



City Calendar

**Board of Works/  
City Council**

Aug. 10 6:30 p.m.

**Parks Board**

Aug. 19 6:30 p.m.

**Economic Dev.  
Commission**

Aug. 21 8 a.m.

**Redevelopment  
Commission**

Aug. 26 6:30 p.m.

**Utilities Board**

Aug. 27 Noon

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## City officially opens Freedom Park

The City of Batesville hosted a grand opening ceremony to unveil the name of the new park on Six Pine Ranch Road on July 4. Freedom Park was chosen by the Batesville Parks & Recreation Board after reviewing public submissions for the name last year.



The park features a walking trail, playground site, picnic tables and benches, an observation deck, and parking area. The large playground was made possible by generous donations from Lance and Ronda Green and the Belterra Community Fund. In total, there were nearly \$40,000 in public and private contributions for amenities at the park.

“This project really shows how our community works together, from the hospital donating the land to all of the donations, it all directly benefits current and future residents and visitors of our city,” said Mayor Mike Bettice. “Batesville has been growing on the north side of town for years and I believe this park will only get more use as our city continues to grow.”

Margaret Mary Health donated the 3-acre parcel of land for development of the park. The City trail connects to the existing walking path behind the Margaret Mary Outpatient & Cancer Center.

## Water supply project on pace, on budget

Progress continues on the long-term water supply solution for the City of Batesville as the project remains on time and on budget.

Construction crews have completed nearly eight miles of the 16-mile pipeline from city-owned property near Metamora that will connect to a new water treatment plant in Batesville. The project is expected to be complete in 2021.

## Batesville has 75% response rate for Census

The census is mandatory to fill out every ten years as the nation updates demographics and the information is used to distribute public funds to cities.

Batesville residents have a 75 percent self-response rate for the 2020 census which is higher than the state average of 67 percent.

You can fill out the census online, by phone or by mail. Visit [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) to begin.



## Large trash pickup is August 1

Large trash collection is set for Saturday, August 1. Items should be set outside the night before to ensure they are not missed. Pickup starts at 5 a.m. Saturday.

Some acceptable items include furniture, appliances, paint cans and clothing. Rumpke will not collect items such as construction materials, auto parts, metal framing or any electric devices containing mercury.

The final large trash pickup of the year is scheduled for Saturday, November 7.

## Non-Profit Spotlight: Project T3

Totes for Tots and Teens (Project T3) provides foster children in Southeastern Indiana with an overnight bag as they are being placed into foster care. The overnight bags contain both comfort and necessity items in order to help foster kids transition into a new home little easier.

Project T3 also provides children in foster care or family placement in the Southeastern Indiana area with a backpack and school supplies. These children may otherwise show up for school without the required backpack or supplies. Since 2007, they have provided 18,000 backpacks.



The non-profit currently serves Ripley, Dearborn, Ohio, Jefferson, Switzerland, Jennings, Scott, Jackson, Decatur, Shelby, Bartholomew, Fayette, Union, Rush, and Franklin counties.

You can contact the organization by visiting their website at <https://www.projectt3.org/>.



## Historical Society showcases music history

The Batesville Area Historical Society is currently showing the "It's Musical" exhibit which features instruments, photos and stories of musical history in Batesville.

The museum is open Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturdays from 9-12 p.m. or by appointment. It is located at 15 W. George Street.

## Road upgrades planned in Batesville

The City of Batesville will conduct paving projects over the next two months on several roads.

Improvements will be made to: Huntersville Road from the tunnel to Sycamore, Westbrook Drive to County Line Road, White Oak, Hawthorne, EGS Boulevard, Edgewood Drive to the dead end and Fisherman Drive.

The work has been contracted to Paul H. Rohe Company and is expected to be complete by November.

## One Batesville Response Fund

Do you know someone who has been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic? There are grants available for both families and businesses to help with paying bills and for necessities.

The fund was launched through the Batesville Area Resource Center and all requests remain confidential.

Visit [batesvilleresoucecenter.com](http://batesvilleresoucecenter.com) or call (812) 932-2272 to get more information.

Batesville Historical Center Summer Fundraiser

# SIP, SNACK & STROLL

Friday, August 21, 2020

A historical walking tour of Batesville featuring a sampling of safely served food and drink from Gillman's, Izzy's, Batesville Liquor Co., The Sherman, and Snickers & Peanuts. Two door prizes this year compliments of Thrive Market. A fun outdoor event for ages 21 & up!

Food & drink served in the garden beginning at 5:15 pm  
Tour begins at 6:30 pm  
15 West George Street

MEMBERS \$35 NON-MEMBERS \$40

Limited Reservations, Prepay Required by August 14  
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## Remember When?



Batesville native Joe Benz played for the Chicago White Sox from 1911-1919 and even threw a no-hitter! He earned the nickname "Butcher Boy Benz" when Chicago media discovered his family owned a slaughterhouse in Batesville.

## City Services

(812 area code)

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Clerk-Treasurer	933-6101
City Court Judge	933-6102
Community Development	933-6116
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
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