



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.



Attention all Ghosts and Goblins
YOU are cordially invited to the
City Hall Haunt
Friday, October 28th 6-8 p.m.

* Enjoy Candy, Games & a Coloring Contest

* Wear your favorite costume (Parents, too)



* See the creepy crawlies from Dickerson Park Zoo

* Meet the Battlefield Police Officers and the Battlefield Fire Protection District Firefighters. Say hello and receive a treat.

* If you would like to help with the **Haunt...**

*Donations of candy will be accepted at city hall.

*Volunteers are needed to assist with decorating & handing out candy



Contact Dianna Courter at City Hall by October 15, to help.

Meetings

<i>Board of Aldermen</i>	<i>October 4, 6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Advisory Park Board</i>	<i>October 13, 6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Board of Aldermen</i>	<i>October 18, 6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Economic Development</i>	<i>October 19, 8:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Board of Aldermen</i>	<i>November 1, 6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Advisory Park Board</i>	<i>November 10, 6:30 p.m.</i>

Announcing Battlefield's New City Administrator

It is with great excitement the Battlefield Board of Aldermen announce the hiring of our new city administrator, Mr. Frank Schoneboom. Frank began work on Thursday, September 8, and has "hit the ground running." He has worked in municipal government for nine years as a city administrator and assistant city administrator, working in all phases of municipal government. Frank previously served in Branson and was involved in the development of the Branson Landing. In coming to Battlefield Frank stated his first impression is that the city is a great place to live. He looks forward to meeting the many fine citizens of the city and helping it grow even better. On a personal note, Frank grew up in California and has a Master's Degree.

Battlefield Invites Businesses to Participate in

"Trunk or Treat" for City Hall Haunt

Trunk or Treat will be held in conjunction with the annual City Hall Haunt on Friday, October 28th from 6-8pm. Participants of the Trunk or Treat will park their vehicles together on the north parking lot, and then open their trunks to reveal Halloween-themed decorations. Children walk from trunk to trunk to look at the decorations and receive candy. This is a safe, controlled family environment for **trick-or-treaters** of all ages. Businesses wanting to sponsor a "Trunk or Treat" vehicle will need to provide their own candy and treats for the event. In past years, the City Hall Haunt has brought approximately 400-500 in attendance.

Contact Dianna Courter at City Hall by October 15, to join the fun, support the event and promote your business .

Important City Numbers

City Hall Main Number	417-883-5840
Municipal Court Clerk	417-447-0085
Police Department	417-890-9876



City Hall Closures

- October 10: Columbus Day.** Offices will re-open Tuesday morning at 8 a.m.
- November 11: Veteran’s Day.** Offices will re-open Monday morning at 8 a.m.
- November 24 / 25: Thanksgiving.** Offices will re-open Monday morning at 8 a.m.
- December 23 / 26: Christmas.** Offices will re-open Tuesday morning at 8 a.m.

ELECTION DAY IS FAST APPROACHING!

Remember to vote November 8th.

Last day to register for this election is October 12th.

Check out the website for more information:

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

Hours of operation can also be found here along with how to do absentee voting if you are not available on November 8. Make your vote count. Call [\(417\) 868-4060](tel:4178684060). The polling place for Battlefield is **First Baptist Church** at the corner of Weaver Road and FF Hwy.

Red Cross Halloween Safety Tips for Kids and Adults

- Walk, slither, or sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms.
- Cross the street only at corners.
- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible and remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!
- Plan your route and share it with your family. If possible, have an adult go with you.
- Carry a flashlight to light your way.
- Keep away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)
- Visit homes that have the porch light on.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.
- Be cautious of animals and strangers.
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. Don't eat candy if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

Remember: Call 911 to request a Battlefield Police Officer

AUTISM FRIENDLY

Stars for Autism, a Battlefield based non-profit organization, paired with Branson Center Stage recently to raise over \$1800 for disability friendly improvements to the Battlefield Trail of Tears City Park. The talented Branson lineup included Larry Allred and the “What Four Band”, Natalie McDonald, Ben Stillwater, Timothy Critchley, and Rick Arnall and Kresleigh Hedrick. Mike Patrick from the Grand Country Music Hall served as the emcee for the event. Louie, the Springfield Cardinals mascot, joined in the fun. The event featured a silent auction with many generous donations. Battlefield, the "First Autism Friendly City in Missouri", appreciates the effort and the contribution, sending a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who worked on the event and all who attended from Battlefield. Special thanks to Alderman Linda Barboa for her tireless efforts on behalf of those affected by autism.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is recognized as National Preparedness Month, a four week initiative sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which focuses on building personal, family and community resiliency to disaster. This year’s theme is “**Don’t Wait, Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today**”. The goal is to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to any type of emergency they may face.

“Families who dedicate time to communicate about how they will respond to disaster are going to be in the best position to weather the next storm,” said Larry Woods, interim director of the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management. “A sense of complacency and thinking that it can’t or won’t happen to you is the worst enemy of preparedness.”

Preparedness efforts should be customized to the specific needs of your family and enhance your ability to survive a disaster event.

Key preparedness tips include:

- Building an emergency kit
- Creating a family emergency communications plan
- Connecting with community organizations focused on disaster response and recovery efforts

The Office of Emergency Management offers several opportunities to become involved in disaster preparedness

Volunteer needed for Advisory Park Board

The City is in need of a citizen willing to serve on our Advisory Park Board to assist with the planning of all the different events held at the Park each year. Please go to our website for the form or drop by City Hall. You can view the requirements through our City Codes that are online. See **Chapter 140 Public Parks Advisory Board**, at www.battlefieldmo.gov. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.