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PIO Announcements – February 20, 2024

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The Joplin Animal Control Officers remind everyone that February is Spay/Neuter Awareness Month. They encourage everyone to show their love for their pets and our community by spaying or neutering their pets. In doing this, it can reduce health risks for the pet. It also decreases roaming, running away, and aggressive behavior.

For more information, contact your veterinarian, the Joplin Humane Society, or the Joplin Health Department. The Health Department also has a voucher program that may provide financial assistance for qualifying residents. Application must be made prior to the surgery. Details are listed on the City's Health Dept.'s website listed.

If residents need to contact a Joplin Animal Control officer, call the Joplin Health Department at 417-623-6122 during business hours. After 5 pm, on weekends or holidays, call the non-emergency number at the Joplin Police Department at 417-623-3131. Service is limited on weekends.

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Parents and Grandparents - There is still time to sign up for youth soccer with Joplin Parks and Rec Department this spring. The deadline to register is February 28th.

The league is open to players ages 5 - 14 years and offers a great opportunity for all skill levels focusing on participation, fun, sportsmanship, and a non-competitive, recreational approach to sports. Registration is $50 per player, with each receiving a jersey, shorts, and socks.

Practices begin the week of March 12th and are determined by each coach. Games will be on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday nights, depending on the child's age, beginning the week of April 1st.

To register or for more information, go to joplinparks.org or call 417-625-4750.

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In case you missed it, the City welcomed new firefighters and opened the new Fire Station 7 earlier this month.

Fire Station 7 is a 7,900-square-foot facility with 3 double-depth drive-thru bays. Fire Chief Gerald Ezell noted that in addition to general firefighting practices, Station 7 is strategically located near industries and major traffic corridors, including Interstate 44.

As a component of the Public Safety needs analysis in 2006 and a recent Fire Dept. resource study, adding a station on the City's southeast borders will benefit existing residents and businesses, and

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future development. This project and the staffing for Station 7 are funded by the Public Safety Tax initiative approved by voters in the November 2006 election.

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These announcements are listed on the City's website, and we encourage citizens to check the City's Facebook page or website for more information about other City programs and services.

And I'm always happy to help if they want to give me a call or send me an email using the information listed on the screen.

Thank you, and I'd be happy to take any questions.