



# 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 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

## WEAVER ROAD CONSTRUCTION

With some good weather, construction should be finished soon. Hopefully this will make getting up and down Weaver easier on everybody.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

## SEVERE WEATHER SHELTERS

There are two shelters here in Battlefield. One is at the First Baptist Church located at Weaver Rd and State Highway FF; the other is at the Battlefield Fire Protection District at the end of 2nd Street.

If the storm sirens go off and you can get to one of the shelters, I suggest trying. However, if you cannot get to one of the shelters within ten minutes, I recommend that you shelter in place. If you have to shelter in place, go to a room as close to the center of your home as possible, one without windows is best, or in a bathroom in the tub.

If you have a basement or a storm shelter that is the best place to be in a storm. Make sure you have a battery powered radio so you will be able to hear that the storms have passed.

Storm sirens are designed to alert those outside that severe weather is in the area and it's time to head inside. Depending on how close to one of our 4 sirens, you may or may not be able to hear it if you are inside, especially if the windows are closed. For notice that a storm is close, you should have a weather alert radio in your home so you'll know.

We still have weather alert radios for sale at City Hall for \$25.00. We have both desk style and hand held ones. Both have battery back-up (batteries come with each radio) and could be a life saver. If you want one or more for yourself, or want to give one to a friend, stop by City Hall and pick one up.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

**The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.**

Thomas Jefferson

## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## OUR NEWEST EMPLOYEE

When you stop in to pay your utility bill or get some information, welcome our newest employee, Clover Jenkins. Clover will be our new Utility Billing Clerk, taking over from Dianna Courter. Dianna has been promoted to Administrative Assistant. Welcome Clover and congratulations Dianna.

Rick Hess, City Administrator