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PRESS RELEASE

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To: Local Media Outlets
From: Mindy J. Seavey, City Clerk
Subject: Open House for City Manager Stoppels and Chief Kirk

The City of St. Johns is holding an open house for City Manager Jon Stoppels and Police Chief David Kirk on **Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** This event will take place at the Railroad Depot Building downtown across from the library. This will be an opportunity for residents and business owners to meet and greet the new city manager and police chief.

City Manager, Jon Stoppels

St. Johns' new City Manager is Jon Stoppels. Mr. Stoppels has 41 years of municipal service experience including; City Management, Public Works, and Recreation. Jon was raised in the Grand Rapids area and attended both Grand Rapids Junior College and Michigan State University where he received a Bachelor's of Science Degree.

Since completing his education, Jon has served in several different cities across Michigan in a variety of positions most recently as City Manager of Eaton Rapids. Prior to that he was the Village Manager of Franklin and is a former City Manager and City Council member in Brighton. He also spent time in the City of Marine City, the Village of Fowlerville and Meridian Charter Township. Jon is a second generation public servant as his father served as Mayor of his home town, East Grand Rapids.

Jon and his wife, Barb McKessy, have four children between them and two grandchildren. Besides spending their free time with their family, both Jon and Barb support a number of charities, most particularly a charity that Barb co-founded, **"It's A Breast Thing"** that helps breast cancer patients who are uninsured or underinsured with out-of-pocket expenses. The charity serves four Michigan counties including Clinton.

In his spare time Jon enjoys woodworking, collecting antiques and playing drums with a few local bands.

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Chief David Kirk

St. Johns' new Chief of Police is David Kirk. Chief Kirk is a 27 year law enforcement professional who was born and raised in neighboring Shiawassee County where most of his family and in-laws still reside. He graduated from Corunna High School and then Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree. In 2005, he graduated from the 222nd FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia.

After completing his studies at CMU, he took his first law enforcement job with the City of East Grand Rapids. Since that time he has been employed with the City of Owosso Police, the Shiawassee County Sheriff's Office, and the City of Portland Police.

Over the years, Chief Kirk has had a wide variety of law enforcement assignments including Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, K-9 Handler, Narcotics Officer, Patrol Supervisor, Internal Affairs Investigator, Detective Sergeant specializing in violent crime investigations including homicides, Cold Case Homicide Investigator, Patrol Division Commander, Investigative Division Commander and most recently Chief of Police in Portland prior to accepting the position here in St. Johns. Additionally, he has acted as an instructor for the Law Enforcement Regional Training Academy and as an Adjunct Criminal Justice Instructor for Baker College.

Currently, Chief Kirk resides in the City of St. Johns with his wife Heather and daughter Rachel who attends Oakview Elementary school. He also has three boys all of whom are away to college including one at the University of Michigan, one at the University of Wisconsin and one at Grand Valley State University.