



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.

WELCOME JIM ANDERSON

Jim Anderson has joined the City of Battlefield as our part time abatement officer. His time will be dedicated to enforcing the City's health and nuisance ordinances.

Jim graduated from the Missouri State Law Enforcement Academy in 1984. He then graduated from the Southeast Missouri State Advanced Law Enforcement Academy in 1992.

Jim started working for the Missouri Department of Public Safety as Regional Supervisor in 1980 and retired in 2003. He then worked for the Springfield School Police Services from 2003 to June of 2015.

Jim is married and has one daughter and a granddaughter.
David Vallely, Chief of Police

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. There will be hot chocolate for all. See you there.

Schedule of Events
2016 City of Battlefield
Easter Egg Hunts

9:15	ages 1-3
9:40	ages 4-6
10:05	ages 7-9
10:25	ages 10-12

Come join us in the park from 9am-11am, be sure to stop by and visit the Petting Zoo.

In the Community Room there will be a coloring contest, face painting, balloon artist, and a special appearance from Mr. & Mrs. Easter Bunny.

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, cityclerk@battlefieldmo.gov, for more information on how to become part of helping Battlefield continue to grow. 417-883-5840

HERE ARE YOUR CANDIDATES FOR THE APRIL 5TH MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Candidates will appear on the ballot as listed below

There will be a candidate forum at City Hall in the Board room beginning at 5:45 PM. Candidates will have 5 minutes to tell you about themselves and reasons why you should vote for them. Candidates will speak at the following times.

WARD 3:	Devin Banwart	5:45
	William Marcink (I)	5:50
	Pamela Hamilton	5:55
WARD 2:	Rocky Compton (I)	6:00
	Jennifer Rippe	6:05
WARD 1:	Warren Griffith (I)	6:10
MAYOR:	Debra Hickey (I)	6:15

The regularly scheduled Board of Alderman meeting will begin promptly at 6:30. All candidates and the public are invited to stay during the meeting following the candidate forum.

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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CITY HALL THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS

Sunday February 14th is Valentine's Day. Don't forget your significant other.
Annual sewer averaging period ended 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.
Spring begins Sunday, March 20th.
City Hall closes at noon, March 25th, in observance of Good Friday.
Easter is Sunday, March 28th.
Municipal election—April 5th. Voting takes place at First Baptist Church at FF and Weaver Road.

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