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City of Joplin Phone Directory

Emergency – Police/Fire 911

Airport	623-0262
Animal Control	623-6122
Athletic Complex *(Leagues, Activities, Programs)*	625-4750
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
Trash Service—Residential	1- 800-431-1507
WIC *(Women, Infant & Children Supplemental Food Program)*	623-1928

Main Number	417-624-0820
Department	*Ext.*
Animal Control	1280
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City Manager	1201
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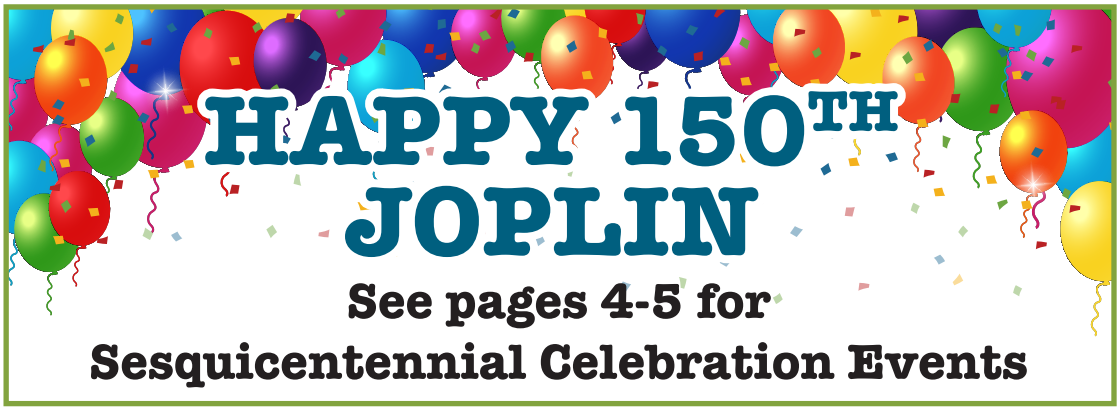

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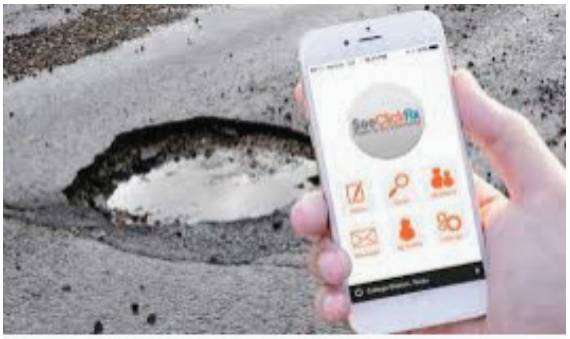
SeeClickFix app offers an easy engagement option for citizens to improve their community.



Citizens can share in developing a safer and cleaner community with a simple click on their phone. The phone app, **SeeClickFix**, is an engagement tool for the public to easily notify the City officials of different code or zoning issues or infrastructure repair problems to be reviewed. Commonly reported items include street light outages, potholes, abandoned/unlicensed vehicles, illegal dumping, and missing or damaged street signs. This reporting tool can also be accessed through the "Report a Problem" icon on the City's website's front page.

"SeeClickFix is an easy method for Joplin citizens to help the community," said Tony Robyn, Assistant City Manager. "By notifying us of an area of concern, their message is directly sent to the department that manages the area which can begin addressing it. The process is efficient and provides transparency as citizens will be notified through SeeClickFix of the progress being made related to their problem."

Photos, videos, descriptions, and locations can also be added to the submission which can help staff members better identify the most efficient solution to fixing the concern. Citizens just click on the app and complete the questions and the appropriate staff members are notified of the matter.

"With more than 35 square miles in Joplin, citizens can help serve as the eyes and ears of our neighborhoods alerting us to an area that may need attention," said Robyn. "SeeClickFix gives an effective and quick way for our staff to receive the request." Submitted issues are reviewed in the order received and this process is not intended for emergency issues or purposes.

Citizens should expect that some issues will take a longer time to resolve than others, especially if it requires a citation or resolution through the court process.

This program will also assist the City to recognize trends or areas that may be occurring and work towards a long-term resource allocation and solutions. As a centralized management system for the City staff, the SeeClickFix platform allows a review of requests , response times, and effective solutions to some reoccurring issues that can also be addressed.

Interested citizens can download the SeeClickFix app from GooglePlay or The App Store to their cell phones and begin helping to build a better community. If using a computer or other device, just visit the City's website at www.joplinmo.org and click the "Report a Problem" icon on the home page. SeeClickFix offers anonymity, with first-time users of SeeClickFix registering a screen name and password. From there, they can easily log on and make their report without a lot of unnecessary screens.

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DOUG LAWSON

MAYOR PRO TEM
KEENAN CORTEZ

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(2019 – 2024)

CHRISTINA WILLIAMS
(2020 – 2024)

KATE SPENCER
(2022 – 2026)

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(2022 – 2026)

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(2002-2026)

Zone 2
CHUCK COPPLE
(2020 – 2024)

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

Zone 4
MARK FARNHAM
(2022-2026)

Please send City Council correspondence to:
Joplin City Hall
602 South Main Street
Joplin, MO 64801

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9-1-1 Center reminds public to update their information to assist emergency services

ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

If you have a storm shelter on your property within the City of Joplin, the Joplin Police and Fire Departments encourage you to register that information so officers could find you more quickly should a natural disaster or other event occur. Scan this QR code or go to www.joplinmo.org/stormshelterregister to fill out the Storm Shelter form. This information goes directly to our 9-1-1 Center, where it is stored in our computer database.

ATTENTION BUSINESSES:

The Joplin Police Department is updating the emergency contacts for community businesses. This information assists the City by providing after-hours contact information if there is an issue at your business. To share your information, scan this QR code or go to www.joplinmo.org/businessregistry to quickly update those contacts. This information goes directly to our 9-1-1 Center and is stored in our computer database.

Please call Communications Manager Cheryl Konarski at 417-623-3131 x1409 or via email at ckonarsk@joplinmo.org with any questions.

Kudos, Congrats, & Applause

Congratulations to **Joplin Police Dept. Captain Trevor Duncan** who recently **graduated as a member of the 284th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia**. Captain Duncan began his law enforcement career at the Joplin Police Department in 2006 as a Police Officer and has moved up the ranks, and was promoted to Captain in 2017. While attending the Academy, Duncan completed five master's level courses through the University of Virginia Masters of Public Safety Program and earned a Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Education.

During the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association conference **Jessica Johnson, Recreation Coordinator for Parks and Recreation,** received the ***Aquatics Section - Outstanding New Professional Award.*** She received this for her outstanding leadership skills in aquatics by developing and contributing to innovative aquatic programs and advancements. She joined the City in 2009 as a lifeguard and continued working for the City receiving promotions in 2013 and 2015.

The **Maintenance staff of the Parks and Recreation won First Place for their skills during the State's Parks and Recreation Maintenance Rodeo.** Joplin's crew work year-round to mow 1,000+ acres of parkland, and tend to gardens, trees, and shrubbery. They also inspect, repair and maintain all playground equipment, pavilions, and other park amenities to ensure a safe environment in the City's 24 parks. Challenges in the rodeo included events using daily skills including: *A Backpack Blower contest, a Truck and Trailer obstacle course, Skid Loading, Zero-turn Mowing, and Project Assembly.*

Retirees

Congratulations to the employees who have retired from the City from November 2022 through February 2023. We thank them for their service and appreciate all they have done during their career with the City of Joplin.

NAME	DEPARTMENT	TITLE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Robyn Cable	Municipal Court	Court Assistant I	10 years, 5 months
Larry Eller	Community Planning	CDBG Project Manager	8 years, 5 months
Sherri McCulloch	Finance	Financial Analyst	22 years, 3 months
Lawrence McKeough	Public Health	Regional Response Planner	20 years
Keith Stammer	Emergency Preparedness	Emergency Mgmt Coordinator	17 years, 5 months



City seeking grants for funding of key Council initiatives

City officials continue to work on multiple grant applications for funding from federal and state programs that address transportation, sewer, industrial, housing and economic development initiatives. With a priority list of projects, the City is currently seeking nearly $81 million to assist with their completion. Guidehouse, Inc, a consultant working with the City on these grants, provided an update to City Council in mid-February.

To date, 50% of the top 20 projects are potentially being funded or partially funded. Funding channels come from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

The City's initial award of nearly $13.8 million from ARPA in 2021 provides some of the resources for the City's match portion of current grants, allowing the City to bring more dollars to our community and address unfunded needs without relying solely on local taxes.

"Having these early ARPA funds available is a great asset and provides more opportunities for Joplin," said City Manager Nick Edwards. "In reviewing our needs assessments from recent studies and surveys, we're seeking grants to address those identified areas. This strategy has helped us focus our efforts to seek investments to move us forward as we work to improve our community."

Currently, the City has received about $25 million that will address seven Public Works projects. Some of these come from federal funds to be administered by the State of Missouri and Jasper County.

- Zora Street widening project - $4 million
- Wastewater improvements near 12th and Iowa Streets - $3.6 million
- Nine Stormwater projects throughout the community, such as East Town area and 17th and Annie Baxter - $5 million
- Dr. Donald E. Clark Public Justice Center improvements at 303 E. 3rd St. (Facility for Municipal Court, Police Dept. and Fire Dept. Station 1) - $1 million
- Drinking water improvements to main lines near 7th St., Zora St., and County Rd. 180 (costs shared with Missouri American Water) - $5 million
- 20th Street widening project (from Schifferdecker Ave. to State Line Rd.) - $4 million
- MOSWIN Emergency Radio System allowing interoperability with other agencies across Missouri - $600,000

Other grant applications, if approved, would focus on housing and beautification programs to assist with the City's goal of improving declining neighborhoods, vacant and dangerous buildings, along with increasing broadband, public transportation services planning and recycling outreach. Some grants would allow for better trail connections and an outdoor recreation area in the Dover Hill area, while industrial park development could bring additional employment and workforce development opportunities to the area. Grant funding could also provide additional public safety equipment for both the Joplin Police Department and Fire Department.

"This is a historic time with cities having a great opportunity to bring dollars into their community without creating new taxes," said Edwards. "Grants can take a significant amount of work but with positive outcomes, much can be completed to improve a community. We'll continue to track all the possibilities and provide updates as we hear about the results of our work."

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

The Joplin Health Department offers COVID-19 vaccinations at 321 E. 4th Street in Joplin. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are accepted, based on staff availability. To schedule an appointment, call 417-623-6122 and choose option 4 for Medical. Remember, minors must have a parent/guardian present.

Current available vaccines:
- Moderna primary doses for 6 months and up
- Moderna updated bivalent booster for 6 years and up

Even if you've already been infected with COVID-19, it is still strongly recommended to get vaccinated with a shot against the COVID-19 virus to prevent a reinfection and to prevent severe illness. Individuals are not considered fully vaccinated unless they've received the booster shots as well as the initial vaccinations.

If you can't make it to the Joplin Health Department for your COVID-19 vaccination, you can search www.vaccines.gov or call 1-800-232-0233 to find other local providers. For current COVID-19 vaccination data, please visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Dept. offers services for citizens

The Joplin City Health Department has vaccines required for your child to attend school. Whether they are getting ready to start Kindergarten, 8th grade, senior year of High School or if they need to get caught up on their immunizations, 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 be of service to you!

We provide immunizations for children AND adults for many insurances, the uninsured or underinsured, and those with Medicaid/Managed Care. Call now to schedule your appointment today. 417-623-6122.

Health Dept. offers another round of CPR classes for the community

CPR training is now available through the Joplin Health Department and has been noted as an important skill to learn. Doctors have stated administering CPR outside the hospital can save thousands of lives annually, but about half of Americans say they don't know how to do it.

As part of the American Heart Association's training, two classes of cardiopulmonary resuscitation are being offered on Thursday, May 18 for the public. Classes will be held at the Joplin Public Library. The classes are. Friends and Family® CPR will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. and is a great class for new parents, grandparents, babysitters, and others. Cost is $25 per person.

AHA HeartCode® BLS Skills Checkoff will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on May 18. This is the hands-on skills session check-off to complete the certification for HeartCode® BLS, which is a prerequisite, online class . The cost is $20 per person.

Preregistration and pre-payment are required to attend either of these classes and can be completed by visiting the online catalog found on www.joplinparks.org Classes are listed under the Adult Programs division of the registration site. Citizens can also call the Health Department at 417-623-6122, ext. 1258 for more information.

Stop by and see us... Remember to visit the Joplin Health Department booth at Third Thursday events from March through Oct. Located in front of City Hall at 6th & Main, Health staff highlights a different program each month with related material and handouts.

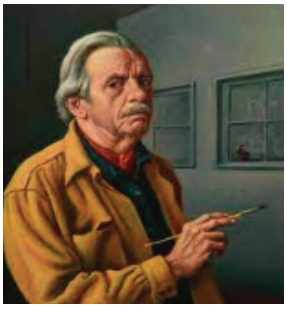
HAPPY 150TH BIR

You look GREAT

March 23, 2023, marks Joplin's 150th year as a community since its incorporation in 1873. Mining was the main attraction for settlers in the area. The historic strike of lead occurred on the east side of Joplin Creek, it was the discovery of zinc that captured the attention of many miners and businessmen to come to southwest Missouri to make their mark. Railroads were built connecting our city to major markets and brought more people to Joplin as the local economy swelled as the lead and zinc mining capital of the world. In the early 1900's Joplin became known as the hub of southwest Missouri and continued to grow until World War II when the price of these minerals diminished.

Upcoming Sesquicentennial

Thursday, March 23
2:30 p.m - Joplin Historian Brad Belk presents a program on *Thomas Hart Benton, famous Missouri painter who created "Joplin at the Turn of the Century 1896-1906"* in honor of Joplin's 100th Birthday.
Joplin City Hall – Council Chambers





Thursday, March 23
4 p.m. – *KSN-TV's Living Well program broadcast LIVE from City Hall Main Lobby*
- Public welcome to attend Belk concludes Benton's Mural discussion
- Joplin Area Town & Country Quilters present
- Sesquicentennial Quilt to City
- Birthday Cookies & Punch – Birthday celebration Local barbershop quartet performs (previewing April 14 & 15 Percy Wenrich Tribute - see to right for details)

Thursday, March 23
6:30 p.m. - *Joplin's Journey of Faith*
Honoring Joplin's Journey of Faith will celebrate Joplin's spiritual heritage. Joplin's Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow, with inspiring music from congregation singing, hymns, and choruses. Joplin Ministerial Alliance is presenting this program.
Central Christian Center, 410 Virginia Avenue.

in Barbershop
A Celebration in Harmony Style
Featuring World Championship Barbershop Quartets
Friday, April 14, 2023, MSSU - Taylor Performing Arts Center
A Joplin Sesquicentennial Event

Friday, April 14
Acapellooza - The Art of Acapella Singing in the Barbershop Style youth vocal clinic, (held during the day)

7 p.m. Free Evening Concert with two International Champion quartets, Quorum and Duly Noted. Music includes two genuinely American forms of music -Ragtime and Barbershop.

Taylor Performing Arts Center - Missouri Southern State University campus. General Admission and free to the public.

Saturday, April 15
Percy Wenrich, "The Joplin Kid" tribute to Ragtime.
7 p.m. Limited Reserve seating:$15; General Admission: Free
Event will be in Two Acts:

The Stanley Family Presents
PERCY WENRICH
"THE JOPLIN KID"
tribute to
RAGTIME
A JOPLIN SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENT
Saturday, April 15, 2023

Act One: A tribute to the music of Percy Wenrich. Music of fellow Missouri Ragtimers Scott Joplin, James Scott, Eddie Kuhn*, and "Ragtime Bob" Darch will also be honored. Steve Spracklen and Robin Braun portray Percy and his wife, Dolly Connolly, in song and vaudevillian stick that this famous couple was known for in the early 1900s.
Act Two: Many Percy Wenrich songs were a perfect fit for Barbershop Quartets. Two International Champion quartets, Quorum and Duly Noted will perform a selection of songs, concluding with a "Celebration Chorus" comprised of local and regional barbershoppers, and an audience participation patriotic finale.

** Thank you to Joplin's Stanley Family for sponsoring this event. The family is a descendant of Eddie Kuhn, another significant Missouri songwriter/musician of the Ragtime era.*

RTHDAY JOPLIN!

! for your age!

Route 66, aka Mother Road, was built in 1926 and cut through Joplin, offering local businesses more opportunities as travelers stopped and enjoyed the shops, hotels and restaurants in Joplin. Today, Joplin is a thriving community of some 52,000 people that swells to nearly 225,000 by day as many come to Joplin to work, shop, seek medical care and enjoy our many amenities.

The Celebrations Commission, a group of citizens appointed by the City Council to recognize this special birthday with the community, has planned and organized various events and activities starting this month and running through the year. Go to Celebrate Joplin's Facebook page or the City's website joplinmo.org for more details of the events listed below. More events will also be added to these sites as details are finalized.

Celebration Events include:

Saturday, April 15

A Day of Baseball at Historic Joe Becker Stadium

High School teams will adopt a mining camp persona in recognition of Tri-State Mining District

Tentative Schedule:

10:30 a.m. Galena (Miners) vs. Columbus (Bombers)

1 p.m. Vintage Baseball Association Exhibition Game: Topeka's Western's Baseball Club vs. St. Louis Brown Stocking

3:30 p.m. Joplin (Miners) vs. Pittsburg (Coal Diggers)

Enjoy the day free of charge at Joe Becker, 300 S. High Avenue



Saturday, May 13

City-wide Iris Gardens Tour (City's official flower)

10 AM – 2 PM Starts at Joplin History & Mineral Museum

Self-guided tour using printed map of participating locations

Iris is the official City Flower with many residents having Iris Gardens. If residents have a bed of Iris that is visible from the street or sidewalk and are willing to allow your home or business address to be included on a tour map, please email your address and a brief description of the bed/garden location to info@celebratejoplin.com by April 15.

Thursdays, April 13 thru July 27, 2023

JOPLIN GOES TO THE MOVIES

A JOPLIN SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENT

Showcasing 8 movies featuring events or actors with a connection to Joplin

#1 Thursday, April 13

Bonnie and Clyde –
7 p.m. - Outdoor Event with Food Trucks
8:30 p.m. - Showtime - Landreth Park, 1001 NW Murphy Blvd
Bring Lawn chairs & blankets for seating

#2 Thursday, April 20

Saboteur – starring Bob Cummings
5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. – Bookhouse Cinema, 715 E. Broadway

#3 Thursday, May 11

Captain Salvation – starring Pauline Stark
7 p.m. – Harry M. Cornell Arts & Entertainment Complex

#4 Thursday, May 25

There's No Business Like Show Business – Carol Lou Clark (Parker) dances in movie
6 p.m. – Central Christian Center (use Virginia Ave. entrance)

#5 Thursday, June 8

Duel – starring Dennis Weaver
5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. – Bookhouse Cinema, 715 E. Broadway

#6 Thursday, June 22

On Moonlight Bay – features music of Percy Wenrich (World premiere in Joplin's Paramount Theatre, July 27, 1951)
5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. – Bookhouse Cinema, 715 E. Broadway

#7 Thursday, July 13

The Hitch-Hiker – fiction based on 1951 murders by Billy Cook
6 p.m. – Joplin Public Library, 1901 E. 20th St.

#8 Thursday, July 27

Alimony– starring John Beal
5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. – Bookhouse Cinema, 715 E. Broadway

Presented by: Visit Joplin.com / Missouri Eagle

Joplin Public Library
at the center of it all

Joplin Public Library to Provide Increased Digital Access Using FCC Funds

Joplin Public Library recently received new funding for 600 short-term and long-term mobile hotspots through the FCC's Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF). These devices can be checked out by Library cardholders who do not have reliable internet access. As part of the agreement, the cardholder will need to sign a statement that they would otherwise lack access to equipment or services sufficient to meet their educational needs (or those of their household). The hotspots can provide Wi-Fi for up to 15 devices.

Short-term hotspots are available on a first-come, first-served basis for a 21-day period. All long-term hotspot devices have been checked out through the end of the program, Nov. 30, 2023. The ECF is a federal program, offering funding to schools and libraries to provide internet connectivity and technology to communities. For more information call Lori Crockett at 417-623-7953 or email at lcrockett@joplinpubilclibrary.org.



Park Rangers added to help provide safety in parks

Two new Parks and Recreation staff members are now available to help our citizens during their park visits. **Kayla Landrum** and **Ethan Yates** were recently hired as Park Rangers as part of the incentive to make our community safer. Both have worked in security, possess a love of the outdoors, and answered a call to serve the community.

Yates grew up in Joplin and fondly remembers the parks. "I've been in the parks all my life. Now my family uses the parks a lot. I like the idea that we're making it safer so others can have a fun experience." Yates worked in hospital security and helped establish safety protocols for medical marijuana businesses in southwest Missouri.

Originally from Tulsa, Lundrum moved to Joplin recently and spent a lot of time outdoors during her six years as a security guard at the Philbrook Museum of Art.

Joplin Parks Director Paul Bloomberg is pleased to have staff help address this issue.

"Our parks are a popular destination for many people, especially families," said. "We want to ensure their visits to the parks are enjoyable and carefree. We recognized the need to have an extra set of eyes and ears in the parks to ensure the equipment is safe, the grounds are clean, and those in the parks are not causing trouble."

This effort aligns with the City Council's goal to increase safety and reduce crime in our community. The presence of park rangers helps provide a sense of security, an area that citizens voiced in a recent Parks study.

"Unfortunately our parks are sometimes common areas for loitering, vandalism, graffiti, and general misuse when the parks seem empty after our park crews finish their work for the day. Now the rangers will be in our parks to regularly watch for these types of activities as well as to secure restrooms, gates, and other amenities."

The rangers will assist visitors as needed and serve as an important liaison between the Parks Department and the Police Department. They also serve as park ambassadors. They've been on the job just over a month, but are already meeting people, getting to know them and recognizing patterns and routines.

"As park rangers, we have a presence there and can be a resource for them," said Lundrum. "Others may see us and decide it's time for them to move along, and that's okay too."

Yates and Lundrum are looking forward to the warmer months when more people will be in the parks. "We're here to help, and work with the citizens to help them have a good visit while at the park," said Yates.

Parks and Rec announce upcoming programs, leagues and job openings

Looking for something to do?

Joplin Parks and Rec has a lot for you! Programs, leagues and activities are a great way for you and your family to be active and have fun. Below are upcoming ideas for all ages to enjoy. For more information about these postings or to register, call Joplin Parks & Recreation at 417-625-4750 or visit www.joplinparks.org.

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt
- Event is March 31st
- Ages 3-10
- Held at the Gene Bassman Softball Complex
- Check in at 7:45pm
- $3 per child
- Sponsored by Mercy and Cici's Pizza

Dog Park Memberships
- $10 for 1st dog,
- $5 for each additional
- Dogs must be licensed in the City of residence (if applicable)
- Up-to-date on shots (Parvo Virus, Distemper &Rabies)
- Be Spayed or Neutered
- Be at least 6 months old
- Memberships run January 1-December 31 of the registration year

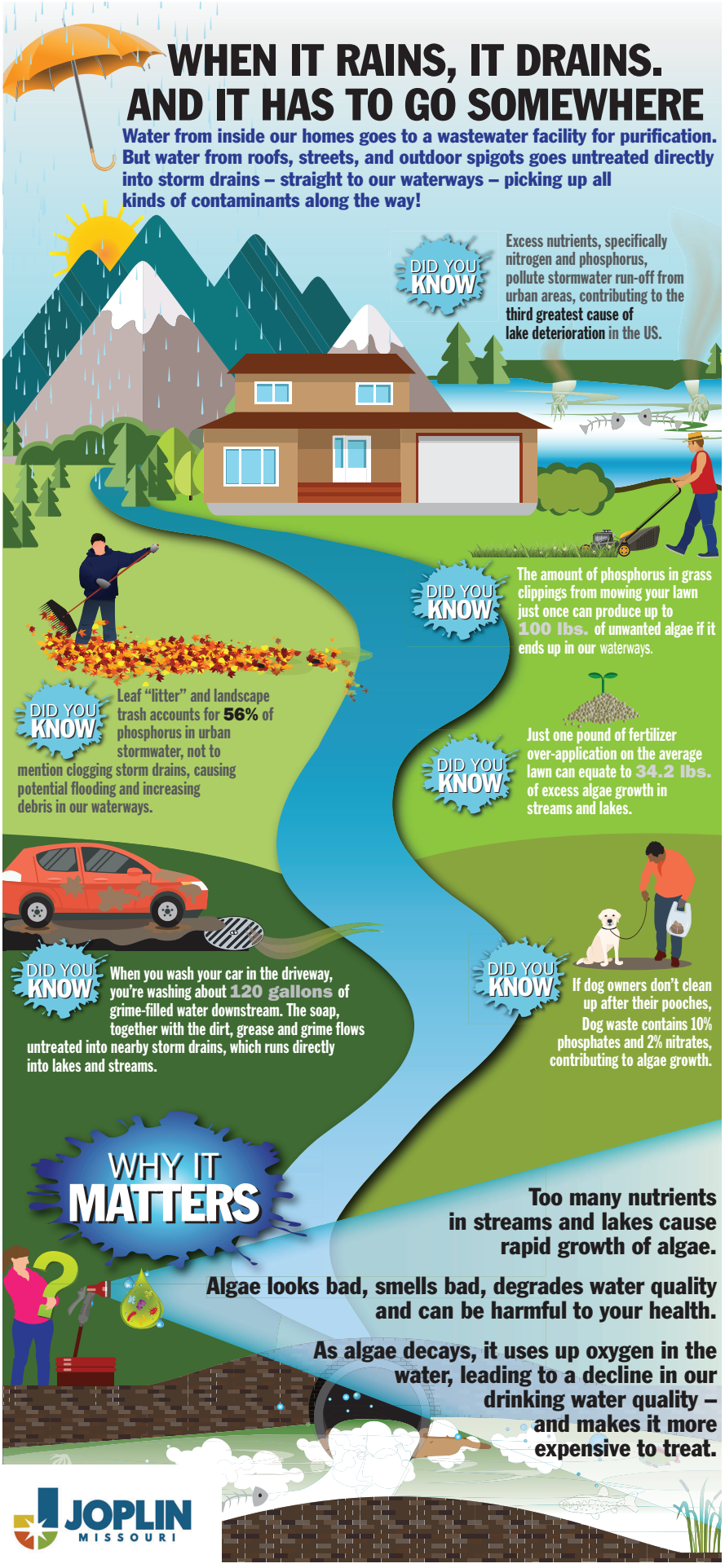
Youth & Adult Tennis
- Little Netters Tennis: Ages 3-4
- Big Hitters Tennis: Ages 5-8
- Power Juniors: Ages 9-12
- Competitive Juniors: Ages 12 & up
- Adult Drills: Ages 18 & Up
- Sessions in June, July & August
- Private Lessons are also available

Little Hitters T-Ball
- Ages 3-4
- 4-week Baseball introductory program, focusing on the basic fundamentals (no games)
- $38/player
- Program runs Thursdays, June 8-29
- Sessions are 5:45pm or 6:45pm
- Pre-registration until May 25 or until the program fills

Youth T-Ball
- Ages 5-6
- $45/player, Early bird special March 1-31 $10 off
- Practice begins the week of May 22nd
- Games begin June 6th
- Pre-registration until May 15th or until the program fills

Jobs!

- Hiring for the following PT/Seasonal Jobs
  - o Lifeguards
  - o Pool Cashiers
  - o Pool Operators
  - o Recreation Cashiers
  - o Recreation Instructors
  - o Seasonal Laborers (Parks, Golf Course, Cemeteries)



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Recycling Center hosting Shred Event April 1

Many people may have personal papers that are no longer needed and are cluttering their houses, but fear of identity theft prevents some people from trashing or recycling these sensitive documents. To help with this issue, the Joplin Recycling Center is hosting a Paper Shredding Event is set for Saturday, April 1. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Center located at 1310 West A Street. Drivers must enter the Center from the west on A Street.

The document shredding company, Big Bear Shredding, will have their mobile shred truck at the Center to manage large amounts of paper quickly at no cost to area residents. This event is free and open to all residents with a limit of 15 standard-sized file boxes per car. Please ensure that papers do not have any binders, binder file clips, or CD's that are sometimes part of large folders or packets. Non-paper materials, such as cardboard, packing paper, and brown paper sacks will not be accepted.

If unable to attend this event, the Joplin Recycling Center has a paper document destruction service on site throughout the year. The process is self-serve at no cost to patrons. All paper is shredded, mixed with other non-sensitive shredded paper, pulped, and then used in the manufacture of products such as egg cartons.

The Center is open Tuesday and Thursday from Noon to 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. More info: 417-624-0820, ext.1501.



Free Tree Limb Drop Off for Joplin Residents



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

3rd Saturday & preceding Friday of each month*
March through October 2023
8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

April 14 & 15
May 19 & 20
June 16 & 17
July 14 & 15
August 19 & 20
September 15 & 16
October 20 & 21

Additional Information: 624-0820 ext. 1501

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