



# 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.

## VOTING IN THE UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN APRIL

If you've just moved to Battlefield and haven't registered to vote or change your voter's registration now is the time to do it. You have until March 9th of this year to get registered or changed your voter's registration to Battlefield to be able to vote here. To do either, just drop by Battlefield City Hall at 5434 S. Tower Dr. M-F, 8-5 to get registered or change your registration address. Please call 883-5840 to check to see if the Voter Registrar, Beth West, will be available when you would prefer to drop in.

If you cannot get to Battlefield City Hall, you may register to vote or change your voter's registration at the County Clerk's office at Greene County. Their hours are M-F, 8-5. The County Clerk's phone number is 868-4055. Remember, if you aren't registered you can't vote, and if you don't vote, you can't complain.

## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Easter Egg hunt will be held from 9 AM-11 AM on Saturday, March 19th. If it's nice out, the egg hunts will take place in the park. If it's cold, windy or rainy, the egg hunts will happen in our tent in the park. In next month's newsletter, we'll publish an itinerary of when each group will have their hunt. There will be hot chocolate for all. You can have your picture made with Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny. See you there.

Before you act, listen. Before you react, think.  
Before you spend, earn. Before you criticize, wait.  
**Before you quit, TRY!** Ernest Hemingway

## 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.

## ANNUAL SEWER AVERAGING PERIOD

Residential billing for wastewater charges shall be determined as follows: Section 2 reads: Wastewater service bills are rendered monthly, the basis for the bill for wastewater service for residences shall be computed from the average of the monthly water consumptions recorded during the period beginning November fifteenth and extending through the following February fourteenth immediately preceding the establishment of the basis for the charge or from the average of the consumptions for any such months during which water was used, except as otherwise provided. The basis so established shall first be used in rendering wastewater service bills beginning in the month of April following the establishment of the basis for the charge and shall be the basis used until April of the following year. A new basis for wastewater service bills shall be established annually.

## Volunteers Needed for Economic Development Committee

The Battlefield Economic Development Committee needs 3 new members to help Battlefield grow its business base. If you live in Battlefield or own a business in Battlefield you are eligible for the Committee. The Committee meets monthly, usually from 8 AM to 9 AM. We need your help to build Battlefield economically.

Contact Rick Hess, City Administrator,  
[cityadmin@battlefieldmo.gov](mailto:cityadmin@battlefieldmo.gov) or Beth West, City Clerk,  
[cityclerk@battlefieldmo.gov](mailto:cityclerk@battlefieldmo.gov), for more information on how to become part of helping Battlefield continue to grow.  
417-883-5840

## WHY FLUSHING WIPES IS SUCH A BAD IDEA

You've probably seen wipes that say they are flushable? Baby wipes, adult wipes, every other kind of wipes are **technically** flushable, only because you CAN flush them. They might even be biodegradable over time. But, and this is a large but, they won't biodegrade in the few minutes from the time you flush them and when they get to a lift station pump. We are finding large wads of the wipes wrapped around lift station pump shafts, causing them to seize up at times. This can and has caused damage to the pumps, then the pump must be removed from the lift station and sent out to have bearings replaced and the pump aligned before it can be put back into service. The typical rebuild of a sewer pump is \$1,500 and \$3,000 each time. If the wipes make it past the lift station pumps they end up at the treatment facility, where they collect and clog things up. These wipes must be collected and hauled off to the dump, causing more expense. All these extra expenses eventually get passed back to you as higher rates. Help us and help yourself and throw those wipes in the garbage can and not in the toilet. We're not saying don't use them, just don't flush them.

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### OUR ANNUAL EVENTS IN THE PARK—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

All events are held at Cherokee Trail of Tears Park, next to City Hall  
5434 S. Tower Dr., Battlefield, MO 65619  
417-883-5840

<b>EASTER EGG HUNT</b>	Saturday, March 19th 9 AM—11 AM.
<b>NATIVE TREE &amp; SHRUB GIVEAWAY</b>	Saturday, April 16th 9 AM—11 AM.
<b>TRAIL OF TEARS REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATION, (includes Armed Forces Day Salute to Veterans)</b>	Saturday, May 21st & Sunday, May 22nd All day both days.
<b>CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE</b>	Friday, June 3rd & Saturday, June 4th All day both days.
<b>FIREWORKS IN THE PARK</b>	Monday, July 4th Times to be announced
<b>CITY HALL HAUNT</b>	Friday, October 28th Times to be announced
<b>CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY</b>	Tuesday, December 6th 6 PM
<b>SANTA IN THE CITY</b>	Saturday, December 10th Times to be announced

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CITY HALL THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS

City Hall is closed Monday January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Last day to register to run for local municipal offices, Tuesday, January 19th at 5PM.

Sunday February 14th is Valentine's Day. Don't forget your significant other.

Annual sewer averaging period end February 14th. New sewer averages/bills will be on your April sewer bill.

City Hall is closed Monday February 15th in observance of President's Day.

Daylight Savings Time begins 2 AM on Sunday March 13th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night.

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