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August is Awesome in Downtown St. Johns!

Downtown St. Johns is hosting several amazing events during the month of August! Mark your calendars now and plan to truly **DISCOVER DOWNTOWN!**

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Downtown St. Johns is hosting the landing of the **Vietnam Legacy Ride** on Saturday, August 6, 2011. This motorcycle ride honoring Vietnam Veterans departs Lansing in the morning and travels north through many communities before arriving in St. Johns around noon. This is the fifth anniversary of this commemorative ride, and averages around 500 motorcycles and riders each year during this celebration of the Veterans who served our country during the Vietnam conflict.

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. Dan Miller & His Country Legends Band will provide live entertainment in the Pavilion. Hundreds of motorcycles will be on display during the ride stopover, and the public is invited to come have lunch with our Veterans, view historic Vietnam era memorabilia, enjoy the live music and participate in fellowship with the riders until 3:00 pm.

A percentage of the proceeds of this event will go towards the **Andrew Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund**, celebrating the life and ultimate sacrifice of Army PFC. Andrew H. Nelson of St. Johns, Michigan who was killed in action on December 25, 2006 in Baghdad, Iraq. Two scholarships are awarded each year to both a male and female swimmer on the St. Johns High School swim team in memory of Andrew, as he was a four year varsity letterman on the Swim Team and was Team Captain during his senior year. Donation receptacles will also be on hand for the public to give to this worthy cause as well.

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Organizations involved in the coordination of this event in Downtown St. Johns includes the American Legion, the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, the Military Moms Organization, the St. Johns Honor Guard (comprised of members of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars), the American Legion Riders Patriot Guard, the St. Johns Principal Shopping District Board, the St. Johns Police Department, the St. Johns Fire Department, the City of St. Johns, volunteers from the St. Johns community and corporate sponsors from the Downtown St. Johns Business District (see complete listing to the left).

This is a family friendly event that gives the opportunity for the public to thank our veterans for their sacrifice and service to our country, plus view an amazing collection of motorcycles and flags lining Clinton Avenue from State (M21) to Railroad Street. Please come join us in Downtown St. Johns on August 6, 2011 at 12 noon for an event you and your children will long remember!



Mint Festival Down at the Depot

MINT CITY USA - 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.

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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 with 2 free tickets to the Beer Tent (\$10 value), 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! 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 a.m.

For additional information about "Mint Festival Down at the Depot" and other events taking place in Downtown St. Johns, visit our website at www.DowntownStJohns.org.



Historic US 27 Motor Tour

Downtown St. Johns will take a step back in time on Thursday, August 25, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. as the "Historic US 27 Motor Tour" stops in St. Johns. Hundreds of classic cars are expected to participate in this six day, eleven city motor tour along nostalgic old US 27. The cars will be on display while parked on Clinton Avenue from State Street (M21) to Railroad Street.

Participants of the US 27 Motor Tour begin in Indiana on August 22 and then travel through Michigan from Coldwater to Cheboygan over the next six days. The tour meets for breakfast in Downtown St. Johns on Thursday August 25th, and those classic cars will be on exhibit until 11:00 a.m. For additional information about the tour, visit www.Old27Tour.com.

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 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.



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