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Convention & Visitors Bureau	625-4789
Emergency Management	623-5858
Fire Dept. (non-emergency)	623-0403
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Memorial Hall	625-4750
Parks (Programs, Shelters, Leagues)	625-4750
Parks (Maintenance)	627-8879
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Recreation Programs	625-4750
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City Council sets intentional goals to address areas identified by citizens

Joplin's future was the key topic during City Council's recent planning session. Members discussed their perspectives of Joplin as it is currently and their vision for our community. Following these reflections, the Council identified Joplin's characteristics in a new Mission Statement and then established goals to attain and affect how the City aspires to the future.

Council members referred to citizens' input from the City Manager's Listening Tour that provided a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) of our community. Survey responses noting Joplin's strengths included low cost of living, beautiful parks and greenspaces, and friendly people. Citizens comments also noted items needing attention such as addressing vacant and abandoned buildings; homelessness; developing more family activities and amenities; and strengthening public safety and reducing crime.

The group recognized our community exhibited great resilience following the 2011 disaster as neighbors helped neighbors without question of politics, race or religion. Teamwork was shared by many during that time with church members and not-for-profit organizations leading the way with a surge of volunteers not seen in other disasters across the country. Joplin has been noted for this resiliency and recovery work as the community bound together to get the job done. Now nearly ten years have passed, the work is virtually complete, and city leaders are looking to the future of Joplin, just as the citizens are. Our city is almost 150-years old, and it is showing its age in various fashion. Neighborhoods and other parts of the city that were not in the recovery area could be revamped, receiving a fresh look that a third of our city received as a result of the tornado.

Council agrees with our citizens and is ready to move forward. With the same spirit and expertise shown in 2011 and after, the goals have been named, focusing on prominent areas with repeated comments in the survey. (see *Goals sidebar*)

This strategic planning sets the stage for the City to be intentional and focused much like individuals setting resolutions at the start of a new year.

Making personal improvements to areas needing attention or have been neglected is a common goal for many. Mayor Ryan Stanley sees initiating a new community focus as much the same.

"Joplin City Council was encouraged by our goal setting session," he said. "It was clear that, though we come from differing perspectives, common ground and common purpose were not hard to discover. We are confident that, with the new year, we are gazing upon a bright future for the City of



Joplin. To see our goals come to fruition it will require hard work and collaboration throughout the organization and community. The Council appreciates the leadership of our City Manager, Nick Edwards, and our department directors. We now eagerly anticipate action plans from city staff that will create avenues to make our goals turn into solutions. We ask the community to partner with us as we champion change to grow Joplin into the city we want and deserve."

The City Manager and staff are developing action plans to identify steps for these objectives. Plans will outline recommendations for possible processes or code changes. Beneficial partnerships with other government agencies, community leaders and not-for profit organizations will be identified to develop strategies, as well as resources needed.

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.

CITY COUNCIL 2020-2022

MAYOR

RYAN STANLEY

MAYOR PRO TEM

KEENAN CORTEZ

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RYAN STANLEY
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DOUG LAWSON
(2018 - 2022)

KEENAN CORTEZ
(2019 - 2024)

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(2018 - 2022)

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(2020 - 2024)

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(2002-2022)

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CHUCK COPPLE
(2020 - 2024)

Zone 3

PHIL STINNETT
(1998-2010; 2016-2024)

Zone 4

DIANE REID ADAMS
(2018-2022)

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"The Council's goals tie directly back to the survey's comments," said Edwards. "Council has set the focus and we'll work on these. Some will take a little time, while others may take longer, but if we don't do these, then we're headed down a road of decline, and I know that no one wants that in Joplin."

Council members noted that Joplin's 150th birthday occurs in 2023, making this a great time to make improvements. Community beautification is a strategy to draw people into our area. It's a part of economic development and is a quality many look for when considering relocation of a business or a family. It is the stamp of community pride that outsiders often consider when choosing to relocate

or invest in the community. If Joplin is to grow and flourish, it will require significant improvements that enhance the quality of the community.

"This community knows how to get things done," said Edwards. "Joplin demonstrated excellence in caring for their community and fellow citizens during the aftermath of the disaster. It's this same energy we all need as we address some of these harder issues."

At the close of the planning session, Council members noted the work ahead encompasses the Latin phrase on the City seal: "Ad Omnia Parata", which translates to "Together we are ready for anything!"



*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!

Citizens serving on Boards & Commissions recognized for their service

Thanks to the many citizens volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission. During the December 7, 2020 Council meeting, we recognized several who have completed their term. We appreciate their service to help their community and recognize their leadership to assist City officials and fellow citizens by addressing issues important to keep a City thriving. Citizens honored were:

Name	Board/Commission/Committee	Dates of Service
Heather Arnold	JSA	2014-2020
Lane Clevenger	TIF	2012-2020
Seth Dermott	Planning & Zoning	2014-2020
Wendi Douglas	JSA	2011-2020
Doug Glenn	Library	2011-2020
Jason Grossman	City Tree Board	2014-2020
William Harding	Airport	2014-2020
Harvey Hutchinson	Capital Improvement Oversight Committee	2014-2020
Ryan Jackson	Capital Improvement Oversight Committee	2014-2020
Mike McGavran	Police & Fire	2015-2020
Dewayne Patton	Capital Improvement Oversight Committee	2014-2020
Alicia Rodriguez	Solid Waste	2014-2020
Mike Wilson	CVB	2014-2020
Eric Wood	Traffic Commission	2014-2020
Jeff Yarnall	Personnel	2014-2020

If you're interested in serving on a Board or Commission, we encourage you to apply. A full listing of the boards and commissions is available on the City's website, www.joplinmo.org. Those interested serving on City Boards and Commissions may apply through the City's 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.

Survey results form basis for Council's goals *Joplin's spirit recognized as strength to build our future*

Through the recent "Listening Tour" survey, I heard from many citizens with a variety of ideas for Joplin's future. Similar to a SWOT analysis (Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities and threats of Joplin), the feedback provided is powerful. Although not everyone may agree with some comments, it's important to hear all concerns and ideas as part of broader conversation about our community's trajectory. (To view the summary report, go to www.joplinmo.org/ListeningTour)

The first question asked what makes Joplin special. It was wonderful to hear so many good things and a popular response resonated with my own thoughts – it's the people. They are kind, caring and giving. This type of answer probably won't surprise residents because they've experienced that cohesiveness of the community throughout the years. This tightknit feeling has been evident and was widely admired from outsiders following the tornado in 2011 when neighbor helped neighbor without question. The giving spirit is alive and well

in Joplin. It's a proven fact too. As of 2015, according to philanthropy.com, on average the Joplin community gave approximately 4.73% of personal income to charitable organizations, earning us the honor of the most charitable city in the state of Missouri. As a community, we take care of others; we give to others; we assist; and we support. Yes, we are cohesive, and it is a value statement, and our strength.

A strength is a positive quality, or for a city, a characteristic that can be leveraged to improve the community. If we are cohesive, we have the ability to achieve any outcome that we set our collective minds on. Joplin can rally together as it has done before to build a better community for future generations.

Recently the City Council gathered and set goals based on the responses from this survey. (see cover article about their goals) Currently City staff is working on goal-focused plans to present to Council in February. These action plans involve work from our organization but also looks for collaboration from the



private sector including not-for-profit organizations, businesses, community leaders and individuals who want to help move Joplin forward. We encourage you to stay tuned, to listen and participate in this process as we build our community to reach the goals Council and our residents believe are needed for our future.

Also please watch future editions of The Citizen as we visit the comments and results received in the survey as we put these ideas and suggestions into action. Again, thank you for participating in the Listening Tour.

For Joplin,
Nick Edwards
City Manager

Library hosting Winter Reading Challenge

Do you miss our Summer Reading Program? To help with the waiting, Joplin Public Library is excited to announce their first ever Winter Reading Challenge!

This fun and self-guided program will run from January 1 through January 31, 2021. Throughout the month, participants are invited to read or listen to material(s) of their choice, and track completed minutes. Tracking will be completed (in any increment, as often as you wish) through the free smartphone or tablet reading challenge app "Beanstack." Beanstack may also be accessed online at joplinpubliclibrary.beanstack.org. If manual tracking is preferred, paper tracking sheets are available at the Library. No Library card is required for participation in this challenge.

All ages are invited to participate. Pre-readers' time will be tracked in the amount of minutes they are listening to someone read aloud. Individual reading goals for the month are set at two hours for children up to age 12, and four hours for teens and adults ages 13 and up. Anyone completing their goal is eligible to be entered to win prizes through Beanstack and Simon and Schuster, and will also receive a small prize from Joplin Public Library.

One exciting feature of Beanstack is that it will track the progress of our community as a whole! The Library has set a community-wide goal of 80,000 minutes read by January 31. Did you know there are an estimated 80,000 narwhals in the world? Let's read a minute for each one!

The theme of the challenge is "Books Like Us", a celebration of diversity, harnessing the transformative power of seeing oneself reflected in a book. If using Beanstack, patrons will enjoy winter animal-themed artwork (hence the narwhal reference) in the way of earning virtual badges for completing goals.

Contact the Library staff for questions at 417-623-7953 or stop by at 1901 E. 20th Street. The program runs throughout the month of January.



Take a walk and read a story at Leonard Park



Looking for something fun to do with your kids?

Head to Leonard Park and check out the new StoryWalk feature. Located at 4th and Turk Avenue, the park has a nice walking trail and recently Joplin Parks and Rec partnered with One Joplin to create an opportunity for children and their caregivers to read a children's picture book outside.

A StoryWalk is a series of signs featuring a page of a children's picture book. Signs or pages are posted along a short walking path in sequence, engaging both reading and physical activity.

As a not-for-profit agency, One Joplin creates collaborative environments, so Joplin becomes a thriving community of great neighbors. Founded in 2015, One Joplin engages individuals and organizations from every sector to impact key community indicators. Member from both their Health Team and Literacy Team worked with the Joplin Public Library, Joplin Parks and Recreation and Joplin Health Department to introduce a StoryWalk in a Joplin Park.

"We're thrilled to offer this unique feature to Joplin children and adults," said Ashley Micklethwaite, Executive Director of One Joplin. "Encouraging literacy in a fun and outdoor environment has had a significant impact in other communities that have installed these books. We hope the community enjoys it and uses this to enjoy reading and getting exercise with their children."

Leonard Park was selected for this first installation because of its proximity to McKinley Elementary School in the neighborhood. The park also offers other amenities including benches, playground, and shelter along with its accessible trail. Parks Director Paul Bloomberg is excited and hopes to add this feature in other parks.

Joplin Parks and Recreation activities offered for all ages

For more information or to register for any of the programs or services,
call Joplin Parks & Recreation at
417-625-4750 or visit www.joplinparks.org.

Preschool Sports Programs

Two youth instructional programs will be offered to area 3-4 year olds this Spring. Both programs introduce children to sports and the value of sportsmanship. Little Instructionals is a 4-week instructional program that focuses on developing each child's skills and instilling self-confidence in a non-competitive atmosphere. There are no practices, teams, or formal games.

All instructional programs are offered at the Joplin Athletic Complex and cost \$38/child per sport. Each child will receive a jersey and an award for participating.

◆ Little Kickers Soccer

■ Registration Deadline: March 22

■ Sessions: Begins April 6/8. Parents can choose Tuesday or Thursday nights at 5:45pm or 6:45pm.

◆ Little Hitters Baseball

■ Registration Deadline: May 3

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Sessions: Begin May 20. Parents can choose between the 5:45pm or 6:45pm sessions.



Youth Sport Programs

■ Youth Developmental Soccer is offered for children ages 6-14 years old. Each child will receive a jersey, shorts, and socks. Cost is \$40/player. Registration ends on March 8. Practices begin the week of March 14 and are determined by each coach. Games will be on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday nights, depending on child's age, beginning the week of March 29.

■ T-Ball for 5-6 year olds begins in May. Practices start May 18 and games will be on Tuesday evenings starting June 1. Each child will receive a jersey, hat, and an award for participating. Cost is \$40/player. Deadline to register is May 10.

Adult Sport Programs

Adults looking to get a little exercise and have some fun this spring are encouraged to register for the Adult Softball and/or Soccer Leagues held at the Joplin Athletic Complex. Team registration is open until mid-March, with leagues beginning soon after.

All players must be 18 years or older. The first place teams will receive a championship t-shirt. Softball team entry fee is \$275; soccer team entry is \$310.



Get Your 2021 Dog Park Pass!

Let your furry pal run off-leash, play, and meet new friends at the Parr Hill Dog Park located at 18th and Kansas!

Annual passes for 2021 are available for \$10/dog starting in January. Animals must be at least 6 months of age, have an up-to-date vaccination record from a licensed veterinarian, and have a current City of Joplin license (available from the Finance Department). Dog park memberships are issued by the Joplin Parks and Recreation Department at 3301 W. 1st Street.

Reserve an Aquatic Facility for your Summer Event!

A limited number of pool party dates are available for the 2021 swim season! Reservations open for the summer season starting the first Monday in April at 8am. Dates are first-come, first-serve. Rental prices vary depending on party duration and location. For more information, including pricing, hours, and more, visit joplinparks.org or call Joplin Parks and Recreation at 417-625-4750.



Reserve a Shelter for Your Next Event!

Joplin Parks & Recreation reserves picnic shelters for small, private gatherings throughout Joplin. Reservations are for the entire day (7am - 11pm) and cost \$40/day to reserve.

For more information or to reserve a shelter, call Joplin Parks & Recreation at 417-625-4750 or visit www.joplinparks.org.



Daddy Daughter Date Night Postponed

Considering the COVID-19 pandemic and current health restrictions, the Parks and Recreation Department has postponed their annual Daddy Daughter Date Night to summer 2021. The Department will release additional information in the coming months.



New Monthly At-Home RecCreation Kits Offered

The Joplin Parks and Recreation Department has rolled out a new monthly program for families to do at home.



RecCreation Activity Kits are a monthly kit which features at least four activities that encourage children to play, create, learn, and build. Monthly themes will involve holidays, art, sports, safety, and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math). The kit is primarily targeted to kids between the ages of 4-10 years old, but younger kids may participate with a partner's help. Instructions and materials are included.

A limited number of kits are available each month for \$10/each. For more information, or to register, please visit joplinparks.org or call the Joplin Parks and Recreation office at 417-625-4750.

Outdoor Kids Garage Sale

Calling all mini entrepreneurs between the ages of 5 and 12! Bring your gently used toys, games, sports equipment, books and any other items to our Annual Kids Garage Sale! The sale will be set up in the Schifferdecker Aquatic Center parking lot on March 13 from 9 a.m. to Noon. Each registered participant will get their very own 10x10 sale space to sell their items. It's a great way to clean out the closets and make a little cash before spring break! Vendors pay only \$10 per booth (in advance of the garage sale) to reserve a spot.

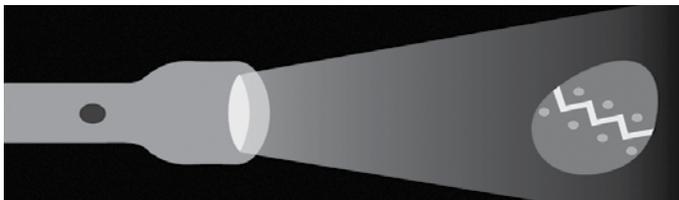


Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt

Hop on over on Friday, March 26 at 8:30pm to the Gene Bassman Softball Complex, located within the Joplin Athletic Complex, and participate in our Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt! There will be over 10,000 filled eggs to find by flashlight.

Cost is \$3/child until March 24. Late registrations will be accepted after March 24th at \$5/child. Children must be 3-10 years of age to participate for liability reasons. Children need to bring a flashlight and basket to collect eggs.

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



Trail Safety Tips

This year has seen a great increase in trail usage. Joplin Trails Coalition is glad to have more people in the community enjoying the trails and reminds every one of these safety tips.



- Be on the trail with someone else whenever possible.
- Make sure a responsible person knows your plans, where you will be and when you expect to return.
- Carry identification that includes your name, phone number, pertinent medical information, and emergency contact.
- Take a fully charged cell phone and make sure you can quickly make a call in case of an emergency or if you see any suspicious activity.
- Wear bright colors while using the trails during the daytime hours. At dawn or dusk, wear light color clothing or better yet a reflective vest.
- Don't be on trail after dark or before sunrise.
- Reduce the volume of the music or audio on your phone or listening device so that you can hear people passing or approaching while you enjoy the park or trail.
- Do not leave valuables or items visible in your vehicle when leaving your vehicle parked. Prior to arrival at the trail, place valuables in the trunk of your vehicle or other secure location.
- Know your location at all times. Do not deviate from or leave established trails. Choose or plan your routes for paths most frequently used by walkers, joggers and bikers
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings, especially when entering or exiting your vehicle. If a suspicious person appears to be following you, create some distance and prepare to react by calling 911 or moving to a secure location. Acting alert and aware can deter bad guys.
- Do not risk your safety to protect things that can be replaced, if an incident occurs. Afterwards call 911. If you call 911, stay on the phone until help arrives.
- Dial 911 if you see any suspicious activity, Suspicious activity does not have to be criminal. If something looks or feels odd please contact the police department. When in doubt, check it out.

For more info on JTC, go to: joplin-trails-coalition.webnode.com

With thanks to the Joplin Police Department, and Durham, NC, Police Department.

Iris cookie cutter available at City Hall

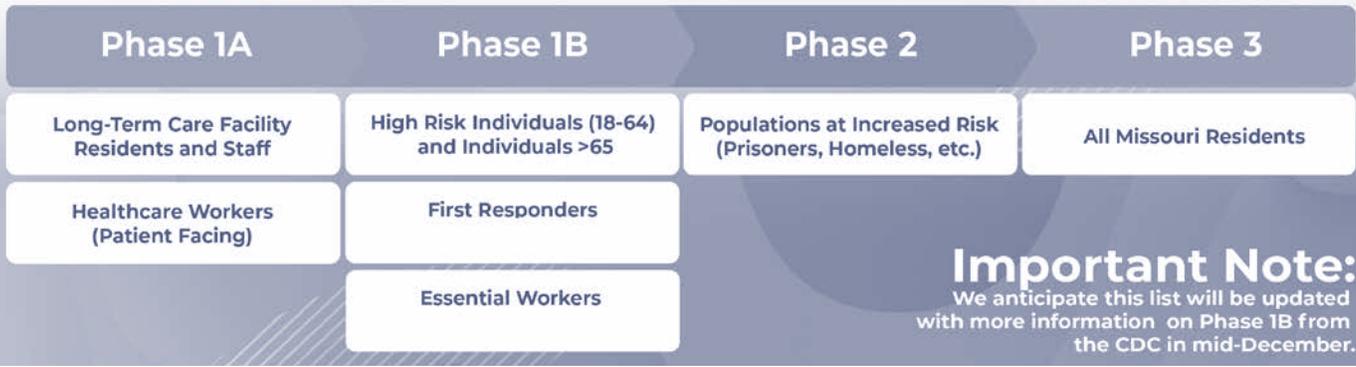
In honor of the upcoming 150th birthday of the city of Joplin, a commemorative cookie cutter has been created. The design is a purple iris, the official flower of Joplin, and the cookie cutter includes a card detailing the history of the iris in Joplin. Proceeds from the sale of the cookie cutter will help fund Joplin's 150th birthday celebration.

Cookie cutters may be purchased in the Visit Joplin MO office of City Hall for \$10 each. For more information, call 417-625-4789.



Know the facts about Covid vaccine: go to MoStopsCovid.com

COVID-19 Vaccine Availability



Important Note:
We anticipate this list will be updated with more information on Phase 1B from the CDC in mid-December.

At time of publishing this newsletter, the first shipment of vaccine for COVID-19 recently arrived at Joplin medical facilities to begin immunizations of their patient facing healthcare workers. Residents and staff of long-term care facilities will also be eligible to receive vaccine in this initial phase.

In accordance with the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State of Missouri's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan states that local and regional healthcare organizations will be eligible to distribute the vaccine in their communities as credible partners in caring for their citizens if they enroll to do so. During this first stage of vaccinations, there will be a limited supply of vaccine and it will be targeted to those identified in the State of Missouri's vaccination plan. (Go to www.MOstopsCovid.com for details)

Once the first phase is completed then the vaccine will be made available for those

in the next phase. The second phase will include people who are considered high risk, first responders and essential workers. The speed to which the phases are moved though will be determined by the amount of vaccine that is available and how fast the vaccine is able to be administered.

"At this point, COVID vaccine supply is very limited," said Joplin Health Director Ryan Talken. "The state has established a tiered system that dictates when specific groups of people will be targeted with the vaccine. Initially, patient facing health care workers and long-term care residents are given priority for receiving initial doses of the vaccine. As more doses and more vaccines become available, vaccine efforts will be expanded to other priority groups, including those over the age of 65 and essential workers. Additionally, more vaccinator providers will be available in the community including physician offices, pharmacies, clinics, and health



departments."

Talken noted that this is a unique time and the available information changes quickly. The City of Joplin's Health Department will announce details about public vaccinations in upcoming months.

To help address questions and learn more about the vaccine and its distribution, visit www.MOstopsCovid.com. This website is part of the educational efforts of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MoDHSS) during the pandemic.

Health Department helps residents receive early prenatal care



Early prenatal care can help keep you and your baby healthy. With early care, doctors can spot health problems, treat many health issues, and prevent others from developing. Doctors will help you give your unborn baby a healthy start to life.

The Joplin City Health Department offers pregnancy testing for the purpose of temporary MO Healthnet coverage. We will guide you on how to complete your application for MO Healthnet and issue a temporary card so that you can obtain early pregnancy medical care.

This service is offered by appointment for residents living within the Joplin city limits. Call the Medical Services counter at 417-623-6122, ext. 266. For your appointment, check in at the upper (west) level of the Joplin City Health Department, located at 321 East 4th Street in Joplin.

Think ahead for school vaccination requirements!

The Joplin City Health Department has vaccinations required for school. We want to help you make sure your child is prepared. **If your child lives within the Joplin city limits or is enrolled in a Joplin public or private school, we want to offer assistance.** Bring in your immunization record and allow us to review it. If your child is behind on vaccinations, we will let you know.

We provide immunizations for many insurances, the uninsured or underinsured, and those with Medicaid/Managed Care.

The Joplin Health Department has available all vaccinations that are recommended by the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) through the Vaccines for Children

program. We have all of the vaccines required for entry into kindergarten, 8th grade and 12th grade.

We urge you to obtain vaccinations now, before the March Kindergarten round-up and the August back to school rush begins. Call now to schedule an appointment.

Immunizations will be given in the upper level entrance (West side) of the Joplin Health Department, 321 E. Fourth Street. **Please note that a parent/guardian ID and the child's insurance information, Social Security Number and immunization record is required, so bring them with you to the clinic.**

For questions, please call the Health Department at 417-623-6122.

Following safety tips can minimize your risk for home fires

With cold winter months ahead of us, the Joplin Fire Department wants to remind residents of fire safety tips. With cooking and heating as the leading causes of home fires and fire injuries, take a few minutes to ensure your home is free of hazards that could cause fires.

- When cooking, keep anything that could catch fire away from the stove, including towels, wooden utensils and food packaging.
- If frying, grilling, boiling or broiling food, stay in the kitchen to keep eye on the pans.
- Set timers for simmering, baking or roasting to prevent overheating.
- Be alert; if you are sleepy or have to step away, use the timer as a reminder to check on your food every few minutes.

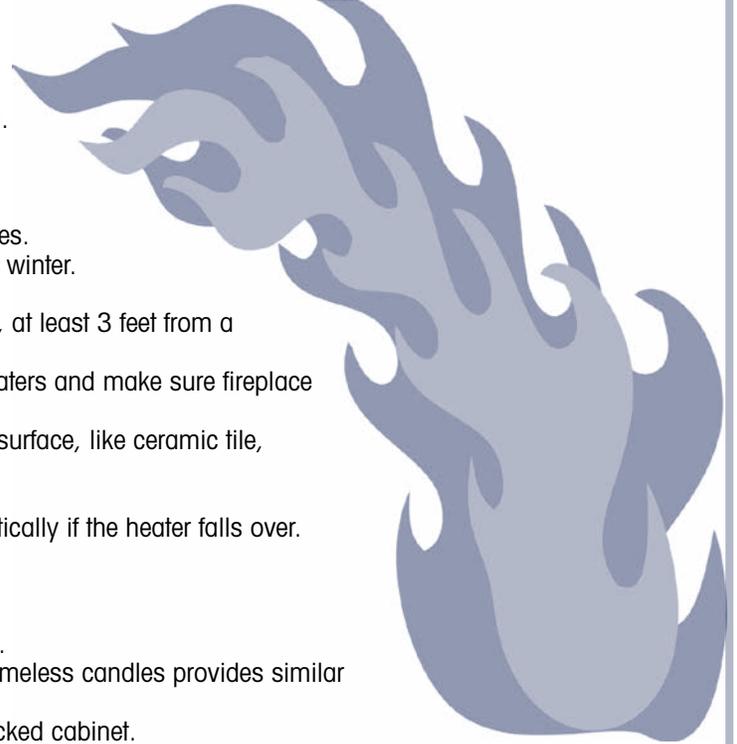
Following kitchen fires, heating is the second leading cause of home fires. Safe heating practices are important as you keep your family warm this winter.

- Keep all flammables, like paper, clothing, bedding, drapes or rugs, at least 3 feet from a space heater, stove or fireplace.
- Never leave portable heaters and fireplaces unattended; turn off heaters and make sure fireplace embers are extinguished before leaving the room.
- If you must use a space heater, place it on a level, nonflammable surface, like ceramic tile, not on a rug or carpet.
- Keep children and pets away from space heaters.
- When buying a space heater, look for models that shut off automatically if the heater falls over.

Other causes of fire include electrical problems, smoking and candles.

- Check all cords and replace any that are frayed or have bare wires.
- Extinguish candles before leaving house or going to bed. Using flameless candles provides similar effect without risks.
- Keep matches and lighters high and out of children's reach in a locked cabinet.
- Consider a "no smoking" policy in the house. If smoking outdoors, provide proper containers to extinguish materials properly.

FIRE SAFETY



Kudos, Congrats, & Applause

Taylor Cunningham in the Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services Department recently received her Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Missouri.

Congratulations to the following City employees for their recent retirement. Their years of service demonstrate their commitment to helping fellow citizens and making Joplin a great place to live, work and play!



RETIREES	POSITION	DEPARTMENT	RETIREMENT DATE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Lori Marshall	Compliance Officer	Municipal Court	07/01/2020	29
Margaret "Maggie" Holt	Health Nurse	Public Health Dept.	08/04/2020	29
Freddie Butler	Equipment Operator	Public Works / Streets	11/02/2020	41
Larry Block	Equipment Operator	Public Works / Street Cleaning	11/02/2020	16
Tracy Crawford	Fire Captain	Fire	07/10/2020	18
Lea Hatfield	Laborer I	Parks & Recreation / Athletic Complex	10/01/2020	13
Dickie Gray	Cemetery Supervisor	Parks & Recreation / Cemeteries	09/01/2020	37
Linda White	Engineering Assistant	Public Works / Engineering	12/11/2020	36

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Seasonal Job Openings with Parks & Recreation

The Parks & Recreation Department is hiring cashiers, recreation instructors, lifeguards, and seasonal laborer positions at the Athletic Complex, the 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 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>.

Lifeguards Needed

The Joplin Parks and Recreation Department is planning to hire at least 100 lifeguards for their 3 pools for the 2021 swim season.

"Our goal is to have enough staff to safely open and operate our pools all summer long beginning Memorial Day weekend." said Jessica Johnson, Recreation Coordinator, Joplin Parks and Recreation.

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age, pass written tests, be able to swim 300 yards continuously, tread water for 2 minutes without using their arms, and complete a timed event (including swimming, diving, and retrieving a 10-pound object). They must also successfully pass a background check and drug screen.

Several training dates will be offered in March, April, and May. Lifeguards are responsible for paying their licensing fee and half the cost of their swimsuit. Applications are available 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>.



For more information or to register for any of the programs or services, call
Joplin Parks & Recreation at 417-625-4750
or visit www.joplinparks.org.

Reminder

Business licenses are due on April 14.

If you have questions, please contact the Finance Department at 624-0820, x 242.



Sewer rate adjustment begins January 2021

Reminder: Residents will experience an approximate 5% increase in their sewer rate starting January 2021. This rate adjustment was announced following the rate study completed last year. Reminders have been posted on the statements for several months.

Sewer rates are set accordingly based on the cost of doing business for the City's sanitary sewer system. The City's system is a regulated service by Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the City is required to meet specific standards.

For questions about your sewer bill, call 417-627-2955.