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Downtown Joplin Alliance announces 2026 holiday events

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The Downtown Joplin Alliance has announced a number of holiday-themed events, some of which are less than a month away.

Light Up the Park and the Holiday Kickoff Party will take place with volunteers decorating Spiva Park from 2-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, followed that evening by the Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

"Every year we try to make

Spiva Park look amazing," said Ivy Hagedorn, assistant director of the DJA.

Volunteers will be needed to help decorate the park, put up the Christmas tree and the lights. Hot chocolate will be provided.

Volunteers can register at <https://www.eventeny.com/events/volunteer/application/?id=7758>, or they can just show up.

The tree lighting will take place at 6:30 p.m. with live music and carolers.

Hagedorn said there also will

be food and beverage vendors and new decorations this year "to make it look even better this holiday season," she said.

Santa is also expected to make an appearance.

"Really, we just want to see everybody coming downtown," Hagedorn said.

Other holiday events include:
• Joplin's Empire Market will kick off its ninth annual Holiday Market season on Saturday, Nov., 21. It will run through Dec. 31.

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Jamy Spry and Jeremy Gibson put up decorations in Spiva Park during the 2024 Light Up the Park event. The event returns Nov. 19.

Two arrested during Monday night ICE protest

Protest took place outside City Hall during City Council meeting

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Two people were arrested and charged Monday night as a result of alleged actions during a public protest outside Joplin City Hall following social media comments by a member of the City Council.

Tonya Claiborne, 61, Springfield, was charged with vandalism of another person's American flag. She also was charged with failing to comply with an officer's request for information.

Also charged was David Coss, 66, Oronogo. He was charged with peace disturbance for threatening to get his gun and shoot another protester.

Many people used shrill whistles as part of the demonstrations. Those are commonly used to alert people or undocumented residents that ICE agents are nearby.

One of the demonstrators, Hunter Huffman, Joplin, who spoke over the sound of shrill whistles being used by some protesters, said he was there because, "I'm just tired of all the headlines about people dying who don't need to and people who just go away without any due process."

There were a few at the event who were not protesting ICE or the recent social media post by City Councilman Brian Cowles.

Huffman said he thought that there should have been separation of those protesting ICE and the smaller number of pro-government or pro-ICE actions in order to keep the peace.

Most participants carried signs or expressed opinions opposing Cowles' comment.

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Nearly 100 residents gathered outside City Hall on Monday night to protest following a social media comment by Joplin City Councilman Brian Cowles.

MDC announces sampling locations for CWD

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The Missouri Department of Conservation is asking deer hunters to have their deer sampled for chronic wasting disease this fall.

Archery season is underway and the modern firearms season runs Nov. 14-24.

The Missouri Department of Conservation announced earlier this year that it has removed its CWD management zone designations, noting that a majority of Missouri counties either have had a case of CWD or are within 10 miles of a confirmed case of the disease, so a designated CWD management zone is no longer needed.

The state has implemented a number of management strategies to reduce the spread of CWD. One of those strategies had been designating counties where the disease has been found and those within 10 miles of a positive test result as part of a management zone where sampling may be required on opening weekend of the firearms season, and different regulations apply.

Jasper, Barton and Barry counties have previously reported deer that were positive for CWD and were designated management zones. There have been no confirmed positive test results from Newton, McDonald or Lawrence counties.

Last season, 108 deer were tested in Jasper County, and no additional positives were confirmed.

Additional positives were detected last season in Barton and Barry counties.

Last season, 122 positives were

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