



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.

WITH SPRING COMES ...

Now that spring is officially here, we are beginning to get warmer weather. Along with the warmer weather is the ability to let our animals out for longer and longer periods. When let outside, cats will roam and dogs will bark.

Nothing good comes from roaming cats. They can bring home diseases they might catch from other cats, get run over, and they use other peoples yards as litter boxes.

Dogs pose a different problem. When they are left out they will bark, and bark, and bark. Please don't leave your dog(s) out by themselves all day while you're off at work/school. Dogs barking all day are such a nuisance, ruining your neighbor's quiet enjoyment of their property. Please be a **good neighbor** and keep your cats indoors and be aware of your dogs barking and disturbing the neighborhood.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

YOUR NEW ALDERMEN ARE

The following are your new Aldermen following the municipal election of April 7th. On April 21st they will be sworn in and begin work immediately after that. Everyone is welcome to come to that meeting to say goodbye to Mike Goldenberg and to meet your new Aldermen and watch them in action.

Ward I—Awaiting certified name from Greene County.

Ward II—Marc Cerce

Ward III—Linda Barboa

Rick Hess, City Administrator

PARK SURVEY

If you haven't filled out and returned your park survey, please do so. The information we receive will help us determine ways to make your parks, present and future, better for everyone.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

GOOD-BYE

Quinton Hamp, Ward II Alderman, has left us. His last day as an Alderman was March 31st. We're also saying good-bye to Mike Goldenberg, Ward 1 Alderman, who is not running for re-election after 5 years on the Board.

Thank you to Mr. Goldenberg and Mr. Hamp for all the time you spent helping make Battlefield a better place for all of us to live.

For the Board of Aldermen and Mayor, Rick Hess, City Administrator

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!

With the rain, longer hours of sunlight and warmer weather comes growing grass. Per ordinance, grass needs to be kept less than 12" tall, so if it start getting close, think hard about cutting it so it doesn't end up over long. Thanks.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

GOOD-BYE CLOVER, HELLO JIM

Clover Jenkins, your Utility Billing Clerk, is leaving us in May for a one year military deployment. She will be back in the May-June 2016 timeframe.

Welcome Jim Kinsel, who will take Clover's place until she returns. Jim recently moved to Nixa from Texas, where he worked for the Texas Workforce Development as a case manager. Jim says he is looking forward to meeting everyone, so stop by and say hello to Jim and wish Clover a safe deployment.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

OPEN BURNING

Spring is a welcomed relief from the snow and ice we received in the winter months. With spring comes the potential for severe weather and an increase in fire danger for Southwest Missouri. The Battlefield Fire Protection District has some helpful tips for the community:

Be weather aware! We recommend a weather alert radio, programmed for our area. These are available to purchase at the Battlefield City Hall for \$25. The Battlefield Fire District can help with programming most radios if needed. Contact the District Headquarters at 417-881-9018 for more information.

We also recommend monitoring news and social media during potential weather events. The District shares as much information as possible from the National Weather Service and the Springfield/Greene County Office of Emergency Management on the Battlefield Fire Protection District Facebook page. Like our page and check in often for product recalls and special announcements.

This year's fire danger is predicted to be high. There is a lot of science that goes along with this prediction. Moisture content and humidity are driving factors in Red Flag Warning days for our area. Remember to follow these simple steps while burning:

Check the weather. If high winds are predicted or a red flag warning is issued DO NOT BURN!

Have a clear area to burn and preferably a container to burn in.

Keep a garden hose handy with the water turned on.

Do not leave the fire unattended. Make sure the fire is completely out before walking away.

If in doubt, call 911. Fire can spread quickly and cause damage to your, and your neighbor's, property.

Open burning is generally prohibited inside the city limits of Battlefield, but you can burn if you have a burn permit from MO Department of Natural Resources.

Thank you for your continued support of the Battlefield Fire Protection District and the City of Battlefield. For any questions or comments, please contact Deputy Chief Scott Moore at 417-881-9018 or via email at info@battlefieldfire.com.

Bryan Newberry, Fire Chief, Battlefield Fire Protection District

GIVEAWAY!

Our Annual Native Tree & Shrub , sponsored by your Advisory Park Board, will be Saturday April 25th. Trees and shrubs may be picked up beginning at 9 AM. This year the giveaway will be held in the Community Room. We will remain open until 11 AM or we run out of trees and shrubs.

We reserve the right to limit the number of trees or shrubs to any one person if the demand is high. There will be professionals on hand with information on how best to plant your trees and/or shrubs.

To ensure **only Battlefield residents get trees/shrubs we will need some form of resident ID such as a driver's license or utility bill with your Battlefield address.**

Rick Hess, City Administrator