



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.

AMERICAN WATER RESOURCES

You will be receiving a letter from a company called American Water Resources of Missouri. The letter will tell you that you are responsible for the water and sewer lines (called lateral lines) that run from your home to the water and sewer mains owned and operated by Public Water Supply District and the City of Battlefield respectively.

They will be trying to sell you insurance that supposedly will help you in any repairs to your lateral lines.

The Attorney General's office has been notified and they have received notification of complaints from cities in multiple states, including some cities here in Missouri.

I am not telling you not to take the insurance if you decide you want it. I am asking you to do some research on the company and make up your own mind. You are under NO obligation to purchase anything from them.

If you have any questions, either before or after you receive a letter from American Water Resources of Missouri, please don't hesitate to give us a call, send an email, or put your question on our Facebook page.

Rick Hess
City Administrator
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ELECTION TIME ROLLING AROUND AGAIN

The filing window is entering its final days. The final day to file will be January 21, 2014 at 5 PM. To run as an Alderman you must be at least 18, have lived in Battlefield and in your ward for at least 1 year, and be willing to serve for a 2 year term. To run for the Mayor position you must be at least 25, have lived in Battlefield for at least 1 year and be willing to serve a 2 year term. A Declaration of Candidacy form plus other paperwork must be filed out at City Hall during normal business hours. Please come by and visit with our City Clerk to assist you with this process if you are interested in serving the City. *Please bring photo identification and your voters registration card for verification purposes.*

The following seats are up for election:

Ward 1 Alderman
Ward 2 Alderman
Ward 3 Alderman
Mayor

Rick Hess, City Administrator

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS

It's that time of year again, if you currently hold a business license or plan to conduct business in Battlefield you must hold a business license. The fee is \$16, payable by check, money order or cash. City Hall is open from 8 to 5 M-F. Renewals are **due by the 31st of January 2014**. Contractors and Service Providers must provide updated proof of insurance including Workers Compensation and Liability Coverage. Businesses that sell products must provide a renewal copy of MO Sales Tax License and/or Sales Tax Exemption letter for their location and a **No Tax Due Letter** which can be obtained by MO-DOR at [417.895.6474](tel:4178956474). Renewal letters have been sent out already with applications to make sure our information on file is correct. Please go to our website for more information and the proper applications www.battlefieldmo.gov under **City Forms**. Those businesses that are renewing will not receive a Business License Certificate, instead they will receive a copy of their receipt for payment of their 2014 Business license for proof of issuance once all documentation is received. Please contact City Clerk **Beth West** if you have any questions regarding business license renewals, 417-883-5840 or city-clerk@battlefieldmo.gov.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS SPRING

On April 12th, from 9 AM—11 AM, we will have our 3rd 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 Easter Bunny himself.

In May, there will be a weekend long (the 16th, 17th and 18th) Native American Trail of Tears Remembrance at Cherokee Trail of Tears Park and the Community Room. There will be lots of activities and interesting things to do and see. As more information becomes available it will be in the next couple of newsletters, on our website and on our Facebook page.

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INTERESTING FEBRUARY FACTS

History

The Roman month Februarius was named after the Latin term februum, which means purification, via the purification ritual Februa held on February 15 (full moon) in the old lunar Roman calendar. January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar, since the Romans originally considered winter a monthless period. They were added by Numa Pompilius about 713 BC. February remained the last month of the calendar year until the time of the decemvirs (c. 450 BC), when it became the second month. At certain intervals February was truncated to 23 or 24 days; and a 27-day intercalary month, Intercalaris, was inserted immediately after February to realign the year with the seasons.

Under the reforms that instituted the Julian calendar, Intercalaris was abolished, leap years occurred regularly every fourth year, and in leap years February gained a 29th day. Thereafter, it remained the second month of the calendar year, meaning the order that months are displayed (January, February, March, ..., December) within a year-at-a-glance calendar. Even during the Middle Ages, when the numbered Anno Domini year began on March 25 or December 25, the second month was February whenever all twelve months were displayed in order. The Gregorian calendar reforms made slight changes to the system for determining which years were leap years and thus contained a 29-day February.

Patterns

February starts on the same day of the week as both March and November in common years, and August in leap years.

Having only 28 days in common years, it is the only month of the year that can pass without a single full moon. It is also the only month of the calendar that once every six years and twice every 11 years, will have only four full 7-day weeks. In countries that start their week on a Monday, it occurs as part of a common year starting on Friday, when February 1st is a Monday and the 28th is a Sunday, this was observed in 2010 and can be traced back 11 years to 1999, 6 years back to 1993, 11 years back to 1982, 11 years back to 1971 and 6 years back to 1965; and so on twice 11 years consecutively and once six years either forward into the future or back into the past. In countries that have the week start on a Sunday, it occurs with a common year starting on Thursday, with the next occurrence in 2015, and previous occurrences in 2009 (6 years earlier than 2015), 1998 (11 years earlier than 1998, and 1987 (11 years earlier than 1998). This works unless the pattern is broken by a skipped leap year, but no leap year has been skipped since 1900 and no others will be skipped until 2100. (Years that are evenly divisible by 100 are not leap years, unless they are also evenly divisible by 400, in which case they are leap years.) For any system, it cannot happen in a leap year.

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