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City Update – April 17, 2023 **View PowerPoint Slides**

The Joplin Recycling Center is hosting a **FREE Tire Collection Event on Saturday, May 13 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Center.** Automotive passenger tires, with or without rims, will be accepted with a ten-tire per household limit. Semi, tractor, ATV and racing tires will not be accepted.

This drop off event is available to residents of Joplin and counties of Jasper, Newton, McDonald, Barton and Vernon Counties. The Center is located at 1310 West A Street**.** This collection is funded by the City of Joplin as a community service to help beautify our communities.

Since the 1990s, when whole tires were banned from landfills to conserve landfill space and keep out hazardous materials, citizens need options to discard tires. Worse-case scenarios include tires becoming eyesores and mosquito havens when left in yards or ditches where they collect water. The City is pleased to offer this event for our area.

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Everyone is welcome to join forces with Joplin Parks and Recreation, Wildcat Glades, Liberty, the Chert Glades Chapter of Master Naturalists, and the Missouri Department of Conservation to defend and celebrate Earth & Arbor Day on Saturday, April 22 at Wildcat Park. The festivities begin at 10 AM.

The celebration will feature several Earth and Arbor-friendly community groups that will encourage the care of our planet through demonstrations, hands-on activities, and giveaways. Other activities include a vendor booth scavenger hunt with prizes, a native tree and plant sale, live music by Chester Ellis and the Tumbleweeds and delicious food served by local food vendors.

As part of Arbor Day, Liberty is providing one free, three-gallon tree to the first 500 households who register. Quantities are limited. To register and for more information about the event visit joplinmo.org/ArborDay.

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This Thursday is Downtown's Third Thursday event. Be a Hero is this month's theme so it's sure to offer a variety of fun activities and information that pack a punch. Be sure and stop by Joplin City's Health Department's area in front of City Hall. They'll have information focused on spring weather and emergency preparedness, as well as Distracted Driving Awareness Month. And for those interested in receiving a COVID vaccination, they can also help you take care of that inside of City Hall.

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