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Downtown Dollars Promotion a Huge HIT!

The St. Johns Downtown Management Board Downtown Dollars promotion continues to be a big success, with more than 500 entries received during the month of April! This month's drawing winner was Ms. Diane Carlson of St. Johns. Here she is accepting her Downtown Dollars gift certificate book as presented by Downtown Management Board member Mrs. Jan Havlik. Diane's winning entry form was obtained at Antiques and Friends in downtown St. Johns, and store owner Jan Seperic was also on hand to congratulate Diane as our monthly drawing winner.

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The Downtown Dollars promotion drawings will be held each month from April through December 2010 to award a total of \$2,500 in Downtown Dollars, which spend just like cash for a variety of goods and services in Downtown St. Johns. Entry forms are available to shoppers at businesses located in Downtown St. Johns, and completed forms can be mailed to the St. Johns Downtown Management Board offices or completed on line at our website www.DowntownStJohns.org. Drawings for each month's winner take place at the Downtown Management Board meeting on the first Tuesday of every month to award the Downtown Dollars gift certificate book which can then be used to pay for merchandise, food, beverages and services at any participating business located in the Downtown area only.

Downtown Dollars are a great way to support the 125 businesses in the Downtown St. Johns community. Look for the "Participating Member" signage in windows of the Downtown business district, and enter NOW to Win BIG!



SUMMERFEST CELEBRATION

The St. Johns Downtown Management Board will be hosting “**SUMMERFEST**”, the **first barbecue of summer** on Friday, June 25th and Saturday, June 26th on the St. Johns Railroad Depot lawn at 107 E. Railroad Street in historic downtown St. Johns. Great tasting barbecue will be available, served family style on picnic benches on the depot lawn. Various children’s activities will be available at the Clinton Northern Railway Museum located inside the Depot building, along with marvelous model train exhibits, authentic railroad artifacts and historically preserved train cars on the rails outside.

Adults can enjoy barbecue in our **Downtown on Tap** beverage tent, and listen to the always popular musical stylings of the Mike Shafley Band. Radio personalities will also be on hand both nights to conduct live on air feeds.

While enjoying the live entertainment after dinner, adults can partake in Vegas style gaming in our **CASINO** tent until 12 midnight. So come enjoy great barbecue, hot music, cold drinks and casino gaming in Downtown St. Johns at our **Summerfest** celebration!

For additional information about “**St. Johns Summerfest**” telephone the St. Johns Downtown Management Board at (989) 227-1717 or visit our website at www.DowntownStJohns.org. We are also looking for

volunteers to help deal cards in the gaming tent. No experience is necessary; we will teach you how to be a wheeler dealer! So please give us a call at 989-227-1717 for more information, and come join the fun in Downtown St. Johns!



Downtown Farmers Market

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY

JUNE 19 - OCTOBER 30 from 8:00 a.m. until Noon

The St. Johns Farmers Market will once again be offering fresh produce from local gardens and farms every Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. until noon beginning June 19, 2010. The St. Johns Farmers Market was created over 50 years ago to promote the sale of fresh local farm products, and to give growers of Michigan agricultural commodities and other farm-related products the opportunity to share directly with consumers.

The public is invited to attend the Downtown St. Johns Farmers Market each Saturday to purchase home-grown and home-made goods from local gardens, farms and vendors.

The Farmers Market will be open every Saturday, from June 19 through October 30, from 8:00 a.m. until noon (or until sold out), on Maple Street west of the Courthouse in Downtown St. Johns. The Farmer's Market will offer farm-fresh produce and baked goods, landscaping plants and flowers, arts and crafts, jams, jellies, and honey through the end of the harvest in October.

Shirley Davis, manager of the Market, welcomes all vendors of home-grown vegetables, fruit, flowers and home-made products such as arts, crafts and clothing to the Downtown St. Johns Farmers Market. Churches and non-profits are welcome to participate as vendors. Customers of the Farmer's Market appreciate the open-air environment and the friendliness of the local growers, artisans, and community organizations.

The Farmers Market is open to vendors of home-grown, home-made items including: fruits, vegetables, eggs, dried or fresh-cut flowers, landscaping plants and supplies, baked goods, honey, jams and jellies, makers of home-made arts and crafts, birdhouse & feeders, jewelry and clothing. There is a daily fee of \$5.00 to participate, and spaces are appointed on a "first-come, first-served" basis. To participate vendors do not have to attend every Saturday, and payment is due each Saturday of participation. Vendors must provide their own tables and canopies if needed. Vendors do not have to pre-register to participate. If you are a farmer or vendor interested in celebrating quality, locally grown or prepared food products with the Downtown St. Johns Farmers Market, we would love to talk to you about how you can get involved! Contact our Farmers Market Manager Shirley Davis by calling (989) 224-7863 or the St. Johns Downtown Management Board at (989) 227-1717. Additional information can also be obtained at www.DowntownStJohns.org.

Downtown St. Johns Streetscape Maintenance

Streetscape Maintenance has been ongoing in Downtown St. Johns during the months of April and May, and is now complete. Repair of streetscape bricks and grinding of cement on sidewalks was performed to eliminate any raised edges or rough angles that might make walking difficult for patrons of the downtown shopping areas on Clinton Avenue from State Street (M21) to Railroad Street. The Downtown streetscape

repair was impeccably timed, as the Michigan Supreme Court ruled on April 8, 2010 that the “2 inch rule” was no longer valid. Under the former “2 inch rule”, municipalities typically were not liable for slip and fall injuries if caused by a defective sidewalk with a sharp elevation of less than 2 inches. Cities and villages will now be held to a stricter responsibility to safeguard residents and patrons utilizing their sidewalks. The St. Johns Downtown Management Board allocated over \$5,000 towards the resurfacing of bricks and grinding of cement to remove uneven areas in the sidewalks Downtown.



Volunteers Needed for Downtown Events

Do you like to play cards? Do you enjoy laughing with friends? The St. Johns Downtown Management Board is looking for volunteers to deal cards at our upcoming casino gaming events in June and August this year. No experience is necessary; we will offer complete training. If you want to join the fun of Vegas style casino gaming and wish to deal blackjack, please contact the DMB offices at 989-227-1717 or email DMB@DowntownStJohns.org for more information. We need dealers for both our 2010 events: **Summerfest** on June 25th and 26th, 2010 and **Mint Festival Down at the Depot** on August 13th and 14th, 2010. Come join us and have a great time!



2010 Schedule of Events

St. Johns Farmer's Market



Every Saturday, June 19 - Oct 30
from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon
West of Courthouse on Maple
Features array of sustainably
grown produce, honey, jams,
crafts, plants and flowers from local vendors.



SUMMERFEST

Friday June 25th and
Saturday June 26th, 2010
from 6:00 p.m. to 12 Midnight
Join us for the first Barbecue of
Summer in Downtown St. Johns!
Live Music, Food & Gaming in our Downtown
on Tap Beverage Tent. Downtown on Depot Lawn

Mint Festival Down at the Depot



Friday August 13th and
Saturday August 14th, 2010
from 6:00 p.m. to 12 Midnight
Mint City Car Show on Friday
with \$100 Cash Prize to Winner!
Live Music, Food & Casino Style
Gaming in our Downtown on
Tap Beverage Tent. Downtown on Depot Lawn

Historic US 27 Motor Tour



Thursday August 26th
from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Classic Cars, Music & Vendors
Restaurant Breakfast Specials
Downtown on Clinton Avenue
from State Street to Railroad Street



SANTA PARADE OF LIGHTS

Friday December 3rd
Beginning at 5:45 pm
Beautiful entries decorated
with Colorful Holiday lights
Tree Lighting Ceremony. Downtown on Clinton
Avenue from State to Railroad & Depot Lawn

Event, Times & Dates subject to Change without Notice. For Vendor or Car show information, call (989) 227-1717
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