



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.

ANNUAL CITY HALLOWEEN HAUNT

Our Annual City Hall Haunt is just around the corner, Friday, October 31st from 6-8 PM to be exact. It will be here quicker than you think, so plan ahead. We'd love to see clowns and cowboys; princesses and super heroes; ghosts and goblins and ghouls and vampires galore. One thing though, make sure you get your kids costumes too.

We'll have a fire truck and firemen all decked out in their turnout gear, scary and amazing animals of all kinds, plenty of fun things for kids of all ages.

Come out and have a great time, have fun getting scared, and get plenty of treats at the Battlefield City Hall Annual Halloween Haunt.

We will have a coloring contest with great prizes for the winners.

Candy donations accepted at City Hall during normal business hours now until October 31st.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

Upcoming Election Dates *2014 Election Calendar*

November 4, 2014: General Election

Last day to register to vote: October 8, 2014

You may register to vote at City Hall or go to the Greene County Clerk's Office in Springfield.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

THEY CALL IT FALL FOR A REASON

Leaves will begin falling into your yard soon. They will also be falling into our water drainage system throughout the city. By keeping your leaves raked up and properly disposed of you help keep ditch culverts and storm drains clear of leaves. Keeping the ditch culverts and storm drains clear of leaves helps storm water run out of town the way it's supposed to. If they are clogged, storm water could backup and cause some potential problems for your neighbors. Please keep your leaves cleaned up and don't rake them into ditches or into the street. Thank you.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION FOR YOU!

Have you ever wondered what to do if a natural or man-made disaster were to hit while you're at home, or at work or even on vacation? Here's a place to get all that information and more.

The Red Cross has information that can help you prepare yourself, your family, your friends and co-workers for emergencies from Chemical Emergencies to Winter Storms and most everything in between.

In addition to all that great information on their website they also have multiple mobile apps for your iPhone and Android devices.

You'll get lots of great information that is right at your fingertips at www.redcross.org/prepare.

Rick Hess, Emergency Management Director

WELCOME CLOVER

If you haven't yet met her, stop by and welcome Clover Jenkins. Clover is our new Utility Billing Clerk. Clover is also a veteran and currently in the Army Reserves, serving in a local unit as a combat medic.

MY ANNUAL RANT

With the beginning of our annual fall season I'm breaking out my annual fall rant (and plea). Fall begins on the 22nd and with that there will begin to be less daylight than dark and cooler temperatures. Cooler temps bring more people out to walk, jog, ride bikes and other outdoor activities. Combine more people out and about with less light and you have the potential for disaster.

I have noticed that few people wear some sort of outfit that gets them noticed (for those of you who do, thank you). All too often I see walkers, joggers, and bikers on our streets wearing dark clothing. You cannot be seen until a car is right on top of you, hopefully never literally. Even a driver who is paying close attention has trouble seeing someone at dusk who only has dark clothing on.

Keep your chances of being run over lower. Wear a light, blinking is better since it gets attention more than a stationary light, and wear as much reflective gear as possible. Drivers, put down that cell phone, drive slower through town and pay attention to those who are sharing the road with you.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

PLANTING TREES?

Fall is a great time to plant those trees you've been thinking about. Getting them in the ground gives them plenty of time to acclimate to their new surroundings and set roots before the next growing season. If you do put one or more trees in, please look up and make sure there aren't any overhead power lines that the tree can grow into as they mature. Utility companies recommend the canopy be 25 feet away from any overhead power lines when fully grown. There is one other thing to do before you have that tree planted, whether you do it or have it done for you, and that is to call MO One Call (dig right) so all utility companies can mark where their underground utilities are. We have information packets at City Hall for MO One Call at no charge.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

Columbus Day, which is annually on the second Monday of October, remembers Christopher Columbus' arrival to the Americas on October 12, 1492. City Hall will be closed Monday Oct. 13th and re-open at 8 AM Tuesday Oct. 14th.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN

It's that time of year again, time to set your clocks back. We go off Daylight Savings Time at 2 in the morning, Sunday November 2nd. If you forget to set them back, you won't get that extra hour of sleep and you'll be an hour early to church, school or work.

Rick Hess, City Administrator