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PIO Announcements – December 18, 2023 **View PowerPoint Slides**

If you haven't made it out to the Holiday Tree Trail at Mercy Park hosted by Joplin Parks and Recreation, there's still time to go and view all the creatively decorated trees. The Tree Trail is open every night until 10 p.m. through December 31. And guests are encouraged to vote for their favorite tree through December 20. Joplin Parks and Rec added a few special surprises along the trail this year, so we invite everyone to enjoy this fun holiday display.

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Well, the holidays are upon us and I wanted to remind everyone that City offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. This also includes MAPS and the Recycling Center.

Since these holidays both fall on Monday, residential trash and curbside recycling service will shift one day back through the week, using Saturday to pick up Friday service.

Also, the holiday will move the next Council meeting to Tuesday, January 2.

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The City's Leaf Pick-Up Program is ongoing, and residents can utilize a progressive map to track when crews will be in their area. The Leaf Pick-Up map can be found at www.joplinmo.org/leafpickup

By viewing this online map, citizens can better prepare for crews' arrival to pick up their leaves. For questions, please refer to this website or call the Public Works Center at 417-624-0820, ext. 1566.

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So in about a week or so, residents may be taking down their Christmas tree and wondering what to do with it. Well, they can drop it off at one of the City's three collection points for discarded, **natural** (live) Christmas trees starting 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 southwest corner of parking lot;
- 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.

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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.

The Center is located at 1310 West A Street. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 12 noon to 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Recycling Center will be closed on Saturday, December 23, through Christmas Day, and Saturday, December 30, through New Year's Day. The Center is always closed on Sundays. For more information, call 417-624-0820, ext. 1501.

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Please visit the City's website or our Facebook page for more information about these announcements and other City items. They can also contact me via email or by phone using the information listed on the screen.

Thank you, and we wish everyone a Happy Holiday season! I'd be happy to take any questions.