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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.

THANK YOU

To my Battlefield family, thank you. I am leaving Battlefield to take another job. My last official day will be at the end of the Board of Aldermen meeting on June 21st. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last 8+ years as your City Administrator and have been blessed to work with a professional, caring staff, a superb Police Department and a group of Mayors and Aldermen that most City Administrators would kill to have. You have much to be proud of and I have been privileged to be a part of it. You and the City have a bright future to look forward to.

Beth West, your City Clerk, has been selected by the Board of Aldermen to act as Interim City Administrator as the search begins for a new City Administrator. Beth, backstopped by your City Staff and Board of Aldermen will ably serve you.

I will always think highly of Battlefield and urge people and businesses to move here. Rejoice in the fact that you have elected officials that care deeply about you and our City, and the staff and police they have hired to serve you.

I have no qualms about the direction the City is headed toward and as I head off to the next chapter in my life again I thank you for a wonderful 8+ years.

May God Bless you, your family, my family at City Hall and the United States of America.

Rick Hess, City Administrator

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ADULT AND BABY WIPES

Pre-moistened towelettes called “wet wipes” are becoming an increasing trend in our bathroom culture. Due to the convenience and comfort they offer, more and customers are opting to buy these wet wipes instead of traditional toilet paper. The fact that many of these wipes are being marketed as flushable, keeps them competitive with their paper rival as users are not forced to find some alternative means of disposing of them.

Unlike toilet paper which normally dissolves in no longer than 24 hours, wet wipes may dissolve for weeks or months causing clogs in your pipes that will have to be fixed by a professional plumbing service at your expense. The problem doesn't stop there. If the wet wipe makes it past your sewage plumbing, it may still cause problem in our 12 lift stations. We have had these wipes get wrapped around several pumps, causing damage to bearings that cost several thousand dollars to repair.

We urge you to refrain from flushing wet wipes to avoid having to spend an extravagant amount of money on the damage they cause. So overall, while you can manage to flush a wet wipe down a toilet, it probably isn't a good idea as it could cause damage to both your and our sewer system. There are only three things that should go down your toilet drain: “Feces, Urine, and Toilet Paper”.

FATS, OIL AND GREASE

Cooking fats should **NEVER** go in the drain or garbage disposal. It seems like a liquid when it's hot, but as soon as [grease](#) hits the drain, it cools and congeals, becoming pipe-clogging wax. Scrape used grease into the trash, or, if it's clean bacon fat, save it in a jar for reuse. It costs us, consequently you, several thousand dollars every year to pump grease from our 12 lift stations.

FIREWORKS IN THE PARK

Our annual Fireworks in the Park will be held on Monday, July 4th, 2016 this year.

There will be new inflatables for the kids. Lots of quality vendors will be here and in new places around the walking trail.

65 South will be playing for your listening pleasure and the fireworks at the end of the evening will be bigger and better than ever.

Parking at City Hall/Cherokee Trail of Tears Park will be limited to vehicles with handicap tags/placards. Parking at PWSD has been eliminated due to the security fence erected for their new 750,000 gallon water tower.

Parking will be at First Baptist Church, Assembly of God Church, Wilson Creek School on Weaver Rd and McBride School at Weaver Rd and Golden Ave. Shuttles will run from all parking areas to the park and then back to your parking area after the fireworks.

Donations to help defray the cost of the fireworks, band and inflatables would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be mailed to City Hall, 5434 S. Tower Dr, Battlefield MO 65619, dropped off at City Hall or given at the event on the 4th. If you do give a donation please let us know it's for "Fireworks In The Park."

911 REGISTRY AVAILABLE FOR FUNCTIONAL NEEDS INDIVIDUALS

The Greene County 911 center offers a registry for households with a resident who has special needs. This includes visual impairments, hearing impairments, mental challenges, or autism. The registry is to help first responders by providing them pertinent information when they are on their way to the residence.

To be added to the registry, residents are asked to fill out a Functional Needs Indicator Request Form. The form can be found online at SpringfieldMO.gov/911 or at the City of Springfield's Citizen Resource Center inside the Busch Municipal Building at 840 N. Boonville Ave.

Information provided on the form is confidential and only appears on the 911 dispatchers' screens when they receive a landline 911 call from the address provided on the form, according to the release.

PERSONAL FIREWORKS USE

SECTION 210.680: FIREWORKS

A. No person shall possess or set off any fireworks within the City limits except "consumer fireworks" as that term is defined in Section 320.106, RSMo., and no person may use or set off any consumer fireworks except during the time specified by this Section.

B. Consumer fireworks may be used and set off within the City limits only on the dates of July first (1st) to July sixth (6th), inclusive, and only between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M.; except that on July fourth (4th) consumer fireworks may be used and set off between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and Midnight.

C. Anyone who uses or sets off fireworks at any time shall be responsible for cleaning up and disposing of any debris which results from the use, setting off or explosion thereof.

D. Any person convicted of possessing or setting off any firework or fireworks which are classified as something other than "consumer fireworks" shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by a sentence of confinement of not more than ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and sentence of confinement.

E. Any person convicted of using or setting off consumer fireworks at any time other than as is permitted by this Section shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first (1st) offense and by the imposition of a fine of up to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for all subsequent offenses.

F. Any person convicted of failing to clean up and/or dispose of any debris resulting from the use, setting off or explosion of any firework or fireworks shall be sentenced to the payment of a fine of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first (1st) offense and by the imposition of a fine of up to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for all subsequent offenses. (Ord. No. 03-22 §§1--4, 6-17-03; Ord. No. 05-14 §1, 8-18-05; Ord. No. 08-12 §§1--2, 7-2-08)