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PIO Announcements – December 16, 2024

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The City's Free Drop-Off Site for Tree Limbs will be open this Friday, December 20, and Saturday, December 21. Joplin residents can drop off tree limbs from 8 AM to 3 PM at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, approximately six-tenths of a mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker Avenue.

The site is now open every month -- on the third Saturday and preceding Friday. If this month is too This free drop-off service is for Joplin residents only. Professional contractors will not be allowed to dump.

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The Dr. Donald E. Clark Public Safety and Justice Center, 303 East 3rd Street, will be closed to the public from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday, December 20, as staff works with contractors to replace the main electrical switchgear. This equipment dates back to 1967 when the building was constructed.

The City will continue critical building operations running with portable generators to power the necessary equipment; however, the public will not have access to the building during this time. This will not affect Police patrol or Fire operations.

City staff conducted significant planning and coordination to minimize the time the facility must be closed to the public and minimize the impact on public safety operations so they can continue to provide critical services to the community during this time.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this temporary building closure and thank the public for their understanding as we seek to care for our aging facilities and extend their lives and services to the greatest extent possible.

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So, as a reminder – City offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, and Wednesday, January 1, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. This also includes MAPS and the Recycling Center,

Republic's residential trash service will not run on those days and service will be pushed back a day for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday customers.

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Following Christmas next week, some residents may be taking down their tree and wondering how to discard it. The City offers three collection sites where residents can bring their trees to dispose of. The sites are for discarded, **natural** (live) Christmas trees and open December 26. Citizens should bring their tree, completely stripped of all decorations, and place it near the "Christmas Tree Drop-Off" sign posted at one of the following locations:

- Humphrey Park on Utica Street in the Royal Heights area;
- McIndoe Park at Glendale Road and Jackson Avenue – place trees in the southwest corner of the parking lot; and
- Public Works Center at 1301 West 2nd Street.

The City will be accepting these trees through January 31. People are welcome to pick up the discarded trees at these locations for use in establishing fish habitats. City staff will take the remaining trees to the City's processing site to be chipped.

When discarding other holiday items, please remember Joplin Recycling Center accepts many of these items including gift wrapping, paper boxes, bottles, cans, greeting cards, and cooking oil.

For more information, call 417-624-0820, ext. 1501.

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Citizens can get regular updates with the City's new email newsletter. It is published at the end of each month and is packed with helpful information about recent events and upcoming programs.

It's easy to sign up. If on Facebook, go to the City's page and look for the link. Otherwise, just go to our website www.joplinmo.org/ and scroll down on the home page to

"What we have to offer" section – and click on the Emailed Newsletter to register.

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And we encourage everyone to please visit our City's website and Facebook pages. In closing I wish all of our community a happy holiday season and a healthy new year.

Thank you, and I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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