



City of Battlefield Newsletter

January 2016

An official publication of the City of Battlefield
www.battlefieldmo.gov

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.

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS DUE

It's time to renew your business license, due by January 1st, 2016. A reminder, business cannot be conducted in the City Limits of Battlefield without a valid business license. The cost is still just \$16.00 and licenses will be good through the end of calendar year 2016.

BUILDING PERMITS

Are you doing work to your home; adding a room; modifying a room; doing electrical, plumbing, or natural gas work? Putting in a new AC/Furnace, water heater, gas stove? Building a home, putting up a business, adding a storage building over 150 square feet, putting on a deck or porch? If you are working on anything in your walls, modifying a building in any way, doing any gas work? This is not an inclusive list, so if you are going to do any work, give the City Inspector a call (883-5840) and ask if you will need a permit before you do any work. A few minutes spent finding out whether you need a permit now could save days or weeks of delay later.

You **MUST** have a building permit before you can do any of this work. We must inspect the work before it is acceptable to ensure that the work has been done to code to help protect your safety and the safety of neighbors. If it is discovered that work is being done without a valid permit, a stop work order will be issued and no more work can be done until a permit is applied for and issued.

May the blessings of this holiday season be with you and your families.

Stay safe, enjoy your friends and family, ring out the old year with thankfulness and may we all have a blessed 2016.

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 or Beth West, City Clerk, city-clerk@battlefieldmo.gov, for more information on how to become part of helping Battlefield continue to grow. 417-883-5840

FILING DEADLINE FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICES

Have you thought about running for local office? If so, the filing date is here. The information below gives the start and end dates for filing to run as an Alderman or Mayor.

Ward 1 is generally south of 3rd St.

Ward 2 is generally between 3rd St and Weaver Rd.

Ward 3 is generally north of Weaver Rd.

If you decide to run and are unsure which Ward you are in, give us a call at 883-5840 or stop by and take a look at our Ward map.

- One Mayor for a two year term
- One Alderman for Ward One for a two year term
- One Alderman for Ward Two for a two year term
- One Alderman for Ward Three for a two year term

All persons who wish to be shown on the ballot as candidates for the above offices must file a declaration of candidacy with the City Clerk at City Hall, 5434 S. Tower Drive in Battlefield, Missouri during regular business hours 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday - Friday. NOTE: The first day for filing is December 15th, 2015, to begin at 8:00 a.m. Filing will close at 5:00 p.m. on January 19th, 2016. The office of the City Clerk will not be open on Saturdays and Sundays or those days designated as a holiday by the City of Battlefield. Please keep in mind during this time of year, City Hall may be closed should inclement weather occur. **Candidates will be listed on the ballot in the order in which they file.** Special Note: Please make sure your voter registration has been updated. Ward Maps are available at the City Clerk's office. All candidates must file an affidavit form 5120 Candidate's Affidavit of Tax Payments and Bonding Requirements stating that they are not delinquent in the filing or payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes, or real property taxes on the place of residence stated on the declaration of candidacy, nor is the candidate a past or present officer of any fee office which owes any taxes to the state, other than those taxes subject to a formal dispute. Candidates must comply with all prevailing laws concerning eligibility and campaign financing. You may find the form on the Missouri Department of Revenue's website under forms. You may type 5120 into the search area then the form will appear in PDF. Please note this must be submitted to the Missouri Department of Revenue as notated on the form. The Department of Revenue's website is <http://dor.mo.gov/personal/candidates/>

QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR ALDERMAN OR MAYOR

ALDERMAN: Be at least 18 years old, be a resident of the City for at least one year by the 1st Tuesday in April and be a resident in the Ward in which you plan to run. (Section 110.010) City Code Book. RSMo. 79.70

MAYOR: Be at least 25 years old and be a resident of the City for at least one year by the 1st Tuesday in April. (Section 110.020) City Code Book; RSMo. 79.80

Sign up to run for office will begin at 8 AM on December 15th and close at 5 PM on January 19th at City Hall. City Hall is open M-F, 8-5. City Hall will be closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, New Year's Eve from noon and New Year's Day and January 18 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

"Every election is determined by the people who show up." Larry Sabato

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. When that happens 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 around \$2,000 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.

The newsletter is written by the City Administrator unless otherwise noted.