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JIDA agrees to Prospect Village bonds

Up to \$75 million approved

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The Joplin Industrial Development Authority agreed Tuesday to issue industrial revenue bonds of up to \$75 million to provide low-cost financing for the construction of Prospect Village.

It would be the largest mixed-use district for Joplin in recent history, situated along Joplin's busiest retail corridor, Range Line Road.

At a meeting in May, the JIDA was told by a bond underwriter that a third-party revenue consultant would verify available revenue

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Jill Halbach (left), director of the Post Art Library, talks with Melanie Wamble, owner of Blackthorn Pizza and Pub, last fall about the proposed historic district for part of downtown Joplin. **GLOBE FILE**

Meeting set on proposed historic district

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The Downtown Joplin Alliance and Post Art Library are inviting the public to join them along with consultants from the Lochmueller Group at a meeting regarding an architectural survey of a potential new district for the National Register of Historic Places in downtown Joplin.

The meeting will be held from 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, at Joplin Empire Market, 931 E. Fourth St.

During the meeting, presenters will go over the results of the project, including their findings and what

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Out of the blue

United Way delivers
surprise checks
to partners in
Missouri, Kansas

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Amy DeArmond, executive director of the United Way of Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas, said the organization recently finished surprising partner agencies with checks totaling \$140,000.

DeArmond said the money came from donations beyond the goals of the past few campaigns that had accumulated.

"We had really good participation with our campaigns, and we had money that we had not earmarked to go out under our normal allocation process yet," DeArmond said. "So the board said, 'We want this in the hands of people that are going to make a difference with it,' so we were able to get that out right away."

The Community Clinic of Southwest Missouri was one of the recipients of a United Way impact grant.

"The United Way had some funding that was completely unexpected," Community Clinic Director Stephanie Brady said last week. "They were able to support several agencies in town with some surprise checks. We received \$8,300, which will probably go to

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Officials with the United Way of Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas presented a surprise \$21,700 impact grant to Lafayette House in Joplin recently. **COURTESY | UNITED WAY**



Children's Haven received one of the impact grants distributed by the United Way of Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas recently. **COURTESY | UNITED WAY**

New campaign marks anniversary

Group challenging
community members
to get involved

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The United Way of Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas, which turns 100 years old this fall, is

celebrating its centennial with a special campaign urging members and area residents to "Give 100."

Executive Director Amy DeArmond said the campaign is above and beyond the group's annual fall workplace campaign.

"What we're doing is challenging everyone in the community to get involved in any way they can," DeArmond said. "If they

can give \$100, if you can donate a 100 hours of your time over the course of the next year in volunteering, do that. If you can give a 100 canned goods or a 100 books or 100% of your effort to a custom pledge of your choice. We're just asking everyone to really look at all of the things that have gone before us to get us to where we are and celebrate that by continuing that legacy."

The United Way began as a local movement in Joplin called the Joplin Community Chest and "grew and expanded, joining efforts across Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas to become the United Way of Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas," according to its history.

"Driven by local leaders

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