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PIO Announcements – January 2, 2024 **View PowerPoint Slides**

If citizens want to know more about the Joplin Police Department, they have a great opportunity to enroll in the upcoming Citizens Police Academy. Offered as a 14-week program, the Academy is FREE of charge and provides an interactive, behind-the-scenes program taught by police officers.

The classes are every Thursday evening starting February 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Citizens Academy ends on May 2 with a closing ceremony and dinner. The class size is limited to 25 participants. Applicants must be 21 years or older and pass a background check. If interested, citizens can contact the Police Department or go to the Police Department's website at joplinpolice.org.

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If wanting to learn something new this year, the Joplin Health Department offers CPR classes throughout the year as a part of the American Heart Association's training. Doctors have stated administering CPR outside the hospital can save thousands of lives annually, but about half of Americans say they don't know how to do it.

The next classes are scheduled for Thursday, January 18. AHA Heartsaver CPR and AED training is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and trains participants to give CPR and use an automated external defibrillator (AED) in a safe, timely, and effective manner. Students receive a certification upon completion. Fee for the course is $50 per person.

AHA HeartCode® BLS Skills Checkoff will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on January 18, and is designed for those who have already completed the online portion of the HeartCode® BLS course. This is the hands-on skills session check-off to complete the certification for HeartCode® BLS. Cost is $20 per person.

Preregistration and pre-payment are required to attend either of these classes. Participants can complete these steps by going to the Joplin Parks registration website at joplinparks.org.

Classes are listed under the **Adult Programs** division of this registration site. For questions, contact the Health Department at 417-623-6122, ext. 1258.

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Tickets for the 24th annual Daddy Daughter Date Night event are now on sale! Joplin Parks and Recreation invites all dads and their daughters to this popular event scheduled for February 18 and 19. Enjoy music, dancing, games, buffet dinner, and prizes. A complimentary photograph is included in the ticket price to commemorate the evening. Tickets are $50/couple and $25 for an additional daughter.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Parks Department at 417-625-4750 or go to joplinparks.org

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Just a quick reminder if residents missed the news about the City's Christmas tree drop off locations. Drop off trees, that are stripped of any decorations, at one of the following locations:

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- 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.

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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 I'd be happy to take any questions.