

CITY OF ST. JOHNS/CITY MANAGER NEWSLETTER  
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**RAILS-TO-TRAILS:** At the last City Commission meeting elected officials approved a resolution encouraging the three counties (Shiawassee, Clinton and Ionia) to expedite the process for completion of the tri-county rails-to-trails project. The Downtown Management Board/DDA submitted a letter to the City Commission in support of the project, recognizing this recreational trail will stimulate economic activity in the downtown area.

**CITY WELL IMPROVEMENTS:** The City Commission approved a bid in the amount of \$42,556.00 to rejuvenate City well #8. The City continues to making all necessary infrastructure improvements within the scheduled maintenance program for all well sites. These periodic improvements insure that all residents and businesses enjoy a quality water supply.

**FALL LEAF PROGRAM:** As the last leaves drop from trees, we encourage city residents to use leaf bags for leaf disposal. Loose leaves raked to the curb, not into the roadway, will be picked up by City public works crews from December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup>.

The City has offered two free packets of biodegradable leaf bags to residents for the City leaf collection. This year, as a way of saving mailing and printing costs, coupons for receipt of these bags are available for pick-up at the City Offices on the first floor of the courthouse as well as on the internet in electronic form (access through City website: [www.cityofstjohnsmi.com](http://www.cityofstjohnsmi.com)). The coupons also were in the Clinton County News and St. Johns Reminder.

**DOWNTOWN ACTIVITIES AND FESTIVITIES:** The Downtown Management Board's application has been approved to hold the Santa Parade of Lights on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008. For more information contact Santa at the North Pole or tune in to the City's governmental access channel (Channel 3 for Charter subscribers; Channel 23 for WBI customers) or the City's website.

**SIDEWALK PROGRAM:** You may have noticed considerable activity with respect to sidewalk replacement/repairs in residential neighborhoods around the City. The City Commission is committed to continuing this program in an effort to make St. Johns a more walkable community for its residents. The availability of funding will determine the extent to which additional repairs can be undertaken next spring.

As winter draws near, please keep in mind it is the property owner's responsibility to keep all sidewalks clear and safe from snow and ice accumulation. Clear sidewalks reduce hazards for children on their way to and from school and other passersby.