



# City of Battlefield Newsletter

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## Notes from the City Administrator—Rick Hess

The City needs your help and your time. We are looking for a volunteer for our Park Board, our Economic Development Committee, and our Planning & Zoning Board. All of these positions are vital to running an efficient city, so please consider volunteering. If you want more information, call City Hall at 883-5840, or visit the city website at [www.battlefieldmo.org](http://www.battlefieldmo.org).

Since the last newsletter there have been some exciting developments here in Battlefield. Two groundbreaking ceremonies were held: The first was for the new McDonalds/Convenience Store that is going in at Republic Road & FR 125, in front of the strip mall. The other was for Russell Cellular corporate headquarters building going in at FF and Somerset. In addition to the groundbreakings, two other businesses opened their doors:

Pond Creek Designs, an engineering firm, is located at the other end of the building from Godfathers Pizza.

Exodus Technologies, a computer hardware and software firm, is open in the strip mall between Andreas and Dollar General.

Keep an eye on progress of the new businesses going up, and if you're nearby, stop in and welcome them to Battlefield.

## PERSONAL STORM SHELTERS

If you have a personal storm shelter and have not informed us about it, please call 890-9876 and tell us where it is. We plan to take Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) readings of all shelters and load them into our city infrastructure database that is under construction. This information will enable us to find your storm shelter in the event of a destructive storm like the one in 2003.

## BATTLEFIELD NEWSMAKERS

Congratulations go out to Neil Brady, President of Anderson Engineering, Battlefield's City Engineering firm, for being selected one of the Springfield Business Journal's 40 under 40. The listing is a group of young business people making a difference in the Springfield area.

Also showcased in the Springfield Business Journal, is Battlefield's own James (Jim) Sparkman and his company, Battlefield Wire.

When you are at City Hall, please take a few minutes and fill out the citizen input surveys. This survey for the Park Board asks for input regarding what you would like to see at the new park proposed for Old Wire Road. The more ideas we have, the better we can customize the park to your interests. The other survey is about Drury University possibly holding for-credit evening classes this coming fall. They will only be held if there is enough interest from **YOU!** Please fill out and return the survey to City Hall.

## July 4th is coming soon!!!

Our annual 4th of July celebration in the park is coming up fast. Things will kick off around 5PM with the first of two bands, a variety of vendors, a booth hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, and other fun activities as well.

Along with the two bands, and Beau Buffington will be regaling us with music played on the bagpipes.

Another new event this year will be patriotic music that will be played during the fantastic fireworks display.

More information about the 4th of July celebration will be coming out in the next newsletter at the end of June.

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From the desk of Chief Valley

**FAMILY SAFETY FIRST**

With work and family activities we're all pretty busy. However, what priority do you put on your family's safety? Do your children know what to do if a stranger walked into your house? Do you have a safety code word? Do you lock your front door when you are in back working in the yard and visa versa? By hosting a meeting of your neighbors, you can help keep your home and Battlefield a safe place to work and live.

Consider hosting a meeting of your neighbors in your home or at City Hall. You pick how many people you want to invite and what activities to plan. The Battlefield Police Department will print flyers for you to distribute and provide a speaker. We have information about crime prevention, what constitutes suspicious activity, child safety, reporting events to the police and many other topics of concern. For information call the Battlefield Police Department at 890-9876.

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**Call 911:**

**If you need an officer or have an emergency you should call 911.** That includes when you are reporting suspicious people, crimes in progress, and past crimes. The Battlefield Police Department office is normally open from 8:00 AM to noon during weekdays. At other times the phone lines are forwarded to an officer who may not be available to take your call. For general questions and information you may call 890-9876 anytime.

**Please Help—Conserve and Protect our Precious Water Supplies.**

Even with all the rain we have had this spring, SW Missouri is using up its fresh water faster than it can be replenished. Here are some ways you can use less water and help keep the water returning back into circulation cleaner.

1. Watch your water usage, use it wisely. Not only will you help conserve this precious commodity, but you can also lower your water bill.
2. Have your soil tested before you fertilize so you get the right amount and type. Free soil testing kits are available from the James River Basin Partnership. Call 836-4847 for an appointment.
3. Use native plants—they require less water and can attract wildlife like butterflies and hummingbirds.
4. Plants can be used to prevent soil erosion on steep slopes and landscaped areas.
5. Consider using rainwater for irrigation, gardens, and landscaping by catching it in rain barrels or cisterns.

For more information visit [www.cuwaterwise.com](http://www.cuwaterwise.com) for more water saving tips.