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City Update – August 7, 2023 **View PowerPoint slides**

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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With back-to-school quickly approaching, Joplin Parks and Recreation has announced that Schifferdecker Aquatic Center will be open daily through Sunday, August 13, which is the last day of the pool season.

The date of the closing is determined by school calendars. Lifeguards for the aquatic center will be returning to high school or college, making late August a challenge for staffing.

Joplin Parks and Recreation appreciates everyone's support and enjoyed the season with many who came to the pool this year.

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And now, I guess I can say the pool is going to the dogs! Before the water is drained, Parks and Rec will hold its sixth annual Doggy Dive-In at Schifferdecker Aquatic Center on Saturday, August 19 from 10:30 am to 12 noon.

Dog owners are welcome to bring their furry four-legged friend to take a plunge in the pool. All different breeds and sizes are welcome to come and practice their dog-paddling. They can play fetch, paddle around in the shallow area, or leap off the deck for their favorite toy. While the dogs will be able to enjoy the pool, and dog owners will only be able to get in the water up to their knees.

This event is limited to the first 30 registered dogs. Registration must be done in-person at the Joplin Parks and Rec office at 3301 W. 1st Street. Owners must show a copy of their dog's updated shot records during registration to enter the dog swim. The cost is $5 per dog or if registrants bring a product donation for the Humane Society, they will receive free admission.

For more information, please call Joplin Parks and Recreation at 417-625-4750 or visit www.joplinparks.org.

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The City's annual Auction is set for Saturday, September 16. The Auction begins at 9 a.m. and will be held in the Street Maintenance Barn located northwest of the Public Works Center, on West 2nd Street.

Merchandise to be auctioned will be available for viewing from 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday, September 15, and from 8 to 9 a.m. Saturday, September 16, prior to the start of the auction.

Staff is currently gathering items for the auction, and the list will be posted on the City's website in upcoming weeks. Stay tuned for more details.

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Just a quick reminder - the City's Tree Limb and Brush Drop-Off is open next weekend. It will be open **from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, August 18, and Saturday, August 19.** The drop-off site is located at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, just about a half-mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker.

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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...