



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.

WARD ONE ALDERMAN

Have you ever thought about serving your fellow Battlefield residents? If you live in Ward One, generally south of 3rd St. you can do just that. If you have time to attend two meetings per month on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of each month, a couple of hours preparing for the meetings plus a few additional meetings/events throughout the year, you could become our next Ward One Alderman. If you are appointed you will serve the remainder of the vacant Ward One term, which runs until **April 2017**. The Mayor will review the applications and make an appointment with the approval of the Board of Aldermen. The approved applicant will then be sworn in and begin official duties immediately. If you are interested and have a passion to serve, submit your application to **City Hall** for consideration as soon as possible.

HERE ARE YOUR NEWLY ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS

Congratulations to:

Mayor: Debra Hickey
Ward One Alderman: Warren Griffith
Ward Two Alderman: Jennifer Rippe
Ward Three Alderman: Pamela Hamilton

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. rather than 6:30 p.m.

At the next Board of Aldermen meeting scheduled for **April 19th, 2016**, the current Board will take under consideration all agenda items through unfinished business. Following recognition of outgoing board members, those elected will be sworn in and the meeting will continue with the new board from the agenda item New Business. All newly elected officials will serve for two years

TRAIL OF TEARS EVENT SET

MAY 21ST & 22ND, 2016 FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.
Volunteers needed for Trail of Tears Committee.
Please contact dhickey@battlefieldmo.gov or adminasst@battlefieldmo.gov for more information.

WELCOME BACK CLOVER

Welcome home Clover Jenkins. Clover has returned home from a year long overseas military deployment. She has resumed her duties as Utility Billing Clerk.

IT'S OFFICIAL

The keys have been turned in, Goodbye to our retiring **Mike Yeubanks**, the Public Works Supervisor. Thank you for 13 years of service to the City of Battlefield.

SPRING TIME IS HERE

Spring is here and summer is approaching and that means weeds and tall grass along with other nuisances affecting you and your neighbors.

As a friendly reminder it is unlawful for anyone in the city limits of Battlefield to maintain a nuisance on their property. That includes an owner, lessee or occupant having control of any lot or land. Additionally, this also includes drainage ditches and water retention areas in your control. Grass and weeds should not be allowed to grow taller than 12 inches. Also, Hay permits are available through the City.

Special attention will be paid to anything on your property that could allow standing water for mosquitos to breed in, especially the mosquito that carries the Zika Virus.

The City Abatement Officer is responsible for the enforcement and to take any action deemed appropriate of declared nuisances. Let's all work together and maintain a safe, clean environment and a beautiful city for everyone to enjoy.

Any questions or concerns please contact me. You may call City Hall at 883-5840 or e-mail me at abatementofficer@battlefieldmo.gov.

Thank you, Jim Anderson, Abatement Officer.

ANNUAL TREE & SHRUB GIVEAWAY!

Our Annual Native Tree & Shrub giveaway, sponsored by your Advisory Park Board, will be **Saturday April 16th**. Trees and shrubs may be picked up beginning at **9 AM**. This year the giveaway will be held in the Community Room. We will remain open until **11 AM** or until we run out of trees and shrubs.

We reserve the right to limit the number of trees or shrubs to any one person if the demand is high. There will be professionals on hand with information on how best to plant your trees and/or shrubs.

To ensure **only Battlefield residents get trees/shrubs we will need some form of resident ID such as a driver's license or utility bill with your Battlefield address.**

STORM WATER DRAINAGE AND ILLICIT DISPOSAL

Do you know where storm water runoff goes? Storm water runs to Wilson Creek and the James River and from there to Table Rock Lake. What gets into our storm water drainage systems in the city eventually gets to Table Rock.

There are two ways for water to get out of the City. In the newer subdivisions, water flows into storm water inlets along the curbs into underground storm drains and flows to outfall areas around the edge of the City. In the older subdivisions storm water is moved out of the City by ditches. Both methods are efficient ways to transfer the water out of Battlefield.

Putting anything illicit into our drainage systems, regardless of what type drainage system it is, is illegal and could potentially subject you to significant fines. Some illicit items are: motor oil or other petroleum products; mass quantities of pesticides/herbicides; large amounts of grass or leaves. These are just a few examples of things not to put in the storm drain boxes, ditches or drainage easements.

Help keep our water clean and dispose of illicit items responsibly. Take used motor oil or other petroleum products to recycle centers; do the same with pesticides/herbicides and take grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste to the yard waste recycling center on FR 164 near the SW Wastewater Treatment Center. These are the directions to the Yard Waste Recycling Center from Battlefield. Travel west on Hwy M, toward Republic, to FR 107. Turn right on FR 107 and follow it to FR 164. Turn right on FR 164 and follow the road to the recycling center. It's free to take grass/leaves or other grass like yard waste, and \$4.00 per pickup or trailer load of limbs from homeowners.

Charges for businesses may vary, please check this website for more information.

<http://www.springfieldmo.gov/491/Yardwaste-Recycling-Center>.

Those of you that have a drainage easement as part of your back yard must keep the grass/weeds mowed to 12 inches or less in height. **DO NOT** dispose of any yard waste in the drainage easement as it restricts the normal flow of storm water, potentially causing storm water backup onto your neighbors' property, and can provide a nesting place for vermin and other undesirable creatures. Be responsible and keep your drainage easements mowed.

YOU ARE YOUR OWN FIRST RESPONDER

During a devastating natural or man-made disaster you should be prepared to care for yourself, without any government assistance, for a **MINIMUM** of 72 hours.

It is not that emergency workers or relief personnel (Red Cross or other non-governmental organizations) or government agencies won't get to you as fast as you might like, but they can't reach everyone immediately. You could get help in a few hours or it might take days.

In addition to that, basic services such as electricity, water, sewage, cell phone service or the internet might be cut off for days, a week or even longer.

Help yourself and your family. Build a disaster supply kit and be ready to care for yourself and your family. Find out how to build your kit at www.ready.gov.

Remember, **YOU** are your own first responder.

Reminder we still have a few Weather Alert Radios available at City Hall for \$ 15.00 a piece.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016

Saturday & Sunday-May 21st & 22nd –Trail of Tears Event 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers still needed!

Friday & Saturday-June 3rd & 4th-City Wide Garage Sale-Contact City to get your address added to the list (Map), for \$5.00.

Monday, July 4th-Fireworks at Park-Get your seats early!

Friday, October 28th-City Hall Haunt from 6 to 8 p.m. Candy Donations Welcome!