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PIO Announcements – January 6, 2025 **View PowerPoint Slides**

Everyone is invited to the next Council in the Park session to meet and visit with Council members. It's a good time to ask questions, discuss a concern about our city, or share an idea for them to consider.

This session will be on Monday, January 13, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Joplin History & Mineral Museum, located within Schifferdecker Park. Light refreshments will be provided.

There is no agenda, and no items will be voted on. This is not a formal council meeting and no official city business will be decided during these events. There will be up to three council members present at the Council in the Park event to visit with and discuss your community.

Some sessions were held in 2024, and dates for this year include:

- Next week's event is on Monday, January 13, at the Joplin History & Mineral Museum;
- Monday, April 15, they'll meet citizens at the Joplin Athletic Complex;
- and On Monday, July 14, everyone will gather at Cunningham Park. We hope to see many people attending these informal events.

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If citizens want to know more about the Joplin Police Department, they have an 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 from 6 to 9 p.m. starting February 6, and the Citizens Academy ends on May 8 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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In early February 2025, the City of Joplin will relaunch its transit services utilizing the Sunshine Lamp Trolley. As preparations continue for this exciting return, the City is hosting two Public Meetings on Thursday, January 9, 2025, to discuss the program and public transportation in Joplin.

The first meeting will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the second meeting will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Both meetings will take place in the City Council Chambers on the fifth floor of City Hall, 602 South Main Street. The same information will be posted at both meetings using an Open House format for citizens to view and provide feedback.

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Public transit riders and the general public are encouraged to attend and comment at either meeting. If unable to attend one of the public meetings, they can contact Gina Thompson, Public Transportation Coordinator, at 417-624-0820, ext. 1800.

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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.