



MAY 17-22

May 2016 marks five years since the devastating tornado that tore through Joplin and Duquesne, Missouri. To honor this occasion, we announce Joplin Proud – a series of events to remember what we lost, thank the volunteers who came to our aid, and be proud of the progress we have made as a community.

Visit Joplinproud.com for updated event list.

THROUGHOUT MAY

Journal Joplin! – An opportunity for citizens to express feelings through journaling. Journal Joplin! offers an opportunity for 161 citizens to record their thoughts on Joplin's progress and challenges that have brought the community to this anniversary. Contact Ann Leach to participate or for more information at ann.leach@sbcglobal.net.

TUESDAY, MAY 17

Joplin Proud Spring Clean – Volunteer to help beautify Joplin with projects planned in conjunction with the City of Joplin Neighborhood Coordinator. To get involved, simply fill out a volunteer form at Joplinproud.com.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Joplin Disaster Recovery Summit – Real People, Real Experiences, Real Lessons – Missouri Southern State University. Join your peers at a unique disaster recovery summit told entirely through the lens and experience of community leaders and elected officials. The Joplin Disaster Recovery Summit is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to hear lessons learned from communities across the Midwest that experienced some of the worst natural disasters from the last decade.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Business Recovery Celebration Ribbon-Cutting – 11:30 am at the Chamber office.

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Joplin Memorial Marathon Expo – Noon-8 pm Pick up your race day packet and visit vendors at the **MSSU Beimdiek Student Center** on the campus of MSSU, 3950 E. Newman Rd.

Joplin Memorial Marathon Kids Fun Run – 5:45 pm The kids one mile run will begin at Memorial Hall, 212 W. 8th Street. Running, walking, skipping is all permitted. A parent can run with their child for no cost. Sign up at joplinmemorialrun.com.

Joplin Memorial Marathon Walk of Silence – 7:30 pm The Walk of Silence is an event open to the community at no charge. From 9th Street to 20th Street you can walk through 161 banners honoring the victims killed in the May 22, 2011 tornado. No pets please, children are welcome, we just ask that everyone be respectful of this time.

The Other Side of Storm – 7:30 pm Nationally acclaimed composer Hubert Bird debuts his original piece of music performed in Joplin High School Performing Arts Center, 2104 Indiana Ave., inspired by the events on and after May 22, 2011. Tickets required and available at Cleo's, Ernie Williamson Music, Hometown Bank (1429 E. 32nd St. and 3016 McClelland Blvd.), and Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce in Joplin, and All Things Grand (1027 S. Main and 1186 S. Grand in Carthage).

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Joplin Memorial Marathon – 6:30 am Lace up your shoes for a great day of running, including the inaugural memorial marathon, half marathon, and 5K. The races begin at 6:30 am at Memorial Hall, 212 W. 8th Street. Sign up at joplinmemorialrun.com

The Other Side of Storm – 7:30 pm A second opportunity to experience nationally acclaimed composer Dr. Hubert Bird's original piece of music inspired by the events on and after May 22, 2011. It will be performed at the Joplin High School Performing Arts Center.

Wings & Wonder – 1-2:30 pm Children are invited to Cunningham Park for an afternoon of fun arts, crafts, science fun, and treats! It's a great way for even the youngest Joplin citizens to take part in the weekend!

Paws in the Park Five-Year Pet Reunion – 11 am - 4 pm The Joplin Humane Society and ASPCA invite families and their well-behaved pets on a leash with up-to-date vaccinations to this fun event in Parr Hill Park. Free microchips will be available for pets on a first-come, first-served basis from 11 am-2 pm. Additionally, families may find a new forever friend at the adoption event.

Neighborhoods of Recovery – Walk or drive through the recovery zone highlighting homes rebuilt by social service agencies. A detailed map will be available online at visitjoplinmo.com.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Pride, Progress, and Potato Salad – 1-4 pm Join the community and volunteers for lunch in **Cunningham Park**. This community picnic is put on by Operation BBQ Relief in honor of their fifth anniversary of serving others during times of disaster.

Gathering of Remembrance and Hope – 4:30 pm A non-denominational service to honor victims of the May 22 tornado and the resilience of our community in Cunningham Park.

Here are some other fun activities going on throughout Joplin!

MAY 14 – JULY 3

Kaleidoscope of Community Butterflies – May 14 • 11 am - 2 pm Join the community at Joplin's Home Depot to paint one of more than 1,800 wooden butterflies to be displayed throughout Joplin. A gathering of butterflies is called a kaleidoscope, and, with your help, these beautiful hand-painted symbols of pride will be placed throughout our community.

Spiva Center for the Arts Dear World Revisited, Sponsored by Freeman Health System – To memorialize the one year anniversary of the 2011 Joplin tornado, Robert X. Fogarty, accompanied by writer Adam Karlin and production manager Jonny Rosenbloom, visited Joplin to capture images and messages of residents, first responders, volunteers, and city officials affected by the storm. With handwritten text on their skin, the subjects addressed the viewer with statements of hope and defiance. The resulting photos were exhibited in Spiva's Main Gallery during **Dear World, From Joplin with Love** in July 2012, and a book of the same title was produced.

Now, on the five year anniversary of the storm, the original photos and stories of selected storm survivors will hang in the Regional Gallery, along with updates on where they are now, how the tornado changed their life, and how our community recovered.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Joplin Blasters Season Opening Game – 6:35 pm The Joplin Blasters open their second season in the American Association against the Winnipeg Goldeyes at the historic Joe Becker Stadium.

Third Thursday – 5-8:30 pm Visit downtown for Joplin's trademark cultural event. Thousands of people fill Main Street to enjoy local art, music, entertainment, and food.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Joplin Blasters vs. Winnipeg Goldeyes – 6:35 pm Come cheer on the Joplin Blasters baseball team.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Miracle League of Joplin – 9 am – Giants vs A's; 10:00 – Rangers vs Cardinals; 11:00 – Pirates vs Royals

See some talented baseball players show their stuff at the Will Norton Miracle Field at the Joplin Athletic Complex. The Miracle League of Joplin was formed to provide opportunities for children with disabilities to play baseball on a custom field that features a flat, rubberized surface to help prevent injuries. The field was named for Will Norton, a Joplin high school student who was one of the victims of the May 22, 2011 tornado.

Joplin Amateur Radio Club (W0IN) - The Joplin Amateur Radio Club will be setting up near Cunningham Park May 21 and 22. The Joplin Amateur Radio Club's radio and communication abilities were instrumental in the rescue and recovery efforts after the tornado.

"Called To Walls" Film Showing – 1-3 pm Kansas Filmmakers Amber Hansen and Nicholas Ward will share their recently released documentary film "Called to Walls" at the Central Christian Center. The film chronicles a series of community-based murals led by muralist Dave Loewenstein between 2010 and 2013. Featured in the film is the story and creation of Joplin's own mural, "The Butterfly Effect: Dreams Take Flight (2011)."

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SUNDAY, MAY 22

Joplin High School Graduation – 2 pm Congratulations to the class of 2016! Joplin High School graduation begins at 2 pm at Leggett and Platt Athletic Center at Missouri Southern State University. This is a ticketed event.

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