



# Downtown St. Johns, Michigan Mint City USA

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## Gotta Grill?

Join us in Downtown St. Johns for our community barbecue "**SUMMERFEST - The FIRST Barbecue of Summer**" on Saturday, June 25, 2011. Bring your own grill from home, your choice of meat and your own secret recipe for your friends and family to enjoy! Grilling begins at 6:00 p.m. Do you have serious "grill skills"? Avid barbecue grilling enthusiasts can also participate in our **SUMMERFEST** BBQ Grilling Contest. This BBQ competition is open to **anyone** interested in showcasing their personal barbecue skills. The food prepared by the contestants will be tasted and judged by an independent Summerfest BBQ Grilling Contest judging panel, and awards will be given for best placements based on flavor, creativity and presentation. (BBQ contest rules and entry form available at [www.DowntownStJohns.org](http://www.DowntownStJohns.org).)

Great tasting barbecue will also be available for sale, offered by the Clinton Northern Railway Museum as a fundraiser benefiting the historic rail car restoration at the Train Depot. 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 tours of the historic train cars on the rails outside.

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Adults can enjoy barbecue in our **Downtown on Tap** beverage tent while listening to live music from the St. Johns Community Band, and later from the "Smooth Daddy" band. Radio personalities will also be on hand to conduct live on air feeds on Z92.5-The Castle radio station.

While enjoying the live entertainment after dinner, adults can partake in Vegas style CASINO gaming until 12 midnight. So come enjoy great barbecue, hot music, cold drinks and casino gaming in Downtown St. Johns on Saturday, June 25 from 6:00 p.m. until 12 midnight.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the St. Johns Principal Shopping District, a non-profit business organization promoting Downtown St. Johns, Michigan. So bring your family, friends and neighbors to celebrate the FIRST Barbecue of Summer at **SUMMERFEST** in Downtown St. Johns!

**SUMMERFEST**  
**THE FIRST BARBECUE OF SUMMER**  
Saturday, June 25, 2011 from 6 p.m. to 12 Midnight  
Rotary Park Pavilion at Downtown St. Johns Train Depot  
Bring your grill from home, your choice of meat and your own secret recipe for friends and family to enjoy!

**BEER TENT**   **CASINO GAMING**   **SMOOTH DADDY BAND**   **THE ST. JOHNS COMMUNITY BAND**

**BBQ CONTEST**  
Open to anyone interested in showcasing their personal barbecue skills. Rules and entry form available on [www.DowntownStJohns.org](http://www.DowntownStJohns.org).

**RAILWAY EXHIBITS, MODEL TRAINS PLUS FAMILY FUN & GAMES AT THE CLINTON NORTHERN RAILWAY MUSEUM**  
Don't feel like grilling? BBQ dinners for sale from Clinton Northern Railway Museum benefiting rail car restoration.

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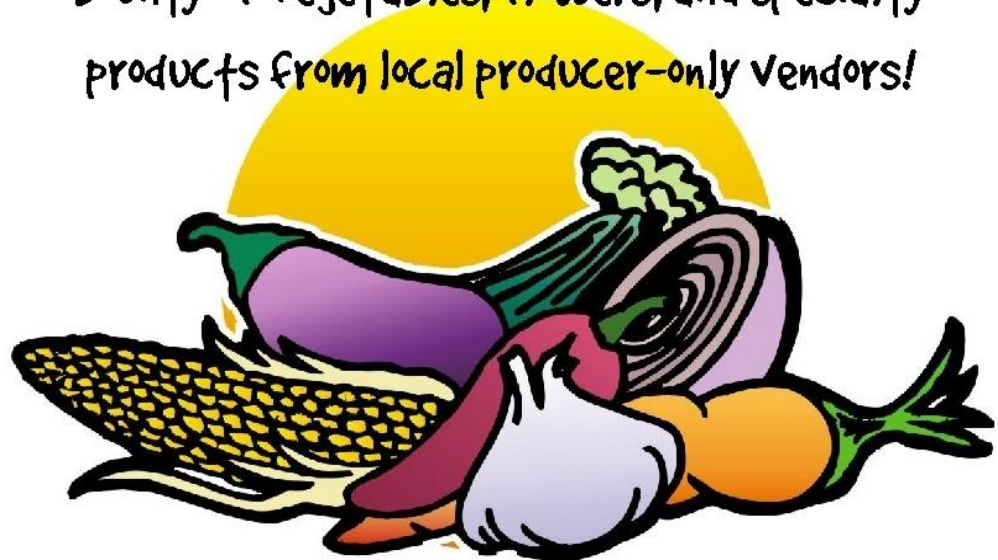
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Another time honored favorite in Downtown St. Johns begins in the month of June -  
The Downtown Farmers Market!

# Downtown St. Johns Farmer's Market

open every Saturday June 18 thru October 29  
from 8:00 a.m. until Noon on Maple Street, West  
Side of Courthouse. Come find the season's best  
bounty of vegetables, flowers, and specialty  
products from local producer-only vendors!



## Downtown Farmers Market

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY

JUNE 18 - OCTOBER 29 from 8:00 a.m. until Noon

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 each Saturday to purchase home-grown, home-baked and

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home-made goods from local gardens, farms, home kitchens and vendors. The Market is open every Saturday, from June 18 through October 29, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. until noon on Maple Street west of the Courthouse in Downtown St. Johns.

Bring your own bag to stock up on the farm-fresh produce (fruits, vegetables, herbs, mushrooms, nuts, dried fruits, honey, flowers, meats, poultry, eggs and dairy products) along with home prepared foods and baked goods (pies, cakes, cupcakes, cookies, bread, confections, granola, jerky, jam, jelly marmalade, maple syrup). The Farmers Market also offers a wide variety of goods from artisans, crafters and growers. These include landscaping plants and potted flowers, cutting boards, small wooden furniture, stained glass, aprons and tote bags, hooked rugs, dyed wool, crochet dish cloths and throws, woodcut paintings and lawn ornaments, hand poured candles, beaded earrings, necklaces, bracelets, pendants, pins and other jewelry, wooden toys, birdhouses, etc.

If you are a farmer or vendor interested in providing locally grown produce, prepared foods or quality products at 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 Principal Shopping District office at (989) 227-1717 or email [Info@DowntownStJohns.org](mailto:Info@DowntownStJohns.org).

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Mark your calendars for these other fun events scheduled in the coming months, and truly **DISCOVER DOWNTOWN!**

**Mint Festival Down at the Depot:** St. Johns, Michigan is celebrating the growing of the green – mint green that is – during the 27th annual Mint Festival. The celebration of more than 100 years of Mint Farming continues after hours in Downtown St. Johns at the Rotary Park Pavilion at the St. Johns Train Depot. The “**Mint Festival Down at the Depot**” takes place on Friday and Saturday, August 12 and August 13, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 Midnight.

The event kicks off with our annual [Mint City USA Car Show](#) at 7:00 p.m. on Friday night, August 12th, with cars lining the “main drag” along Clinton Avenue. The entry fee for car show exhibitors is \$10, and trophies will be awarded along with a \$100 Cash Prize to the first place winner! While viewing those COOL cars, you can listen to

HOT live music from [The Mike Shafley Band](#) and enjoy a COLD beer or Mint Mojito in our **Downtown on Tap** beverage tent ... all until 12:00 a.m.

The festivities resume again on Saturday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m. Some call this night the biggest home-town reunion of the year, and various vendors will be on hand serving great food, along with radio personalities conducting live radio feeds. Live music from [The Squids](#) will be rocking in our **Downtown on Tap** Beverage Tent, and you can mix and mingle, dance or try your luck at our Vegas style Casino Gaming tables until 12:00 midnight.

For additional information about "**Mint Festival Down at the Depot**", telephone the St. Johns Principal Shopping District office at (989) 227-1717 or email [Info@DowntownStJohns.org](mailto:Info@DowntownStJohns.org).

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[Vietnam Legacy Ride](#): St. Johns is hosting the landing of the **Vietnam Legacy Ride** on Saturday, August 6, 2011. This motorcycle ride celebrating Vietnam Veterans departs Lansing in the morning and travels north through many communities before arriving in St. Johns around noon. An Honor Guard Tribute will take place at the Veterans Memorial in Downtown St. Johns, with luncheon served immediately afterward by the "Military Moms" organization in the Rotary Park Pavilion at the Train Depot. Come have lunch with our Veterans and enjoy music and fellowship until 3:00 pm.

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[Historic U.S. 27 Motor Tour](#): Downtown St. Johns will take a step back in time on Thursday, August 25th at 8:30 a.m. as the **Historic U.S. 27 Motor Tour** stops in St. Johns. Hundreds of classic cars are expected to participate in the six day, eleven city motor tour along historic old U.S. 27. The tour meets for breakfast in St. Johns on Thursday, August 25th and those classic cars will be on exhibit until 11:00 a.m.

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[Santa Parade of Lights](#): Downtown St. Johns hosts this annual celebration on Friday, December 2nd to ring in the holiday season. The parade entries are beautifully

decorated with colorful holiday lights, and also features marching bands, choirs, school groups, civic organizations, local businesses and of course, SANTA CLAUS! The Mayor will present the Key to the City to Santa Claus, who will then assist our own Little Miss Mint in the official lighting of the St. Johns Christmas Tree. The parade begins at the Clinton County Courthouse at 5:45 p.m. and travels down Clinton Avenue to Rotary Park at the Train Depot Complex.

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