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City Update – August 21, 2023 **View PowerPoint slides**

It's that time again – Back to School – for students of all ages.

It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school. Drivers, please use caution. Watch for children at school bus stops. Be alert; children often are unpredictable.

Obey reduced speed limits in school zones. Prepare to stop for pedestrians in and near the crosswalks.

If driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. This will allow more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. And please remember: it is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

With schools back in session, there will be more cars on the roads along with school buses stopping frequently. This could cause some delays, so plan a little extra time and don't rush so you and everyone on the road can arrive to school, work and other destinations safely.

The City is looking for School Crossing Guards who work with the Joplin Police Department to help students cross the street safely at designated crosswalks. This part-time position works one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon Monday through Friday. If interested, people can apply at JoplinMo.org/jobs or in the Human Resources here at City Hall Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Mark your calendar for September 8 and 9 for ***ROCK STOCK: Joplin Local Legends Concert Weekend*** . This is the final event of the Joplin 150th Celebration and will reunite local bandmates who may no longer formally play together but whose past performances have left lasting memories for many in our community.

Friday night will focus more on the music of the 90s to today, and Saturday night will reflect on those from the 70s and 80s. The event will be held at the Amphitheater in Landreth Park.

In addition to the entertainment, there will be an opportunity for the public to meet with area not-for-profit organizations led by United Way, a selection of local food truck cuisine, and a beer garden hosted by Daybreak Rotary. We'll bring more information at the next meeting. Until then, check out Celebrate Joplin's Facebook page for the details.

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At our last meeting I mentioned the City's annual Auction. It is set for 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 16 and will be held in the Street Maintenance Barn located northwest of the Public Works Center, on West 2nd Street.

We will be posting the preliminary merchandise list later this week on the City's website at joplinmo.org/auctionlist.

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For more information about these announcements or other items related to the City, please visit the City's website and Joplin's Facebook page. Tonight's announcements can also be found on our website at www.joplinmo.org/PIOnews

Thank you. I'd be happy to answer any questions...