Daily flights to Chicago start June 6 at Joplin Airport

Planning a vacation or business trip? Be sure to check out new flights from Joplin. Starting in June, Joplin Regional Airport will begin offering service to Chicago in addition to the current flights to Dallas/Fort Worth.

American Airlines is upgrading their service in Joplin to include two flights daily, (except Saturday), to Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD). Service begins on June 6, 2019, with a 44-passenger ERJ-140 regional jet. The Chicago flights add to the daily flights to Dallas/Fort Worth that American Airlines currently offers.

Proposed flights times to Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD on ticketing sites) are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Origin</th>
<th>Departs</th>
<th>Destination</th>
<th>Arrives</th>
<th>Days of Operation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Joplin</td>
<td>5:44 a.m.</td>
<td>Chicago</td>
<td>7:44 a.m.</td>
<td>Daily</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago</td>
<td>11:50 a.m.</td>
<td>Joplin</td>
<td>1:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Daily Except Sat.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joplin</td>
<td>2:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Chicago</td>
<td>4:20 p.m.</td>
<td>Daily Except Sat.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago</td>
<td>8:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Joplin</td>
<td>10:05 p.m.</td>
<td>Daily</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check out our daily flights to Dallas/Fort Worth at www.AA.com
Citizen

City Council 2018-2020

Mayor
Gary Shaw

Mayor Pro Tem
Ryan Stanley

General Council Members & Term

Ryan Stanley
(2014 – 2022)

Taylor Brown
(2016 – 2020)

Anthony Monteleone
(2018 – 2020)

Doug Lawson
(2018 – 2022)

Keenan Cortez
(2019-2020)

Zone Council Members

Zone 1
Gary Shaw
(2002-2022)

Zone 2
MeLOdee Colbert-Kean
(2006-2020)

Zone 3
Phil Stinnett
(1998-2010; 2016-2020)

Zone 4
Diane Reid Adams
(2018-2022)

Please send City Council correspondence to:
Joplin City Hall
602 South Main Street
Joplin, MO 64801

C  I  T  Y        O  F
M  I   S   S   O   U   R  I

Save the Date!

Open House sessions set to discuss
Joplin Smart Cities Initiative
(Disaster Resiliency)

Meeting Info:
Saturday, April 27
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Joplin Public Library,
1901 E. 20th Street

Tuesday, April 30
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Bookhouse Cinema,
715 E. Broadway Street

Thursday, May 2
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Irving Elementary School,
2901 McClelland Blvd

Not able to attend? Then join our Live Stream event that can be found on the City of Joplin Facebook page. For more information, contact the City at 417-624-0820, ext. 510 or via email at cdbgdr@joplinmo.org

Smart Cities is an initiative the City of Joplin is exploring, and we’d like to discuss this with you – our citizen! There are three upcoming Smart Cities Open House sessions, and we invite you to please attend one that fits your schedule.

A Smart City collects, manages and analyzes data to deliver new and improved services to its residents, which can then provide greater opportunities for local job growth. Expanded Wi-Fi is one example how a Smart City can benefit a community, its residents and businesses.

With greater access to the Internet, many tasks become more efficient (or even possible for some individuals), from connecting to technology to do business, access information, complete simple forms or registration papers, apply for a license or permit, or even to complete a student’s homework. There are other possibilities and efficiencies that a Smart City potentially offers, such as safer neighborhoods and improved economic opportunities.

We’ll discuss these things and more at the Open House sessions and ask for your thoughts and suggestions on what the community needs are that could possibly be a part of this new initiative. Please invite others to attend these sessions too; this is an important conversation about Joplin’s future to help it thrive and prosper for the next generation.

City’s new app offers ease to report neighborhood issues
Residents also gain quicker access to City’s website

Citizens can now easily connect with the City through the free SeeClickFix mobile app to notify us about neighborhood issues, such as tall grass or potholes. With this new app and web tool, residents can send pictures, videos, specific description and location - all of which is valuable information needed to get the job done efficiently.

With more than 35 square miles in Joplin, citizens often serve as the eyes and ears of our neighborhoods. Instead of calling the City about a developing pot hole, a streetlight that’s gone out, or other matter, they can use this app. If citizens would like to receive notifications from the City on the progress of getting the issue fixed, they can include their email address. (Email addresses are kept private and never shared.)

Citizens can also utilize SeeClickFix through a computer or other device by going to the City’s website (joplinmo.org) and clicking the “Report a Problem” icon on the home page.

“See Click Fix makes it easier for citizens to contact us about a neighborhood issue,” said Lynn Onstot, Public Information Officer. “By simply clicking on this app and answering the prompts, their information will be relayed to the appropriate staff to start working to solve the problem.”

The app also provides quicker connections to pages of the City’s website, including payments, phone directory and the Convention & Visitors Bureau. Access to the City’s Facebook and GIS Portal is also on the app.

The SeeClickFix mobile app is available for download on Android and iPhone.

In addition to the mobile apps, citizens can send reports to the City of Joplin’s website.

For more information, contact Lynn Onstot, Public Information Officer, at 417-624-0820, ext. 204.
During the Joplin Police Department’s Annual Awards Dinner, the following honors were given:


Ofc. Mackenzie Roach received the **Medal of Valor & Combat Cross Award**.

**Employees of Year** were named for several categories including:

- Civilian Employee – **Vanessa West**
- Detention Officer of the Year – **Ashely Cousatte**
- Dispatcher of the Year – **Mary Kehoe**
- Supervisor of the Year – **Sgt. Austin Wolf**
- Detective of the Year – **Det. Larry Roller**
- Rookie of the Year – **Ofc. Ian Allard**
- Officer of the Year – **Ofc. Bobby Brown & K9 Pax**

During this complete review, we’ll consider trends, emergency needs, what generates a transit trip, and much more. Specifically, we’ll analyze existing and future ridership, develop service plans, examine funding sources, and analyze the City’s ability to compete for funds available at the state and local levels.

Recently, **Joplin Firefighter Josh Jones and Driver Engineer Justin Slates** represented the **Joplin Fire Department Honor Guard** in the opening ceremonies of the **Annual Fire Fighter Day at the Capital** in Jefferson City. **Joplin Fire Chief Jim Furgerson** and **Training Chief Mark Cannon** also attended this event, as it provides time for fire fighters and staff to talk about issues affecting the fire service.

For the second year in a row, **Schifferdecker Golf Course** was voted as “**Favorite Golf Course**” in The Joplin Globe’s Favorites of the Four States contest. Thanks to all who voted for us and who enjoy playing golf at our municipal course.

**Prithvi Nagarajan**, a local 12-year old, was the winner of the Joplin Public Library’s recent children’s library card design contest. His design (pictured at right) was chosen from 11 entries. Prithvi was recently presented a library card featuring his winning design. The card featuring Nagarajan’s design, which is the first JPL library card for children, is now available as another library card option to patrons. Nagarajan Ramudu and Padmavathi Mani are the parents of Prithvi Nagarajan.

**Jacque Gage**, Director of Joplin Public Library, retired in February with nine years of service with the Library.

For more about the Joplin Transit Service Analysis, contact Robert Lolley, MAPS/Transit Coordinator, City of Joplin, at 417-625-4793 or rlolley@joplinmo.org.

**Visioning Sessions on Thursday, May 9 at the Joplin Public Library’s west community room. Sessions will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**
Residents to see 23¢ bump in trash rate

The City of Joplin has a franchised contract with Republic Services for residential trash and curbside recycling services for all single-family houses and duplexes. The contract allows for a 2% price increase on April 1, 2019.

Starting April 1, 2019, the rate for the weekly residential trash service will increase 23 cents per month, moving it to $11.63 from its current monthly rate of $11.40. The City’s administration fee will remain at 55 cents, bringing the new monthly billed price for trash service to $12.18 for residents living in a single-family dwelling or duplex. Currently the residential trash service monthly rate is $11.95, including the 55 cents administration fee.

Residents may still put out bulky items and properly prepared tree limbs next to their blue polycarts. It is not necessary to call Republic Services to schedule the bulky item pickup, but residents may contact Republic with questions regarding their items.

Curbside recycling service, which is optional for residents, will see a 10-cent increase as a result of the 2% increase. This service will move to $4.85 from the current $4.75 rate. Participating residents receive a 96-gallon polycart with a light blue lid labeled “Recyclables” for disposing all acceptable items (see list below.) Recycling is serviced the same day as trash, but by a different truck at a different time. Residents must enroll in this program to participate, and can do so by calling 1-800-431-1507 or online at www.republicservices.com/Joplin.

The following items will be accepted in the curbside recycling program and placed co-mingled (mixed all together) in the light blue lid cart: Aluminum Cans, Trays & Foils; Steel, Tin, and empty Aerosols cans; Plastic #1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 7 bottles and buckets; Paper and Newspapers; Cardboard and Chipboard. All items need to be clean, empty and dry, plus cardboard boxes need to be flattened.

The City of Joplin also has a contract enabling Joplin residential trash customers to drop off their bulky items at the Republic Services Transfer Station at 1715 East Front Street (Old Route 66) in Galena, Kansas. The contract allows for a 1% price increase on April 1, 2019. With this contractual increase, the new pricing, based on the length of trailers, ranges from $10.20 to $13.26 per load or $17.34 to $24.49 for loads that also include tree limbs and brush. Tires cost $4.60 each with a limit of five tires per trip. Any load over 2,000 pounds is not part of the subsidized program. Joplin residential trash customers must bring their residential City of Joplin utility bill for sewer and trash plus matching identification with them to the transfer station in order to receive the subsidized price.

Program hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.; and Saturday from 8 a.m. to Noon. Items that are not accepted at the Transfer Station include liquids, chemicals, hazardous materials, appliances, commercial waste, lead acid batteries, regular weekly trash, leaves and grass clippings. For information on how to dispose of these items, contact the City of Joplin at 417-624-0820 ext. 501.

For questions about curbside recycling or trash service, contact Republic at 1-800-431-1507. If questions are about billing, please call the Finance Department at 417-627-2955.

Free Wood Chips offered

Bring your truck, trailer and/or containers City Staff will load chips for you!

1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue
(1/2 mile north of Belle Center Road)

3rd Saturday of each month
April through October 2019
8 AM to 2 PM

The chips are derived from many different types of trees that are grown in the Joplin area and then mixed together. The grinder has a strong magnet and catch box that removes metal nails, fencing, or other ferrous metal objects. Wood chips are effective in controlling soil erosion and insulating plant roots against extreme temperatures. Mulching reduces evaporation thus the need to water, which helps conserve water resources. Placing wood chips around plants and trees also controls weeds thus reduces the need for herbicides, which helps prevent stormwater pollution. Chips are also used on foot paths or trails.

Additional Information: 624-0820 ext. 501
Recycling Center accepts old electronic equipment for slight fee; Microwaves now free

Old electronic equipment (e-waste) has been accepted at the Joplin Recycling Center for many years—either at no charge, or for a $10 fee per television, computer monitor, and microwave oven. The cost of recycling the e-waste is borne by the City, limited recycling user fees, and grant funding from Region M Solid Waste Management District and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Because of a change in the processing, the City will no longer charge the $10 fee on microwave ovens, but will continue the $10 fee for televisions and computer monitors*. All other forms of electronics can still be dropped off at no charge. The new user fee structure started April 1, 2019.

“Charging patrons a recycling fee is not an ideal situation, but the volume of e-waste is overwhelming our current financial situation and we desire to continue to offer the service in a sustainable manner,” said Mary Anne Phillips, Recycling Coordinator. “People may think that there is money to be made from recycling the precious metals from the computers, but all e-waste combined, can have a negative dollar value.” Across the country, most solid waste management entities charge recycling fees and many landfills have banned certain types of e-waste.

When dropping off a television or computer monitor, payment can be made at the Recycling Center with a check or money order. Customers paying with cash or debit/credit cards must first pay at the Finance Department, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 602 South Main Street, M-F 8-5, then provide the paid receipt when dropping off the television or monitor at the Recycling Center.

Recycling e-waste is important because items dumped in landfills may leach out toxic materials. Additionally, electronics are made with materials that are recyclable. Using these recovered materials in the production of products generates less energy and creates less pollution than the manufacture of virgin materials. These recycling activities create jobs and contribute to Missouri’s economy.

At this time, the $10 fee on designated electronics is the only fee charged by the Recycling Center. All other qualifying items are freely accepted on a regular basis. Check the City’s website for a full list.

The Center, 1310 West A Street, is open on Tuesday and Thursday from Noon to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info call 417-624-0820, ext. 501.

Free Tree Limb Drop Off for Joplin Residents

1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue
(1/2 mile north of Belle Center Road)

3rd Saturday of each month*
March through October 2019
8 AM to 2 PM

Additional Information:
624-0820 ext. 501

*Weather events may warrant earlier or different dates being set.

TRIM grant provides resources for healthier community forest

Joplin’s urban forest is shaping up through the assistance of the Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) Grant offered by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). This year, the TRIM grant added $10,000 to the City’s efforts of tree trimming on trees located on the ground of Joplin Athletic Complex, Schifferdecker Park, Ewert Park, Landreth Park, Joe Becker Stadium, Mercy Park, Garvin Park, 26th to 27th Street along Joplin, Wall, and Pearl Streets.

Pruning young trees allows setting the structure of the tree for the future which reduces problems that may lead to early tree failure, potential safety issues, and removal earlier in the tree’s life than necessary.

“MDC is a strong partner to help with resources for our tree-related work,” said Jake Cowen with Parks and Recreation. “In recent years, a tree survey helped us to assesses the health of our tree canopy. The next step was trimming many trees as a necessary step in proper tree care. This work will benefit our community with a stronger tree canopy in our parks and city.”

TRIM is a competitive, cost-share tree care program administered by MDC in cooperation with the Missouri Community Forest Council. The City of Joplin has received TRIM grants in the past for educational materials, conferences, as well as the tree inventory completed in 2017. This type of support is beneficial to the City in maintaining its Tree City USA status.
Please check www.joplinparks.org for hours of operation and closures.

Prices:
• Ewert: $3/kids; $4/adults
• Cunningham: $4/kids; $5/adults
• Schifferdecker: $5/kids; $6/adults

Aqua Zumba at Cunningham Aquatic Center
• Monday/Wednesday evenings starting June 3rd
• 6:30pm • $5/class

Swim Lessons Offered at Ewert Aquatic Center
Starting in June, Joplin Parks & Recreation Department offers morning and evening swim lessons. Classes provide instruction to help swimmers of all ages and abilities develop their swimming and water safety skills.

• Parent and Child Aquatics class is designed for children ages 6 months to 3 years. It helps young children get ready to swim by emphasizing fun in the water.
• Preschool Aquatics class is for children ages 4 to 5 years and will help children develop survival skills and foundational swimming concepts.
• Learn-to-Swim class is for children 6 years and older and teaches aquatic and safety skills.

Three sessions will be offered throughout the summer at the Ewert Family Aquatic Center located at 7th & Murphy Boulevard. Class times and schedule can be found on joplinparks.org, or by calling our office at 417-625-4750.

Now Hiring: Lifeguards!
Dive into your best summer ever! The Joplin Parks and Recreation Department is looking for qualified individuals to become lifeguards at Schifferdecker, Cunningham, & Ewert Aquatic Centers.

To be hired as a lifeguard, applicants must:

• Be at least 16 years of age by date of hire
• Be able to swim 300 yards continuously, tread water for 2 minutes without using your arms, and complete a timed event (including swimming, diving, and retrieving a 10 pound object)
• Pass all trainings
• Successfully pass background and drug screen

Applicants are responsible for paying their licensing fee of $38 and half the cost of their swimsuit. Applications are being accepted at Joplin City Hall, 602 South Main Street in the Human Resources Department on the 1st Floor, or online at http://www.joplinmo.org/jobs

Members elect Cortez to fill general seat on Council

During the March 18, 2019 meeting of the Joplin City Council, members elected Keenan Cortez to fill the vacant General Seat on the Council. Cortez has volunteered for the City, serving on numerous boards and commissions during the past 15 years.

He has lived in Joplin for the past 15 years and stated on his application that he desires to make a positive change by building on his past years of service that he’s given to this community.

Following the resignation of Council member Jim West in late February, the Council began accepting applications from citizens interested in serving on Council through April 2020. Ten citizens applied to fill the seat including Tom Rogers, Mike Seibert, Troy Kinast, Leonard Miller, Matthew Robertson, Charles Copple, Sarah Hinkle, Bill Goodwin, and Achala Tiwari-Pandey. After Council heard from each candidate about their interest and qualifications to serve, the Council elected Cortez.

“It was great to see the interest from our citizens in filling this general seat,” said Mayor Gary Shaw. “In listening to them, there are many strengths, and we encourage them to stay engaged with the City by serving on one of the boards or commissions that help our community in many ways.”

Following the election, City Clerk Barb Gollhofer swore Cortez into office. He will serve until the next City Council election in 2020.
Cooking Matters For Kids
Joplin Parks and Recreation has partnered with the University of Missouri Extension Office to offer a cooking program for kids 10 – 14 years old. Kids will learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals and stretch your food dollars from nutrition professionals.
This class is limited to 15 participants and is free to participate. Class will be held at the Silver Creek Community Center on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting May 28. Registration is required. Call the Joplin Parks and Recreation office at 417-625-4750.

LEGO Camp
Campers will play LEGO games, watch movies, have building competitions, and make LEGO-themed snacks. In addition, campers will receive a new LEGO set each day of camp. Program size is limited to the first 15 paid campers in each session.

Some tips to make breathing a little easier during ozone season
March kicked off the 2019 Ozone Season which runs through November. As we approach summer, we know it brings high temperatures along with high humidity levels to the four states. Ground-level ozone is a type of air pollution that’s formed on hot, humid days when chemicals in the air combine. Although it’s not really visible, ozone at ground level can affect our ability to breathe easy.
There are a few simple steps we can take to prevent ozone forming at ground level. These little things really do add up if we’re all doing them.

- Hop on your bike instead of starting up the car. Use your own two feet instead of your four tires. It’s good for your body, your wallet and your environment!
- Now that winter’s over, check and inflate your tire pressure as needed. Go one step further and get the car tuned up. These will make your car more fuel efficient, which is another
- Adjust your thermostat accordingly for our ever-changing spring weather. Even a change of one or two degrees will save you money by lowering your utility bill. Score for your wallet!

Want more tips and info?
Visit www.summerair.org to learn about ground-level ozone and what we can all do to Help Repair Our Summer Air!
JOINING FORCES TO SAVE OUR PLANET
Saturday, April 27 • 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Landreth Park

Come enjoy a fun day celebrating Earth Day & Arbor Day with a full schedule of events in Joplin’s beautiful Landreth Park. Activities are kid friendly and free of charge. The event offers live music, tree and native plant sale, tree mulching demonstration, food trucks, the 10th Anniversary of the Liberty Utilities Arboretum, plus, more – see listings below:

9 a.m. - May the Forest Be With You 5K
Register at: https://runsignup.com/Race/MO/Joplin/MayTheForestBeWithYou5K

11 a.m. – Mayor’s Arbor Day Proclamation
Stream Clean Up
For more information on the Stream Clean Up contact Amera at amerawild@gmail.com. To volunteer in advance use this link: https://bit.ly/2HIFRgr

Joplin Recycling & Stormwater Division:
Learn more about being earth-friendly not only through recycling, but also good management of stormwater runoff.

Tree Identification Hike
For more information on the Tree Identification Hike email marilyn.ponder@libertyutilities.com

For more information about this event visit www.joplinparks.org or www.wildcatglades.org