



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.

NEW SEWER BILLING AVERAGES

New sewer bills will be calculated in March and come out on your April sewer bill. Your new sewer bills will be figured based on your water use average for the three month period from mid-November to mid-February. The water usage figures will come directly from Public Water Supply District. Some of you will have your bill go up, reflecting higher water use for the three months, some of you will have your bill go down, and some of you will stay pretty much the same. If you have questions after you receive your April sewer bill, give us a call at 883-5840 or stop by, we're always glad to see you.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY COMING

Our annual municipal election, where you will vote for an Aldermen to represent you, is the first Tuesday in April, which is April 7th. All Battlefield registered voters vote at the First Baptist Church at the corner of State Highway FF and Weaver Road. Polls open at 6 AM and close at 7 PM. The following is your slate of candidates:

Ward I—Write-in candidate or someone willing to be appointed.

Ward II—Marc Cerce, Incumbent, running unopposed.

Ward III—William Marcink
Dr. Linda Barboa, Incumbent

We need Ward 1 residents who would be willing to be appointed and serve as Ward 1 Alderman until next year's election in April 2016 please come to City Hall and fill out one of our Volunteer applications, or get an application online at www.battlefieldmo.gov. To serve as an Alderman you must be at least 18, have lived in Battlefield and in Ward 1 for at least 1 year, and be willing to serve until the next election in April 2016. Stop by City Hall any time **8-5, M-F** for your volunteer application.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

NEWS FROM THE CHIEF

Congratulations to Senior Officer Shannon Marler who graduated from the Springfield Police Dept Major Crimes Investigator School February 20, 2015.

This was an intense two week school covering such topics as photography, death and homicide investigation, evidence gathering and packaging, child abuse, sexual assault, major vehicle crashes, interview and interrogation, and many others.

The training will be a great asset to our department. A total of six of our officers have graduated from the course.

David Vallely, Chief of Police

PARK SURVEY COMING

We have a park survey coming to you by mail about the 25th of March to help us with our strategic planning for future park growth. Please fill out the survey and return it so we can begin the medium and long range park plans. We appreciate all your ideas on how to make your parks better for you and your families.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Quinton Hamp, Ward II Alderman, is leaving us. His last Board of Alderman meeting is this coming Tuesday, March 17th. We need one or more volunteers willing to be appointed to fill the position through at least April of 2016. If you would like to volunteer, contact us at 883-5840. Your city and your neighbors need you.

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.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Cherokee Trail of Tears Park
5434 S. Tower Dr., Battlefield

Saturday, March 28th from 9-11

The egg hunt will be outside, weather permitting. If the weather is bad, it will be held inside the big tent.

Egg hunt and coloring contest for the following age groups

1-4, 5-8 and 9-12

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cottontail (The Easter Bunny and Mrs. EB) will be here
so bring your camera and have your picture taken with them.

There will also be a petting zoo for kids of all ages. Come enjoy the fun with us.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

ANNUAL NATIVE TREE & SHRUB GIVEAWAY

Courtesy of your Park Board

Saturday April 25th from 9-11 in the Community Room

All trees and shrubs are on a first come, first served basis and are only available to Battlefield residents.

Trees seedlings that are being given away: Blackgum; Flowering Dogwood; Norway Spruce; Paw Paw; Persimmon; Pinoak; Red Bud; and River Birch.

Shrubs to be given away: American Beautyberry; Button Bush; and Rose Mallow.

There will be volunteers and professionals on-hand to assist you with your selections.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

YOU CAN NOW MAKE YOUR SEWER PAYMENT ONLINE

You can now make online sewer payments by credit card and not have to drive to or call City Hall. Below is a short how-to and a partial list of what you can do through our online bill pay. There is a service fee of \$2.75 or 3%, whichever is greater. Any bill below \$92.00 will be charged the \$2.75, from \$92.00 and up the service fee will be 3%.

To make a payment online go to the City's website www.battlefieldmo.gov and you will see a red button in the upper right hand corner of the page that says "**Make Sewer Payments-Click Here,**" Please click on this box and it will take you to the page to make a payment. On this page you may perform the following tasks:

- View Current Bill
- Make Payments
- View Account, Payment, or Usage History
- View History Graphs
- Manage Mailing Address
- Manage Bill Delivery Method
- Sign-Up Auto Payment
- Manage Contact Information
- Request New Service
- Request a Service Call
- Request a Service Transfer
- Request a Service Termination
- E-mail Customer Service (Utility Billing Office)

The City is currently drafting a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) listing to add to the City's webpage to assist citizens that want to make payments online. More information to follow in future newsletters!

Rick Hess, City Administrator