



City of Battlefield Newsletter

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CITY MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the City of Battlefield is to serve its customers by providing courteous and responsive service; promoting economic opportunity; enhancing the quality of life for its citizens; and building a better City for future generations.

Darron Acklin, Candidate for Ward 3 Alderman

Darron Acklin moved to the City of Battlefield in 2006 with his wife Kristin and oldest son Tyler. In 2010 we welcome our youngest son Arron into our family. Darron graduated with a BS in Criminal Justice and Political Science in 1998 from Central Methodist University. He then completed Police Academy training at the Missouri Police Corp in 1998. Darron has been employed by the State of Missouri for 15 years and is currently assigned to the Department of Economic Development, Division of Workforce Development as a Workforce Development Specialist. In 2012 Darron was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Battlefield where he serves as a Commissioner.

WARREN GRIFFITH, Candidate for Ward 1 Alderman

Has resided in ward 1 since 1992
Retired from the US Army and as Civil Service Facility
Manger of Armed Forces Reserve Center
Many years experience in administrative and managerial Positions
Married to Sue for 33 years with 7 children and 26 Grandchildren
Interested in the needs of Ward 1 and Battlefield
Desires competent city government that will be responsive to its citizen's needs
Will to devote the time necessary for Battlefield to be a great place to live
Look forward to meeting and assisting any ward 1 residents.

Brandon Alsup – Candidate for Mayor

Brandon Alsup is a 2007 graduate of Missouri State University with a degree in Political Science.

Employed at Russell Cellular Corporate Offices in Battlefield, he serves as Corporate Training Administrator, and helps oversee the company relationship with the American Heart Association and the Boys and Girls Town.

He resides in Battlefield with his wife Layton, their dog Lilly, and two cats Pancake and Precious.

“I was raised in a small town and wanted the same atmosphere and values for my family. Battlefield was the perfect fit.

As Mayor I hope to showcase our community, our businesses, and our citizens to the rest southwest Missouri in hopes they also choose to call Battlefield home just as my wife and I have.”

Stephen Jean, Candidate for Ward 1 Alderman

I have lived in Battlefield since 2009 along with my lovely wife of 16 years and our 3 beautiful children.

I am looking to be more a part of our community and help to make good decisions for all of us that enjoy this great little town we all call home.

I have had some great life experiences that have molded me into being able to make good choices.

I stand behind those decisions, whether made as a team or by myself. I would greatly appreciate your vote on Election Day.

Sincerely, Stephen Jean

Debra Hickey - Candidate for Mayor

Debra Hickey - lived in Battlefield since 1985; served as Ward 3 Alderman since 2005; elected annually by the board to serve as its President since 2010; served as acting mayor since May 2013; employed by Springfield Public Schools; holds a B. S. in Criminal Justice from Drury University.

While on the board, Debra has helped lead community improvement initiatives including: 2 new police officers in the past 2 years; the Cloverdale sidewalk project; the Butterfield Stage Park, to name a few.

Mother of four grown children and "Nana" to 10 grandchildren, Debra desires to serve the citizens of Battlefield as mayor. Your vote on April 8 is greatly appreciated.

Remember, Second on the Ballot, but First in Experience.

HERE ARE YOUR CANDIDATES FOR THE APRIL ELECTION:

MAYOR:

Brandon Alsup—In last month's edition I gave Mr. Alsup's first name incorrectly. I sincerely apologize for my error.

Debra Hickey

WARD 1:

Warren Griffith

Stephen Jean

WARD 2:

Quinton Hamp—unopposed

WARD 3:

Darron C. Acklin—unopposed

CANDIDATE'S FORUM

There will be a candidate's forum April 1st at City Hall. So you can better plan your evening the candidates will speak as they will be listed on the official ballot. Each candidate will have 5 minutes to present themselves to you. The speaking schedule is:

6:20	Ward 1 Alderman	Warren Griffith
6:25	Ward 1 Alderman	Stephen Jean
6:30	Ward 2 Alderman	Quinton Hamp – running unopposed
6:35	Ward 3 Alderman	Darron C. Acklin – running unopposed
6:40	Mayor	Brandon Alsup
6:45	Mayor	Debra Hickey

Those of you who wish to speak to a candidate one on one can do so before 6:20 or in the lobby when other candidates are speaking.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS SPRING

On April 12, from 9 AM—11 AM, we will have our 2nd annual Easter Egg hunt. There will be plenty of eggs for the kids; a coloring contest; face painting; balloon art; hot chocolate and last but definitely not least, the Peter and Mrs. Cottontail.

On April 26, from 9 AM—11 AM, we will hold our annual native tree/shrub giveaway. This is open to Battlefield residents only and proof of residence is required. A sewer bill, water bill or drivers license showing your address all qualify as proof.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

WELCOME OUR NEWEST OFFICER

On February 19, 2014 we hired another new police officer. This was our second addition since you passed the half cent sales tax for the police department in 2012. We had promised to try and hire one additional officer each year. We added an officer in October of 2012 and now, Officer Travis Sanders.

Officer Sanders graduated from the Drury Law Enforcement Academy in May of 2007. He has served as a Police Officer in Willard, Ash Grove and most recently was the Sergeant for the Crane Police Department. Prior to his career in civilian law enforcement, Travis was a member of the U.S. Army Reserves in Joplin, MO as a military policeman and served in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He has an associate's degree from OTC and is a graduate from Republic High School. Travis is a Southwest Missouri native and has lived in the Battlefield area for the past 18 years.

David Vallely, Chief of Police