



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.

THANK YOU

to everyone who attended and helped put together our in our 11th annual **Fireworks in the Park** on the 4th of July. The City and Advisory Park Board invite you to attend all our City Events throughout the year. Check our website for more information. The next Event will be the **City Hall Haunt** on Friday, October 28, 2016, from 6-8 p.m. at City Hall. Kids mark your calendars, and start thinking about your costumes!

City Hall will be closed on the following Holidays in September & October 2016:

- * **Monday September 5, 2016, Labor Day**
- * **Monday, Oct. 10, 2016, Columbus Day**

Call for Volunteers!

The City needs volunteers. Without your help we may not be able to continue holding big events like the **Fireworks in the Park**. It takes lots of help to host these functions. If you would like to help, please complete our **Events Volunteer Form Application** online at www.battlefieldmo.gov, and return it to City Hall. You can e-mail it directly to adminasst@battlefieldmo.gov or fax us at 417.883.8189. We appreciate your interest in helping us make the City a happy place to live! Volunteer today!

BUDGET APPROVED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

The Board of Aldermen passed the City's annual budget on **June 21st, 2016**, well before our fiscal year end and the deadline of June 30, 2016. The budget and budget summary are available for you to see online or you may stop by City Hall to review a copy during normal business hours. Our new Budget is in place as of July 1, 2016, with a total budget of \$4.6 million dollars. This includes all funds: General, Park, Streets, and Sewer.

Board of Aldermen Meeting July 19, 2016 6:30 p.m.

Board of Aldermen Meeting August 2, 2016 6:30 p.m.

Board of Aldermen Meeting August 16, 2016 6:30 p.m.

SEWER RATE INCREASES

Due to rate increases from Springfield, we are having to raise sewer rates for all of our customers.

We really do not enjoy having to raise rates, but we have no other option. We must honor a contractual obligation with the *City of Springfield* to raise rates when they do, so we have enough money coming in every month to pay our service costs. In addition to our contractual obligation to Springfield, we have an even more important obligation, and that is to you, our customers and citizens.

We must maintain our sewer infrastructure in the best shape that we can to provide you with adequate waste removal service, and maintain an adequate sewer repair reserve fund. This fund allows us to make major repairs and upgrades to the system without having to continually turn to the bond market for funding.

The new rates will go into effect **July 15th** and are on the **August** sewer bill.

Your Sewer usage is based on the **3 month Water** use average over the **winter** months. Your water use average will not change for the remainder of the calendar year.

The rates will be:

Base rate for residential:	\$24.15
Base rate for non-residential:	\$29.98
Volume Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$4.38

This is an increase of 3%.

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Reminder: Sewer Systems have lifespans. Please be aware of what you put in your sewer system, because putting the wrong thing in the sewer does cost you! **For example:** one replacement pump cost several thousand dollars because wet wipes were caught in the motor. Your actions have a direct impact on the City being able to maintain a fully functional sewer system. Please help keep our operating costs down. In the past year City spent over \$100,000.00, to maintain and repair the sewer system.

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Aug. 8, 2016 6 p.m.

Advisory Park Board Meeting August 11, 2016 6:30 p.m.

Meeting dates are subject to change based on quorum.

Check with City Hall for verification.



ELECTION ALERT!

For those of you new to Battlefield and for those of you who have not changed your voter registration, this information is for you. If you haven't changed your voter registration, come in and see our Voter Registration Clerk, Beth West. A current voter registration is necessary for you to vote in upcoming elections. Beth is also our City Clerk, among many other hats she wears. Our office hours are M-F from 8-5. Please call 883-5840, to see if Beth will be here so you don't make an unnecessary trip. Don't forget to bring in proof of identification, too. Upcoming elections and last days to register to vote are Listed below. August 2th, 2016: Last day to register to vote in this election is **July 6th, 2016**.

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November 8th, 2016: Last day to register to vote in this election is October 12th, 2016.

Check out these websites for more information:

http://www.greenecountymo.org/county_clerk/

<http://sos.mo.gov/elections/calendar/2016cal>

You can also go to the Greene County Clerk's Office. You may call them at **417.868.4055**. The polling place for Battlefield is the **First Baptist Church** at the corner of Weaver Road and FF Hwy.

More information to follow from Greene County Clerk's office on upcoming election in **November**. If you need information on Absentee Voting please contact them directly at the number listed above. Make a plan now so you don't miss out on your chance to vote.

FREE AUTISM FRIENDLY PARK FUNDRAISER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Stars for Autism Fundraiser for Equipment for *The Battlefield Cherokee Trail of Tears Park* will be held at Branson Center Stage on **Saturday, July 23, 2016, from 5-11 p.m.** The venue location is 1810 State Highway 76 (located diagonally across from DIXIE STAMPEDE) **phone no. (417) 320-6079**.

A variety of Branson Entertainers will be there to preform in this **FREE** concert. There will be a **HUGE** silent auction with many items such as family friendly locations in Springfield/Branson and beyond. ALL proceeds will be donated for Park Improvements. Donations will be accepted.

PLEASE ATTEND! Family Friendly Event. Kids welcome bring Mom and Dad!

If you have Silent Auction Items to donate contact **Linda** before **Tuesday, July 19th, 2016**.

For more information contact: **Linda Barboa** at **(417) 848-8887**.

Call **Linda** if you want to attend **Free** Training on Autism at City of Battlefield Community Center located 5434 S. Tower Drive, Battlefield, MO. This training will be held on **Thursday, July 21, 2016 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** please call if attending so enough material is available to all that attend.

HEAT RELATED ILLNESSES

Be aware of Heat-Related Illnesses here are some warning signs. If you have muscle cramping this might be first sign and may lead to heat exhaustion or stroke. Here are some tips to recognize Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke.

Heat Exhaustion-Heavy Sweating, Cold, pale and clammy skin, Fast, weak pulse; nausea or vomiting; and/or fainting.

What you should do:

- ⇒ Move to a cooler location
- ⇒ Lie down
- ⇒ Apply cool, wet cloths to as much of your body as possible.
- ⇒ Sip water
- ⇒ If you have vomited and it continues, seek medical attention immediately.

Heath Stroke-High body temperature (above 103 degrees F); Hot, red, dry or moist skin; Rapid and strong pulse; possible unconsciousness.

What you should do:

- ⇒ Call 911 immediately-this is a medical emergency
- ⇒ Move the person to a cooler environment
- ⇒ Reduce the person's body temperature with cool cloths or even a bath.
- ⇒ Do NOT give fluids.

Information obtained from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. <http://www.cdc.gov/>

Mayor's Musings

As most of you know our City Administrator, Rick Hess, resigned on June 21, and moved from Battlefield to be closer to family. What you may not know is the average tenure of a city administrator is 3 - 4 years, .so we were very privileged to have Rick here for 8 years. He leaves a definite void, but we are in the capable hands of our City Clerk, Beth West, who is filling in as Interim City Administrator at the present time.

The search to find a new city administrator has begun, and my goal is to complete the hiring process by September. The initial selection committee met on June 27 to review applications. Of the 48 received, the committee went forward with 21. We are now waiting to hear from each of the selected applicants to see who is still interested in the position.

The next step will be to review those still desiring to be considered and after additional candidate selection, interviews will be held during August. The Board of Alderman will make the final selection and negotiate the contract.

We look forward to this growth process within Battlefield's government. We are anticipating the new city administrator will have strong skills in a wide variety of areas, especially economic development. With everyone working together, we have a bright future for Battlefield as we continue

Honoring Our Past – Building Toward Our Future.