



# 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.

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR ANSWER-TIME

Thank you to everyone for the questions this month. A common concern regarded speeding vehicles and traffic controls on Highway FF.

Highway FF is under the jurisdiction of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). Consequently MoDOT is responsible for speed limits, roadway maintenance, snow removal, signage and other items as needed.

I will be meeting with MoDOT to share the concerns of our citizens and the city. I hope the discussion(s) will lead to possible solutions for the community.

Again, thank you for participating in our answer-time. If you wish to ask a question, please submit it to City Administrator Frank Schoneboom at [cityadmin@battlefieldmo.gov](mailto:cityadmin@battlefieldmo.gov).

## TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Please join us at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 6th, for our annual tree lighting ceremony. We will gather in the park to hear the Republic High School Choir perform new as well as traditional songs of the season which will be followed by the lighting of our tree and city hall. After the tree lighting join us for hot cocoa and cookies in the Community Room. Our Board of Aldermen will hold its monthly meeting following the event. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend the meeting.

## MEETINGS

*Board of Aldermen: December 6, 6:30 p.m.*

*Advisory Park Board: December 8, 6:30 p.m.*

*Planning and Zoning Commission: December 12, 6:00 p.m.*

*Municipal Court: December 14, 6:00 p.m.*

*Board of Aldermen: December 20, 6:30 p.m.*

*Economic Development Committee: December 21, 8:00 a.m.*

## ELECTION NOTICE

### NOTICE OF OFFICES TO BE FILLED AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to the legal voters of the City of Battlefield, MO, that the General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, for the following offices:

- One Alderman for Ward One for a two year term
- One Alderman for Ward Two for a two year term
- One Alderman for Ward Three for a two year term

Opening date for filing at City Hall is December 13, 2016, 8:00 a.m. Closing date is January 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Contact City Clerk Beth West at 417-883-5840 for more details.

## SANTA IN THE CITY

Our annual Santa in the City will be Saturday, December 10th from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. Put on your best Christmas outfit and come have your free picture taken with Santa. (Parents are welcome to take pictures, too.)

This will be a fun-filled morning with a coloring contest for kids 1-12 years of age with some great prizes for the winners in each age group. We will also have Christmas movies playing in the big room while you color.

As if that wasn't enough, there will also be a free pancake and sausage breakfast in the Community Room. This is hosted by local church groups as a community service. We ask you to bring one (or more) non-perishable food items as a donation. Cash donations are also accepted. All donations will be divided between the participating churches and used to help those in need during the holidays. Please come and join us, visit with Santa and have a great breakfast. See you there.

## SEWER AVERAGING

The City will be conducting its annual sewer averaging starting November 15th through February 14th, 2017. This three month average will determine your individual sewer rate beginning April 2017.

## City Numbers

<b>City Hall</b>	<b>417-883-5840</b>
<b>Municipal Court</b>	<b>417-447-0085</b>
<b>Police Department</b>	<b>417-890-9876</b>

**Remember: Call 911 to request a police officer**

## HOLIDAY SECURITY

Whether you're leaving or staying home this holiday season, you can take steps to help make them safer for your family and you.

If you are leaving, call us with your information for our Vacation Watch Program. We'll make officers aware you are going to be gone so they can help watch for suspicious activity. The best step you can take is to have trusted friends, relatives, or neighbors watch your house. They should make it look lived in by getting the mail daily, changing lighting, adjusting window shade patterns, etc.

If you stay home be careful what trash you put next to the curb. A box with a picture of a brand new big screen television or other electronic devices is a neon sign to a burglar. Tear the boxes down or better yet just recycle them.

It is sad to say, but many thefts this time of year come from within – usually cash and jewelry being stolen during a party or by people staying at your home; here, an ounce of prevention is truly worth it. People who would not otherwise consider stealing something are tempted by the opportunity and pressures of the season. Lock up your valuables!

Make sure you report suspicious activity immediately to 911. The Chief regularly receives calls from people who report something suspicious several days later – when in doubt, call. We'd rather investigate a dozen false alarms than have that one time when it matters go unreported.

## BURNING INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF BATTLEFIELD

It's that time of year again when our trees drop all their leaves in our yards. While you may be tempted to rake the leaves into a pile and burn them, please don't. Burning leaves or other yard or other burnable waste presents hazards to your home and your neighbors homes.

Take your leaves and other yard waste to the yard waste recycling facility located near the SW power plant. Take Highway M west toward Republic; turn right at Farm Road 107, cross the railroad tracks (careful at this point, it's not the most car/truck friendly crossing in the area), turn right at the stop sign and then follow the road until you hit the recycling facility. Limbs and other woody debris will cost you \$3.00/load while grass and leaves are free to dispose of.

Burning could get you a citation from the Battlefield Police or from the Fire Department which could cost you a whole lot more than recycling it. You may also be charged with negligent burning if by chance you caught your neighbors fence, accessory building or home on fire. If you have questions concerning burning, contact the Battlefield Police Department at 417-890-9876 or the Battlefield Fire Protection District at 417-881-9018. You may also go to the Fire District's website at [www.battlefieldfire.com](http://www.battlefieldfire.com).

If you are interested in attending the Dave Ramsey Course *Financial Peace University*, here is your opportunity. These classes are free and open to Battlefield residents.

### Take Control of Your Money One Step at a Time

Building a new future with money is a lot like building a home. You don't add the roof until you've finished framing, and you don't frame until the foundation is secure. Dave Ramsey's 7 Baby Steps are designed to help you out of debt and stress and into a life of saving and giving. We're all in different places with money. Start right where you are and get where you want to be.

### LEARN HOW TO LIVE DEBT FREE!!!!

Starting January 9, 2017 in Battlefield!

OPEN TO ALL  
NO ENROLLMENT FEE  
Mondays 7:00 – 8:30pm

BATTLEFIELD  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
@ CITY HALL

January 9 – March 6, 2017  
No children, please  
Refreshments served  
Call or Text Nathan @  
(417)840-8090 to Enroll

Dave Ramsey's  
**Financial Peace**  
UNIVERSITY