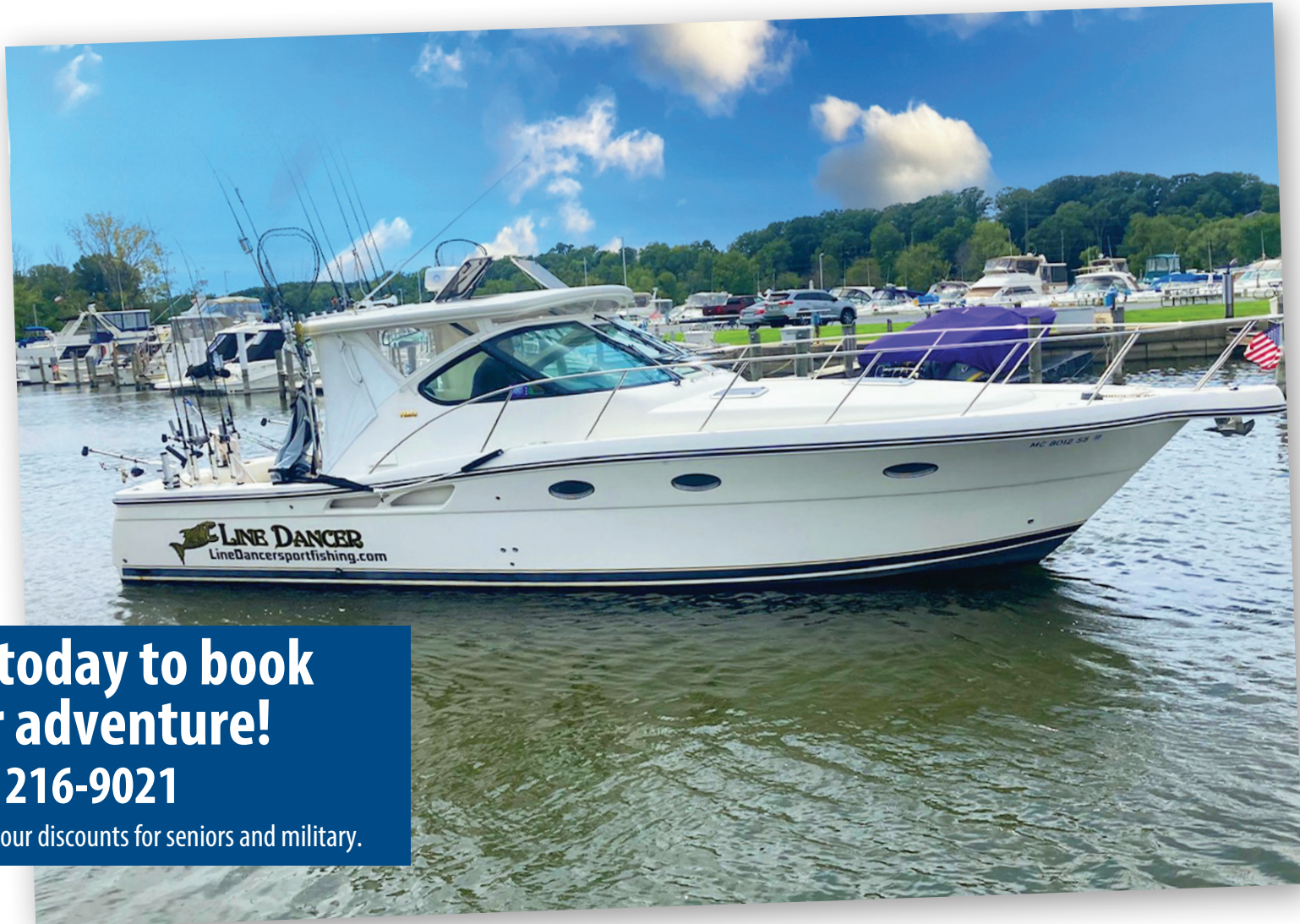
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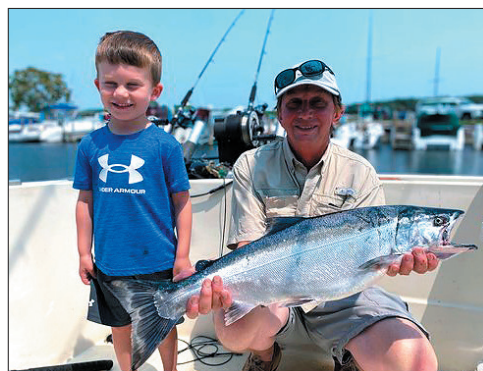
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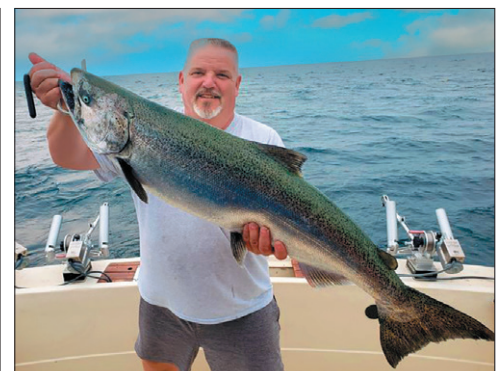
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# Chalk the Block

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Summer is in full swing as artists take over downtown St. Joe during Chalk the Block! Attendees can watch as both amateur and professional artists prepare their squares on Friday evening, work all day Saturday and enjoy the completed chalk masterpieces on Sunday. This family-friendly festival showcases regional, national and international artists, using the quaint lakeside town as

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