



# 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.

## DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITORS

We don't have an ordinance prohibiting door-to-door solicitors. It's a bit difficult to decide who gets to solicit (Boy/Girl Scouts, religious organizations) and who doesn't (door to door sales, wanted and unwanted) and then there are those who can't be stopped such as politicians or census workers.

To help control unwanted solicitors, we suggest posting no solicitation signs on your homes next to your entry door (for those who want them). For those who do not have "No Solicitors" posted, ask them if they have a City of Battlefield Business License (BL). Often they will state they do not have to have one since they have a Springfield BL. Make sure you inform them that they **MUST** have a City of Battlefield BL to solicit sales. You can also tell them to leave and if they won't then tell them they are trespassing and you will call the police if they do not leave. I know that might be too confrontational for some of you, but it will work on most solicitors. If they become combative or argue with you, don't hesitate to call the police (dial 911), stay inside and shut the door.

Safety note from the Chief: If a solicitor does something criminal like enters your home uninvited or assaults someone, call 911 immediately. Do not call the office because we don't always have someone there; also realize if someone calls for us to check out these people that is a low priority call – an officer may not be available to respond immediately.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

## YOUR OLD FLAGS

Do you have US flags that are tattered and torn, dirty or worn? Have you wondered how to honor that wonderful symbol of our United States?

Bring your old flags that need replacing and that have served you well to City Hall and put them in our flag collection box next to the office window.

A Boy Scout Troop or Veteran's Organization will make sure they receive a proper retirement.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

## SIGNS AROUND THE CITY

Have you ever noticed all the signs hanging from utility poles, taped to stop signs or speed limit signs?

Those signs are known as **snipe signs** and are prohibited by City Ordinance 400.730. These are some of the following areas where snipe signs are prohibited: **Snipe signs**. Signs attached to any public utility pole or structure, public street sign, street tree, fire hydrant, curb, sidewalk or other location on any public property right-of-way.

Why don't we want them up? They make Battlefield look trashy and they will be removed as our time and staffing allow.

**Yard sale/garage sale signs.** Please put your address on any yard sale/garage sale signs you put out and note where you put them all. We request you pick them up after your yard sale/garage sale is finished. Yard sale/garage sale signs without addresses on them will be subject to being picked up and thrown away.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

## SCHOOL IS IN

Remember, schools are now in session, which means more cars and school buses in town before school starts and after school lets out. Please slow down and watch out for the kids.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

## CITY HALL CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed for the following federal holidays:  
Mon. Sept 7—Labor Day  
Mon. Oct 12—Columbus Day

Rick Hess, City Administrator

## WANTED! Fat-free Sewers

Fats, oils, and greases aren't just bad for your arteries and waistline—they're bad for our city sewers too.

Grease from cooking is becoming a more and more common cause of blocked sewers. Meat, fats/lard, butter or margarine, sauces, cooking oils, shortening, and food scraps are all items that can cause sewer blockages and backups. Sewer backups can be a health hazard, damage your home or business, and can be very costly to repair.

Keep your sewer free of grease by pouring fats, oils, and grease into a can or jar, then put into the trash. Scrape your dishes, pans, and utensils into the trash; then wipe them down with paper towels before rinsing them in the sink or placing them in the dishwasher.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

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### SECTION 210.355: RESTRICTING OPEN BURNING

A. *Definitions.* As used herein, the following terms and phrases have the definitions which follow each:

**OPEN BURNING:** The combustion of any matter except in a closed chamber described in Subsection (B) and except open burning for recreational purposes as herein defined.

**OPEN BURNING FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES:**

Campfires and other fires used solely for recreational purposes, ceremonial occasions or for the outdoor non-commercial preparation of food. Fires for the purposes described herein shall utilize only vegetative woody materials or untreated wood products and shall not include the open burning of leaves.

**UNTREATED WOOD PRODUCTS:** Lumber or other wooden materials that have not been chemically treated for resistance to moisture, fire, fungi, insects and other pests or which have not otherwise been treated or manufactured with chemicals or do not contain adhesives or resins. Untreated wood products do not include plywood, particle board, chip board or wood with other than minimal amounts of paint, coating or finish.

B. **OPEN BURNING:** Except for recreational purposes, open burning shall not be permitted anywhere within the City limits except when undertaken pursuant to a valid permit issued by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. As used herein, open burning shall include the combustion of any matter except in a closed chamber and shall include the burning of trees, brush, leaves or other forms of vegetation. A chamber shall be regarded as closed when, during the time combustion takes place, such chamber is fully enclosed except for such apertures, ducts, stacks, flues or chimneys as are necessary to provide combustion air and to permit the escape of exhaust gases.

Please take all lawn debris to the Lawn & Leaf Recycling Center near the SW Power Plant. Take Hwy M west toward Republic, turn right on FR 107 and follow to the recycling Center. It is free to drop off leaves and grass clippings and \$4.00 per load, for homeowners, of woody material such as tree limbs.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

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### FAT IN YOUR SEWERS

Do you want to know what can happen when fats, oils and greases are poured down your drain? Get online and look up the "fatberg." This is an extreme example of what can happen when fats, oils and grease "FOG" end up in sewer lines. If something like this were to happen to our sewer lines, it could become quite messy, costly for us and perhaps for you. If the sewer lines become clogged raw sewage could back up into your home. Not only is it a horrible mess to clean up, but it creates a health hazard to deal with as well.

How can you help keep this from happening? Let any "FOG" cool down after cooking then put them in cans or sealable bags and dispose of in your trash. For more information look up fats, oil and grease online.

Rick Hess, City Administrator