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**Pseudoephedrine Available Only by Prescription Starting May 1**

Starting on May 1, 2011, over-the-counter products (OTC) containing pseudoephedrine (PSE) will be available only by prescription, as passed by the Joplin City Council recently. Police Chief Lane Roberts brought the ordinance to the Council for their consideration in an effort to reduce and/or eliminate to the extent possible, the existence of methamphetamine labs in Joplin.

In presenting the information to the City Council and to the public, Chief Roberts noted that the difference between pseudoephedrine and D-methamphetamine is one oxygen atom. By removing that one oxygen atom you convert a nasal decongestant into the most addictive drug currently known, D-methamphetamine. All other chemicals used in the making of the D-methamphetamine can be substituted, except for PSE. By controlling PSE, you control the entire manufacturing process. Until 1976, pseudoephedrine was only available by prescription. Requiring a prescription for PSE is nothing new; it is merely returning it to its former status. In 1976, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) warned the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) of the possibility of methamphetamine labs if PSE became an over-the-counter (OTC) product. By 1993, labs were being discovered all over Missouri, the Midwest, and the western United States. For the last decade, Missouri has been number one in the nation for meth incidents reported to the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC). During that same ten year period, Jasper County has been number one or number two in meth lab seizures in Missouri.

Last year, Joplin’s public safety employees spent 1,200 employee hours cleaning up meth labs and disposing of the hazardous waste. Notwithstanding the environmental issues, that investment in time represents nearly \$60,000 of taxpayer’s money spent cleaning up other people’s illegal behavior. someone else’s mess.

*“Meth labs are costing the City and our citizens a great deal of time and money,” said Roberts. “These are very important factors, but the danger of meth labs is even more critical when considering our officers, our citizens and even guests of our city may be affected by the hazardous waste caused by clandestine meth labs.”*

Roberts explains, “When an officer cleans up a lab site, he knows what to expect and has taken the proper protective measures and follow prescribed safety procedures. But meth labs have become mobile, often carried around in such things as backpacks, or in cars. Line police officers don’t always know, until it’s too late, that they are walking up on a lab. Meth labs explode, burn, chemically contaminate, and endanger others. The victims of these lab consequences often have no connection to the drug culture at all. They are just in the wrong place at the wrong time. Victims of labs include neighbors, landlords, children, apartment and motel owners, tourists, and realtors. All are endangered unnecessarily, because without PSE, there would be no meth lab. It is the ready availability of PSE that creates the danger.”

Prior to the passage of this ordinance, the community had various opportunities to discuss their concerns and state their opinions publicly. On Feb. 17 *The Joplin Globe* hosted a forum with several noted speakers who weighed in on both pros and cons of prescription-only pseudoephedrine. In addition, KZRG, an affiliate of Zimmer Radio, Inc., discussed it numerous times on their airwaves, encouraging listeners to call in and provide comments. Chief Roberts introduced the bill to Council as a Public Hearing at the Feb. 22 Council meeting to allow citizens a chance to share their opinion on the issue with the Council prior to their consideration of the vote. In addition, Chief Roberts met with several groups and talked with many individuals about this to help share information about the dangers of meth labs.

*“We must draw a bright line between the drug methamphetamine and clandestine methamphetamine laboratories,” said Roberts. “The drug itself is a horribly addictive problem, but methamphetamine labs devastate communities, families, and the environment.”*

Joplin officials will be working with local pharmacies, drugstores, and other retail stores who sell OTC pseudoephedrine to ensure their knowledge and adherence to this ordinance. **For more information about this issue, contact the Police Chief Lane Roberts at 417-624-0820, ext. 402.**

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## Rules for Burning Yard Debris

It is the time of year to once again start thinking about the spring cleanup of yards in the City. This often means it is also the time of year when people are most interested in burning for disposal of their yard debris and leaves.

While the City of Joplin does allow the burning of yard debris and leaves, recycling this material either in a home composting pile or through the City's recycling program is a much better alternative. (see related article on page 5)

**If you should decide to burn your yard debris and leaves, then you will need to follow all of the Fire Department's rules and requirements listed below:**

- You must obtain a burn permit at a cost of \$5 per 3-day period. These are available either at City Hall at 602 S. Main in the Finance Department on the third floor (8 a.m. – 5 p.m. M-F) or at any Joplin Fire Station (7 a.m. – 7 p.m. everyday). If going to a Fire station, you will need to pay either by check or money order because the personnel at the Fire Station cannot accept cash.
- You must check with the Fire Department on a daily basis to make sure that burning is being allowed that day within the City Limits.
- The fire can be no larger than 2 feet high by 3 feet in diameter.
- You must be at least 50 feet from any building or home when burning.
- You must be outside attending the fire at all times until completely extinguished.
- You must have a method of extinguishing the fire present at all times.
- You cannot use any type of accelerant to start the fire, i.e. gasoline, diesel fuel, lighter fluid, etc.
- You can only burn materials which were grown in your yard. You may not burn any old lumber, construction materials or trash of any type.
- The fire must be completely extinguished by dusk each day.

Each of these rules is put in place to provide for the safety of the people who are burning and their neighbors. The last way you want to meet a neighbor is by starting their property or home on fire. Failure to follow these rules can lead to a citation and fine.

**If you have questions concerning the burning rules and regulations or want to see if burning is being allowed on a particular day contact the Fire Department at 417-624-0820, ext. 1303.**

## Trolley Ridership Continues to Grow — FREE Rides Offered on Earth Day!

With gas prices climbing, the City's Sunshine Lamp Trolley is experiencing record numbers in riders. On March 1st, the Trolley that travels the "Blue Route" gave 219 rides in a single day. That easily breaks the previous single day record of 186 rides.

The Blue Route is the original route and travels in the northeastern section of Joplin, with stops at the Public Library, downtown, and stops along 7th and 15th Streets before heading to the retail area on Rangeline and out to Missouri Southern State University. Total Trolley rides including all routes for March 1st were 461.

In 2011, the City will celebrate its ONE MILLION ride milestone — and that lucky One Million Rider will receive a FREE Pass for 2012 for unlimited rides!

As the One Million Ride celebration draws near, the City will offer various promotions in upcoming months. The first promotion is set for Friday, April 22nd, Earth Day. All rides on the Sunshine Lamp Trolley will be provided free of charge on this day. (Please know this promotion does not apply to deviations from standard routes.) This is just the first of several promotions, so please watch for more details as the year continues — and YOU could be the lucky ONE MILLION Rider!

**For more information or to receive a Trolley Route map, please call 417-626-8609.**



## Prepare for Spring Storm Season

April through June is prime storm season and the City of Joplin Emergency Management Office reminds everyone of the system used to sound the outdoor warning sirens.

Outdoor warning sirens will be activated when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning for Jasper County, Newton County and/or Cherokee County, Kansas with a storm path including the City of Joplin/or when receiving a report from a trained spotter of a funnel or tornado sighted in or approaching Joplin.

Outdoor warning sirens will also be activated when the National Weather Service reports a storm system approaching Joplin producing sustained winds of 75 mph or greater.

The siren consists of a steady tone for duration of three minutes. There will be no "all clear" sounded by the sirens. Siren testing is done every Monday morning (weather permitting) at 10 am.

Keith Stammer, Emergency Management Director, reminds people that the siren warning is an alert for people who are outside, and is not designed to be heard from indoors.

"The sirens provide a warning for anyone who is out of doors to go indoors, if possible, and take shelter," he said. "People indoors cannot always expect to hear the outdoor warning sirens."

Stammer encourages residents to utilize a NOAA Weather Radio that provides a warning signal when the area is under a watch or a warning. "The advantage of having a weather radio is that you hear the alerts directly from the National Weather Service, and are kept current of the warning status." Weather radios are available at local retailers and are priced at approximately \$30.

Stammer also encourages people to watch the local television channels for updates and information about specific locations of storms, as well as listen to local radio stations for updates.

**For more information, call 417-623-5858.**

### Important Safety Information:

- **TORNADO WATCH** means watch the sky! **TORNADO WARNING** means seek shelter immediately.
- **SHELTER:** Immediately go to an interior room with NO windows on the lowest possible floor. If you are at school or work DO NOT GO to a cafeteria, gymnasium or large interior open space because the roof might collapse.
- **LEAVE MOBILE HOMES IMMEDIATELY** – seek shelter in a nearby building or in a ditch.
- **DRIVING:** Take shelter in a nearby building, in a ditch or low-lying area away from your car. If you are outside, remember to cover your head with your arms, coat or blanket to protect yourself from flying debris. Also watch for flash flooding. Never try to out drive a tornado.
- **OVERPASSES** Are NOT Safe – An overpass's under-the-girder-type construction can cause a dangerous wind tunnel effect. This may cause the winds to be stronger and more focused underneath. This can also cause the overpass to be a collector of debris.
- **FLASH FLOODING OR WATER ON THE ROAD:** During a thunderstorm, low-lying areas are prone to flash flooding. Never drive into water on the road. If your car stalls, get out of your car immediately and seek higher ground. It takes less than two feet of water to make your car float. Once floating downstream, your car can overturn trapping you inside.

## Tool Lending Library Provides Great Resource

The City's Tool Lending Library will open for the season on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The tool library has lawn mowers, weed eaters, ladders, and more to be borrowed by residents of the City of Joplin that income qualify.

The hours for this unique library are Tuesday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. It is located at 120 North Porter, on the corner of A Street and Porter Avenue. It is on the north side of the Public Works Center.

"The Tool Lending Library is a valuable program for residents who may not have the proper equipment for yard maintenance or basic home repairs," said Connie Chrisman, Community Development. "Residents of Joplin who qualify may take advantage of this program."

### Guidelines include (but are not limited to):

- 1.) Resident must be at least 18 years of age.
- 2.) Resident must be an income qualified resident of Joplin. A resident who has an income of \$38,500 for a family of four would qualify for the program. **Please call 417-624-0820, ext. 570 for other income guidelines and specific location information.**

# EVENTS

Events listed are from the Joplin Convention & Visitors Bureau's website at [www.visitjoplinmo.com](http://www.visitjoplinmo.com) and are printed as space allows. If your organization would like to be listed, please contact the CVB office at 417-625-4789 for details.

**03/04 - 04/24**

### PhotoSpiva

Spiva Center for the Arts. Acclaimed national photography competition. Information please call 417-623-0183.

**04/09**

### Fur "Ball"

Holiday Inn Convention Center, 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. \$50 members; \$60 non-members. Dinner, live auction & silent auction gifts. Proceeds help animal adoption & Resource Center. Information: 417-623-3642 or [www.jolinhumane.org](http://www.jolinhumane.org).

**04/10**

### Children's Lego Club

**04/12**

### "The Last Stage" Film Festival

Cornell Auditorium in Plaster Hall at MSSU, 7 pm. FREE. Information: 417-625-9614 or [www.mssu.edu](http://www.mssu.edu).

**04/19**

### Dog Day Afternoon

Joplin Public Library. 4 p.m.. Certified Therapy Dogs visit Library. For independent readers, grades K-5th. Information: 417-623-2184. [www.joplinpubliclibrary.org/kids/](http://www.joplinpubliclibrary.org/kids/).

**04/23**

### American Girl Club

Children in K-5th grade invited to Joplin Public Library from 11 a.m. for food, games, & crafts. Information: 417-623-2184 or [www.joplinpubliclibrary.org/kids/](http://www.joplinpubliclibrary.org/kids/).

**04/23**

### Easter Egg Hunt!

Shoal Creek Resort RV Park & Campground, 11 a.m. Free. Information: [www.shoalcreekresort.com](http://www.shoalcreekresort.com) or 417-624-0807.

**04/23**

### Easter Egg Hunt!

Carousel Park, 2 p.m. Free. 6 hunts. Information: [www.carouselparkjoplin.com](http://www.carouselparkjoplin.com).

**04/30**

### Ride for the Red

American Red Cross, 410 S. Jackson, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. \$25 for one rider/\$40 for two riders. Fee includes t-shirt, breakfast, & one hand. Information: 417-624-4411. [www.redcross-ozarks.org](http://www.redcross-ozarks.org).

**04/30-05/01**

### Shoal Creek RC Boat Racers Competition

Shoal Creek Resort RV Park & Campground, 10 a.m. \$0-\$20 RC Boat racing competition. Information: 417-621-0807 or [www.shoalcreekresort.com](http://www.shoalcreekresort.com).

**05/06 - 05/08**

### Barnyard Days

Circle R Ranch, \$5 adults, children 18 & under free with adult. Fri & Sat 8:30 am - 6 pm, Sun 11 am - 4 pm. Fun for the whole family! All proceeds benefit Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks. Information: [www.circle-r-festivals.com](http://www.circle-r-festivals.com) or [www.bcfo.org](http://www.bcfo.org).

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## Community Garden Added to Neighborhood Improvement District

Gardening provides many benefits. Not only do gardeners get to enjoy and share the fresh fruits and produce they grow in the garden, but studies show that this outdoor activity is a good stress reliever for those involved. Getting fresh air, exercise and saving some money are added bonuses.

To help initiate gardening in the areas of the City's Neighborhood Improvement Districts, the City is partnering with The Alliance of Southwest Missouri for the installation of a community garden. Simply defined, a community garden is a single-piece of land gardened collectively by a group of people. In this case, the property will be tended to by Joplin residents, who live primarily in the City's neighborhood improvement areas. The Alliance of Southwest Missouri will install and manage the garden on property that is owned by the City of Joplin, and residents in the neighborhood will complete the gardening tasks.

The City is adding community gardens as another facet to the neighborhood improvement program.


"Work in the Neighborhood Improvement areas has been successful in the past," said Troy Bolander, Director of Planning and Community Development. "The program provides a great opportunity for the City to partner with those who live in the area and make improvements identified

by both parties. Residents step forward and begin working on their yards and houses, and then it dominoes as others in the area start doing the same. The pride in their community grows."

According to the website of the American Community Garden Association, pride is another product resulting from the neighborhood garden concept. Other advantages the organization states include stimulating social interactions and encouraging self-reliance. It also says that gardens help reduce crime in the area, as well as helping youth learn about agriculture.

This garden is located in the second neighborhood area. Other work the City completed in this neighborhood included street light installation, resurfacing roads and repairing sidewalks. Neighbors in the area have cleaned up their yards and neighborhoods by making repairs, painting, completing yard work, and assisting others in the area who could not do these activities on their own. This district is located in the neighborhood between Murphy and Wall Avenues from Junge Boulevard to 10th Street. This area is just north of the first neighborhood district the City renovated in 2009 during the initial Neighborhood Improvement Program.


The installation of community gardens in neighborhoods is a project listed in the City's 2010 Blueprint for the Future.



**Start your training...  
Mother Road Marathon  
set for October 9th**

Get ready to kick up your heels for the 2nd annual Mother Road Marathon! This unique race traverses through Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri along historic Route 66. Registration and new website launched April 1st at [www.runmrm.com](http://www.runmrm.com). "Friend" us to keep up with race announcements and new additions at [www.facebook.com/RunMotherRoadMarathon](http://www.facebook.com/RunMotherRoadMarathon).

### Catch the Outlaws



Be sure to come out to the Joplin Athletic Complex and watch the JOPLIN OUTLAWS collegiate baseball team this summer. The Joplin Outlaws play in the M.I.N.K. League, which is a wood bat league consisting of ten teams in Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. The Outlaws will have local players as well as players from across the United States that will play baseball in Joplin during the months of June and July.

Fans can "Catch the Outlaws" schedule and keep up with the games and events on the team's website: [www.joplinoutlaws.com](http://www.joplinoutlaws.com) and on Facebook.

Admission to home games is \$2. Season passes for all home games are \$20. Children ages 12 and under are free.

### Free Wood Chips Available Until October

The City of Joplin announces a new program for the free wood chip giveaways. Starting in March and running through October 2011, City staff will be available to load wood chips from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the third Friday and Saturday of every month, weather permitting.

Citizens should bring a truck or trailer to the wood chip site, and City employees will use heavy equipment to load the wood chips for you. **THIS FREE EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF RESIDENCY.** The wood chip site is located 6/10 (six tenths) of a mile north of the intersection of Belle Center Road on North Schifferdecker Avenue, commonly known as Snow Ball Hill between Zora and Belle Center. Look for the sign and turn onto the driveway on the west side of Schifferdecker Avenue.

Mary Anne Phillips, Joplin Recycling Coordinator stated, "As Spring approaches, people will need mulch for their newly planted trees and bushes". The City's wood chips are also used for general gardening and laying on trails—and it is cost efficient because they are free. The chips are derived from many different trees mixed together during the grinding process.

Wood chips are effective in controlling soil erosion and insulating plant roots against extreme temperatures. Mulching reduces evaporation thus

**2011 Free Wood Chip Giveaway Dates (weather permitting)  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**April 15 & 16 • May 20 & 21 • June 17 & 18  
July 15 & 16 • August 19 & 20 • September 16 & 17 • October 21 & 22**

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 water pollution.

Self-serve wood chips are also available year round at the Joplin Recycling Center, 1310 West A Street. Summer and winter hours of operation are listed under "Recycling Centers" in Joplin edition telephone directory yellow pages, or consult the City's web site at [www.joplinmo.org](http://www.joplinmo.org).

**For more information regarding wood chips, call Joplin City Hall at 417-624-0820, ext. 501.**



## Earth Day Recycling Celebration — FREE DROP OFF

**Large Appliances** (With or Without Freon)  
**Old Electronics** (Computers, TVs, Phones, etc.)  
**Old Automotive Tires** (With or Without Rims)  
 Joplin Residents/Residential Landlords **ONLY**  
 Limit of 10 Tires, 10 Televisions,  
 10 Computer Monitors per Household



**Friday & Saturday - April 22 & 23  
 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
 Joplin Recycling Center,  
 1310 West A Street  
 417-624-0820 ext. 501



This project was funded in part by the  
 Missouri Department  
 of Natural Resources

# EVENTS

05/07

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### Walk MS – Joplin

Landreth Park, 9 am – 1 pm. \$25 donation appreciated. Fun family event. 3 or 6 mile options. Snacks & lunch provided. Information: 816-448-2193 or [www.msamidamerica.org](http://www.msamidamerica.org).

05/07 - 05/08

### Mason Dixon Bike Rendezvous & Blessing

Shoal Creek Resort RV Park & Campground, 10 am. 417-621-0807 to make reservations. Information: [www.shoalcreekresort.com](http://www.shoalcreekresort.com)

06/04

### Race4Hope 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run

Joplin Athletic Complex, 8 am. \$25, \$15 for Breast Cancer Survivors & 12 & under. Benefits HOPE 4 You Breast Cancer Foundation. 5k race/walk & 1 mile walk. [www.hope4youbcf.org/abouttherace.html](http://www.hope4youbcf.org/abouttherace.html).

06/09 - 06/11

### Boomtown Days

Landreth Park, Thurs 2 pm - 11 pm; Fri & Sat, 10 am - 11 pm. \$5 per day or \$10/all days. Concerts, carnival, vendor marketplace, food court, kids area & more! [www.boomtowndays.com](http://www.boomtowndays.com). Information: 800-657-2534 or 417-625-4789.

06/11 - 06/12

### Boomtown Half Marathon and 5k Runs

Memorial Hall 6:30 am - 10:00 am Two days of events & entertainment for the entire family. Information: [www.boomtownrun.com](http://www.boomtownrun.com).

## Aquafina MLB Pitch, Hit & Run Competition

Major League Baseball invites kids to participate in the Aquafina MLB Pitch, Hit & Run Competition on Saturday, May 14. This competition provides boys and girls ages 7 to 14 the opportunity to showcase their baseball skills and advance through four levels of competition, including Team Championships hosted at Major League ballparks and National Finals hosted during the 2010 MLB All-Star Week.

The Competition will be held at Joe Becker Stadium. Check-in starts at 11 a.m. and the Competition begins at 12 noon. Registration forms are available at the Joplin Athletic Complex. A copy of your child's birth certificate will be required to register. Deadline to register for the competition is Friday, May 6th.

## Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drug Take Back Event

**Saturday, April 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

### Joplin Locations:

**MSSU** - Criminal Justice Building

**Salvation Army** - 26th & Main Street

**Lowe's** - 2600 South Range Line Road

**Wildcat Glades Conservation and Audubon Center** -

201 West Riviera Road



All citizens, regardless of residency, are encouraged to turn in unused, unwanted and expired medicines at the **Drug Take Back Event** to be held on Saturday, April 30th. Joplin Police Officers will be on site to take possession of the drugs and then to dispose of them properly. This **free** event is a safe and anonymous disposal option for medications that are expired, surplus, unwanted, or orphaned.

Cleaning out your medicine chest (and refrigerators, drawers, shelves, pantries, car glove boxes, handbags, etc.) of unwanted drugs will help prevent poisoning, diversion, theft, and accidents that can potentially harm citizens of all ages through the misuse of prescription medicine. It will also keep drugs out of area landfills, waste-water treatment plants, and ultimately out of our drinking water.

**DO NOT** bring syringes, lancets, needles or illicit substances.

If an individual desires to surrender an illicit controlled substance, law enforcement personnel will handle such materials as abandoned property in accordance with their standard policy.

For other Jasper and Newton County locations or proper disposal from home, call 417-782-9899 or visit [www.theallianceofswmo.org](http://www.theallianceofswmo.org).

## Convention & Visitors Bureau Special Event Grant

Applications for the Convention & Visitors Bureau Special Event Grant will be available April 1st. Not-for-profits and for-profit organizations with a tourism-based event are encouraged to apply. Log on to [www.visitjoplinmo.com](http://www.visitjoplinmo.com) for grant guidelines and applications or call 417-625-4789 for more information.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

The following events will take place at Joplin Memorial Hall. Other events will be announced as details are confirmed. If you would like more information, please call 623-3254 or the number listed under the event. Ticket information is available at [www.joplinmemorialhall.com](http://www.joplinmemorialhall.com).

### Every Monday & Wednesday

#### Zumba Fitness

6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.  
Just \$3 a visit  
417-623-3254

### April 12 & 13

#### The World Famous Lipizzaner Stallions!

Performance 7pm each night  
General Admission: Adults \$22.50,  
Children under 12 years & Seniors  
60+ half price, \$11.25  
Groups of 15+ receive a \$5 off the  
adult ticket price only.  
417-623-3254 or 417-625-4750

### April 20

#### Senior "Sock Hop" Prom

11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Luncheon – 12 noon; Dancing – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tickets \$5 from Area Agency on Aging,  
or Freeman Advantage.

### April 30

#### Joplin Area Catholic Schools Annual Dinner and Auction

Information: 417-624-5003

### May 5

#### TNA Wrestling LIVE!

7:30 p.m.  
VIP \$53 includes meet and greet at 5:30 p.m.  
Main Floor \$38, Mezzanine Balcony \$23  
417-623-3254 or 417-625-4750

### May 10

#### Spring Job Fair

10 a.m.  
Hosted by Joplin Globe & Missouri Career Center  
Information: 417-629-3000.

### May 14

#### Zumbathon, Area Agency on Aging fundraiser

9 a.m. Information: 417-781-7562

### May 19

#### Joplin Metro Credit Union Annual Membership Meeting

6 p.m. Information: 417-623-9816

### June 9

#### Joplin Public Library's Summer Reading Series Kicks off with "Mad Science"

3:30 p.m., for all ages. Information: 417-623-2184

### June 17-18

#### Private Event

### June 23

#### Joplin Public Library's Summer Reading Series "Wild Goose Chase Theater"

3:30 p.m., for all ages. Information: 417-623-2184

### July 4

#### City of Joplin's Independence Day Celebration

Held at Landreth Park Music begins at 5 p.m.,  
food vendors available Fireworks at 9:40 p.m.

## Schifferdecker Golf Prices Stay the Course: No Increases from Last Year's Rates

Looking for a good reason to get outside and enjoy the spring weather? How about heading out to Schifferdecker Golf Course for a round of golf? Prices are the same as they were last year, so your pocketbook will enjoy this fun sport too.

### For the recreational golfer, Schifferdecker's fees are:

Weekday Green Fee - Adult	.....\$11.50
Weekday Green Fee - Senior (60+)	.....\$7.75
Weekend Green Fee - Adult	.....\$14.50
Weekend Green Fee - Senior	.....\$10.00
Student Green Fee - 18 And Under	.....\$6.25
Weekday Twilight	.....\$7.75
Weekend Twilight	.....\$10.00
Carts for 18 holes (per person)	.....\$10.50

### If planning to play multiple rounds, a Season Pass to Schifferdecker Golf Course is also available.

There are several options, and a new pass that was frequently requested has been added this year — the 25 plays with cart. See below for all pass options:

25 plays with cart	.....\$475
25 plays with cart for Senior	.....\$385
Seniors for unlimited golf with cart	.....\$850
(Pass is good Monday - Friday, age 60+)	
Unlimited Golf with cart	.....\$1,050
Unlimited Golf	.....\$525
Unlimited Golf for Senior	.....\$425
25 play pass	.....\$235
10 play pass	.....\$105

### Some upcoming events at the Golf Course include:

Senior 2 Man Scramble	..... Tuesday, May 10
Summer Kick-Off 4 Man Scramble	..... Friday, May 27
"Schiffy 2 Man Scramble"	..... Sat & Sun, May 28-29
Ozark Amateur	..... Sat & Sun, July 9-10

In addition, Tuesday night men's league is being formed. Anyone interested in playing should call the Clubhouse at 417-624-3533.

## Polycart Etiquette — Please Move Bins Back to Residential Premises

Now that Joplin residential trash customers have had time to get accustomed to using the new polycarts, the City reminds citizens about the following city codes and neighborhood etiquette associated with these carts:

- The polycarts and bulky items shall not be placed out for collection until the regularly scheduled collection day or the evening before. By contract, Allied Waste Services starts trash collection at 6 a.m. Monday through Friday.
- All polycarts shall be removed from the curbside or alley to the residential premises within 12 hours of the day of collection. **Empty polycarts cannot be left on the street, sidewalk or public right-of-ways.**
- All houses that had trash pickup in the alley service before delivery of polycarts, will continue to have trash pickup in the alley.
- All polycarts are the property of Allied Waste. Carts that were delivered to vacant houses will eventually be retrieved by Allied Waste.

Mary Anne Phillips, Joplin's Recycling Coordinator stated, "When Allied Waste starts using their new automated trash trucks, additional reminders will be released regarding placement of the carts and the new procedure for residents to call Allied a day or two before their service day, if they have bulky items to be picked up."

Phillips notes that "bulky item pickup" is still available free of charge with residential trash service. Citizens just need to call Allied Waste at 800-431-1507 to notify that they have these items to be picked up.

**For further information, residents should review the flyer in the plastic bag that was attached to each cart when delivered, or contact Allied Waste at 800-431-1507.**

## Enjoy the City's Trails...While Being Safe

As warmer weather approaches, citizens are encouraged to take advantage of everything Joplin's trails have to offer. The Joplin Police Department offers information to help keep everyone safe on the trails.

Some common trail regulations are listed below. Please note that individual trails may have different regulations and you are encouraged to check the posted signs at each location. A complete list of trail regulations may be found in Article 6, section 86-200 of the Joplin City Code of Ordinances. A link to the ordinances can be found at the City of Joplin website.

### Common Trail Regulations

- Trails with the exception of those located in Campbell Parkway are open from sunrise to sunset.
- Motorized vehicles are not allowed on the trails.
- Dogs on trails must be leashed at all times. Pet owners shall remove all waste.
- Wildlife is protected on all trail properties.
- Be respectful of adjoining private lands and do not trespass onto them.

### Trail Safety Tips

- Have a companion. You don't want to be by yourself in case of an emergency. Tell someone where/when you are going and when you expect to return.

## Joplin Pools Offer Season Pass

Summer is just around the corner, making it a great time to hit the pools. The City's Parks and Recreation Department now offers a Season Pass, making it convenient for frequent swimmers. The pass is good at all three pools, throughout the swimming season, which kicks off Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 28. Prices of the Pass are:

Family of 4 .....	\$125
Adult Individual .....	\$70 (18 and older)
Youth Individual .....	\$60 (17 and under)
Senior Individual .....	\$60 (60 and older)
Additional Family Member .....	\$15
Ages 2 and under .....	FREE

Joplin Pool Passes can be purchased at the Joplin Athletic Complex, 3301 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street, starting April 11.

For more information about Joplin Swimming Pool, please call 417-625-4750 during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

## Joplin Parks & Recreation 1st Annual Soccer Skills Competition

Combined score determines awards winners! Awards for top three in each age group: 6-7 8-9 10-11 12-14. Deadline to register is Thursday, May 19th. Must have a copy of your child's birth certificate.

### FREE EVENT!!!

Ages 6-14 (as of event date). Boys and Girls will compete separately. Saturday, May 21st 12:00-2:00pm at the Joplin Athletic Complex

Spring is just around the corner and that means TENNIS! Come by the Joplin Athletic Complex and buy your tennis membership today!

Family: \$150

Individual (18 and up): \$75

Individual (17 & Under): \$37.50

We are located north of Schifferdecker Golf Course at 3301 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street. You can contact us at 417-625-4750 or visit our website at [www.joplinparks.org](http://www.joplinparks.org).



- Be weather wise. Keep an eye on current and predicted weather conditions. In this area, weather can change very quickly. Know the signs for approaching storms or changing weather conditions.
- Time your trip appropriately to make it back before the trail closes. Many trails are in secluded areas and the potential for an emergency increases at night.
- Be alert about your surroundings. Watch for hazards on the trail such as low-hanging branches and other obstructions. Avoid wearing devices that eliminate your ability to hear (I-pods, Walkman's, etc.).
- Drink plenty of water and use sunscreen. Dehydration and over exposure to the sun can be very dangerous.
- Lock your vehicle. Don't leave valuables, such as purses/wallets/cell phones, visible inside.
- REPORT any suspicious activity or dangerous situations to the Joplin Police right away.

To see maps of over 60 area trails, go to [www.livesmartswmo.org](http://www.livesmartswmo.org).



### Ewert Family Aquatic Center, 6th & School Street

(renovated in 2003 with Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax)

\$2.50 for 15 and under; \$3.50 for 16 and above

1 p.m. to 6, daily (closed Thursdays)

Extended hours to 8 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays

FREE Swim every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

### Cunningham Family Aquatic Center, 24th & Maiden Lane

(renovated in 2005 with Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax)

\$2.50 for 15 and under; \$3.50 for 16 and above

1 p.m. to 6 p.m., daily (closed Tuesdays)

Evening Lap Swim 6:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. during swimming lessons on M, W, Th, Fr from June 6 – July 29

### Schifferdecker Family Aquatic Center, 4th & South Schifferdecker Avenue

.75 for 15 and under; \$1 for 16 and above

1 p.m. – 6 p.m., daily (closed Mondays)

## Joplin Farmer's Market Open on Wednesdays & Saturdays, Starting in June

The Joplin Farmers Market will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from Saturday, June 18 through Saturday, September 24, at the north end of Joplin Memorial Hall parking lot. Hours of the Market are 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Veggies Fruits** **Flowers**

Joplin Farmers Market is currently accepting applications from vendors for this year's Farmers Market. The City is encouraging all vendors interested in selling fresh fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers, locally raised beef, and/or baked goods to participate in the Market. All items in the Market are grown or produced within 70 miles of Joplin, to ensure locally grown items for our customers. Applications are available by calling Beth Peacock at 417-623-3254, or emailing a request to [memhall@joplinmo.org](mailto:memhall@joplinmo.org).



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# Joplin Residential Customer

## ROVING Summer Playground

The Joplin Parks and Recreation Department will be offering FREE arts/crafts and playground activities at several parks this summer. Children are invited to come out and play with our summer staff. Below you will find the schedule. For more information, please contact the recreation office by calling the Joplin Athletic Complex at 417-625-4750.

- Starts: June 6th and ends July 28th**
- Ewert Park** .....Mondays 10-12noon & Wednesdays 1-3pm
- Cunningham Park** .....Mondays 1-3pm & Wednesdays 10-12noon
- Leonard Park** .....Tuesdays 10-12noon & Thursdays 1-3pm
- Joplin Athletic Complex**...Tuesdays 1-3pm & Thursdays 10-12noon

## FREE Backyard Compost Bins

**Friday & Saturday  
May 13 & 14  
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
at the Joplin Recycling Center 1310 West A Street**

Demonstration and Instructions by the **Ozark Gateway Master Gardeners**

**FREE** 2x4 inch welded wire compost bins (cut to 3' x 10' lengths)  
Instructional brochures (while supply lasts)

Bins for Joplin Residents Only (while supply lasts)  
Free Wood Chips & Compost (self-serve)  
Rain Barrel Kit Demonstration

**Questions? Call Recycling Coordinator 417-624-0820 ext. 501**

## As the Weather Warms...and Your Grass Grows, Please Remember:

- Please keep grass mowed and direct grass clippings away from the street. Accumulated grass clippings clog the storm drainage systems, which can create more problems for the resident.
- City ordinance requires grass to be no taller than 12 inches. Properties with grass in violation will be noted by the Neighborhood Improvement Division and scheduled for mowing. If the property has not been mowed by the time the mow crew arrives, the property will be mowed and a bill sent to the property owner. Repeat violations will be designated for mowing without further notice and a summons to appear in court will be issued.
- We ask all property owners to please make note of this, and make your tenants and/or mowing contractors aware of this, because any costs and fines incurred to mow will be billed to the property owner of record as shown by the appropriate county assessor's office. If the bill is not paid, then the costs will be attached to the property taxes.

