



Downtown St. Johns, Michigan

# Mint City USA

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## DISCOVER DOWNTOWN

As we transition from Michigan peaches, tomatoes and gourmet sweet corn to Honey Crisp apples and Cider, it makes me realize we are also transitioning from summer fun-filled events to the season of celebration. The fun we all had at Summerfest in Downtown St. Johns and the Mint Festival is a recent fond memory, but now we turn our attention to Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sure, we have the ever creative celebration of Halloween on the horizon, but the traditional gatherings giving thanks for all our blessings celebrated with good food and family are just around the corner. The thankfulness that fills our hearts for health, love and prosperity measured by those “lovely intangibles” will soon be upon us.

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## FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market continues to offer a plentiful bounty of farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, home baked goods, landscaping plants and flowers, jams, jellies, honey, home-made soaps, candles, arts and crafts, jewelry and clothing offered by our local producers, bakers and crafters. Stop by on Saturdays now through October 27 to enjoy Fall Harvest products. The market is open Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Maple Street west of the Courthouse in Downtown St. Johns.

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## AN EVENT SO GOOD IT'S SCARY

Downtown St. Johns will be inhabited by ghosts and goblins on Wednesday, October 31st as daytime trick-or-treating for youngsters is offered by local merchants and businesses from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce and is always a big hit with the costumed crowd!



### Santa Parade of Lights

Join us in Historic Downtown St. Johns on Friday December 7, 2012 to watch the Annual "**Santa Parade of Lights**". Each entry is beautifully decorated with colorful holiday lights and also features SANTA CLAUS! After the Parade, enjoy the official lighting of the annual St. Johns Christmas Tree and the presentation of the Key to the City

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to Santa Claus by St. Johns Mayor Dana Beaman. This magical key opens every door in St. Johns, and enables Santa Claus to visit every boy and girl on Christmas Eve!

Families, neighbors, co-workers, local school groups, marching bands, civic organizations, church groups, dance troupes, musical groups and businesses are all welcome to participate in the parade and add to the pageantry of the St. Johns Tree Lighting Ceremony. A total of **\$500 in cash prizes will be awarded this year for the best decorated entries**, so we anticipate our biggest crowd yet! This event helps to bring our community together to celebrate the holidays.

The parade begins at the Clinton County Courthouse on State Street and travels north down Clinton Avenue to the Train Depot Lawn at 107 E. Railroad Street. Parade goers will gather on the Depot Lawn as St. Johns City Major Dana Beaman officially welcomes Santa to the community and presents him with a Key to our Mint Festival City. Santa and the mayor will then assist our own "Little Miss Mint" as she lights the St. Johns community Christmas Tree on the Depot Lawn to open the holiday season. Come to Downtown St. Johns on Friday December 3rd for this lighted, magical event!

Organizations, businesses and individuals wishing to participate in the Santa Parade of Lights may download parade entry forms by following this [link to the Downtown St. Johns website](#) and clicking on the pdf document icon. For additional information, telephone the St. Johns

Principal Shopping District Board at 989-227-1717 or  
email [Info@DowntownStJohns.org](mailto:Info@DowntownStJohns.org).

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