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City of Joplin Phone Directory

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Airport	623-0262
Animal Control	623-6122
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Cemeteries	623-7990
Convention & Visitors Bureau	625-4789
Emergency Management	623-5858
Fire Dept. *(non-emergency)*	623-0403
Health Dept.	623-6122
Library	623-7953
MAPS *(Metro Area Publictransit System)*	626-8607
Memorial Hall	625-4750
Parks *(Programs, Shelters, Leagues)*	625-4750
Parks *(Maintenance)*	627-8879
Police Dept. *(non-emergency)*	623-3131
Recreation Programs	625-4750
Schifferdecker Golf Course	624-3533
Sunshine Lamp Trolley	626-8609
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Main Number 417-624-0820

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Council election returns two incumbents, adds three new members

Joplin voters decided the winners for the Joplin City Council seats at the April 5, 2022 election, electing three new citizens to join two incumbents. Three general seats were up for election with Mayor Ryan Stanley and Councilmember Anthony Monteleone not seeking reelection, and Councilmember Doug Lawson completing his first four-year term. Voters elected Kate Spencer, Josh DeTar and incumbent Lawson for the general seats. All will serve a four-year term.

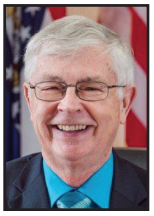
The Council Seat in Zone 4 was also up for election following Diane Reid Adams completing her first four-year term. Challenger Mark Farnham won this race for the four-year term. Gary Shaw ran unopposed for the Zone 1 Seat.



Kate Spencer, age 43, is a homemaker and has lived in Joplin for the past 17 years. She graduated from the University of Arkansas with a bachelor's degree in marketing management. She and her husband have four children. She has not held a public office before.



Josh DeTar, age 46, works as a financial adviser with Edward D. Jones & Co. He attended Missouri Southern State University. He recently served on the Memorial Hall Citizens Committee and has served on the Joplin Parks and Recreation Board. He is a lifelong resident of Joplin.



Doug Lawson, age 74, is a retired chaplain with the U.S. Navy and worked as a chaplain with Freeman Health System. He and his wife have lived in Joplin for the past ten years, after returning home from his military career. Lawson has a bachelor's degree in political science from Missouri Southern State University and a master's degree in divinity from Emmanuel Christian Seminary, and a second master's degree in educational psychology from Alliant International University. He holds a doctor of ministry from the Graduate Theological Foundation. He is a member of Joplin Kiwanis, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fleet Reserve Association, and Military Officers Association. This is his second term on the City Council.



Mark Farnham, age 61, is a doctor of radiology and is semiretired. He received his medical degree from the University of Missouri. He has previously served on a private school board.



Gary Shaw, age 80, was first elected to Council in 2002 and served as Mayor from 2008 to 2010, and again from 2018 to 2020. He is the executive administrator of Central Christian Center, where he has served for 44 years. Prior to serving on the council, Shaw was chairman of the Zoning and Planning Commission for six years and has been a member of the Capital Improvements Committee and the Missouri Municipal League Board of Directors. He is a past president of the Historic Preservation Commission and Main Street Joplin and former vice president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He served six years with the U.S. Army. Currently, he serves on the board of the Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council, the Jasper County Historic and Beautification Committee for the Jasper County Courthouse, the Radar Farm Civil War Park Board, and is a trustee for Central Christian Center and on their Board of Elders. He has lived in Joplin since 1960, except for a brief time in Texas in the mid 1980's.

Lawson elected as Mayor, Cortez reelected as Pro Tem

Following the swearing-in ceremony of elected officials, Council members elected Doug Lawson as Mayor and seated Council member Keenan Cortez as Mayor Pro Tem. These positions are elected by City Council members at its first meeting, as stated in the City's Home Rule Charter Section. 2.06.



MAYOR PRO TEM
KEENAN CORTEZ

"The mayor shall be elected by the council at its first meeting from among the city council members for a term of two years and shall have no regular administrative duties. He shall preside at all meetings of the council and shall be recognized as head of the city government for all legal and ceremonial purposes and by the governor for purposes of military law."

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CITY COUNCIL 2020-2024

MAYOR
DOUG LAWSON

MAYOR PRO TEM
KEENAN CORTEZ

GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS
DOUG LAWSON
(2018 – 2026)

KEENAN CORTEZ
(2019 – 2024)

CHRISTINA WILLIAMS
(2020 – 2024)

KATE SPENCER
(2022 – 2026)

JOSH DeTAR
(2022 – 2026)

ZONE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Zone 1
GARY SHAW
(2002-2026)

Zone 2
CHUCK COPPLE
(2020 – 2024)

Zone 3
PHIL STINNETT
(1998-2010; 2016-2024)

Zone 4
MARK FARNHAM
(2022-2026)

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Enjoy the Celebrations of Schifferdecker Golf Course's 100th Birthday

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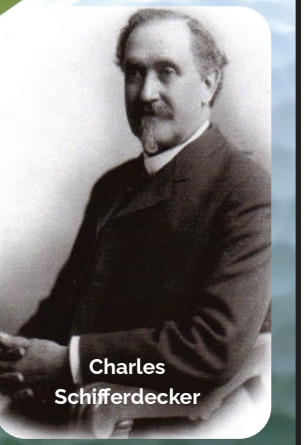
An "All Day" celebration on Wednesday, June 29, as part of the official anniversary date.

The course will open at 6:30 a.m. that day.
Watch for more details!
For more information about these events, contact the Clubhouse at 417-623-3533.

Joplin's Schifferdecker Park has always been a popular gathering place, even 100 years ago. The park had many amenities in its early days, including a tourist campground, but one attraction in the park will soon be celebrating its 100th birthday – the golf course.

Joplin's Municipal Golf Course opened on June 29, 2022. The golf course name was changed in August 1923 by the City Council in honor of Charles Schifferdecker who willed a 120-acre tract of land upon his death in 1915. It was this donation that moved the dream of this golf course into reality for the course founders.

To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Schifferdecker Golf Course, City and community leaders are planning several events for the public.


Charles Schifferdecker

100th Anniversary Golf Tournament – Saturday, June 25, 2022

- A 4-person "Shamble" – Choose the best drive of the team and all players play their own ball from that point through the hole.
- Shotgun Start – 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- The 2 lowest scores per hole will be used to make the team score
- Entry fee: $100 per team; includes green fee, cart fee, and prizes
- Entry Deadline: June 21 (Each shotgun is considered full at 27 teams)

New hours set for Municipal Court offices



Beginning May 2, 2022, the Joplin Municipal Court will be open 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., with the Court office to be closed during the noon lunch hour. To help citizens with their various needs, Alternative payment methods are offered as follows: (Please note that third-party convenience fees will be applied.)

For all cases filed before December 23, 2020 (not on Case.net)

1-Eligible online payments can be made by using the website of https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/Joplinmo

2-If citizens prefer to speak to someone concerning their eligible payment, please call 1-800-444-1187.

For all cases filed on or after December 23, 2020 (viewable on Missouri Case.net)

1-Eligible payments can be made by visiting the Missouri Case net website and making a "Pay-By-Web" payment.

A kiosk offering a "Pay By Web" option is in the Justice Center lobby near the entrance of the Court office. For questions, please contact the Court at 417-627-2930, and press #1 when prompted.

Summer reading program starts May 31

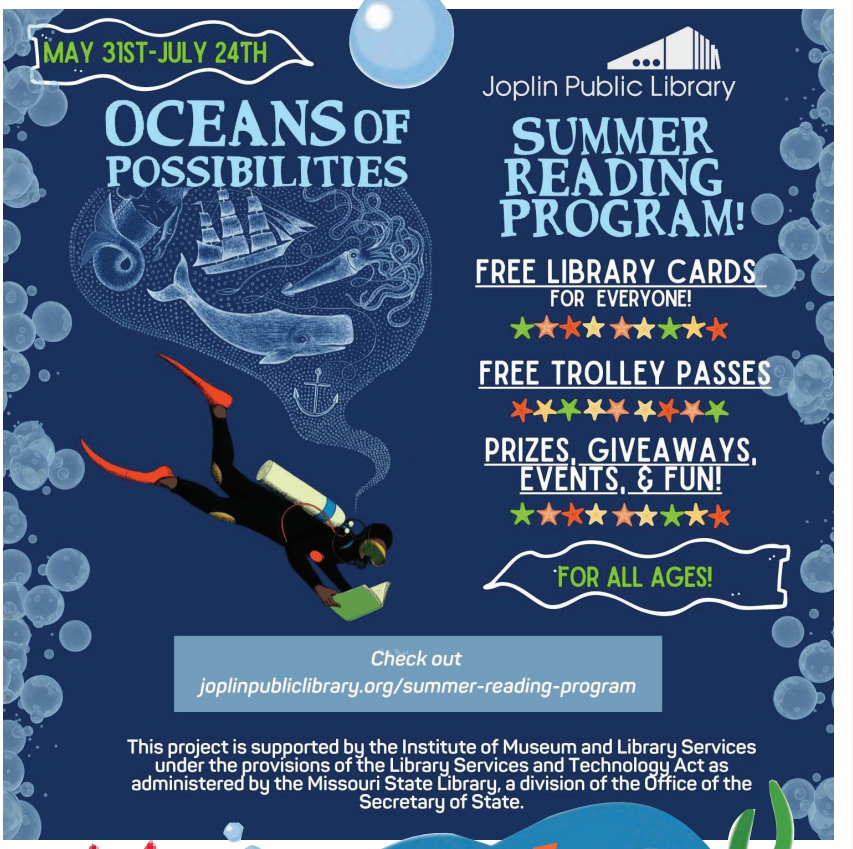
The end of the school year means it is time for summer reading!

Joplin Public Library
at the center of it all

Joplin Public Library will host its annual all-ages Summer Reading Program from May 31 through July 24, with the theme "Oceans of Possibilities." Children, teens, and adults are invited to log their reading for chances to earn prizes and to participate in fun and educational Library-hosted events and activities.

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 EVERYONE, regardless of residency!

Thanks to the City of Joplin's Public Transportation division, 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 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, visiting their website at joplinpubliclibrary.org, or visiting with staff at 1901 E. 20th Street.



Free Tree Limb Drop Off for Joplin Residents

1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue
(1/2 mile north of Belle Center Road)

3rd Friday & Saturday of each month*

March through October 2022
8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Additional Information: 624-0820 ext. 1501

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

New lights added to Ewert Skate Park



Skaters at the Ewert Skate Park can now enjoy their sport until the park closes at 11 p.m. thanks to the recently installed lights in the park.

Originally opening in 2015, Ewert Skate Park has been one of the most used recreational facilities in Joplin. Skateboarders and BMX bikers, of all ages, use this facility year-round, and in 2017 a centralized light was added. As the popularity grew for this community recreation area, more lighting was needed, and in March more lights were added.

Lights are on a timing mechanism and provide skaters the opportunity to enjoy the park from daylight to 11 p.m. Funding for the lights came from the Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax.



Simple steps to help protect our water quality



- Stop trash from entering storm drains, rivers, creeks, and ditches. Keep a trash bag in the car and empty it weekly.
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your vehicle on your lawn, NOT in the street.
- Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste at the Joplin Recycling Center instead of pouring it on the ground or placing it in the trash can.
- Use fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides (CHEMICALS) wisely! Never apply on your lawn or garden before it is due to rain.
- Adopt a stream and clean it up
- Never discharge pool or spa water to a street or storm drain. Let chlorine dissipate for a few days, then drain it gradually onto a landscaped area. Do NOT use copper-based algaecides unless absolutely necessary. Control algae with chlorine or alternatives.
- Recycle automotive oil at local automotive parts stores
- Report prohibited discharges, spills, or dumping to the City of Joplin at 417- 624-0820, ext. 1531

FOG can create issues in sewer pipes *Drop it off at Recycling Center*



What? FOG affects our sewer pipes?!

Yes, but it's s different type of FOG that citizens may not be aware of. FOG is the acronym for Fats, Oils, and Grease, and these all can be a problem in the sewer pipes of Joplin. **FOG can clog pipes causing backups of raw sewage in households and businesses.**

After frying foods, please don't dispose of the cooking grease down the drain. Even with hot water running, this creates an issue in the pipes and causes sewers to back up.

Citizens can bring their cooking oils to the Recycling Center for disposal. Center hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday; and noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Another option is to collect the FOG in a container and place it in their trash after it cools. If wanting to keep the container, just scoop out the solid grease into the trash. Please just don't pour it down the sink where it thickens upon cooling and possibly clogging sewer pipes – both yours and your neighbors.

For more information about the Joplin Recycling Center located at 1310 W. "A" Street, call Lindsey James at 417-624-0820, ext. 1501.

Health Dept. provides immunizations for new kindergarteners and others

The Joplin City Health Department has vaccinations required for your child to begin kindergarten. 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.**

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.

We urge you to obtain vaccinations now, before the Kindergarten round-up begins. Call now to schedule an appointment 417-623-6122.

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 and immunization record is required, so bring them with you to the clinic.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and free!

COVID-19 vaccinations are available every Tuesday by appointment at the Joplin Health Department, 321 E 4th Street. Appointments are available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and can be scheduled at 417-623-6122. On the first Tuesday of each month, appointments can be made during the lunch hour.

Even if you've already been infected with COVID-19, it is still strongly recommended to get immunized against the virus to prevent reinfection and to prevent severe illness. The vaccine offered is Moderna for adults 18 and up. Doses are available according to each patient's eligibility, including the recently recommended second booster dose. Please bring your Covid vaccine card with you to show the brand and dates of previous doses received.

If you can't make it to the Joplin Health Department for your COVID-19 vaccination, there are other options to find a vaccine or booster near you:

- Search www.vaccines.gov
- Call 1-800-232-0233
- Text your zip code to 438829

Visit the CDC website for current COVID-19 vaccination data: www.cdc.gov.

Building projects 101 – Frequently Asked Questions

Springtime often brings improvement projects or new ideas to property owners. Below are some FAQs related to project permitting and working with a contractor.

"When do I need a permit?"
The following projects require the City's Building Division to review plans and issue a permit:

- Construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure
- Erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system
- Fences, driveways
- Windows and Siding (total house); Re-roofing (over 100 square feet)
- Storage Buildings greater than 200 square feet
- Swimming Pools (greater than 24-inches in depth)
- If unsure about your project, call the Building Division at 417-624-0820, ext. 1521.

How do I hire a reliable contractor that provides quality work?

- Research and gather information. Search for a business profile at www.BBB.org (Better Business Bureau) that offers a history of complaints and reviews related to their work, honesty, time management, and safety practices.
- Ask contractors to provide local references and then contact them to learn how the contractor performed on previous jobs. Ask the reference about the quality of work, and whether they stayed within the budget and timeframe that they estimated.
- Ask several contractors for quotes. Be sure to provide the same set of criteria to each contractor.
- Get estimates in writing, including payment arrangements. (Never pay the full amount in advance of project completion.) Ask for contact information, and start and completion dates, who will seek building permits, if needed, and specify clean-up responsibilities.

Are there other specific steps to take before deciding on a contractor?

- Verify the contractor has a Joplin business license and is properly insured by calling the City's Business Licensing Office at 417-624-0820, ext. 1242.
- Confirm payment plan that has been established, noting that final payment will be made after work is completed AND inspected to meet your satisfaction.

Can the City provide a recommendation for a contractor to hire?

- City staff cannot make recommendations of companies or individuals; however, citizens can check to ensure the business or individual is licensed by contacting the Business Licensing Clerk at 417-624-0820, ext. 1242.



For other questions about building codes and permit requirements, contact the Building Division at 417-624-0820, ext. 1521.

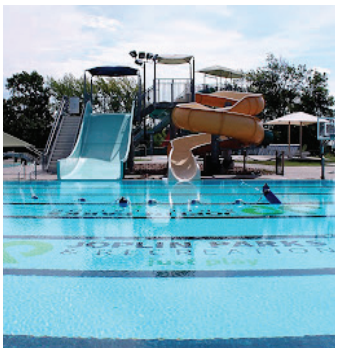
Friendly reminder for residential trash customers

Joplin's Recycling Coordinator Lindsey James reminds all residents that Joplin City Ordinance 102.6(d) states that polycart containers should not remain on the curb or alleyway after their trash is picked up. The polycarts should be moved back towards the house and not left at the curb throughout the week. Polycarts can be put out on the curbside the night before the service day, and then returned to their location on the side or back of the house. Thank you!

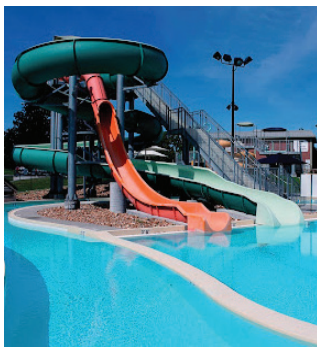


---POOLS---









Pools Open Saturday, May 28th

For up-to-date hours of operation and closures, please check www.joplinparks.org. Please note, operation schedules and locations are dependent on lifeguard staffing and will be released closer to opening day.

Schifferdecker Aquatic Center:
$5.50 kids • $6.50 adults

Check JoplinParks.org or City's Facebook page for details!

Schifferdecker Aquatic Center receives Lifejacket Grant

Schifferdecker Aquatic Center has been chosen as a recipient for the 2022 life jacket donation from Note and Float Lifejacket Fund. Schifferdecker Aquatic Center will receive approx. 170 lifejackets from Note and Float Life Jacket Fund to use for their drowning prevention program. Entering the pool this year may be a little different as we will follow new guidelines for lifejacket use.

Note & Float
Life Jacket Fund

*Note and Float Life Jacket Fund, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, which donates life jackets to swimming pools for the Note & Float program to prevent drowning. Note & Float is a program designed to save lives, identifying non-swimmers and floating them in properly-fitting, U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets.

---SPORTS---

COACHES NEEDED!



Volunteer coaches are key to this program. Any persons willing to be a Head Coach or primary contact for their team will be asked to help organize at least 1 practice a week. Their job is to contact parents about the little details like game/practice times, picture day, etc.. Joplin Parks & Recreation helps Coaches every step of the way. Our #1 priority is to HAVE FUN!

If you are interested in coaching, please contact the Joplin Athletic Complex at 417-625-4750 for a background check. (Head Coaches receive an exclusive offer at the end of the season.)

Lil' Instructionals Preschool Programs

Joplin Parks and Recreation offers introductory sports programs for the littlest players in town!

The Little Instructionals series offers a 4-week instructional program for various sports throughout the year for children ages 3-4 in a non-competitive environment. With the use of fun games, the staff incorporates exercise and activities that focus on developing each child's skills to develop self-confidence.

The next program in the series will be Little Hitters starting May 26.

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 for children and adults as well as programs to prepare players for competitive play. Prices vary depending on program and age.

Challenger International Soccer Camp

Challenger Sports is the leading soccer camp company in North America with the International Soccer Camp offering a fun yet developmental environment. Through age-appropriate practices to help players develop at their own pace learning new skills as an all-round better player.

Dates: July 11-15 • Ages: 3-14

Location: Hershewe Soccer Complex inside the Joplin Athletic Complex

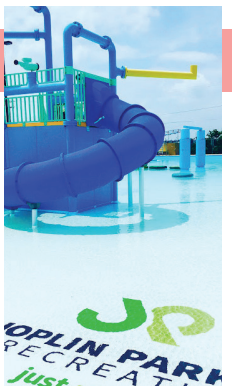
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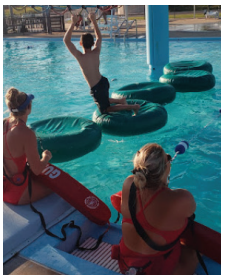


If interested in any of the following programs, all 417-625-4750 or visit www.joplinparks.org for more information or to register.

Swim Lessons Offered at Cunningham Aquatic Center

Parks & Rec has partnered with Berzerker Swimming 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 will be offered throughout the summer with class times and schedules posted on joplinparks.org.





Now Hiring: Lifeguards!



Dive into your best summer ever! The Joplin Parks and Recreation Department is looking for qualified individuals to become lifeguards at one of our 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 yards 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.

Applicants are responsible for paying their licensing fee of $41 and half the cost of their swimsuit. Applications are being accepted at Joplin City Hall, 602 S. Main Street, or online at http://www.joplinmo.org/jobs.

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Now Hiring

Seasonal, Part–Time, & Full–Time Positions

Full-Time Positions

Firefighter/EMT	$11.73/hr. +
Cashier	$10.30/hr. +
Laborer	$10.80/hr. +
Nutritionist	$17.25/hr. +
Parks Caretaker	$13.51/hr. +
Horticulturist	$13.51/hr. +
Detention Officer	$13.51/hr. +
Police Officer	$18.16/hr. +
Dispatcher	$15.65/hr. +
Equipment Operator	$13.51/hr. +
Transit Driver I & II	$12.26/hr. +

All full-time positions come with an AMAZING benefits package!

Seasonal Positions

Lifeguard	$10.30/hr. +
Cashier	$10.30/hr. +
Laborer	$10.80/hr. +
Pool Operator	$10.80/hr. +

Must be 16+ for pool positions, 18+ for Parks and Public Works labor positions.

Part-Time Positions

Recreation Instructor	$10.39/hr. +
Cashier	$10.30/hr. +
Breastfeeding Peer Counselor	$11.01/hr. +
Interpreter/Translator	$11.63/hr. +
School Crossing Guard	$11.24/hr. +

Scan to Apply

or visit JoplinMo.org/jobs

Employment may be conditional on passing a drug screen, background check, and physical



In this unique mini-camp, campers will play LEGO games, watch movies, have building competitions, and make LEGO-themed snacks. In addition, campers will receive a new LEGO set each day of camp. Program size is limited to the first 15 paid campers in each session.

Dates:

- June Session: June 20-24
- July Session: July 25 – July 29
  - Location: Joplin History & Mineral Museum
  - Registration begins April 25



Reserve a Shelter for Your Next Event!



Looking for a unique gathering spot for your next birthday party, family reunion, graduation party, or event? Joplin's park shelters picnic shelters throughout the city can be reserved for $40/day and includes the entire day, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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Thank You From The Joplin Police Department



On Tuesday, March 8, 2022, the Joplin Police Department endured one of the darkest moments our agency has ever had to face. Corporal Ben Cooper and Officer Jake Reed tragically lost their lives after being shot while trying to arrest a suspect following a disturbance at a local clothing store. Additionally, Officer Rick Hirshey, was critically wounded after being shot in the face while attempting to apprehend the suspect. The events of that day will haunt the members of our department for eternity and the loss of Corporal Cooper and Officer Reed has left a void in the heart of the department. A void that we don't know yet how to mend.

Following the incident, our department was also involved in two other officer-involved shootings within just a matter of a few weeks and an Airport Police Officer, Officer Mike Gayman unexpectedly passed away following a medical emergency. The last month and a half have been one of the most difficult times our agency has ever had to endure. However, we are grateful for the love and support shown by the citizens and visitors of our great community. The outpouring of support has been tremendous and we will be forever grateful for the compassion shown to the families of these officers and the members of the Joplin Police Department. Following the loss of Corporal Cooper and Officer Reed, we were flooded with flowers, cards, letters, food donations, financial contributions to the families and so much more. Only one word can truly depict our thoughts and that is "Blessed".

As we move forward, we will strive to always honor the memory and legacy of Corporal Ben Cooper and Officer Jake Reed. The men and women of the Joplin Police Department will continue to work towards the overall mission of our agency, and that is to serve the citizens of Joplin with the highest level of police services possible. Thank you again.

Sloan A. Rowland
Chief of Police



