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PIO Announcements – March 4, 2024

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On Wednesday, **March 6, 2024, at 11 AM** State Emergency Management and the National Weather Service will conduct a Statewide Severe Weather Tornado Drill. This drill is weather permitting, and there will not be a backup date.

Every school, citizen, and business is encouraged to participate in the drill. Residents should treat the drill as if it were an actual Tornado Warning.

The National Weather Service will issue a Routine Weekly Test (RWT) to NOAA Weather Radios to initiate the drill. The City of Joplin will observe this tornado drill by sounding the warning sirens for a full three minutes, the same amount that would occur in an actual warning.

Joplin/Jasper County, Carthage & Webb City are moving their March monthly regional outdoor warning siren test to coincide with the statewide tornado drill on Wednesday.

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The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is creating the Master Plan on Aging to ensure Missouri is the best environment for an aging population. **A town hall meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 8, from 2 to 4 pm for anyone involved or interested in aging programs and access.** This Town Hall meeting will be held at the Joplin Senior Center, 2616 S. Picher Ave.
Members of DHSS will be present to gather input, offering presentations and breakout sessions on transportation, whole-person health, family caregivers, daily life and employment.

For more information on the Master Plan on Aging, contact the Area Agency on Aging at 417-781-7562 or go to health.mo.gov/seniors/masterplanaging .

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It's that time again and the yard work is calling! The City's monthly tree limb and brush drop-off site opens this month. It will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16. This program is open the third Saturday of the month and the Friday preceding that day from March through October. The drop-off site is located at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, six-tenths of a mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker.

This free drop-off service is for Joplin residents only and has no load limits. Leaves, grass clippings, treated wood, railroad ties, or construction debris will not be accepted. This program is not intended for commercial tree trimming/removal service providers or contractors.

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Mark your calendar and start clearing out your desk drawers and cubby holes! **Joplin Recycling Center is hosting a Paper Shredding Event set for Saturday, April 6** from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (or when the truck is full. – This is a popular program.)

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 binders, binder clips, or CD's before bringing their papers for disposal.

The document shredding company, Big Bear Shredding, will have their mobile shred truck at the Center and we look forward to helping residents clear out papers they've been storing in their homes.

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More information about these announcements or other City programs and services can be found on the City's website, and Facebook page. There are also other departments who offer information on their Facebook page and are listed on this slide.

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.