



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.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND BATTLEFIELD

We are slowly moving in to new ways (for us) to bring you news of what is happening in and around Battlefield. Like us on Facebook—BattlefieldMo Follow us on Twitter @BattlefieldMo Our new website address is www.battlefieldmo.gov They are always works in progress and if you have ideas to help us make them better, please let us know.

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS—Mark Your Calendars

Halloween Haunt: October 25th 6-8
Santa in the City: Second Saturday in December
Inaugural Tree Lighting Ceremony: Tuesday December 3rd at 6 PM.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

ANNUAL CITY HALLOWEEN HAUNT

Our Annual City Hall Haunt is just around the corner, Friday October 25th from 6-8 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 25th.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

ODDS N' ENDS

Congratulations to our Battlefield Fire Protection District, Chief Bryan Newberry; the men and women of BFPD; Mr. Walt Newman, Chairman of the Board of BFPD and the board members of BFPD.

The Battlefield Fire Protection District just got finished with a very stringent ISO Public Protection Classification survey. Their Public Protection Classification rating dropped from a 5 to a 3. This is a significant positive increase in our fire protection supplied by Battlefield Fire to you. This increase in the classification is due to the Fire Protection District upgrading their equipment, adding more fire fighters and to Public Water Supply District upgrading their system with more capacity and more hydrants. Enhancements to the county 9-1-1 call system and upgrades by City Utilities helped as well. What does this mean for all of us? With all the upgrades and improvements means reduced time of calls for emergency fire and medical needs. It also may, I repeat, MAY help you reduce your home insurance costs. Each insurance company differs in the way they use these ISO ratings, but the new classification may allow them to reassess your home insurance. To help you find out, we have copies of the letter to the Battlefield Fire Protection District informing them of their new ratings. Please stop by and pick one up to send to your insurance company. It may not make a difference to them, but then again it might make a positive difference in your home insurance rates. If you would prefer an electronic copy, send an email requesting one to Cityadmin@battlefieldmo.gov or cityclerk@battlefieldmo.gov. We'll get one to you.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

It is with heavy heart that I must inform you that Daylight Savings Time is coming to an end for the year. This year it ends at 2 AM Sunday, November 3rd. All good things must come to an end, and so it is with DST. The only good thing is that it will return on Sunday March 9, 2014.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

ELECTION TIME ROLLING AROUND AGAIN

Our city-wide general election is coming up quicker than we would like. We have 3 Aldermen seats that will be up for election/re-election as well as the Mayor's seat. Currently serving Aldermen along with their ward that are up for re-election are:

Stephen Esterline—Ward I

Quinton Hamp—Ward II

Debra Hickey—Ward III

Mayor's seat—Currently held by the President of the Board, Debra Hickey.

The first day you can file to run is December 17, 2013. The final day to file to run will be January 21, 2014. To run as an Alderman you must be 18, have lived in Battlefield and in your ward for at least 1 year, be registered to vote in the City and be willing to serve for a 2 year term. To run for the Mayor position you must be at least 18, have lived in Battlefield for at least 1 year, be a registered voter in the City and be willing to serve a 2 year term.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

VETERAN'S DAY

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect. On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time. In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed the day should be "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory". There were plans for parades, public meetings and a brief suspension of business activities at 11am.

In 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and declared that the anniversary of the armistice should be commemorated with prayer and thanksgiving. The Congress also requested that the president should "issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) was approved on May 13, 1938, which made November 11 in each year a legal holiday, known as Armistice Day. This day was originally intended to honor veterans of World War I. A few years later, World War II required the largest mobilization of service men in the history of the United States and the American forces fought in Korea. In 1954, the veteran's service organizations urged Congress to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans". Congress approved this change and on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor all American veterans, where ever and whenever they had served.

To all of our Veterans, thank you for your sacrifices on behalf of all of us at City Hall. Thank you also to the families of our Veterans, who have also sacrificed much in service to our country.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

ROLLING ART WORK

Keep your eyes peeled for something new on the streets this year. We will be working with our Wilson Creek school's Art Department and letting them use our snow plows as canvasses. We will be prepping the plows for painting, and after the art students finish we'll clear coat the plows so the art lasts as long as possible. Hopefully we'll have a mild winter that will allow you to enjoy our rolling art galleries. Everyone here is excited to be working with the school in a fun way.

Rick Hess, City Administrator