## Work in recovery area moves to residential areas in 2018

Great news...Main Street opens!

Main Street is nearly complete, and travelers should enjoy a detour-free ride down this rebuilt roadway for much of 2018! The City appreciates everyone’s patience during this project. Although construction in the recovery area of Joplin will continue this year, most of the main roadways will be clear of lane-shifts and closures.

During 2018 and 2019, the large majority of work will focus on projects in the neighborhoods of the recovery area. A map of the construction areas and their timeframes is shown on pages 4-5. Since many of these projects are adjacent to each other, some timelines may overlap. Residents can use this map to determine if/when construction will be in their area. Each area is assigned a project number, and this information will be helpful as the City announces construction zones, detours and road closures in these zones in upcoming months.

Work will focus on surface projects including the replacement of damaged sidewalks, curb & gutters, storm water inlets & pipes, ADA ramps at corners, and street pavement. Work will not be done to the entire area, but will concentrate on the worst elements of each area. The City will hold public meetings prior to starting work in each area. Residents in the specific project area will receive notification via mail about the public meeting prior to the start of construction. The City also announces public meetings through news media announcements, website postings, and social media updates. As the project proceeds, doorknobs stating specific news about the construction are often used to notify affected residents of the work.

Work was divided into six sections in the recovery area that focuses on repairing damaged public infrastructure in residential areas. The first, Project 4005, was recently completed from Jackson Avenue to Main Street and from 15th to 19th Street. The remaining five sections will be started this year. According to City officials, the projects become complex because of the different type of work involved, and the domino effect that is part of the process.

“There are different phases in the projects, and can be puzzling to follow due to the numerous areas being repaired, such as the sidewalks, curbs or gutters,” said Public Works Director David Hertzberg. “Each has to be sufficiently completed prior to the start of the next stage. It can be tricky and a little confusing for the general public to watch because of the multiple jobs in progress in one area.

This work is part of the Capital Plan for the expenditure of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds received by U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the rebuilding and recovery work following the May 2011 tornado. The City is managing multiple projects simultaneously due to the amount of work to be completed by HUD’s deadline of fall 2019.

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For more details about these projects or to review all of the projects included in the Capital Plan of the CDBG-DR funding, go to http://joplingis.org/dashboard
Upgraded aircraft in 2017 increased traffic at Joplin Airport

Since last year’s upgraded airline service, the Joplin Regional Airport saw a 30% increase in passengers.

In February 2017, American Airlines improved the Joplin service to Dallas/Ft. Worth by providing a larger, dual class, aircraft for travelers. American Airlines upgraded aircraft from the Canadair Regional Jet (CRJ) 700, 900, to the Embraer Regional Jet (ERJ) 175 which offers seating for 76 passengers with a first-class section. Since its introduction to Joplin, 67,667 customers have used the Joplin Airport for their travel, compared to 52,810 during that same time period in 2016.

American Airlines began their service in Joplin in 2011 with the Turbo Prop ATR72 aircraft that held 68 passengers. With AA’s conversion to regional jets in 2015, the seating capacity was reduced to 46 seats per flight. According to Airport Manager Steve Stockam, the return of jet service to the community was great news, however a lower seating capacity had its effect with some customers unable to fly out of Joplin. The 2017 upgrade added 8,000 seats on flights serving Joplin annually, as well as offered the dual class availability that AA Gold and Platinum customers desire.

“Customer service and convenience is what our customers have come to expect from the Joplin Regional Airport,” he said. “More capacity and first class accommodations were partnered with free parking, convenient access to the terminal, and no long security lines. It was a win-win, and demonstrates why Joplin Regional and American Airlines are the best choice when needing to fly.”

For more information about the Joplin Regional Airport and its flight service, go to www.jlnairport.com. To schedule commercial flights, go to www.aa.com.

Help promote Joplin - list your event on the CVB’s calendar

Website calendars of events offer lists of activities to attend, and the Joplin Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) is no exception. With a mission to provide a positive experience for groups and individuals visiting Joplin, the CVB staff encourages local attractions and organizations to post their event news on the CVB calendar.

Staff asks that information is added early, even if not all the details are finalized. “Listing basic information as soon as it is available helps travelers make their plans,” said CVB Director Patrick Tuttle. “It serves as a placeholder and allows for travelers to log the event name, date, and a brief description. Organizers can later add more details to the information already published.”

Uploading an event to the VisitJoplinMO.com event calendar is simple

1. Go to the VisitJoplinMO.com website.
2. Locate “Events” tab and scroll to the bottom. Click on “Submit an Event”.
3. A window will open allowing event info to be added. CVB staff suggests writing as if this is your first visit to Joplin. Include plenty of details, and avoid local short cuts, nicknames and slang.
4. To enhance your entry, add photos and videos. Please use materials that you own. Do not use stock images because this may be a copyright issue and your entry will be rejected.
5. After entering the most current information, click “Submit”.
6. Your submission will be reviewed by CVB staff. If during the review additional information is required, an email will be sent to the address provided in the submission.
7. Otherwise, the entry is complete and will go live on the CVB calendar of events page. You are done – thank you!

If needing assistance, please reach the CVB at 417-625-4789 or info@visitjoplinmo.com. It is the CVB’s goal to help promote your event and make it a memorable experience for Joplin visitors.

Avoid the rush - School vaccinations available now at Health Department

Get a jump start on school vaccinations and avoid last-minute appointments! The Joplin City Health Department has vaccinations required for school. We want to help you make sure your child is prepared. If your child lives within the Joplin city limits, or is enrolled in a Joplin public or private school, we want to offer assistance.

Bring in your immunization record, and allow us to review it. If your child is behind on vaccinations, we will let you know.

We provide immunizations for many insurances, the uninsured or underinsured, and those with Medicaid/Managed Care.

The Joplin Health Department has available all vaccinations that are recommended by the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) through the Vaccines for Children program. We have all of the vaccines required for entry into kindergarten, 8th grade and 12th grade.

We urge you to obtain vaccinations now, before the March kindergarten round-up and the August back-to-school rush begins. Call now to schedule an appointment.

Immunizations will be given in the upper level entrance (west side) of the Joplin Health Department, 321 E. Fourth Street. Please note that a parent/guardian ID and the child’s insurance information, Social Security Number and immunization record are required, so bring them with you to the clinic.
Kudos, Congrats & Applause

Congratulations to Christina Maketel-Gibson on the completion of her Master’s degree in Library and Information Science. Christina is currently employed as an Assistant Librarian in the Children’s Department at Joplin Public Library.

Fire Chief Jim Furgerson also completed his Master’s degree in Business Administration and Executive Leadership.

The Fire Department had several promotions recently, including John Hubbard to C Shift Battalion Chief; and both Justice Gannaway and Daniel Jobe to Captain. Congratulations all.

Adam Grimes, Fire Department, reported that more than 1,200 children were taken care of during this year’s “Christmas For Kids” event held at Memorial Hall. Participating Fire Departments included Joplin, Webb City, Duenweg, Carl Junction, Carterville, Redings Mill, and Oronogo. Christmas for Kids began in 1985.

The City’s Public Transit division received an FTA Region VII Award of Excellence during this year’s Missouri Public Transit Association conference. The awards were presented to the transit agencies with the highest percentage increase in ridership. The Sunshine Lamp Trolley was recognized in the Small Urban Public Transit System Division for its 3 percent increase for 2015-2016. The Trolley completed 136,772 rides from November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016 which was a 3.2 percent increase over the 132,456 rides provided in 2014-2015. During the conference, it was noted that many systems across the country experienced declining ridership of as much as 10 percent during the 2015/2016 period.

Nicole Knoblauch, Human Resources Safety Specialist, recently received the “Certified Environmental Health Specialist” designation through the Missouri Health and Environmental board by completing the necessary training.

Schifferdecker Golf Course was voted as “Best Golf Course of the Four States” by Zimmer Radio Group’s audiences.

Lawrence R. “Mac” McKeough, MPA, CEM, MoCEM, Regional Response Planner for the Joplin and Jasper County Health Departments, re-certified as a Missouri Certified Emergency Manager (MoCEM) in December, 2017. His commitment to Standards of Excellence in Emergency Management, and a thorough knowledge of all aspects of emergency management, training, experience and formal education lead to this certification. Mac has been in the emergency management field for over 25 years. Congratulations Mac!

Citizens Police Academy offers behind-the-scene look at law enforcement

Whether interested in police work, or just curious on how our Joplin Police Department operates, the Citizens Police Academy offers a unique opportunity to experience the training and skills involved in serving as a police officer. Taught by experienced police officers, the Citizens Police Academy is a hands-on, interactive, behind-the-scenes program. This 14-week program is offered FREE of charge to all interested.

Classes are held on Thursday evenings and conclude with a graduation ceremony and dinner. Classes are held at various locations throughout the City depending on the evening’s topic. Class size is limited to approximately 25 participants.

Topics covered during the course include: crime scene investigations, narcotics investigations, child abuse investigations, traffic crash investigations, vehicle stops, SWAT operations and equipment, use of force tactics, building clearing, DWI enforcement, an introduction to the K9 unit and many more.

Classes will be held on Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. starting February 1. The Academy concludes on May 3 with a closing ceremony and dinner. Interested persons are encouraged to contact Officer Lacey Baxter at lbaxter@joplinmo.org or at 417-623-3131, ext. 632. An application can be viewed and printed from JPD’s website, joplinpolice.org, under the Events tab. Applications can also be obtained and dropped off at the Joplin Police Department at 303 E. 3rd Street.

Citizens can mail or fax completed form to: Joplin Police Dept., 303 E 3rd St., Joplin, MO 64801; Fax: 417-625-4733.

JPD officers receive Missouri Medal of Valor

In October 2017 three Joplin Police Department officers were honored at a state ceremony recognizing their work during an emergency situation. Missouri Governor Eric Greitens awarded Missouri Public Safety Medal of Valor to Joplin Police Officers Adam Brannin and Jason Francis and Captain Rusty Rives for their work during a dangerous situation in 2016. Noting their bravery, the Governor’s Office released the following:

“Early on Aug. 13, 2016, Joplin Police Captain Rives and Officers Brannin and Francis responded to a call for a gunman firing multiple shots inside a residence. Before reaching the scene, the officers encountered the gunman firing numerous shots from an AR-15 into a church van at a traffic intersection. Francis stopped and provided assistance as Brannin and Rives pursued the gunman in a fleeing vehicle, who soon fired more shots into another vehicle. Next the gunman drove back toward the church van shooting location. Francis moved a victim with multiple gun-shot wounds out of the line of fire and prepared to provide lethal cover. Brannin and Rives continued in pursuit. The gunman eventually abandoned the vehicle while it was still moving and Brannin and Rives quickly captured him. In all, three victims at two scenes were struck by gunfire, with two of them sustaining multiple gunshot wounds. Three other victims sustained fragmentation injuries. When a gunman brought terror to the streets of Joplin, these three officers responded heroically and ended the threat of further violence.” (Rives is now Chief of the Lamar Police Department.)

“The officers that responded to this incident displayed courage in the apprehension of this suspect,” said Joplin Police Chief Matt Stewart. “Even though the suspect was actively shooting at random people, they continued to pursue the suspect and were able to take him into custody. I am honored that they were recognized by the State for their actions and proud to be able to work alongside of them as they continue to protect the Joplin community.”
Winter 2018

Legend

Stormwater Projects

Surface Project Areas

Please see front page for more information. Details of projects can be found at http://joplingis.org/dashboard
Stormwater Project: 4005
Construction Start: Spring 2017
Construction End: Winter 2017

Stormwater Project: 4006
Construction Start: Spring 2018
Construction End: Winter 2018

Stormwater Project: 4008
Construction Start: Summer 2018
Construction End: Spring 2019

Stormwater Project: 4010
Construction Start: Spring 2018
Construction End: Fall 2018

Construction Start: Summer 2018
Construction End: Spring 2019

Construction Start: Spring 2018
Construction End: Fall 2018

Winter 2018
The City recently completed its periodic User Fee review following discussions during the City Council’s budget work session in fall 2017. User fees are fees for services for specific users, and should recover most of the related cost of providing the service, so general taxes are not supporting services for specific users.

Under Hancock provisions, the City is only allowed to recover the cost of providing the service.

The biennial user fee review noted that certain fees need to be increased to recover more of the costs associated with providing these services, while other fees need to be decreased or removed to better reflect the services provided.

The following fee changes will go into effect on February 1, 2018.

Please note this is not a complete listing of all fee changes, so please check with the appropriate City department if you have questions about specific fees.

**BUILDING:**
- Change the commercial fence permit fee from $50 to $75.

**FIRE:**
- Change the hood suppression inspection fee from $50 to $75.
- Change the operational permit fee from the annual charge of $100 for the first permit and $25 for additional permits to $50 per permit.
- Remove the construction permit fee of $1,000.
- Change the general burn permit fee from $5 to $10 for a consecutive three-day burn period.

**ENGINEERING:**
- Commercial building projects within the City require a storm water, sanitary sewer and traffic plan review performed by the Engineering Division. Currently, the City does not assess any plan review fee for this service. The recommendation is to add a plan review fee that mirrors the building and fire plan review fee provisions.
- Additionally, engineering performs storm water, sanitary sewer, and traffic plan review for residential subdivisions. The recommendation is to add a residential subdivision plan review fee that mirrors the planning department plan review fee provisions. In preparation of adding these new fees, Public Works held multiple meetings with the Tri-State Contractors and the Home Builders Association to discuss the new fees over the last several months.

**PLANNING & ZONING**
- Increase the rezoning application fee from $450 to $500.
- Increase the special use permit fee from $450 to $550.
- Increase the special use renewal permit fee from $450 to $500.
- Increase the request for zoning adjustments fee from $450 to $500.
- Increase the request for vacation fee from $450 to $500.
- Increase the site plan/development review fee from $450 to $500.
- Increase the per lot fee for subdivision plats from $5 to $10.
- Increase the detached sign permit fee from $1 per square foot to $1.50 per square foot.
- Increase the portable sign permit fee from $75 to $100.

**HEALTH PERMITS**
- Increase Health Permit Low Priority from $100 to $110, Medium Priority from $200 to $220. High Priority from $300 to $330.
- Increase Health Permit for Swimming pools-seasonal from $100 to $125 and the Swimming pools-year-round from $250 to $300.

**PARKS**
- Establish $10 per participant activity fee for tennis, football, baseball & softball for usage of city facilities.
- Increase Soccer Tournament fee for college/high school/youth from $30 per match to $40 per match.
- Increase Soccer Tournament fee for adults from $500 per match to $60 per match.
- Increase Softball Tournament fee without lights from $100 a day to $150 a day.
- Increase Softball Tournament fee with lights from $150 a day to $200 a day.
- Remove Softball Practice with lights fee as it is not used.
- Increase Swimming Pool Family Season Pass from $125 to $140.
- Remove Parks Facility Rental fee as it duplicates other fees set forth in the ordinance.

**GOLF**
- Establish a Twilight Season Pass of $300, as well as with a cart for $600.
- Remove the higher installment payments from the season passes.
- Establish a cart fee with the student green fee of $10 per seat.
- Increase the 9-hole weekday fee from $8 to $9.
- Increase the 18-hole weekday fee from $15 to $17.
- Increase the 18-hole weekend fee from $18 to $19.
- Increase the 18-hole senior weekend fee from $11.25 to $11.75.
- Increase the 18-hole senior weekend fee from $13.50 to $14.
- Establish a 9-hole senior weekday fee at $6.
- Establish a 9-hole senior weekend fee at $7.
- Increase the 18-hole student green fee from $8.25 to $9.
- Increase the weekday twilight fee from $9.75 to $11.
- Increase the weekend twilight fee from $12 to $13.
- Increase the league play from $9.75 to $10.
- Increase the golf cart fee for 9-holes from $6.75 to $7.
- Increase the adult annual pass with one cart from $1,225 to $1,300.
- Increase the family annual pass from $700 to $750.
- Increase the family annual pass from $1,525 to $1,600.
- Increase the additional cart with a family annual pass from $575 to $600.
- Remove the 25 play pass due to the introduction of the twilight pass.

**SEWER**
- Increase the waste hauler fee from 0.02 per gallon to 0.03 per gallon.
- Increase the sewer reconnection fee inside the city from $75 to $100.
- Increase the sewer reconnection fee outside the city from $100 to $125.
- Increase the sewer new connection fee inside the city from $200 to $300.
- Increase the sewer new connection fee outside the city from $300 to $400.
- Increase the sewer riser locate fee from $30 to $75.
Parks and Rec provides fun and learning activities this spring
Although the outside temperatures register “winter”, staff with Parks and Recreation are already putting events and activities together for young and old to enjoy this spring.
In reviewing the list below, please call the Joplin Parks & Recreation at 417-625-4750 or visit www.joplinparks.org for more information or to register.

Kids Garage Sale
Calling all mini entrepreneurs between the ages of 5 and 12 - Bring your gently used toys, games, sports equipment, books and any other items to our Annual Kids Garage Sale! The sale will be set up at Joplin Memorial Hall on March 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each registered participant will get a table to display their items for sale and learn how money works. It’s a great way to clean up some unused items and make a little money! Vendors pay only $10 per booth (in advance of the garage sale) to reserve a spot.

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt
Hop on over on March 24 to the Gene Bassman Softball Complex located within the Joplin Athletic Complex and participate in our Flash Light Easter Egg Hunt! There will be more than 10,000 filled eggs to find with your flashlight. Cost is $3. Children need to bring a flashlight and basket to collect eggs.
Pre-registration is required by March 22. Check-in starts at 7:45 p.m. with the first age group’s hunt beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Joplin Parks & Recreation Offering Weekly Day Camps Throughout the Summer
Enrollment is underway with the Joplin Parks & Recreation summer day camp program for area children 5 to 12 years old. Children will participate in themed weeks throughout the summer and play sports, participate in arts and crafts, game room tournaments, as well as visit Ewert Aquatic Center for swim lessons and swimming.
The camp will be located at the Carver Nursery building at 520 S. School Ave. Camp hours are from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, with breakfast and lunch provided to the campers. There is no registration fee for camp. Parents can pay for the entire summer or pick and choose the weeks their child(ren) can attend.
Cost is $100 per week, but parents are encouraged to take advantage of the early bird special to receive 10% off each week of camp they prepay. Scholarships are available to those who qualify. One discount applicable per child per week.

Early Bird Special for Swim Passes until March 30!
Enjoy unlimited swimming all summer long! Regular priced swim passes are 10% off now through March 30! The annual pass is the best way to go for individuals or families anticipating frequent pool attendance. Swim passes are good at Schifferdecker, Cunningham, and Ewert Aquatic Centers.
Passes must be purchased at the Joplin Athletic Complex at 3301 W. 1st Street. One discount applied per pass.

Fun Seasonal Job Openings with Parks & Recreation
The Parks & Recreation Department hires cashiers, recreation instructors, day camp counselors, lifeguards, and seasonal laborer positions each year for the Athletic Complex, the three aquatic centers, Schifferdecker Golf Course, and the City Parks.
It’s a great summer job for those in high school and college! Applicants must be 16 years or older by their start date. Laborer positions need to be 18 years or older. A pre-employment drug screening, as well as a criminal history check, are required for all positions. Depending on the position, some work during weekends, evenings, and holidays will be required.
Applications for all positions are available now and being accepted in the Human Resources Department at Joplin City Hall, 602 South Main Street, or online at http://www.joplinmo.org/jobs.

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New Online Registration System with Parks & Recreation!
The Parks and Recreation Department are pleased to introduce a new online registration system this year. Available for all residents to use, customers can now go online to find available programs, register, and pay for shelter rentals, youth sport programs, adult leagues, and more! Customers can access the new system from their home computers or their mobile device! The online catalog is also available through www.joplinparks.org and the City of Joplin website at www.joplinmo.org.

Fun activities planned by Library’s Children’s Department
Looking for something to do with your children during the winter? Great news! The Children’s Department at Joplin Public Library holds weekly storytimes for children, including:
- Movers & Shakers for birth to age 2: Tuesdays at 9:30 & 10:45 a.m., & 4 pm.
- Tales for 2s & 3s Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am.
- Fun for 4s & 5s Wednesday and Thursdays at 11:00 am.
- Family Storytime Wednesday & Thursdays at 4:00 pm.

Additional Programming:
- Builder’s Club: 2 p.m. on Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11 & April 8.
- Dog Day Afternoon for Children reading independently: 4 p.m. on Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 27, & April 24.
- Explore & Play: Polar Exploration, 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 20.
- Harry Potter Day at the Library! 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 2.
- Chess Club: 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 5, March 5, April 2.
- Black History Month Programming: February (dates & times to be determined; for details go to website or Facebook page).
- Explore & Play: Fairytale Day: 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 17.
- Author Visit with Loren Long, March 8 (times to be determined; for details go to website or Facebook page).
- Explore & Play: Community Helpers: 10:30 a.m. on March 17.
- Where is Away? Learning where trash goes when it’s thrown away: 5 p.m. on April 13.
- Explore & Play: Garden Day: 10:30 a.m. on April 21.
- 123, Play With Me for Children Birth to 3 years: 10:30 a.m. on Mondays in April.

For more information on these and other events at the Rosemary Titus Reynolds Children’s Library at Joplin Public Library, please contact Tammie Benham at 417-623-7953 or visit their website at www.joplinpubliclibrary.org.

Reserve a Shelter for Your Next Event!
Joplin Parks & Recreation offers picnic shelters for small, private gatherings in City Parks throughout Joplin. Shelters are available for rent from March through October. Reservations are for the entire day (7 a.m. to 11 p.m.)
Cost is $40 per day to reserve a shelter.

Joplin Parks & Recreation:$
Get Your 2018 Dog Park Pass!
Let your furry pal run off-leash, play, and meet new friends at the Parr Hill Dog Park located at 18th and Kansas!
Annual passes are available for $10 per dog. Animals must be at least six months of age, currently vaccinated against rabies, distemper, parvovirus, and have a current City of Joplin license (available from the Finance Department). Dog park memberships are issued by the Joplin Parks and Recreation Department at 3301 W. 1st Street. For more information, call 417-625-4750.

Tickets are Now on Sale for Daddy Daughter Date Night!
We cordially invite all dads and their daughters to our 18th Annual Daddy Daughter Date Night held on Friday, Feb. 16 and Saturday, Feb. 17. Dads are welcome to treat their favorite gal(s) to an evening of music, dancing, games, buffet dinner, and prizes. Event runs from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening and will be held at Joplin Memorial Hall. It is offered for daughters ages 3 to 12.

A complimentary 5x7 professional picture is included in the ticket price to commemorate the evening. Tickets are available to purchase for $35 per couple. An additional child would be $15. Tickets can be purchased from the Joplin Athletic Complex at 3301 W. 1st Street. The event is open to first 100 couples each night. Hurry - these tickets sell out quickly!