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Emergency Management 623-5858
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Parks (Programs, Shelters, Leagues) 625-4750
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City partners with Friends Group for management of Wildcat Park and trails

Thanks to a recent agreement between the City and Wildcat Glades Friends Group (WFGF), Joplin Parks and Recreation staff will have assistance in maintaining Wildcat Park and trails in that area. Parks Director Paul Bloomberg noted that the formal partnership may be new, but the support has been evident for years.

“This is a great group of volunteers who have been working with us and the Missouri Department of Conservation for several years,” he said. “The agreement basically recognizes our partnership and the work that each group will do to continue and maintain the park and trails. They know the area and appreciate its natural beauty and want to help share that with others.”

WGFG will help maintain the trail system within the park, hold nature-based activities and serve as the host for the Park’s Pavilion, which is available for the public to rent. They are also working to refurbish the former ballfields for activity areas and greenspace.

These activities are developed within their mission of promoting awareness, providing education and sponsoring nature-based activities primarily focused on the Shoal Creek area and its unique chert glades.

The group formalized and sought not-for-profit status following the National Audubon Society’s announcement of withdrawing from operations and transferring the Wildcat Glades Conservation and Nature Center to the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC).

“The volunteers are very committed to the natural settings of the park and its trails,” said Bloomberg. “They’ve been a huge asset to us and we look forward to working with them on future events and projects. They bring a lot of energy and hands to help get things done.”

The City also has a lease arrangement with MDC for their operation of the renamed Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center. MDC officials have not announced an opening date, but said work continues on the renovations of the center and asked for the community’s patience as they address various issues, including a leaky roof and a broken aquarium.

WGFG will rent space for an office and a gift shop within the center when MDC opens it.

Currently the Friends Group is busy planning the water festival that has become an annual tradition for the community. This year’s Shoal Creek Water Festival is set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 10. Fun includes cardboard boat races and kid’s shoebox boat races along with other water games and activities. For more information about the Wildcat Glades Friends Group, their activities or how to join them, go to wildcatglades.org or call 417-708-7713.

August 10!
Shoal Creek Water Festival
10 years of water and fun!
Officials from Harris County, Texas came to Joplin recently to visit with City staff about Joplin’s recovery efforts since the disaster in May 2011. Harris County, the largest county in Texas, was impacted by Hurricane Harvey in 2017. Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia and his staff met with Joplin Mayor Gary Shaw and Joplin’s Planning and Community Development members, who have managed the projects implemented with the $158 million funding assistance from the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grant program provided by HUD.

Troy Bolander, Director of the department, and Patty Heagel, Assistant Director, led the discussions and tours for the Commissioner and his staff offering insight and guidance on using public funds to assist citizens following a disaster. Bolander noted that although every disaster is different, there are similar processes that can be effective and beneficial for recovery work. The group visited several of Joplin’s facilities that were rebuilt following the disaster and saw the substantial infrastructure improvements made in the community, including the current work in the neighborhoods to rebuild streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutter.

“We had great discussions about the work early in the process to determine the areas and services recovery projects focused on,” said Heagel. “They were interested in the community’s collaboration during this process, and how we worked with numerous stakeholders.”

As Harris County officials reviewed the project list, they recognized that each one assisted areas that were depleted due to the disaster. Heagel noted that this exemplifies how recovery projects are selected.

Also attending the meetings were representatives from Guidehouse, the consultant group helping Joplin manage its grant funding according to regulations set by HUD. Bolander said Harris County’s visit was similar to the same type of trip Joplin experienced following 2011.

“We visited Tuscaloosa and asked a lot of questions about their disaster management and recovery work,” said Bolander. Tuscaloosa had a tornado about six weeks before Joplin.

“This was at an early stage for us,” he said. “Looking back, it was hard to visualize how much work could be done in such a short period to rebuild Joplin. But we’re near the end now, and a lot has been completed, so we’re happy to help others who might be facing similar situations as we were. It’s one way we can pay it forward.”

REMINDER:
Be a Good Neighbor while obeying City Code

Residential trash polycarts should be placed at the curb/alley no earlier than 12 hours before collection day and removed from curb/alley within 12 hours after collection. Please do not leave any objects on sidewalks, parkways, or streets.

If your cart is broken, cracked, has a missing lid, etc., contact Republic Services for a replacement cart. 800-431-1507 or www.republicservices.com/joplin.
Joplin 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 work involved in serving as a police officer.

Experienced police officers share their unique perspective on law enforcement during this 14-week interactive, behind-the-scenes program. Topics covered include: crime scene investigations, narcotics investigations, child abuse investigations, vehicle stops, SWAT operations and equipment, use of force tactics, building clearing, DWI enforcement, an introduction to the K9 unit and more.

Classes will be held every Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. starting August 15. The Academy will conclude on November 21 with a closing ceremony and dinner. Class size is limited to approximately 25 participants. 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, www.joplinpolice.org, under the Events tab. An application can also be obtained and dropped off at the front desk of the Joplin Police Department at 303 E. 3rd Street, in Joplin.

Citizens should mail or fax the completed form to: Joplin Police Department, 303 E 3rd St., Joplin, MO 64801; Fax number is 417-625-4733.

Your trash get missed? Call Republic at 1-800-431-1507 for pick up.

VisitJoplinMo.com offers great resource for citizens 
Be a “Tourist in your own Backyard”

Whether you are looking for something to do, or you are planning an event – check out the Calendar of Events page on the Joplin Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) website. VisitJoplinMo.com provides a list of activities for all ages. And if you’re planning an event for the public – be sure to list YOUR information there for all of us to find it! It’s simple to do!

Staff asks that information is added early, even if not all the planning is done. You can always go back and enter the specific info once it is finalized. Uploading an event to the VisitJoplinMO.com event calendar is simple:

1. Go to the VisitJoplinMo.com website.
2. Click the “Events” tab, then locate the “Create an Event” button in the left hand menu.
3. A window will open allowing for event info to be added. CVB staff suggests writing as if this is your first visit to Joplin. Include details; avoid local short cuts, nicknames and slang.
4. Photos and videos enhance your entry. 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. CVB staff will review your submission. If more info is needed, staff will send an email to address listed 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.
Public Works officials remind drivers that construction season is in full swing with several ongoing infrastructure projects underway. Cones, barricades and/or signs are placed to alert drivers to be cautious, and may be placed for road or bridge improvements, surface improvements (sidewalks, curbs, gutter) or improvements to the City’s sanitary sewer or stormwater systems.

Current larger projects are listed below. Work schedules may change due to weather conditions or other issues, so be sure to watch the City’s Facebook or website (joplinmo.org) for up-to-date news on road closures. Drivers should also watch for signs alerting them to detours, etc. if near a construction area.

**Bridge on North Schifferdecker & Zora Avenue over Center Creek** – work on the bridge continues; upcoming months may cause temporary lane closures and short-term road closures as work moves to roadways approaching bridge structure. Completion: Fall 2019.

**Bridge on South Jackson Avenue over Shoal Creek** – work on the bridge continues; upcoming months may cause some lane closures as work moves to roadways approaching bridge structure. Completion: Fall 2019.

**Widening 44th Street, from Range Line to Connecticut Ave. and Widening S. Connecticut Ave. from I-44 overpass to 44th Street** – work is progressing along existing roadways for utility relocations; construction work with possible lane shifts. Completion: Fall 2020.

**Surface Improvement Projects 4009** – Ohio Ave. to Connecticut Ave., from 15th to 20th Street; Street closures possible; one way streets and lane shifts as work moves through stages of new sidewalks, curb and gutters, and asphalt installation. Completion: Fall 2019.

**Zora Ave. and Duquesne intersection** – maintenance work to improve surface of intersection; Completion: Fall 2019.

**Mohaska & St. John’s Trails** – lane shifts possible; improves connectivity from 32nd to Main Street. See trails map on page 5. Completion: Fall 2019.

**15th Street, between Illinois & Michigan** – Stormwater improvements nearly completed; roadway should remain open.

**Stormwater improvements along Illinois Ave., crossing 7th Street** – This project near 7th Street and Illinois Avenue will be done in two phases. First phase focuses on the channel north of 7th Street at Ewert Park and will also be adding to the stormwater system along Illinois. Work begins mid-July starting with channel improvements in the park. Following this work, (late August/early September), project shifts to stormwater improvements along Illinois with northbound traffic having a lane-drop (merging 2 lanes into one) for about a month while sidewalk, inlets and piping are installed along the lane. During the work along Illinois, there will be lane shifts for both south and northbound traffic along Illinois, with each having one lane for through traffic for a couple weeks.

The second phase includes work on and south of 7th Street. Anticipated start time is early January 2020, following utility relocations in this area. Stormwater work will close 7th Street for 14 calendar days. Street will close for utility relocation before this work, although length of closure will depend on the utility company. Citizens should watch for notices regarding these closures later this year.

**Intersections along 32nd Street** – MoDOT projects to install ADA-compliant sidewalks and crosswalks at Main St., Indiana Ave., and Connecticut Ave.; right turn lane for northbound to eastbound at Main St.; new curbs and traffic signals at Indiana Ave.; new traffic signals and right turn lanes for northbound and eastbound traffic on Connecticut Ave. Each intersection will have directional signage during construction so please use caution. Completion: Summer 2020.

**32nd Street resurfacing from Main Street to Route 249** – MoDOT will remove current surface and replace with new asphalt surface; Completion: Summer 2020.
For more information about these or other projects, contact City’s Public Works Department at 417-624-0820, ext. 536.

Funding for projects listed on page 4:

^- Capital Improvement Sales Tax; Jasper County share is for bridge construction

^- Capital Improvement Sales Tax & cost share agreement with Newton County

*- Capital Improvement Sales Tax (CIST)

** - Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds through HUD

*** Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax

^- Missouri Department of Transportation with a 50% match from City of Joplin’s CIST

^- Missouri Department of Transportation
Citizens hold active role in fighting mosquitoes in their neighborhoods

Mosquitoes! Not only are they a major nuisance, but they can also carry disease such as West Nile Virus, Zika and others. The Joplin Health Department operates a mosquito control program that fogs to control adult mosquitoes and a larvicide program that targets mosquitoes before they hatch. Without your help our efforts are only partially successful.

The success of controlling the mosquito population depends on residents to eliminate stagnant water on their own property and encouraging neighbors to do the same.

1. Look for areas on your property that can hold water such as stagnant swimming pools, buckets, old tires, flower pots, cans, children’s toys and other items. Since mosquitoes must have stagnant water to reproduce, the very best method of control is to drain water. A mosquito can lay as many as 300 eggs in a plastic bottle cap, so think of how many can be laid in a stagnant kiddie pool!

2. Replace water at least every seven days in items such as bird baths to remove any larva before they can hatch.

3. Purchase mosquito larvicide for items you cannot drain and the water is stagnant. Reasonably priced, these are very effective when used according to the labels. Chlorinated swimming pools or fountains with treated or moving water do not cause mosquito problems.

Our fogging routes are posted on our website and Facebook page several days before we fog. Contact the Health department with questions or to let us know of problem areas and we’ll work to reduce the mosquitoes in your neighborhood. Phone: 417-623-6122 or www.Facebook.com/joplinhealthdepartment

Kudos, Congrats, &

Joplin Police Officer Jeff Flenor recently received a Missouri Senate Resolution for saving a family of seven (four children and three adults) upon discovering their home on fire in the middle of the night on February 15. Officer Flenor immediately contacted the Joplin Fire Department and was able to get the entire family out of the house. Senator Bill White was honored to present Officer Flenor with a resolution for his bravery and courage.

Fire Chief Jim Furgerson recently received the Patriot Award in recognition of extraordinary support of his employees and family members of those that serve in the National Guard and Reserve. This award was given by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), an agency of the U.S. Department of Defense. Furgerson was nominated for being highly supportive of the military Reserve Component members and their families by Tracy Crawford, a Joplin Firefighter. Crawford is also a Sergeant assigned to the 294th Engineer Company, Carthage, Mo., Missouri Army National Guard.

Get school vaccinations now to avoid back to school rush

Your child says, “I’m bored” for the tenth time today, and you wonder if school will EVER start! Yes, it will, and the chaos will begin again!

While you’re waiting for school to start, be sure to check your child’s vaccine requirements for school. Entry into eighth grade will require Tdap and Meningococcal (MCV4). Seniors will be required to have their second MCV4. If your child is missing these vaccines, they will need to obtain them before the start of school.

Bring them to the Joplin Health Department Medical Clinic to catch up on all required back to school vaccinations! Call the Joplin Health Department at 417-623-6122 to work out a time this summer to get them prepared for back to school. We have appointments open now which can help decrease the chaos of getting everyone ready for back to school. We offer all recommended vaccines at a low price for uninsured, Medicaid, and many insurances.

We also offer TB testing and college age vaccinations available, by appointment. Call 417-623-6122 for more information.

Protect your sanity. Protect your child!
Lil' Tikes Introduces Preschoolers to Football
Lil' Tikes is a 4-week program open to boys and girls 3 & 4 years old that will show children how to pass, run, kick, punt, and other basic football fundamentals. Lil' Tikes will be held on Tuesday evenings, starting August 6, at 5:45 & 6:45 and is limited to 30 kids in each session. Cost is $38 per child and each child will receive a jersey and award.

Youth Soccer Kicks off in September
Lil' Kickers is a 4-week instructional program that is designed to introduce children to soccer and help them prepare for soccer leagues. Lil' Kickers is open for children ages 3-4 years old. Two sessions will be offered this fall on Tuesday evenings, starting September 3. Cost is $38 per child and each child will receive a jersey and award.

Youth Developmental Soccer is offered for children ages 5-12 years old. Each child will receive a jersey, shorts, socks, and a soccer ball. Cost is $40/player. Practices begin the week of September 2, and games will be on Tuesday or Thursday nights depending on the child’s age starting September 16.

Adult Softball Leagues Offered to Area Residents
Adults looking to get a little exercise and have some fun this fall are encouraged to register for the Softball Leagues held at the Joplin Athletic Complex.
All players must be 18 years or older. The first place teams will receive a championship t-shirt. Team entry is $275.
The City’s Stormwater Team reminds residents to please mow your grass so that cut grass is distributed upon your yard and not out into the street. Mowed grass, leaves and other yard debris accumulates at their road’s stormwater drains, causing a hazardous clog to the stormwater system for Joplin roads.

City Crews appreciate everyone following these guidelines, as will your neighbors and others driving along your street during the next rainfall. Thank you!

Property owners should NOT direct grass cuttings on to the sidewalks or in to the streets and gutters, as this will clog the stormwater drains. (City Ord. Chapter 62 Health & Sanitation – Section 62-204 – (1) (j)

October 18
Old Fashioned Hayride
at McClelland Park