



City Calendar

**BOW/ Council Meeting**

May 10 6:30 p.m.

**Parks and Rec.**

May 19 6:30 p.m.

**EDC**

May 31 8 a.m.

**RDC**

May 26 6:30 p.m.

**Utilities Meeting**

May 27 12 p.m.

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## COVID Vaccine Update

The City of Batesville continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and communicates with local health officials along with other agencies.



Anyone age 16 or older may now schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment. You can register for the Ripley County Health Department vaccine clinic by visiting <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine/> or calling 211. The final day for the Ripley County location is May 15.

Margaret Mary Health's vaccine clinic is located at 514 S. John Street and attendees should enter from Delaware Road.

Hours of operation in April are Tuesdays from 8am-7pm, Wednesdays from 8am-noon, and Thursdays from 8-7.

Get more information by visiting [mmhealth.org/covid-19](http://mmhealth.org/covid-19).

## Ripley County Businesses Eligible for COVID Grant



Ripley County is the recipient of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) COVID-19 Response, Phase 3 grant.

Ripley County has been awarded \$250,000 in federal grant funding and will use the funding to provide grants of up to \$10,000 to assist any eligible business.

Eligible businesses include those that have proven to be negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, have less than 100 employees, and must be located in Ripley County, Indiana OR be located in Batesville, Indiana within the limits of Franklin County.

The grant committee, also known as the Ripley County Economic Recovery Taskforce (RCERT) is made up of the Ripley County Economic Development Commission, Batesville Economic Development Commission, Ripley County Chamber of Commerce, Ripley County Tourism, Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (SIRPC).

More information, including application guidelines will be available in the upcoming weeks.

## Batesville Casket donates land for Trail project

Batesville Casket Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hillenbrand, Inc. (NYSE: HI) and a leader in the death care industry in North America, and the City of Batesville are recognizing Earth Day by announcing the company's donation of a 1.5-acre parcel of land to help expand the city's Trail project. The company has worked closely with Mayor Mike Bettice and his team to facilitate the land donation.



"Batesville has been a proud member of this community since 1906, and what better way to celebrate Earth Day and reinforce our commitment to sustainability than to donate a parcel of land that can help support the health and well-being of local residents," said Chris Trainor, President, Batesville Casket. "This is a small gesture on our part to help strengthen the resilience of our community and further the great work already underway."

The land along Highway 129 just south of highway 46 in Batesville will help the city connect Liberty Park to the Southeastern Indiana YMCA. This piece of the trail is part of a community-wide initiative to connect the city and make it more walkable, a foundational element of the concept of placemaking.

"On behalf of the city and its residents, I offer a sincere thank you to Batesville Casket for their gracious donation and for helping us achieve our goal to create a safe, walkable, connected community," said Mayor Mike Bettice, Batesville. "The city's longstanding partnerships with Hillenbrand and Batesville Casket have helped enhance our quality of life for decades and we are grateful for their continued support."

## Farmers Market Open on Saturdays

The Batesville Farmers Market will open for the season on May 1 and it takes place every Saturday from 8-11 a.m. in the Batesville Shopping Village.

Those interested in being a vendor are encouraged to reach out to the market through Facebook. The market is scheduled to be open every Saturday until the end of October.



## Coollest Thing Made in Indiana competition



Batesville businesses can now enter the Coolest Thing in Indiana competition. The statewide contest is hosted by the Indiana Chamber to celebrate the state's long manufacturing history.

Companies are limited to having one product nominated.

"We want to hear from companies that make all kinds of things," Chamber CEO Kevin Brinegar said. "Businesses that have been around for decades or budding entrepreneurs. Our goal is to showcase the wide variety of manufacturing efforts taking place in the state that have helped our economy thrive."

Businesses can now register and winners will be announced in early 2022.

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## Too Many Jobs and Not Enough Workers!

A labor shortage is jeopardizing economic expansion in almost every state, putting pressure on lawmakers to find ways to attract more residents and coax people who have dropped out of the workforce to rejoin it. I have heard from so many local businesses about your workforce shortage. I wanted to remind you that we have a job board on our website: [www.batesvillein.com/jobs/](http://www.batesvillein.com/jobs/).



**If you are hiring or need a job**

visit [www.batesvillein.com/jobs/](http://www.batesvillein.com/jobs/)

The Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce  
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## Remember When?



Pictured here (left to right) are John A. Hillenbrand, Dan Hillenbrand, Ray Hillenbrand and August Hillenbrand

## Stay Connected!

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City Court Judge	933-6102
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Economic Development	933-6113
Fire & EMS	934-2230
Mayor's Office	933-6100
Parks and Recreation	934-4560
Police	934-3131
Street Department	934-4393
Wastewater Treatment	934-5338
Water & Gas	934-3811