JOPLIN MISSOURI CITIZEN SUMMER 2023

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

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City officials have been actively pursuing new funding opportunities through the America Rescue Plan Act, identifying multiple projects that would be eligible under the various criteria. More than half of the City's top 20 priority projects have received $28.4 million in funding from federal, state, and county grants. These awards are in addition to the nearly $13.8 million federal ARPA award sent directly to Joplin. The City continues its efforts to bring new funding to our community, while also developing the programs for grants recently awarded.

Housing Revitalization

Several new housing programs will soon assist homeowners with repairs and maintenance and also provide resources for potential home buyers to get into a home. Funding of $3.5 million through Missouri's Dept. of Economic Development's Community Revitalization Program, will allow the City to develop the criteria to address these areas.

This is not a new concept for our community, as the City offered a home-ownership assistance program (JHAP) following the 2011 tornado that helped homebuyers of 578 new homes. This program will be similar to the original JHAP, with details currently being finalized.

"We know home ownership is a primary goal of many in Joplin, and this program will offer some funding assistance to help those with down-payment or closing costs," said City Manager Nick Edwards. "We're working through the details and will be announcing this soon. We encourage citizens to watch for more information."

Homeowners needing to make home repairs and improvements to their existing home is another category that the City will address. Home renovation can be costly, and this program could provide funds for those making modifications to their homes to improve their structure for economic, safety, and security reasons.

"This grant provides funding to establish several programs to assist our citizens with housing. It also will give us resources to clean up areas of neglect and disrepair, which is part of the Council's goals set in 2020. This award brings much-needed resources to address declining neighborhoods and provide more affordable housing."

With the grant providing $3.5 million and the City's match contribution from original ARPA dollars, the City will have $7 million committed to community revitalization and establishing several programs, including:

- $2 million for minor exterior home repairs, defined as no more than $40,000 per household;
- $2 million for demolition of dangerous structures; and
- $3 million for down payment assistance, and closing costs, defined as no more than 20% of the purchase price and not to exceed $40,000 per applicant

"This program will be designed to help residents needing to fix specific items in their homes in order to provide the longevity they want and need from the residence. We want to partner with them in their home investment."

Joplin Public Safety

Joplin Public Safety Departments were awarded $60,000 through the Missouri Department of Public Safety to assist in equipment, supplies, and training needs. The maximum grant amount to recipients was $20,000.

Joplin Fire Department, Police Department and Emergency Medical Services each received $20,000. Funds will assist the JFD in equipping firefighters with a second set of fire turnout gear. Turnout gear includes pants, helmets, coats, boots, and gloves manufactured with composite layers to withstand the heat of fires.

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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)

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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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Joplin, MO 64801

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City recognized for its Complete Streets policy focusing on safety and accessibility for all ages

Joplin's Complete Streets policy ranks as the fourth-best according to Smart Growth America and the National Complete Streets Coalition and was one of three Missouri communities recognized for its Complete Street initiative. All were featured in the report "The Best Complete Streets Policies 2023" by Smart Growth America. Rogersville and Riverside were the other Missouri communities recognized for their initiatives.

Complete Streets are designed and operated to provide safety and accessibility for all users of our roadways and trail systems, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, public transit riders, and emergency, freight, and commercial vehicles.

"Joplin recognizes the importance of Complete Streets for all of our citizens," said Troy Bolander, Director of Planning, Development, and Neighborhood Improvement. "This has been a concentrated effort with our transportation planning team along with the support of the City Council and administration. We are focused on providing transportation options in areas that may be disconnected so residents can better access common destinations they seek such as the grocery store, medical visits, and City parks."

Many existing City streets are not considered "complete streets", but as streets are improved, and through the development of new streets, projects will have a higher standard upon completion.

Joplin's ordinance formalizes the planning, design, operations, and maintenance of our streets to be safe for everyone and provide a multimodal transportation network. This is part of the Action Plans, passed by the Joplin City Council in 2021 and supported by citizens in November 2021 with the passage of the Use Tax. Revenues from the Use Tax are dedicated to completing the City's 47 Action Plans, including the Complete Streets strategy applied to new infrastructure projects.

To learn more about Joplin Complete Streets and read this report, go to https://www.joplinmo.org/1123/JATSO

Automated floodgates installed over Murphy Boulevard's low-water bridge

Travelers along west Murphy Boulevard will now experience an improved gate system when large rain amounts cause high waters at the low-water bridge over Joplin Creek. The City recently installed an automated system with a sensor to detect when the water reaches a certain height that automatically closes the floodgates. Road signs that are set back from the bridge also begin flashing to alert drivers to the closure. The system also detects when the water falls below the flood level and then automatically opens the gates. Prior to this new system, the gates had to be manually closed during high waters and reopened after the waters receded.

"This automated system will make the closure of Murphy Boulevard in high water to be more efficient and safer," said Public Works Director Dan Johnson. "We are pleased to have this completed, and appreciate the public's patience with this project due to equipment delays."

Key stakeholders in the area will also be notified of the closure status during a flood event.

This project was funded through the Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax Program that was renewed by voters in 2021.

Kudos, Congrats, & Applause

Congratulations to the employees who have retired from the City from March through early June this year. 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
Vivian Samuels	Public Transportation	Transit Driver III	5 years
Gregg Henry	Emergency Communication -Dispatch Services	Public Safety Communication Supervisor	34 years
Bobby Johnson	Central Garage	Fleet Maintenance Supervisor	9 years
Charles 'David' Smith	Parks & Recreation - Cemeteries	Lead Cemetery Caretaker	10 years
Sloan Rowland	Police	Police Chief	20 years

City Dispatch provides insight into helpful location app

During summer, people typically spend more time outside enjoying visits to the park, trails, and other outdoor locations. As you travel, if there is an emergency, you may not know precisely where you are. The Joplin Police Department Emergency Communications Center offers a suggestion to help you when you need them by using the phone app ***what3words*** .

What3words is a simple way to share locations. This app has divided the world into ten-foot by ten-foot squares, each with a unique combination of three words that allow people to share and find precise locations easily. It is helpful in non-emergency situations as well so you can share your location with family and friends when you want to meet up.

In an emergency, a person can find the three-word address for their current location by using the free ***what3words*** app. After opening the app, they click on the "current location" arrow on the screen and tell the 911 Dispatch Center the three words listed on the screen. Once the dispatch operator has your three words, they can use them to locate you and send the emergency resources that you need. To view a video for a quick overview of the app, go to: https://drive.google.com/.../1VAb5MRLMtA4DSUUAjy2EKP.../view

Interested citizens can download the ***what3words*** app from GooglePlay or The App Store. It is a unique way to provide your location, even when you don't have an address.

Scan this QR code to learn more

Maintenance and safety tips for poolside fun

When first removing the cover of your pool you might notice that algae has accumulated, and the water isn't crystal clear. Have no fear! With some easy maintenance steps, that pool will be ready for use in a matter of no time.

First, remove any debris that cannot easily be filtered through the pump. Algaecide may be added to the water to allow for any floating debris to settle to the bottom. Once the debris is settled you can begin by scraping the sides and bottom of the pool and moving the debris towards the filter. This might take a couple of rounds before all debris is removed. Remember – if you cannot see the bottom of the pool, it is unsafe to swim.

Next you will want to check all chemicals in your pool. The ideal range for chlorine is around 2-4 ppm and pH levels should be 7.2-7.8. Adjust chemicals as needed to stay as close to those measurements as possible. When collecting samples avoid inlets, jets, and skimmer basket areas. Be sure to collect samples in the deepest part of your pool to ensure chemicals are dispersing evenly.

To keep small children and animals safe ensure that fencing and gate around the pool area is in good condition. Gates should be kept locked to prevent little ones from getting in the pool without an adult.

When swimming, remember to always supervise small children while in the pool. Children who do not know how to swim, or are not very strong swimmers should have some type of floatation device to help prevent drowning. And of course, be sure to apply sunscreen as directed on the labels to prevent sunburns.

City secures ARPA funding to assist with prioritized projects

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Outdoor Recreation Area

Joplin will build on a $1.75 million project previously approved by the voters of Joplin through the ¼-cent parks and stormwater sales tax. The grant award will ensure the development of a new outdoor recreation area with $1.437 million through the Local Tourism Asset Development Grant Program will be a regional economic draw for the community. The project gained local support through the parks master plan process has been named DORA, the Dover Outdoor Recreation Area. This park will include bicycle-related amenities such as a BMX-style pump track, a children's bike playground, and five to seven miles of single-track mountain bike trail.

Joplin Visitors Bureau Director Patrick Tuttle said, "We're thrilled to bring this to Joplin not only for our community, but we anticipate the park will draw many to our area. Biking has become a wonderful recreational activity for families who enjoy it as part of their vacations and outings. It will be a great addition and strengthen the amenities we have for all ages."

Different types of biking trails for recreational rides as well as challenging paths will be included in this area. Watch for more details as this plan develops.

Other areas

Other projects for the City have also received funding to assist with stormwater and wastewater projects, drinking water improvements, infrastructure upgrades, and additional public safety communications equipment. An update to the ARPA grants was given to City Council at their May 15, 2023 meeting. To view the presentation, go to the City Council Amended May 15 Agenda at www.joplinmo.org/agendacenter

JOPLIN History & Mineral MUSEUM



This summer would be a great time to visit the Joplin Museum in Schifferdecker Park. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. They can be reached at 417-623-1180. It has much to offer to entertain all ages, including:

Dorothea B. Hoover Historical Museum

The Dorothea B. Hoover Historical Museum explores the life and styles of early Joplinites. Peer into the lives of Bonnie and Clyde. Take a ride on the famous Route 66 as it rolls through Joplin. Join the presidents and presidential candidates who came to Joplin even before the massive EF-5 tornado of 2011. Enjoy a history from early mining to the House of Lords in the Roaring 20's to a city fully recovered from a devastating tornado. And don't miss a few of the surprises we have – not so hidden – in the museum.



Everett J. Ritchie Tri-State Mineral Museum

The Everett J. Ritchie Tri-State Mineral Museum is teeming with incredible specimens from local geological finds. Upstairs there is a fully functioning miniature model of a mine inside and out.

The National Cookie Cutter Historical Museum

Activate your sweet tooth as you peruse the National Cookie Cutter Historical Museum exhibit collection. From the turn of the century to hand-made current favorites, these cookie cutters have interesting stories to tell and great artists who created them. Remember to get a free cookie cutter to use at home!



Upcoming Events:

Tri-State Model Railroaders: Train Show
July 15 9 am-3 pm



2023 Special Sales:

2023 Joplin History & Mineral Museum Calendars... $5.00

Joplin Sesquicentennial Coins...$20.00

Summer Pool Time Fun!





Pool Memberships

- Family pass $170 (up to 4 family members). Each additional child is $15.
- Adult pass (18+): $85
- Youth pass: $75
- Senior pass (55+): $75
- Children 2 and under: FREE
- We offer 50% off-season passes for those who qualify (must receive WIC, Medicaid, MO Healthnet, or Food Stamps).
- Passes must be purchased in person at the Joplin Parks and Recreation office at 3301 W. 1st St.

Show-Me Water Safety Event

Join the Joplin Family Y, Joplin Parks and Recreation, Joplin Fire Department, Redings Mill Fire Protection District, The Alliance of Southwest Missouri, Wildcat Glades, Southwest Missouri Bank and Missouri Southern State University in promoting water safety and drowning prevention.

This event will feature water safety stations covering information about safety around water, safety and swimming in water, staying healthy on the water, emergencies and ways to prevent them and boating safety. Children and parents will go through each station to learn about each topic and even get into the water to practice their skills. All children attending need to wear swimwear.

Event Dates:

June 14 at Schifferdecker Pool – 6:30 pm – 50 spots
June 24 at Wildcat Park – 10 am & 2 pm – 50 spots each time
July 19 at Schifferdecker Pool – 6:30 pm – 50 spots
*Each child that registers and attends an event will receive a US Coast Guard Approved Life Jacket.
Pre-registration is required.

Swim Lessons

The Joplin Parks & Recreation Department & Berzerker Swimming have partnered to offer morning & evening swim lessons for the 2023 swim season. Our classes provide instruction to help swimmers of all ages and abilities develop their swimming and water safety skills. The first day of class is used to re-test students at the appropriate instructional level.

Sessions are held Monday-Thursday unless otherwise noted. Sessions times vary by level

- Session 2 June 19 - June 29
- Session 3 July 3, 5, 6, 10-14
- Session 4 July 17 - July 27

- Preschool Level – 4-5 years - Teaches children to become more comfortable in the water while learning basic water safety, kicking and swimming while coordinating arm and leg movements.
- Level 1 – 6 & Up - Introduction to Fundamental Aquatic Skills: Helps students feel more comfortable in the water and to enjoy the water safely while learning fundamental skills.
- Level 2– 6 & Up - Stroke Development and Improvement: Develops confidence in the strokes and improve other aquatic skills.
- Level 3 – 6 & Up - Stroke Refinement and Skill Proficiency: Refines the strokes so students swim with ease, efficiency, power and smoothness over distances.

Schifferdecker Golf Course

Come out and play a round this summer, or get into a tournament. If playing a lot, an annual pass might be something to think about. Passes are good for 12 months from the date of purchase.
To schedule a tee time, call 417-624-3533.
Please note that the Course will be Closed on August 12 & 13.

Schifferdecker GOLF COURSE SINCE 1922

Public Tournaments

- Harold Kirk Junior Tournament
  - o June 20
  - o Junior Tournament
  - o 8 am
- Senior SHAMBLE
  - o June 21
  - o 2-person Shamble
  - o 8 am shotgun start
- Park Day Tournament
  - o June 24
  - o 4-person Scramble
  - o 8 am shotgun start
- 75th Ozark Amateur
  - o July 8 & 9
  - o 36-hole Individual
  - o 7 am
- Senior SHAMBLE
  - o July 19
  - o 2-person Shamble
  - o 8 am shotgun start
- Bud Powers Memorial Tournament
  - o August 5
  - o 4-person Scramble
  - o 7:30 am Shotgun Start
- Senior SHAMBLE
  - o August 16
  - o 2-person Shamble
  - o 8 am shotgun start.
- Joplin Golf Club 6-6-6 Tournament
  - o August 20
  - o 2-person tournament
  - o 12 pm

Annual Golf Course Passes

	Walking	W/Cart
Adult	$800.00	$1,450.00
Senior (Monday-Friday)	$600.00	$1,175.00
Family Green Fee	$1,200.00	N/A
Family w/ Unlimited Cart for 1	$1,200.00	$1,800.00
Family w/ Unlimited Cart for 2	$1,200.00	$2,400.00
Twilight (ages 16-45)	$400.00	$800.00
Junior	$90.00	N/A

- Family passes include 4 people, (including two adults) and their children 17 years and under. Each Additional Child is $40 and will be paid in full at the time of sign-up.
- Tee time restrictions may apply for children, and children must have valid driver's licenses to operate golf carts.

Rates

Weekdays:

9 Hole Green Fee	$9.00
9 Hole Green Fee - Senior (60 and over)	$6.00
18 Hole Green Fee	$18.00
18 Hole Green Fee – Senior (age 60 and over)	$12.00
18 Hole Twilight	$12.00

Weekends

9 Hole Green Fee	$10.00
9 Hole Green Fee - Senior (60 and over)	$7.00
18 Hole Green Fee	$20.00
18 Hole Green Fee – Senior (age 60 and over)	$15.00
18 Hole Twilight	$14.00

Carts

Pull Cart	$3.00
Motorized Golf Cart- 9 Holes	$8.00
Motorized Golf Cart- 18 Holes	$14.00



Food Safety for Summer Cooking

Summer months are the most common time to contract food poisoning (food borne illness). Bacteria is present throughout the air, soil, water, and in people and animals. These microorganisms produce more rapidly in warm, humid summer months and the pathogens can multiply quickly on food given the right environment.

Enjoy the outdoors while practicing these food safety tips from our Health Dept. to help avoid illness.

1. Clean: *Wash Hands and Clean Surfaces Often.*

- Gloves are favored when handling raw animal products and changed between handling different foods.
- Wash fresh produce before you eat or prepare them.
- Clean food contact surfaces, utensils, and grill before and after grilling.

2. Monitor Food Temperature and Time: *Refrigerate Properly.* Rates of foodborne illness increase during the summer months due to bacteria growing more rapidly in humid, warm weather. Eating food left in the temperature's danger zone between (41°F-135°F) can cause people to get sick.

- Food items that should be kept cold include cooked plant products, animal products, cut leafy greens, cut melons, and cut tomatoes.
- Do not keep leftovers for more than 7 days from the day they were prepared.

3. Cook: *Cook Thoroughly.*

- Use a food thermometer to make sure foods are properly heated enough to eliminate pathogens. Insert probe thermometer in the center of the thickest portion of the food. (165°F: poultry and leftovers; 155°F: ground meat (sausage and burger); 145°F: meat and seafood; 135°F hot holding for cooked foods.)

4. Separate: *Avoid Cross-Contamination.* When packing a cooler wrap meat thoroughly and separate to avoid the raw meat juices from encountering ready-to-eat foods. Wash plates, utensils, cutting boards and other food equipment between uses of different foods. Keep raw meats, poultry, and seafood separate, and away from ready-to eat-food and drinks.

5. Equipment: *Check your Grill and Equipment.* Use a moist cloth or towel to clean the grill before beginning. Wire bristles from grill cleaning could dislodge into your food. Make sure everything is in good repair to prepare food safely.

Follow these tips and avoid being one of six Americans who get sick from food. Enjoy your summer!



Tips to reduce mosquitos on your property

The Joplin Health Department operates a mosquito control program within Joplin's city limits. This program utilizes occasional fogging to control adult mosquitoes and the treatment of mosquito breeding areas with a larvicide to prevent mosquitoes from becoming adults.

While these efforts help control mosquito populations, citizens play an important role in controlling their presence in the community. Mosquitoes need standing water to reproduce, and as little as one teaspoonful of water is enough to achieve this reproduction. Citizens should check places where water may accumulate, including gutters, bird baths, untreated swimming pools, and tires. Eliminating these sources is the most effective way to minimize mosquitos. Low-lying areas prone to standing water can be routinely treated with mosquito larvicides. Modifying the grading of property may be a more permanent solution to preventing standing water from accumulating.

If mosquito populations are present, citizens should take these actions to protect themselves and others from being bitten:

- Stay indoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, socks, and long pants when you must be outdoors.
- Use an approved insect repellent and follow instructions on the product.
- Talk to your healthcare provider before applying insect repellants to young children.
- Make sure window screens fit tightly and are free from openings.

Fogging routes will be posted on the City of Joplin website: www.joplinmo.org under Health Department, Environmental Health, and Mosquito & Vector Control. If citizens are encountering large quantities of mosquitoes, call the Health Dept. at 417-623-6122. Stay safe and enjoy the summer!

Joplin Public Library
at the center of it all

Library Summer Reading – "All Together Now"



The end of the school year means it is time for summer reading! Joplin Public Library is hosting its annual all-ages Summer Reading Program from May 30 through July 23, with the theme "All Together Now." Children, teens, and adults are invited to log their reading for chances to earn books and other prizes and participate in fun and educational events and activities.

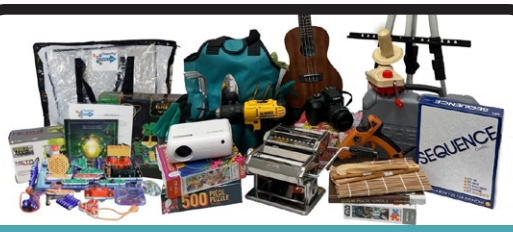
This year includes the Library's child-friendly programs of story times, Lego club, dog day afternoon reading times, and books clubs, and families can enjoy special programs with nationally known speakers, such as The Fishin' Magicians, Will Parker, Jay & Leslie's Laughing Matters, Mad Science, and Fire Dog!

Teens can connect frequently, thanks to partnerships with the Missouri Dept. of Conservation for an escape room program and two others with the Library's Makerspace, allowing teens to test their creativity and undertake random acts of kindness. Plus, traditional offerings of chess and anime/manga remains on the slate of events.

New to the lineup for adults are monthly opportunities for yoga, crosswords and coffee, and anime/manga meetups. A full listing of events for all ages can be found at joplinpubliclibrary.org/calendar.

A Library card is not required to participate in the Summer Reading Program! However, cards are FREE for residents of Joplin, and temporary summer reading Library cards are FREE for EVERYONE, regardless of residency!

Find more information by visiting the Library's social media pages, joplinpubliclibrary.org/summer-reading, or with staff at 1901 E. 20th Street or call at 417-623-7953.



Library introduces "Library of Things"

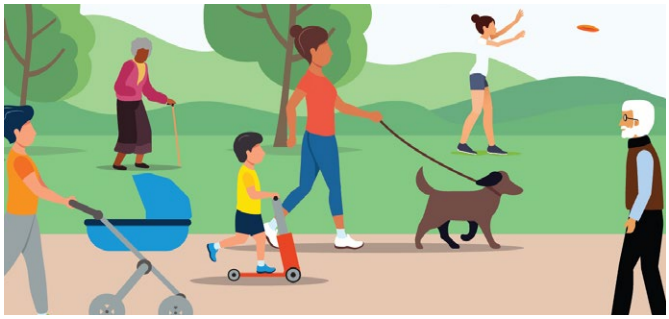
The Joplin Public Library has added the "Library of Things", a collection of non-traditional materials including tools, games, kitchen items, and electronics. All are available to check out for free with a Library card. The collection includes items that library users would only potentially need once in a while or expensive items individuals could benefit from borrowing to test before an investment is made.

Growth of the collection continues thanks to funding from the Joplin Library Foundation. Library of Things. Smaller ticket items include puzzles, a tripod, a stud finder, and basic tools for home-based projects, while more expensive offerings include a digital camera, a projector, a food vacuum sealer, and a pickleball paddle set.

Users may borrow items from the Library of Things for one week and check out up to three Library of Things items at a time. Visit the Library of Things guide online at joplinpubliclibrary.org/library-of-things or call Lori Crockett at 417-623-7953.

Want to take a quick walk? Head to a City Park

On nice days it's good to get outside and stretch your legs. Whether you have just a few minutes, a lunch hour, or the whole afternoon, Joplin Parks have options that can help you get some fresh air and exercise while managing your time.



Campbell Parkway
- Located near St. Louis/ Connecticut and Murphy Blvd.
- East Loop: ½ mile
  - ❒ Parking available along Murphy Boulevard
- West Loop: 0.80 mile
  - ❒ Parking available along Campbell Parkway

Cunningham Park Loop
- Located at the corner of 26th & Maiden Lane
- ⅓ mile

Humphrey Park Loop
- Located at the corner of Utica Independence Ave
- ⅓ mile

Landreth Park Loop
- Located on the east side of Murphy Boulevard, between Main & Pool Streets
- 1 mile

Landreth Park Trail
- Start/End at the Northernmost parking lot in Landreth Park
- 1.75 miles

Leonard Park Trail
- Start/End at the shelter located near 6th & Turk Avenue in Leonard Park
- 0.40 mile

Parr Hill Park Loop
- Park entrances are located south of 15th Street and near 18th Street & Kansas Avenue
- ⅔ mile

Parr Hill Park & Campbell Parkway Loop
- Start/End at 18th Street & Kansas Avenue
- 1.75 miles

Mercy Park
- Located on the southeast corner of 26th & Maiden Lane
- 0.55 mile

Mercy Chapel Hill
- Located south of Mercy Park
- 0.33 mile

Mohaska Trail *
- Begins at the exit from Mercy Park
- 1.15 miles

St. John's Trail *
- Begins at the exit from Mercy Park
- 0.50 miles
- The Mohaska and St. John's trails extend .5 miles South and about 1.15 miles East of the area of Mercy Park. They connect Freeman Hospital West to KCU Joplin's campus, and Main Street to the Mercy Park area and nearby amenities.

Parks and Rec offers upcoming programs, shelters and fun for you and your best friend

Summer is a great time to enjoy different activities and sports. Check out some of these during the summer months! For more information about these postings or to register, call Joplin Parks & Recreation at 417-625-4750 or visit www.joplinparks.org

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

Youth Lacrosse Camp

We have partnered with local lacrosse coaches to offer a Youth Lacrosse Camp this summer! This fast-paced sport is a team game where a ball is passed and controlled using a stick with a mesh pocket at one end. A great option for children interested in learning a new sport or if they have played before, improving their skills.
- June 19-22
- 9 am-11 am
- $60.00
- Sticks and balls provided.
- Ages 7-12

Fall Youth Soccer
- Early Bird Special: $10 off from June 1-30 ($35.00)
- Ages 5-14
- $45 per player (includes jersey, shorts & socks)
- This soccer league is for children of all soccer abilities with an emphasis on fun!
- Practices begin week of August 21
- Games at 6 pm & 7 pm
- Pre-registration until August 14 or until the program fills

Parr Hill 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
- Pre-registration until May 25 or until the program fills

Shelter Reservations
- $40 to reserve
- Reservations not required but recommended.
- 20+ Park shelters to choose from

Joplin Parks & Recreation hosts Independence Day Celebration with MSSU



The 2023 Joplin Independence Day Celebration will kick off at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4 at Fred G. Hughes Stadium of Missouri Southern State University.
There is no fee for admission to this family fun event and all ages are welcome.

The celebration will include live music by The Mixtapes, food trucks, and fireworks. The evening rundown:
- 5:30 pm: Event Kick Off: Food Trucks Open
- 7:00 pm: Stadium Opens to Visitors
- 7:30 pm: Live Music by The Mixtapes
- 9:45 pm: Fireworks Show (approximate show time is 20 minutes)

The show will be set to music, and visitors can tune into 88.7 KXMS to experience this added feature.

Seating is available in the stadium and along the grass around the field. The football stadium is an NCAA regulation field, and no one will be allowed on the football turf. Patrons are reminded of what to bring for the event and items to leave behind for safety purposes.

Items allowed inside the stadium:
- Water
- Food
- Seat Cushions
- Folding Chairs
- Blankets
- Strollers

What NOT to bring:
- Personal Fireworks
- Alcohol
- Grills
- Pets (service animals allowed)
- Tobacco

Plenty of parking will be available throughout the campus.
A festivities map will be posted closer to the event as well as a list of expected vendors.
For more information about this year's celebration visit https://www.mssu.edu/independenceday

Seasonal reminders for our citizens

Planning to build a fence? Be sure to contact the City Building Division for the required building permit ($25) and regulations of this structure. (City Code, Sec. 54-81. – Permitted fences construction standards.) Contact them at 417-624-0820, ext. 1521. Information can also be found on City's Website go to www.joplinmo.org and search for Building Permit Fence for application and guidelines.



When mowing your grass, please remember to NOT direct grass clippings into the street. (City Code, Sec. 54-35 "Nuisances, Enumeration) Clippings in the street create a dangerous situation for motorcyclists and bicyclists. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping all our citizens safe.



City crews will be mowing ditches and along the right-of-way throughout our community. Please watch for them as you travel around Joplin and give them plenty of space. Thank you.

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This stormwater improvement along Murphy Boulevard, just west of Lone Elm Road, was completed earlier this year and will decrease the frequency of occurrences when water comes over the road. This box culvert replacement also allowed for wider lanes for motorists, making it safer for everyone.

This project was approved by voters in the 2011 Parks and Stormwater ¼-cent Sales Tax.

Thank you for your support Joplin!





Fun mural provides great photo opp

Looking for an interesting Joplin backdrop for pictures? The '64 Corvette accompanying the murals in the Route 66 Mural Park in downtown Joplin (on the south wall of the former Pearl Brothers building) provides a fun and unique scene for this.

The car was installed following the murals' completion in 2013 and provides a nice stop for those traveling Route 66. Be sure to share this venue with your family and friends when visiting Joplin this summer.

The Corvette was due for a fresh paint job, and MHC Kenworth Joplin donated the labor and paint for the landmark. Route 66 Mural Park and its amenities are a principal site for Route 66 travelers to capture a Joplin memory.



Parks and Recreation staff members removed the car earlier this year and recently reinstalled it with its fresh look. Staff included, from left: Jake Cowen, Riley Martin, Johnny Adame, Jeff Haynes, Billy Davis and Greg Coldwell.