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Athletic Complex (Leagues, Activities, Programs) 625-4750
Cemeteries 623-7909
Convention & Visitors Bureau 625-4789
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Fire Dept. (non-emergency) 623-0403
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Flights to Chicago, Denver and Houston take off June 1

Starting June 1, travelers in the Joplin area will be able to fly nonstop to Chicago, Denver and Houston with United Express, operated by SkyWest Airlines. This new service results from the recent award by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to SkyWest for the Essential Air Service (EAS) program.

The new United Express flights will be on board a 50-seat regional jet with daily trips to Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD), Denver International Airport (DEN), and George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH). A schedule of flights is listed below.

“During 2019, we’ve had with Dallas. This combination of service will provide some new opportunities for area residents. All hubs offer the business and leisure traveler many options at our airport. We are very pleased with the DOT’s decision.”

Under EAS status, the DOT provides a subsidy for air service to a carrier that best meets the community’s needs. The analytical data provided by Volaire Aviation Consulting as part of this bidding process showed a distinct change in the travel pattern for the Joplin Airport by comparing Joplin domestic traffic with just single hub service to the

nine months when dual hub service was offered prior to the pandemic. This analysis revealed that dual hub service increased our Midwest region traffic by 408%, Northeast and Southeast region traffic grew by 53% and 29% respectively. Additionally, international traffic increased by 40% to its highest levels in over 10 years.

“It’s been nearly 30 years that the Joplin airport offered three different hubs to our travelers making connections for both domestic and international travel,” said Stockam. “We are optimistic about this. In mid-March, flight numbers were strong and continue to grow.”

Joplin’s change in air service follows the impact that the pandemic has had on the travel market.

“Last year was tough on all of us, and air service was not immune to that,” said Stockam. “Due to the COVID pandemic, American Airlines had to make some changes in their service, and unfortunately Joplin air service was impacted by this. American has been a great partner for us. We appreciate their service these past ten years for our market.”

Stockam noted that recent reports are showing signs of the travel industry shifting upward. “We are optimistic. We’re excited for this new era with United giving area travelers some options to strong hubs. We encourage everyone to look to Joplin as the first option in their travel needs.”

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics said that the U.S. airlines experienced the lowest level of passenger traffic last year since the mid-1980s.

Departure Airport.........................Departure Time....................Arrival Airport.........................Arrival Time

Joplin.......................11:44 a.m......................Houston.......................1:40 p.m.

Joplin.......................7:40 p.m........................Denver.......................6:20 p.m.

Denver......................7:40 p.m........................Joplin.......................10:36 p.m.

*Flight schedule varies and is subject to change • United Express Service to begin June 1.

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Work continues as City addresses recent Council goals

Working toward the City Council’s goals, City staff developed nearly 50 Action Plans and presented them for Council’s consideration during two different work sessions. The foundation for these plans comes from community feedback. City officials listened to the community and made plans to resolve concerns and take advantage of opportunities.

Action Plans establish programs or processes that could be used to accomplish the goals. By providing a step approach to address specific targets, Action Plans set a path while also identifying anticipated resources needed if that action plan is initiated. Some plans may require code changes while others would create new ways in approaching an area or issue of concern.

“"The objective is to address the concerns and comments we heard from citizens during the recent Listening Tour,"" said City Manager Nick Edwards. “"These were presented to Council as part of their planning session, and echoed many of the same issues that Council members had brought forward recently. The Council’s Goals center on these shared ideas to improve the appeal of Joplin in various ways.”

City of Joplin Goals  Set by City Council, 11-30-20

- Improve community appearance, including public properties maintained by the city.
- Address declining neighborhoods.
- Increase economic opportunities for all.
- Address homelessness.
- Reduce crime and increase safety.
- Create and grow resilient revenue to improve city service levels and maintain infrastructure.

During the work sessions, Council members provided feedback about the plans. Overall, plans were well received, and staff is currently editing some of the plans and reworking parts of others. The revised plans will be presented to Council in an upcoming work session.

""The City staff put together some great ideas that will be effective to improve our community,"" he said. “"We’re anxious to get started and recognize that some of the plans will take some time while others may be achievable in a short time. There are many variables, but we’re committed to continued improvements for our citizens.”

Edwards also noted that the City will work with its community partners in some of the programs. “Joplin has many strong agencies that provide resources for residents. They have a positive spirit in giving back and we’ll work with them for a well-rounded approach for community improvements.”

Citizens are encouraged to watch for updates related to Council action on the proposed action plans.

COVID Vaccine available to all adults  Local agency provides support for citizens seeking vaccine

Starting April 9, all phases of Missouri’s COVID-19 Vaccination Plan are now activated. This opens eligibility for all Missourians, ages 18 and over, to receive the vaccine.

“We encourage everyone to contact their healthcare provider, pharmacy or other healthcare agency if they are wanting to receive the vaccine,” said Ryan Talken, Health Director. “We are seeing a good inventory of vaccine in the area, and providers have done a good job letting the public know how to receive it.”

The Joplin Health Department also offers vaccination clinics as vaccine is available. The City Health Department is now utilizing Missouri’s Vaccine Navigator for appointment registration. Individuals can go to covidvaccine.mo.gov/navigator/ or they can call the SW MO Regional COVID-19 Call Center at 417-874-1211.

Resources are also available to help residents in Joplin and surrounding area get the vaccine. The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) helps people register for a vaccination, including individuals who are homebound and cannot travel to a site to receive it. AAA staff can be reached at 417-781-7562 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m. If lines are busy, please leave your name and phone number, and they will call you back within next work day. This service is available throughout 2021.

For those who may need a ride to their appointment, AAA staff can provide information about area resources for that service too.

We truly appreciate the assistance that Area Agency on Aging is providing,” said Talken. “Throughout this pandemic, our support agencies and businesses have pulled together to help our citizens through the different phases we’ve gone through this past year. We know there are many others offering their help and we want to thank them.”

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Joplin, MO 64801
Joplin to host overnight stop of 2021 Great Race

Public invited downtown to view cars June 21

Joplin will host an overnight stop on the 2021 Hemmings Motor News Great Race presented by Hagerty Monday, June 21. The Great Race, the world’s premiere old car rally, will bring 120 of the world’s finest antique automobiles to town, with the first car rolling onto Main Street at 4:45 p.m.

Participants in the event will cover more than 2,300 miles in nine days, starting in San Antonio and finishing in Greenville, S.C.

The Great Race is not a speed race, but a time/speed/distance rally. The vehicles, each with a driver and navigator, are given precise instructions each day that detail every move down to the second. They are scored at secret check points along the way and are penalized one second for each second either early or late. As in golf, the lowest score wins.

Cars start—and hopefully finish—one minute apart if all goes according to plan. The biggest part of the challenge other than staying on time and following the instructions is getting an old car to the finish line each day, organizers say.

Each stop on the Great Race is free to the public and spectators will be able to visit with the participants and to look at the cars for several hours. It is common for kids to climb in the cars for a first-hand look.

Cars built in 1974 and earlier are eligible. In the 2019 Great Race a 1916 Hudson won the event. A 1916 Hudson Pikes Peak Hillclimber and a 1917 Peerless racer are the oldest cars scheduled to be in the 2021 Great Race this summer.

The event’s main sponsors are Hemmings Motor News, Hagerty, Coker Tire and Reliable Carriers. More info: www.greatrace.com

Memorial event for 10th Anniversary planned for May 22

With the 10th anniversary of the Joplin tornado approaching, a citizens committee is planning a modest and heartfelt day of remembrance.

The morning of Saturday, May 22nd will be the 10th running of the Joplin Memorial Run, which is dedicated to the memory of those who passed away due to the disaster. For more information, go to facebook.com/JoplinMemorialRun or email info@joplinmemorialrun.com.

As the community has done in other years, there will be a gathering in Cunningham Park near the 5:41 p.m. hour. The observance ceremony will mark the moment of 2011 to honor and remember the loved ones who died with a reading of the 161 names. Prayer and music will also be part of the remembrance.

Former Missouri Governor Jeremiah “Jay” Nixon has been asked to speak regarding the recovery, with Joplin Mayor Ryan Stanley serving as the emcee of the program.

Preliminary plans also include community time in Cunningham Park starting at 3 p.m. As the date draws near, watch for local announcements with more details about this day.

For more information, contact the City of Joplin at 417-625-4789.

Joplin Youth Council makes big impact with donation

by Kammi Manning, PR Officer

This year it was our mission to give back to our community. In these times with COVID, it has been difficult for everyone and the Youth Council recognizes that.

As part of our mission, we gathered hygiene products like toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, and more. We asked the community for any help they could give. Each member of the Youth Council went to their dentists and people they knew for anything they were willing to donate. Overall, we collected about 200 of each item needed for the project. In March our members gathered at Watered Gardens with all of our items so we could assemble individual bags with these hygiene products for their clients.

As a member of this council I think that this project was a strong start in getting involved with the community. Change and improvements happen in small ways and creates greater possibilities. That is what this city council is all about. As a group we are here to make an impact in all the small ways.

I am excited to see this love for Joplin in our group and in future youth council groups.

Group paused for a quick selfie as they worked on the project.

From left: Whitney Pachthofer, City liaison for JYC, with members John Wheeler, Kami Manning (foreground), Jane Min, Hari Nagarajan, and Jake Saunders.
Parks and Rec offers leagues, lessons, programs, & even jobs!

For more information or to register on the following programs, call Parks & Recreation at 417-625-4750 or visit www.joplinparks.org.

Lil’ Instructionals Preschool Programs

Joplin Parks and Recreation offers introductory sport programs for the littlest players in town! The Little Instructionals series offers a 4-week instructional program for various sports throughout the year. Each session is designed to introduce children ages 3-4 to a particular sport in a non-competitive environment. With the use of fun games, the staff naturally incorporate exercise and skill games for the kids. All classes focus on developing each child’s skills and instilling self-confidence. The next program in the series will be Little Hitters starting May 20.

Adult Soccer & Softball Leagues Offered to Area Residents

Adults looking to get a little exercise and have some fun this summer are encouraged to register for the Soccer and/or Softball Leagues held at the Joplin Athletic Complex. All players must be 18 years or older.

Learn to Play Tennis with Joplin Parks and Recreation’s Tennis Professional

Beginning in June, Parks and Rec will offer varying levels of tennis instruction for area children and adults led by the Department’s Tennis Professional, Ken Goodall. Programs include introductory classes as well as programs to prepare players for competitive play. Prices vary depending on program and age. Call for more information.

Reserve a Shelter for Your Next Event!

Joplin Parks and Recreation reserves picnic shelters throughout the City. Shelter reservations are $40/day and are for the entire day (7 a.m. to 11 p.m.). The park shelters are a great place for your next birthday party, family reunion, graduation party, or event!

Seasonal Job Openings with Parks & Recreation

The Parks & Recreation Department is hiring cashiers, recreation instructors, lifeguards, and seasonal laborer positions at the Athletic Complex, three aquatic centers, Schifferdecker Golf Course, and the parks. It’s a great summer job for those in high school and college! Applicants must be 16 years or older by start date, 18 years or older for laborer positions. A pre-employment drug screening is required for all positions as well as a criminal history check. Depending on the position, some weekends, evenings, and holidays will be required. Applications for all positions are available now and being accepted in the Human Resources Department at City Hall, or online at http://www.joplinmo.org/jobs.

SPASH DOWN!
Pools open Saturday, May 29

Please check joplinparks.org for up to date hours of operation and closures. Please note, all aquatic programs, prices, schedules, and locations are subject to change.

Proposed Prices*:
- Ewert: $3.50 kids, $4.50 adults
- Cunningham: $4.50 kids, $5.50 adults
- Schifferdecker: $5.50 kids, $6.50 adults
- Season passes also available

Aqua Zumba at Ewert Aquatic Center
- Tuesday/Thursday evenings starting June 1
- 6:30 p.m.
- $5/class

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 a hired as a lifeguard, applicants must:
- Be at least 16 years of age by date of hire
- Be able to swim 300 yard 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 check and drug screen

*City pool admission price shows a proposed increase by 50¢ to help fund the necessary wage increase for lifeguards. In years past, the City has seen a decline in qualified applicants as teens look to other summer employment opportunities. City council will vote on this proposal in upcoming weeks.

Swim Lessons Offered at Cunningham Aquatic Center

The Joplin Parks & Recreation Department and Berzerker Swimming have partnered to offer morning and evening swim lessons beginning in June at Cunningham Aquatic Center. Classes will provide instruction to help swimmers of all ages and abilities develop their swimming and water safety skills.

Four sessions are planned throughout the summer at Cunningham Aquatic Center located at 24th & Maiden Lane. Class times and schedule can be found on joplinparks.org, or by calling the Joplin Parks and Recreation office at 417-625-4750.

Applicants are responsible for paying their licensing fee of $40 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.
Joplin Public Library announces future “Vision” and “Mission” with Strategic Plan

To encourage growth and improvement at the Joplin Public Library new mission and vision statements have been developed by the Board of Directors and staff. These, along with core values and goals, were completed during recent strategic planning sessions.

Vision Statement:
Our Library is a welcoming community where learning and connection grow and lives are enriched.

Mission Statement:
Our Library opens tomorrow’s doors today through diverse opportunities to learn, create, explore, and have fun.

Five internal organizational goals, highlighting the importance of Service, Awareness, Outreach, Inclusion, and Enrichment were identified to enhance the public’s experience with the Library.

Key deliverables of the plan include:
- Streamline internal processes to allow ease of access for Library users;
- More fully welcome new Library cardholders;
- Evaluate and update current signage and other wayfinding material;
- Create partnerships with local businesses and organizations;
- Encourage people to share stories of their Library experiences; and
- Ensure the Library has a broad range of materials available to fulfill most user’s needs.

JPL views strategic planning as an ongoing process within the organization and is dedicated to further equipping our fantastic staff with the training they need to better serve the community. Progress toward achieving the plan’s objectives will be assessed annually, and the plan will continue to be updated based on achievement and the changing needs of Library users and the community. To view the plan in its entirety, visit the Library’s website at joplinpubliclibrary.org

Kudos, Congrats, & Applause

Congratulations to Curtis Kralicek, Driver/Engineer in the Joplin Fire Department for his recent retirement from the City after 20 years of service.

Congratulations to Joplin City Clerk Barb Gollhofer for the recent achievement of her Missouri Professional City Clerk (MPCC) certification. This is the highest level of certification to receive from the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association (MOCCFOA). This certification program is tailored to the needs of Missouri clerks, combining education and experience as well as professional and personal development.

Gollhofer has completed 300 hours of instruction for professional development through educational conferences and meetings. She has served as City Clerk for three years. Prior to this, she worked as the Assistant City Clerk for ten years.

Schifferdecker Aquatic Center was recently voted as “Best Swimming Pool/Waterpark” in KOAM TV’s Four States Finest awards. Each year, KOAM viewers nominate and vote for their favorites in the four-state area. Thank you all who voted for us!

Library Summer Reading Program coming June 1

Free Trolley Pass for those who sign up

The end of the school year means it is time for summer reading! Joplin Public Library will host its annual all-ages Summer Reading Program from June 1 through July 25, with the theme “Tails and Tales”.

Children, teens, and adults are invited to log their reading for chances to earn prizes, and to participate in fun and educational Library-hosted programs. No Library card is required to participate in the Summer Reading Program! However, cards are FREE for in-city residents of Joplin, and temporary summer reading Library cards are FREE for ALL CHILDREN, birth to grade 12, regardless of residency!

Adults and teens who sign up for the reading program will receive a Sunshine Lamp Trolley Pass good for a summer of free trips on the trolley. Transportation is often a barrier preventing some individuals from participating in community programs such as this fun and beneficial program. Children under 12 ride free on the trolley with an adult, so the free pass will assist parents who would like to bring their children to the Library but they don’t have reliable transportation. The pass also provides teens (13 and up) with a safe mode of transportation to access the Library and Joplin’s Aquatic Centers.

Find out more information by visiting the Library’s social media pages, calling 417-623-7953, or visiting their website at joplinpubliclibrary.org, or visiting with staff at 1901 E. 20th Street.
Simple Tips to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

With recent heavy rainfalls, it’s evident how stormwater can be damaging to a neighborhood, community and our waterways if not managed properly. Effective stormwater management reduces the amount of runoff and runoff pollution by slowing runoff, allowing it to soak in and not create erosion or pass dangerous chemicals into waterways. Proper management also keeps water flow moving safely to appropriate sources and not collecting in large pools in roadways that can be hazardous to drivers in the area.

Recently the City completed a 10-year stormwater master plan that identifies best practices for Joplin, and noting areas needing attention. See article on page 7 for more info on the plan and how previous work has been completed to improve stormwater management in our city.

Residents can help with proper stormwater management to help keep our waterways clean by following some simple tips listed below. These simple tasks can prevent chemicals or sediments into the water ways of Joplin, which then flow into larger streams and eventually empty into Grand Lake.

Sweep grass clippings out of street gutters after mowing. Most people don’t think of grass clippings and leaves as pollution, but if they end up in waterways through our storm drain system they can be, due to the nitrogen and phosphorous they add to the waterways. This can cause growth of algae and aquatic weeds in creeks, streams and other waterways, which can be harmful. Algae blocks sunlight and prevents other plants from growing. It also takes much needed oxygen away from fish.

Leaves can be mulched by running the lawnmower over them and leaving the shredded leaves and grass in the lawn. This also adds needed nutrients back to your lawn minimizing the need of added fertilizers. Or consider making a compost bin or pile. It’s also important to sweep up any leaves and grass from driveways and sidewalks so they don’t end up down the storm drain.

Check your car for leaking fluids and recycle your motor oil. Improper disposal of used oil, which includes oil leaking from cars, contributes significantly to stormwater pollution. To clean up an accidental spill, pour sand or kitty litter over the spill, wait a few minutes and then sweep up the solid materials. If you have an oil leak, do your part and have it repaired. Or if you change your own, recycle your used motor oil. Many places that sell motor oil also collect it for free. Joplin Recycling Center takes used motor oil, but please call ahead. 417-624-0820, ext. 1501.

Don’t litter! Pick up trash and participate in a creek or watershed clean-up! No one likes to see trash floating in the water and that is where it ends up if litter is left on the ground. Litter can wash into area creeks and streams through storm drains. Litter can also be dangerous to wildlife that might mistake it for food or get tangled in the trash. There are community organizations that organize clean-up events. If interested, call the City at 417-624-0820, ext. 1501.

Pick up after your pet Pet waste that is left on streets, sidewalks, yards, or trails near streams can easily wash into area creeks and streams. Pet waste can add harmful bacteria to our water than can make the water unsafe to swim or play in. Pet waste also has nutrients that cause algae to grow in waterways which can be harmful to the animals that live there. Always pick up after your pets and dispose of their waste in a trash can or flush it down the toilet!

Never dump anything down storm drains or in ditches Many people wrongly think that storm drains are part of a sanitary sewer system that flow to a wastewater treatment plant. Actually, storm drains are a direct link to local streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands.

Don’t invite pests into your yard - check for standing water Now that spring has sprung, Joplin residents can enjoy some much-needed time outdoors in warmer weather. However, it is not only sunshine and flowers this time of year. Spring also signals the start to often an annoying and sometimes dangerous presence of mosquitoes. At the least, mosquito bites come with a great deal of annoyance and discomfort. Occasionally they can lead to a potentially life-threatening illness, like West Nile. The Joplin Health Department is encouraging citizens to do their part in minimizing the presence of mosquitoes in our community with some simple tips.

Mosquitoes need standing water to reproduce. A mosquito can breed in as little as one teaspoonful of water. Check yards for places where water may accumulate and become a haven for breeding mosquitoes, such as gutters, bird baths, untreated swimming pools, and tires. Eliminating the sources of mosquitoes is the most effective way to minimize their presence. Low lying areas that are prone to having standing water can be routinely treated with a mosquito larvicide. Modifying the grading of property can be a more permanent solution to preventing standing water from accumulating.

If mosquito populations are present, citizens can protect themselves and loved ones from being bitten:

- Stay indoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active
- Wear long sleeved shirts, socks, and long pants when you must be outdoors
- Use an approved insect repellent, and follow the instructions on the product label
- Talk to your physician or health care provider before applying insect repellents to young children
- Make sure your window screens fit tightly and are free from holes

The Joplin Health Department operates a mosquito control program. This program utilizes occasional fogging to control adult mosquitoes and the treatment of mosquito breeding areas with a larvicide to prevent mosquitoes from becoming adults. Fogging routes will be posted on the City of Joplin website www.joplinmo.org. Remember, the best way to control mosquito populations is to eliminate the standing water sources that the mosquitoes need to reproduce. Contact the Health Department at 417-623-6122 for more information.
The City of Joplin recently updated its stormwater management master plan which evaluates the performance capability and deficiencies of the City’s existing major drainage system. By gathering and reviewing data to identify infrastructure deficiencies, drainage and flooding concerns, and erosion or water quality issues, City staff utilizes this information to develop a recommended capital improvements plan.

Citizen input is an important part of the plan and was gained through public meetings and an online questionnaire that provided information about stormwater issues in neighborhoods and residential streets. The master plan includes a list of potential stormwater projects to be addressed in the future with funds from the Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax.

Joplin voters passed the initial Parks/Stormwater (P/SW) 1/4 cent sales tax in 2001. Citizens then renewed it in 2011 for another ten-year period to address specific projects. The 1/4 -cent sales tax is up for a renewal in August of this year.

Many stormwater projects have been completed since 2001 including major improvements in main areas of the city, as well as important solutions developed for residential streets affecting neighborhoods. Some of the larger, more visible projects include:

If doing some spring cleaning and needing to dispose of some large bulky items, Joplin residential trash customers can now travel just west of Schifferdecker Avenue to drop them off. Starting April 1, the City’s contract for Bulky Item Drop-Off switched to Waste Corporation of America (WCA) with their low bid for the three-year contract.

WCA is located at 3700 West 7th Street, between Schifferdecker Ave. and Black Cat Road, and will accept loads up to 2,000 pounds of bulky items, such as limited amounts of construction debris, furniture, brush, tree limbs and tires.

Fees for the bulky items drop off service are divided in half between the resident and the City. Residents will pay $9 for up to 2,000 pounds brought in by car, pick-up truck or a trailer less than eight-foot in length. For loads brought on a trailer eight feet or longer, the fee will be $11. Tires are assessed at $2.50 each and no more than five tires can be brought in one load.

The transfer station does not accept liquids/chemicals, appliances, hazardous material, regular weekly trash, commercial waste, lead acid batteries, or leaves/grass clippings.

WCA’s hours for drop off are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday. Please bring City waste water bill to verify residency. For questions about bulky item drop off services, contact WCA at 417-623-6620. For questions about residential trash services, contact the Recycling Coordinator at 417-624-0820, ext. 1501.

Bulky items drop off is part of the City-Wide Clean-up Program designated in the Solid Waste Management Fund. Residents are reminded that they continue to have curbside pick-up of bulky items with their residential trash service provider, Republic Services. For questions about curbside bulky item pick-up, call Republic at 800-431-1507.

The City also opens a free tree limb and brush drop off site on the third Saturday of each month through October. The drop-off site is located at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, six tenths of a mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker.
City of Joplin Vision Statement

Joplin, built on generations of people with grit and determination, is a regional hub at the crossroads of America. Our diverse people and employers thrive because of our healthy lifestyles, exceptional neighborhoods, lifelong learning opportunities, and cultural & recreational amenities. Our connected community benefits from world-class health care, reasonable cost-of-living, and economic opportunity for all.

Ad Omnia Parata  Together we are ready for anything!

City offers free options for tree limb disposal

Have limbs? Have brush? Bring them out to the City’s free tree limb and brush drop-off site on the third Saturday of each month through October. Located at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, about ½ mile north of Belle Center Road on west side of the road, the site is open from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This free drop-off service is for Joplin residents only and has no load limits. Leaves, grass clippings, trash, etc. will not be accepted. Commercial contractors will not be allowed to drop off tree limbs.

Joplin residents can also dispose of limbs with their residential trash service through Republic Services on their regular trash pick-up day. Limbs should be four feet or shorter and tied in bundles no heavier than 50 pounds.

City Tree Limb Drop Off
8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

April 17  June 19  September 18
May 15  July 17  October 16
August 21

1702 N. Schifferdecker