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PIO Announcements – March 18, 2024 **View PowerPoint Slides**

For those interested in being a first responder for our community, they should attend the Joplin Public Safety Expo on Saturday, April 6. It will run from 10 am to 3 pm at the Joplin Public Safety Training Facility, 5102 N. Swede Lane.

In addition to live demonstrations and static displays, there will be opportunities to meet with the Joplin Police Department, Joplin Fire Department, Metro Emergency Transport System, and staff from Joplin Emergency Communications Center, aka Dispatch, and other Public Safety divisions. This is a great time to get your questions answered and hear from those serving in these important positions right here in Joplin.

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Citizens will soon see some improvements in Cunningham Park. Parks and Recreation staff will remove the Boomtown playground for safety reasons, which will then provide space for new park amenities. This wooden playground is 13 years old and has served our community well.

Sand volleyball courts will be added to this location next year as part of the improvements included in the Parks and Stormwater projects. Other outdoor game components are also being considered for this area at Cunningham. The City is working with an outside group to help with this effort, which will reduce expenses for the department. We'll provide updates to this project as it develops.

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Have a teen getting behind the wheel soon? Check **out First Impact, a 90-minute traffic safety program t**hat educates parents and teen drivers about Missouri's Graduated Driver's License law. The program is designed to reduce the number of motor vehicle fatalities, injuries and accidents among teen drivers through education and support of both the parents and their new driver.

The City of Joplin Health Department is hosting this program on Tuesday, April 2 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM at the Joplin Public Safety Training Center at 5102 Swede Lane. For more information contact the Health Department at 417-623-6122, ext. 1286 or find the news release on the city's website at joplinmo.org.

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Just a quick reminder - Joplin Recycling Center is hosting a Paper Shredding Event on Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. This free event is held at the Recycling Center at 1310 West A Street and has a limit of 12 standard-sized file boxes per car. Non-paper materials like cardboard, packing paper and brown paper sacks will not be accepted. We also remind residents to remove binder clips CD's before bringing their papers for disposal.

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The Recycling Center hosts this event to help residents clear out papers and documents with sensitive information. The Center also offers a self-serve shredder to residents year-round.

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It's March, and that means Downtown Joplin Alliance is hosting another fun season of Third Thursday events with the first one will be held this Thursday, March 21. Hope to see everyone out enjoying the fun.

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Thank you for listening to this update. If needing more information about these events or other City programs and services, please visit our website and Facebook page. Other City departments also have a Facebook page and we encourage everyone to watch for their posts as well.

For other questions, I am 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.