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August 7 Municipal Election: Voters to decide whether Use Tax should apply to out-of-state purchases

Joplin voters will have the opportunity to decide whether the City of Joplin should collect a Use Tax during the August 7 election. Listed on the ballot as *City of Joplin Proposition "A"*, it discusses a tax that applies to purchases **made from out-of-state vendors**. It is applied to the same type of products subject to traditional sales tax. **The difference is where the goods are purchased and shipped,** thus the term Use Tax.

For example: If you purchase an item at a retail store in Joplin, you pay city sales tax; on the other hand, if you purchase an item through the internet or by catalog from an out-of-state business and have the item shipped to Joplin, then the Use Tax would apply.

Is this a new Sales Tax?

Not in traditional terms – the city's sales taxes already apply to purchases made from vendors in Missouri and the local Use Tax would simply extend those same sales tax rates to purchases made from out-of-state vendors.

Why does Joplin need a Use Tax?

It provides an important source of local funding and levels the playing field for local businesses. Otherwise, these businesses are at an unfair competitive disadvantage to out-of-state business when local taxes are avoided.

With no local use tax in place, local residents have an incentive to make out-of-state purchases instead of buying locally. This impacts local jobs and sends more than a million dollars out of our economy each year. In 2015, the Missouri Department of Revenue noted that Joplin would have collected approximately \$1.2

million under the current 2.625% local tax rate had a use tax been in place.

I already pay Sales Tax on purchases, is this the same thing?

No. A Sales Tax is imposed based on the **location of the seller**, while a **use tax applies to purchases made out-of-state and brought back to Joplin for use.**

When purchases are made at retail stores in Missouri, sales tax is collected at that location. On the other hand, purchases from out-of-state vendors that are shipped to Missouri are subject to a use tax. A purchaser pays either the sales tax or the use tax, but not both.

What is the rate of the Use Tax?

The local Use Tax rate must mirror the local sales tax rate, currently 2.625%. If the local sales tax rate decreases or increases by voter approval, the local Use Tax also changes by the same action in order to remain the same amount.

How much will the City of Joplin receive from a local Use Tax?

According to the Missouri Department of Revenue, the Use Tax revenue that Joplin would have received in 2015 is approximately \$1.2 million under the current 2.625% local tax rate.



CITY COUNCIL 2018-2020

MAYOR MAYOR PRO TEM

At press time, the council had not met to vote on these positions. Please visit joplimo.org for this announcement.

GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS & TERM

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(2014 - 2022)

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What local services will the Use Tax fund?

The Use Tax will help fund the same services the city provides from the existing sales taxes, such as police, fire, streets, parks, and stormwater.

Will the Use Tax apply to every purchase made from out-of-state vendors?

Yes, if the goods purchased would be subject to a sales tax if purchased at retail, then the use tax applies. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled (on June 21, 2018) in the South Dakota vs. Wayfair case overturning the previous ruling that exempted out-of-state vendors from collecting the use tax. This significant ruling means all online retailers must collect and remit any applicable sales and use taxes.

However, municipalities must have a Use Tax in place to capture the revenue from this decision.

I don't buy anything online. How will it affect me?

If you never buy goods from out-of-state vendors which have to be shipped to Missouri, you won't pay any Use Tax.

Will the Use Tax have other local benefits?

- ✓ It helps retain local businesses, in turn keeping local jobs in the area.
- ✓ Local Use Tax replaces the local sales tax that is not collected on out-of-state purchases.

- ✓ Helps to ensure the city has the resources to continue to provide same level of services to citizens such as police and fire protection, streets, parks, etc.

Doesn't the State of Missouri have a "Proposition A" listed on the ballot also?

Yes, but the State's question relates to the adoption of MO Senate Bill 19 ("Right to Work"). The City of Joplin's Proposition A question relates to the adoption of a local Use Tax for Joplin. It is listed after the State's question, and will be the last thing on the ballot.

Do you have other questions?

Members of the task force are available to speak to groups interested in learning more about the use tax. Please contact Lynn Onstot, Public Information Officer, at 417-624-0820, ext. 204, or lonstot@joplinmo.org for more info or to schedule a time.

Residents will also receive additional information in the mail from the City of Joplin in mid to late-July.

Earlier this year, City Council commissioned a Citizens Task Force to study this issue and bring back their decision whether to ask voters to endorse a use tax. After much review, the citizens group voted unanimously to recommend that Council place the question to the voters. On May 21, Joplin City Council voted unanimously to put the question to the voters asking if they would approve a local use tax.

Interested in serving on a City Board?

Citizens interested in serving on a City Board or Commission are welcome to submit an application throughout the year. Each of the 25 boards represents a specific area of City government, and citizens designate which board(s) they are applying for on the form. A full listing of boards and their mission is available at www.joplinmo.org. Those interested may apply

through the website or by email at bgollhof@joplinmo.org. For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 417-624-0820, ext. 220 or 221.

Citizens must be a qualified voter in the City or the state of Missouri. Some boards may have specific requirements for its members. Applications are kept on file for one year.

Currently, the City Council is seeking applicants to fill the following board openings:

BUILDING BD. OF APPEALS
(currently no applicants)

PARKS & RECREATION

SOLID WASTE COMMISSION 2 positions
(currently no applicants)

TIF (currently no applicants)

What have you heard?

This article is provided to correct inaccuracies and misinformation with facts regarding comments and rumors about the City which have circulated recently through social media and our community.

Below are comments that City staff have heard (in bold) with the correct information (in italics) following the misnomer. Please contact Public Information Officer Lynn Onstot at 417-624-0820, ext. 204 or lonstot@joplinmo.org with any questions.



The Police and Fire Department are not supported by the City Council and/or the City Manager. This is a

crisis – why is City Council taking so long?

It is not true that the city council and/or city manager do not support police and fire. The City has 24 separate funds. Only one, the general fund, can be spent on salaries for public safety employees. None of the other funds can be used for that purpose.

Pay issues in police and fire are difficult to address because expenditures in the general fund are outpacing revenues, thus, the expenditures in the general fund are not sustainable. Since 2015, the City has taken many steps to improve the sustainability of the general fund. Wages were frozen in 2015 and 2016. There was no capital replacement in 2016. In 2017, 15 positions were eliminated, along with other various budget cuts. The City reduced additional expenses in 2018.

On May 31, 2018, a Sustainability Report was presented to the Council with several options of how to further decrease expenditures without cutting services to the citizens. Council approved a majority of these, and others still need to be researched. Moving forward, those options will be presented to City Council before the new fiscal year (starts Nov. 1, 2018) for formal action.

The general fund must be sustainable in order for the City to adopt a sustainable pay plan for all employees.

It has been suggested that the money for the officers be taken from the “reserve fund.” What exactly is the reserve fund and what are the guidelines for using that money?

Our Charter requires the City to maintain 25% of our annual budget as a reserve to cover emergencies. This is referred in the budget as our “Reserved for Contingency” line item. The “Unrestricted” fund balance line item can be used for any one-time purpose. The City is a “pay as you go” city, meaning we typically don’t issue debt for projects. So, dollars are saved in the good years (when revenues are higher than expenses) to fund high-dollar purchases (like ladder trucks) or to cover any unforeseen expenses (like the tornado in 2011).

Reserve funds are one-time funds and can

only be used on one-time expenses rather than ongoing costs, such as personnel.

Joplin police officers are only getting about \$10/hour in pay.

The current starting salary for a police officer is \$34,572, or \$16.62 per hour. In 2017, the average base salary for a police officer was \$37,303. Including overtime, longevity pay, stipends, etc., the actual average salary of a police officer was \$43,376.

Please justify why a Parks and Recreation concession worker makes \$11.82 an hour while a 3-year firefighter makes \$10.83?

Concession workers are part-time seasonal employees with a starting hourly rate of \$8.67, with no benefits.

Fire Department personnel work 24 hours and are off for 48 hours. As a result, they work 2,912 hours per calendar year and receive benefits, while regular employees work 2,080 hours per calendar year. The current starting annual salary for a firefighter/EMT is \$31,360. Their hourly rate is \$10.77 for 2,912 hours per year.

In 2017, the average base salary for a firefighter/EMT was \$33,268. Including overtime, longevity pay, stipends, etc., the average salary of a firefighter/EMT was \$37,478.

It has been reported in the paper/other media that the city donated the land for the new performing art center. The question asked was, “Why not sell that land and apply that to raises for law enforcement and fire fighters?”

One-time revenues, such as the sale of land or property, should not be used to pay for ongoing expenses, because once those funds are spent, there is no other source of revenue to sustain the continued operational expenses. For example, if you won \$1,000 from a lottery scratch-off ticket and decided to use that to get cable TV service, once the lottery winnings are spent, where would you get the money for your ongoing cable expenses?

“The City is paying millions of dollars on the new Performing Arts Center.”

FALSE. It is a privately-funded project of Connect-2-Culture. A Memorandum of Understanding between this group and the City requires that the group provides “sufficient financial commitments” of at least \$14 million by Nov. 30. If this goal is met, then the City will donate the north side of the Memorial Hall parking lot for the project (plans are for the Center to be constructed on the northwest corner). This is a significant investment in the

downtown area, and a center of this magnitude positively impacts the economic development of the City. In turn, a development of this type helps to increase sales tax revenues to the City.

Please note: costs of operations and maintenance of the center will belong to this organization, not the City.

Where did all the millions of tornado dollars go? Millions is a lot of money – where did it go?

The donations and grants received have restrictions on how they can be used. These resources are restricted to help rebuild the community following the devastating EF-5 tornado.

Donations received directly by the City are detailed here: <http://www.joplinmo.org/DocumentCenter/View/7226/Copy-of-First-Response-Fund-Summary>

The city also received state and federal dollars for the recovery, which are detailed here: <http://Joplingis.org/Dashboard>

The City has been using money from the police and fire pension program to fund unrelated city projects.

This is not true. Due to the poor funding status of the plan, the pension plan was changed for new hires in 2009. Prior to the pension plan change, the City contributed the percentage set forth in the existing ordinance. Following the pension change, the City agreed to contribute the actuary recommended rate. Additionally, the City made extra contributions of \$2.5 million between 2009 and 2013. Over the last 10 years, the City has contributed an extra \$11.8 million more than the previous city contribution rate would have been. This equals an increased contribution per public safety employee per year of \$6,247.00 by the City, above and beyond the previous cost of \$5,759.00 per public safety employee per year.

The City used millions of general fund dollars to pay for the city’s portion of the library.

The new Library project was a partnership with the Economic Development Administration (EDA), which awarded the City a \$20 million grant to assist in the redevelopment of the 20th Street area following the 2011 disaster. This stimulation project includes site infrastructure repairs and improvements, as well as the new Library facility. It was a matching grant from EDA of 80% to 20% City resources. The City’s matching portion of \$5 million was funded with approximately \$4.5 million in TIF bonds and \$500,000 in the value of the existing land owned by the City.

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What have you heard? (continued from page 3)

The City leases the ground the library sits on for \$3500 a month.

The Joplin Redevelopment Corporation (JRC) is the developer of record for the Recovery TIF, not the City. Part of the property for the new library was leased, while the City already owned the remaining land. The lease was pre-paid for 20 years, which was a requirement of the EDA grant. A portion of the lease was paid by the EDA grant and the remaining portion was paid by the TIF bonds. After 15 years from the date the lease was signed, the JRC will have the option to buy out the lease and pay either \$2 million or the market value of the unimproved land at the time of the sale, whichever is greater. Those moneys have been set aside in the JRC account. City funding was not used for the lease payment.

The City is using money from the general fund to pay for golf carts and other extras at the golf course.

Several years ago, the City reorganized the golf course operations to help ensure the

golf course revenues cover the golf operating expenses. During this process, it was noted that the general fund would assist with capital purchases. It is not uncommon for the general fund to cover capital expenses for programs and services in other funds.

Why not raise golf course fees years ago? (I have actually heard this topic discussed quite a bit with friends who actually golf – more than non-golfers)

Fees are reviewed every two years, including the golf course. But for several years after the tornado, fees for many services were not reviewed. That process resumed in 2015, which resulted in an increase in user fees across the city including the golf course.

I've been told SROs are being pulled from the schools...that was a huge hot topic for parents of Joplin schools.

This isn't happening. During a presentation, Chief Stewart mentioned that if a shortage of officers on the street continued through the summer, SROs might have to be put onto the

street for the summer months, but only until school starts up again. The SROs did, in fact, remain at the schools for the summer. The City is committed to keeping four SROs in the schools for the safety of our community.

The City Council, and possibly department heads, are going on a retreat that costs millions of dollars.

City Council will have a planning day later in the fall to discuss City projects and priorities, following the budget work sessions this summer. Since the 2011 disaster, the City has been focused on the recovery work. The last planning session was held in 2010. The planning day is budgeted for \$5,000, which includes strategic planning expertise.

Why don't we raise pool fees to cover costs?

That was one of the options from the Sustainability Report approved by Council during a recent meeting. This ordinance will be presented to Council for their approval in order for new rates to take effect next season.

Honoring our own....

In honor of Independence Day, the City recognizes our employees* who have served our country, both past and present. Thank you for your commitment to our country.

Jake Cowen, Parks and Recreation, U.S. Navy, 3 years

Tracy Crawford, Fire Department, U.S. Army & Missouri National Guard Combat Engineers 27+ years.

Gary Dedrickson, Parks and Recreation, U.S. Army, 2 years

Sam Denton, Parks and Recreation, U.S. Army, 10 years

Joshua Hanes, Joplin Police Dept., U.S. Navy, 1996-2000

Nicole Knoblauch, U.S. Army, 5 years

Lynden Lawson, Operations-Public Works, U.S. Marine Corps, 30 years

Brandon Louderback, U.S. Air Force, 15 years

Lawrence R. "Mac" McKeough, Health Dept., U.S. Navy - 25 years

Roscoe H. Miller, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Army, 20 years; Currently stationed in Taji, Iraq

Rick Porter, Parks and Recreation, U.S. Army, 3 years

Sloan Rowland, Police Dept., U.S. Army and Naval Reserve, 28 years

Sam Scott, Police Dept., U.S. Army National Guard, 1999-current

Lane Starchman, Information Technology, U.S. Marine Corps, 8 years

Martin White, Animal Control, Health Dept., U.S. Army National Guard, 1984 to 1987; U.S. Air Force. 1987 to 1991.

Edward Whitmore, Planning & Community Development, U.S. Army National Guard, 2014 - present

Bet Willhite, Neighborhood Improvement, U.S. Army, 13 years.

**Information was submitted by employees in response to a house wide email inquiring about service. We apologize for any omissions.*



Recovery funds allow for additional projects in neighborhoods

Competitive bids for the six neighborhood surface projects allowed recovery funds to stretch into three additional areas to receive surface improvements.

The infrastructure projects are coming in below estimates, and gives us an opportunity to reach more residential areas with improvements," said Patty Heagel, Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development. "In 2015 when the City Council approved the (Disaster Recovery) Capital Plan, they requested

any substantial savings along the way be used to continue needed infrastructure repairs. We are fortunate to be able to do that with approximately \$4.5 million of the recovery grant funding."

New areas that will receive improvements are:

- Project 4002 – area within 20th to 22nd Street, from Maiden Lane to Jackson;
- Project 4009 – area within 15th to 20th Street from Connecticut to just west of Wisconsin Avenue;
- Project 4011 – area within 20th to 26th Street from Connecticut to Indiana.

Bicycle safety for the young and young-at-heart

- ❖ ALWAYS wear a helmet. Studies show helmets reduce bicycle injuries by 85%
- ❖ Wear clothing that makes you more visible when riding your bicycle.
- ❖ Avoid biking during hours of darkness.
- ❖ Go with the Flow - Ride on the right side of the roadway in a predictable path. Riding against the traffic puts you where motorists don't expect you. They may not see you. Young children typically are not able to identify and adjust to many dangerous traffic situations and should not ride in the street.
- ❖ Obey all traffic laws - Bicyclists must obey the same rules as motorists while operating their bicycles in the roadway.
- ❖ MOTORISTS - Please be aware of bicyclists (both children and adults) while operating your vehicles. If you are going to pass a bicycle, give plenty of room to the cyclist and ensure that there is no oncoming traffic when passing.



New Bike/Pedestrian plan outlines current and future connecting trails

If you and your family enjoy taking walks or bike rides and are looking for different routes, you'll want to check out the new bicycle and pedestrian plan recently adopted by an area planning group. This plan outlines current trails, paths, and roadways in Joplin and the surrounding area, and identifies potential new ones to extend connectivity in the region.

Citizen engagement provided valuable input about the current trails and offered suggestions for improvements and expansions of the various routes. The Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization (JATSO) used this information to develop the 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan for the Joplin Area.

During public meetings and in survey responses, individuals overwhelmingly indicated the need for safe transportation options as well as the importance of connectivity between existing and future facilities. To address these desired outcomes for the Joplin area, JATSO worked under this vision: "Provide safe bicycle and pedestrian connectivity within, between, and beyond the Joplin Area communities."

The study area covered some 200 square miles and included 18 municipalities as well as unincorporated areas. JATSO members emphasize that the success of metropolitan transportation system is based on the public's participation.

"Hundreds of individuals provided input and shared their dreams of walking and riding throughout the area with their families," said project manager Taylor Cunningham, Assistant to the City Manager. "They want alternative transportation options to get to work, shopping areas, and parks. This plan identifies these and shows future paths."

The document will be used for many years because of its vision for the area's bicycle and pedestrian network and recommendations for implementation, she said. It includes public input and technical analysis to develop a series of potential policies, programs, and projects. It can be seen here:

www.joplinmo.org/bikepedplan

JATSO is the metropolitan planning organization for the region that includes southern Jasper County and northern Newton County.

One Joplin offers resources for neighborhoods

As part of their mission, One Joplin offers neighborhood workshops for citizens to become more engaged with those on their



block or surrounding area. Some residents may already serve as informal "Neighborhood Connectors" and could easily transition into a role helping One Joplin initiate these community efforts.

Neighborhood Connectors are people who naturally seek and build relationships with their neighbors. They may already know some or most of their neighbors; have organized social gatherings or block parties; and/or serve as the contact person for their street or block. The next step would be to form a neighborhood group to share skills and talents, build relationships and increase problem-solving ability, while sharing common goals.

One Joplin staff will assist citizens with this effort and can be reached at 417-624-0153. By working together, both the neighbors and the community benefit with a heightened sense of unity, shared neighborhood pride and improved communication related to many areas in Joplin.

"Working with residents in their neighborhoods helps build a stronger and more vital community," said Anna Leonard, Community Facilitator at One Joplin. "Citizens become more engaged in activities, area decisions, and overall efforts that work to move us forward which in turn makes us a happier and dynamic community."

One Joplin shares resources with individuals and neighborhood groups. Citizens are encouraged to call and learn how to get involved and the role they can serve to develop a thriving community.

One Joplin is a city-wide movement of people who believe that Joplin is and can be a truly flourishing community.

Neighborhood Surface Projects include 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 listed, but will concentrate on the worst elements of each areas.

"All infrastructure work is based on the initial assessment of its condition in the beginning of the planning process in 2014," said Heigel.

The recovery work is funded by HUD's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery program and is to be completed by the latter part of 2019. No monies from the City's budget are used for this or other recovery projects.

More information about this project, as well as all of the recovery projects, can be found at <http://Joplingis.org/Dashboard>.

New visitor and history guides offered through Visit Joplin

Visit Joplin, also known as the Joplin Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) marked its 30th anniversary as the official tourism marketing organization for Joplin this year. Staff use new tools and methods to bring travelers to Joplin during their travels in the area. Regional efforts encourage people to take a break from an everyday routine and enjoy Joplin's attractions.

"Social media, websites and video blogs are just some of the new ways people search for destinations and fun things to do when traveling places," said Erin Slifka, Director of Sales in the CVB. "No longer do people call and request a travel brochure or information. They want to see things immediately, so we're creative in posting

events, attractions and oddities that draw people to the area."

Oddities define the area by offering a unique or "only here" moment, and every community has several, she said. These, along with many other attractions in the area, are featured in the new Official Joplin Visitor Guide. Residents can use this resource to "be a tourist in their own backyard" and to entertain friends and family when visiting.

The public can also pick up the Joplin History Guide, which offers a look back to Joplin's mining days. The guide tells the story of the city's historic buildings, industries, famous residents and events. People can pick these guides up at the Joplin History & Mineral Museum, Post Art Library or Visit Joplin's Office located on the first floor in City Hall.

The tourism industry is the second largest industry in the state of Missouri behind

agriculture. Travel and tourism enhances the quality of life for a local community by providing jobs, bringing in tax dollars for improvement of services and infrastructure, and attracting facilities like restaurants, shops, festivals, and cultural and sporting venues that cater to both visitors and locals.

Joplin sees its fair share from the tourism industry supporting 5,259 jobs in Jasper County and 2,111 jobs in Newton County. We attract more than 700,000 visitors annually in Jasper and Newton County, creating a combine revenue of \$303 million.

"Tourism has grown a great deal these past 30 years, and we're excited to see what the next 30 years will bring to our community," said Slifka. "We're here to help our residents hosting organizational meetings and events or family and friends. Visit Joplin is a resource for many. We'll continue to



market Joplin to those traveling across the country or the world to experience Joplin's amenities."

Cheers to the next 30 years!
#JoplinRocks #TrekJOMO

The Visit Joplin operates and manages funds collected through the City of Joplin Transient Guests Tax. Sleeping accommodations supported by a 4% tax on all lodging properties within the City of Joplin tax base. Visit Joplin receives no funding from the City's general fund.

Citizens serving community by volunteering for City's Boards and Commissions

Citizens looking to help their community get involved by serving on various Boards, Commissions and Committees of the City. Serving in diverse roles, groups assess needs; review plans and policies; make recommendations to City departments and provide guidance on projects and programs.

City Council makes appointments to Boards and Commissions as positions become open, and approved the following at recent meetings.

Airport Board	Bob Loudermilk	Convention & Visitors Bureau ...	Crystal Albright	Library	Jim Fleischaker
Board of Adjustment	Dewayne Patton	Joplin Redevelopment Corp.....	Andy Perigo	Parks and Recreation	Paul Teverow
City Tree Board	Diane Kay Fauss	Joplin Redevelopment Corp.	Bill Searce	Planning and Zoning	Rodney McCullough
Board of Health	Aaron Rice	Joplin Sports Authority	Forrest Reed	TIF Commission.....	Mike McGavran

The following were approved for reappointment to serve another term on their Board or Commission:

ADA Accessibility	Vicki Gray	Library	David Layne
Board of Adjustment	James Pinjuv	Joplin Redevelopment Corp.	David Sweeney
Capital Improvements Sales Tax	Josh Bard	Joplin Sports Authority	Melissa Rodgers
Convention & Visitors Bureau	Mike Greninger	Planning & Zoning Commission	Pete Ramsour
Design Review	Lori Haun	Police & Fire Pension	Mike McGavran
Housing Authoring.....	Edith Triplett	Solid Waste.....	Andrew Whitehead
Joplin Historical Museum	Bob Harrington		

City Council members recently recognized citizens who completed their terms this past year. Members received a recognition plaque and a thank you gift for their service. Citizens recognized were:

Name	Board/Commission/Committee	Dates of Service	Name	Board/Commission/Committee.....	Dates of Service
Robert Loudermilk	Airport Board	2011-2017	Charles Parker.....	Library Board	2011-2017
Randy Moore	Airport Board	2011-2017	Aaron Doll	Parks & Recreation Board.....	2011-2017
Gregg Wilkerson	City Tree Board	2010-2017	Kyle Birkinsha.....	Tax Increment Finance Commission	2011-2017
Chris Churchwell	Capital Improvements &	2011-2017	Lee Smith.....	Planning & Zoning Commission	2009-2017
	Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee		Candy Gagle	Traffic Commission	2009-2017
Roberta Myers	Library Board	2008-2017	Ryan Jackson	Traffic Commission	2009-2017

Bald Eagle Sculpture lands in new home

Bald Eagle, a sculpture that has been with the City for more than 50 years, has found a new place to perch - the Joplin Regional Airport. This steel sculpture made with knives by Nancy Kissel Clark has nested in several locations during the past half-century.

The City of Joplin acquired this prize-winning art piece in May 1968 through a dedication made by the Joplin Arts Council. The sculpture was originally located in the Joplin Municipal Building at 303 East 3rd Street for nearly 40 years. It was moved in 2005 when City Hall relocated to its current location in the historic Newman Building, 602 South Main. *Bald Eagle* was displayed in Wildcat Glades Conservation and Audubon Center starting in 2008.

After the National Audubon Center shifted its mission and stepped away from the Joplin Center, Steve Stockam, Manager of the Airport, enthusiastically agreed to have the eagle land in the airport's terminal lobby.

"It's a beautiful piece and our travelers will be drawn to this unique sculpture," he said. "We're happy to have *Bald Eagle* watch over those coming into Joplin, and those departing our fair city. It's rather appropriate to have our national symbol serve as a mascot to our flight service."

The sculpture is made of stainless steel. Each feather was cut individually from a discarded stainless steel 8-foot strip, that knife blades had been cut from. The feathers were each hammered and brazed with bronze rods from the inside, and the tips of the blades form the body. The sculpture is 26 inches tall and has a wingspread of 36 inches. It took the artist three months to complete.

Its perch is a pedestal that was carved by Justin Hale, a former student of Clark's, in 2008 as a commemoration of its move to the former Audubon Center.

Bald Eagle was the top award winner in the "On the Boardwalk" show at Atlantic City, New Jersey in the mid-1960's. The artist brought it to Joplin for the Arts Festival in October 1967 and left it on six-months loan. It was during this time that the Joplin Arts Council pursued their purchase of the art.



FREE TREE LIMB DROP OFF FOR JOPLIN RESIDENTS

1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue • 3rd Saturday of each month*
Now through October 2018 • 8 AM to 2 PM

Additional Information: 417-624-0820 ext. 501

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

Time to get your children vaccinated for school

The Joplin City Health Department has vaccinations for infants, children, adolescents, and adults. Check with us now to avoid the back to school rush in August to make sure you are fully immunized.

Vaccines have prevented countless cases of disease and saved millions of lives over

the years. Routinely required vaccines are Hepatitis B, DTaP, Hib, Polio, Pneumococcal, MMR, Varicella, Tdap, and Meningococcal.

Vaccines are very effective. The weakened antigen in vaccines do not cause disease, but are strong enough to make the immune system produce antibodies that lead to

immunity. A vaccine is a safer substitute for a child's first exposure to a disease.

Vaccines are very safe. The main risks of getting vaccines are called side effects, which are almost always mild - such as redness or swelling at the injection site. Mild side effects go away within a few days.

Things to consider about vaccinations:

- You are protecting your child and the community from disease.
- Some children are eligible for free vaccinations. Ask your local health department.

- Keep your child's shot record, and always bring it to the clinic with your child. Ask your provider to enter your child's vaccinations into the state showmevax record system.

- Contact your local health department to address any questions or concerns. We are here to help.

There are consequences of not vaccinating your child:

- Pertussis (whooping cough), chickenpox, and measles are still common in the U.S. Your child could get very sick.
- Most schools, preschools, and colleges require certain vaccinations for inclusion.
- If your child is not vaccinated, and

there is an outbreak of the disease, your child could be kept out of school for a length of time.

- Even if you don't travel out of the country, you could be exposed to international travelers who could carry the

disease to your home.

- Your child, if exposed, could transmit the disease to a child who is unable to be vaccinated due to immune disorders or other illnesses, and put them at great risk.

If you live in Joplin, or attend Joplin schools, the Joplin City Health Department may be able to vaccinate you or your child at little or no cost to you. We carry vaccines for those with insurance, the uninsured, and underinsured. A nurse can review your child's shot record, and work out a plan to make sure your child is fully immunized. If the shot record is lost, we can guide you in locating sources for that information.

Immunizations are important - for you, and for your community. Call us at 417-623-6122.



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Movies in the Park Series

Enjoy family favorite flicks for FREE in one of our beautiful parks this summer and fall. Pack your chairs, blankets, and family for an evening of fun underneath the stars. Bring snacks or concessions

are available for purchase on-site. Movies will be shown at dusk.

Many thanks to Frank Fletcher Toyota for sponsoring our 2018 Movies in the Park Series. Join us for one of these upcoming dates:

- **Tuesday, August 7 - "Justice League"** at Schifferdecker Park as part of National Night Out with the Joplin Police Department
- **Saturday, September 15 - You Pick The Flick!** (Can vote online) - will be shown at Humphrey Park

- **Friday, October 19 - "CoCo"** at our Old Fashioned Hayride event at McClelland Park
- **Saturday, December 1 - "Home Alone"** at Memorial Hall to kick off the holiday season

Turquoise Tables' offers chance to connect with your community

Looking for a way to engage with your neighbors, share news of upcoming events or just meet new people? Then consider placing a picnic table in your front yard - although not just any picnic table. There's a movement of **Turquoise Tables** taking place in Joplin, and throughout the United States following this grassroots effort started by a busy mom looking for ways to slow down and connect with others.

The Turquoise Table: Finding Community and Connection in Your Own Front Yard, "Place a turquoise table in your front or side yard as a gathering place for neighbors, friends and even passersby to 'hang out and do life together'." One Joplin strongly supports this effort and will help you get it started in your neighborhood. Just give them a call at 417-624-0153 for more information. See related article about neighborhood leadership on page 5.

Mark your calendar for upcoming events with Joplin Parks & Rec

Joplin pools closing schedule:

Joplin pools will be closed for the season in stages this summer as lifeguards (and swimmers) head back to school.

Last day for pools are:

- Ewert Aquatic Center closes..... Sunday, August 5
- Schifferdecker Aquatic Center..... Sunday, August 12
- Cunningham Aquatic Center* Sunday, August 5* (daily)
- Monday, Sept. 3 (season)

*Cunningham will be **open for weekends only** starting the week of August 6 and will be **weekends only from Sat. Aug. 11 until closing for the season on Labor Day, Sept. 3.**

Upcoming fun events for the whole family!

- Old Fashioned Hayride..... October 19 at McClelland Park
- Turkey Shootout..... November 16 at Memorial Hall
- Letters to Santa..... November 14 - December 3
- Breakfast with Santa December 1 at Memorial Hall
- Candy Cane Hunt December 7 at the Athletic Complex

What's the best way for our viewers to keep up with the parks activities?

Facebook - [Joplin Parks and Recreation](#)
Website: www.joplinparks.org
Sign up for parks info under NOTIFY ME at www.joplinmo.org