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City Update – July 17, 2023 **View PowerPoint slides**

If citizens want to know more about the Joplin Police Department, they have a great opportunity by enrolling 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 July 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Citizens Academy ends on October 26 with a closing ceremony and dinner. The class size is limited to 25 participants and there are still a few more spots available. 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 and click on the Events tab.

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Later this week there are some Joplin Sesquicentennial events as part of the 100th-year Celebration for the Scottish Rite Valley of Joplin that the public is welcome to attend.

"The Styles that Made the Day" is a Formal Fashions Exhibit presented by Joplin History & Mineral Museum & Joplin Historical Society. It will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, July 21 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 505 S. Byers in Joplin. Surrounded by the building's beautiful architecture, view dresses, gowns, and men's formal attire from the turn of the last century. The exhibit will also include dresses made for the Joplin Centennial in 1973.

Then at 9 a.m. on Saturday, the celebration continues to mark the 100-year history of Joplin Scottish Rite Cathedral, starting with a parade in that area.

A full day of activities is planned to honor this beautiful Joplin landmark's history, service, and architecture. Some highlights of the day will include a parade around the Cathedral's neighborhood, a rededication of this historic building, a vintage car show, a fried chicken buffet similar to those in 1923 and for the same price – which was $2, and tours of this unique downtown building featuring hand-painted backdrops and curtains and a pipe organ with 21,000 pipes.

More details about the events, some which do require tickets, can be found on their website at https://www.valleyofjoplin.com/about-3. Citizens can also call about tickets for the Friday night or Saturday banquets at 417-623-3219.

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Due to the extremely high winds over the weekend, many residents have down limbs and branches to dispose of. To help with this, the City's Public Works will open the **Free Tree Limb Drop Off Site** this week, starting today, Monday, July 17. **It will be open from 8:30 a.m. -2 p.m. today through Friday, July 21.**

The drop-off site is located at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, just about a half-mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker.

Another option for residents is to bundle limbs and branches cut to 4-foot maximum length and place them at curbside for pick up on their regularly scheduled trash service day.

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For more information about these announcements or other items related to the City, please visit the City's website and Joplin's Facebook page. If wanting to review tonight's announcements, they can be found on our website at www.joplinmo.org/PIOnews

Thank you. I'd be happy to answer any questions...