2026
EVENTS CALENDAR

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JOPLIN

Current a/o 093025

DATE(s)	EVENT	HOST ORGANIZATION
November 8, 2025	Veterans Day Parade	American Legion Post 13
November 24, 2025	City Hall Holiday Windows Reveal	Visit Joplin
November 27, 2025	Turkey Trot	Schroeder Family Exploreum
November 29, 2025	CPKC Holiday Train	CPKC Railroad
December 2, 2025	Annual Christmas Parade	Freeman Health System
December 4, 2025	Holiday Tree Trails Opening	Joplin Parks and Recreation
December 29-31, 2025	Neosho Holiday Classic (Basketball)	Branco Enterprises & Neosho Schools
January 10-14, 2026	Uplift Film Festival	Great Wonders Production
February 7, 2026	ArtCon 2026	Neosho Arts Council
March 23, 2026	Joplin Birthday	Joplin Celebrations Commission
April 30, 2026	Route 66 Centennial National Kick-Off	Springfield
May 15-16, 2026	Mother Road Mayhem	Mother Road Mayhem
May 22-23, 2026	Route 66 Pro Rodeo	Tuff Bull Production
May 30-31, 2026	Silver Sage Renaissance Festival, 1/2	Silver Sage Renaissance Committee
June 2-6, 2026	World Street Painting Festival: ROUTE 66	Visit Joplin
June 2-10, 2026	Joe Barr Route 66 Guiness Book World Record Attempt	Joe Barr Team
June 6-7, 2026	Silver Sage Renaissance Festival, 2/2	Silver Sage Renaissance Committee
June 11,2026	World Cup 2026 Opening Ceremony	FIFA
June 16, 2026	First World Cup Game in Kansas City	FIFA
June 21, 2026 (Father's Day)	The Great Race	Visit Joplin
July 4, 2026	July Fourth Fireworks USA 250	Parks & Rec / MSSU
TBD	Carver Day Celebration	George Washington Carver Nat'l Mnt. (GWC)
July 10-11, 2026	MO-Tell Storytellers	MO Liars
July 11, 2026	Final World Cup Game in Kansas City	FIFA
July 18, 2026	Shoal Creek Water Festival	Wildcat Glades Nature Group
August 1-3, 2026	Emancipation Celebration	Emancipation Celebration Committee
August 6-9, 2026	Marian Days	Carthage
TBD	Storytelling Days	GWC
TBD	Prairie Day	GWC
September 3-7, 2026	JOMO Route 66 Balloon and Kite Festival	Visionary Balloonworx
September 4-9, 2026	Big BAM (Bike Across Missouri)(Starting in Joplin)	Missouri Life
September 4-6, 2026	JOMO PrideFest	JOMO Pride, Inc.
September 7-12, 2026	Model T Ford National Tour	Heart of the Ozarks Chapter (MTFCA)
September 15, 2026	Sunbeam Tigers Tour thru Joplin	California Association of Sunbeam Tiger Owners
September 18-19, 2026	JH/MO Route 66 Road Rally	JH Assoc/R66 Assoc of MO.
September 20-23, 2026	Jefferson Highway Association Conference	Jefferson Highway Association
September 24, 2026 (TBD)	Children's Heath Foundation (Ireland) Route 66 Tour	Visit Joplin
September 25-27, 2026	21st Annual Four States Open	Joplin Disc Golf Club
September 27, 2026	Carl Junction Bluegrass Festival	CJ Chamber
October 3-4, 2026	North Heights Porchfest	North Heights Neighborhood
October 17, 2026	Maple Leaf Bike Tour	Joplin Trails Coalition
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