



Meeting Calendar

City Council

Monday, Dec. 12  
6:30 p.m.

Economic Dev. Commission

Friday, Dec. 19  
8 a.m.

Parks and Rec. Board

Wed., Dec. 21  
6:30 p.m.

Redevelopment Commission

Wed., Dec 28  
6:30 p.m.

Water & Gas

Thurs., Dec. 29  
12 p.m.

City Offices Closed:

Dec. 23-26

Dec. 30-Jan. 2

Schedules are subject to change. Stay up to date at [batesvilleindiana.us](http://batesvilleindiana.us)

## Message from the Mayor

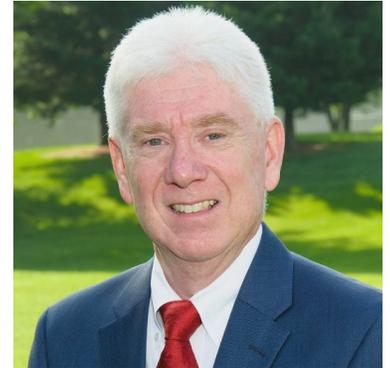
The City of Batesville is excited to unveil the first edition of our monthly newsletter! Our goal is to improve access to information for all citizens.

This newsletter will provide information on community resources, events and activities as well as updates on major projects.

“Our community deserves an open government that is as transparent as possible,” said Mayor Mike Bettice. “I believe it is a benefit to our whole community when we can boost citizen access to the services and resources that are here.”

You can view this document on the city website and it is also available at select locations around town. Visit our website and register to receive the monthly newsletter by email.

We want to hear your feedback so don't hesitate to reach out if you have an idea or story you would like to share!



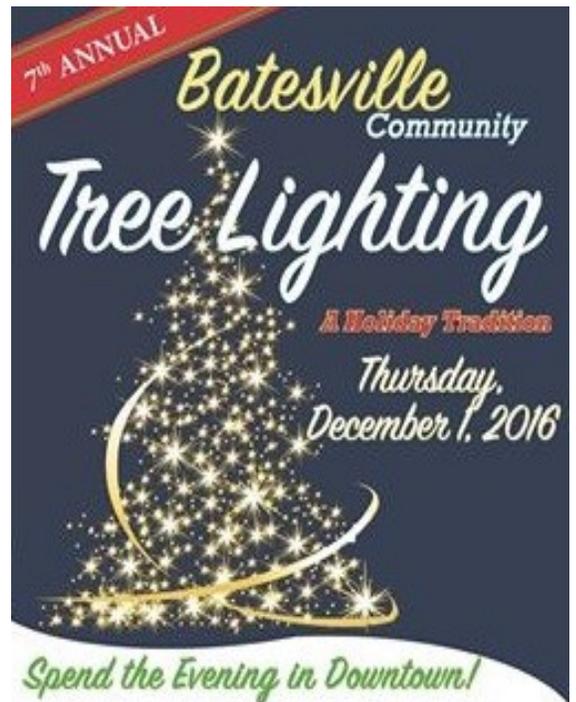
Mayor Mike Bettice

## Tree Lighting Celebration

Join us for the seventh annual Tree Lighting Ceremony December 1. Bring the whole family to downtown Batesville and enjoy Christmas carols, horse-drawn carriage rides, refreshments, a parade and the brand new “Elfie Selfie” station.

Activities kick off at 5 p.m. at the Historical Society Museum followed by the official tree lighting at 6 p.m. at the Bike Park.

Stay around afterwards for free music and entertainment at the Gibson Theatre and Amack's Well.



*Happy Holidays from the City of Batesville!*

## Holiday contest helps needy families



The popular Deck Your House contest has returned for its second year.

The house decorating contest was created by Batesville resident Ryan Stauffer, I I, and encourages homeowners to display Christmas lights and be recognized for their efforts.

Interested participants must donate five canned goods to enter the contest. The deadline to apply is November 30.

Voting begins during the Tree Lighting Ceremony and will conclude on Friday, December 16. Cast your vote at the Memorial Building, Batesville library or YMCA.

One canned good equals one vote. All donations go to the Batesville food pantry. Winners will be announced and awarded with gifts on Monday, December 19.

## Large trash pickup set for Dec. 3

The last large trash collection of the year will be Saturday, December 3. Items should be set outside the night to ensure items 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.

For a complete list click the Resident Resources tab on the city website.

## New sculpture roams into Batesville

Batesville is now home to a bison! The five-foot fiberglass sculpture was delivered in November as part of a statewide public art project in conjunction with Indiana's Bicentennial Celebration.

Duke Energy has donated bison to communities across the state and local artists have been tasked with decorating them. Batesville resident Mary K. Cambron is currently painting our project before it is publically displayed.

Wild bison commonly wandered Indiana in the pioneer era and the animal is now depicted on the state seal. Indiana will officially mark 200 years of statehood on December 11.



Cambron (left) and Anne Raver welcome the bison sculpture to Batesville.

## Congratulations too..

### The Sherman earns \$100K grant

The Sherman, previously known as the Sherman House, was awarded \$100,000 from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs Historic Renovation Grant Program. The funding will go toward ongoing exterior renovations before the restaurant opens under new ownership in early 2017. It is owned by Georg Heringer and Peyton Hughes.

### Music studio gets nat'l recognition

Miss Shannon's Music Studio received the 2015 Musikgarten Exemplary Program Award.

Only seventy-five programs in North America received the award which recognizes studios that offer a full complement of Musikgarten classes for children from birth to the age of 9.

The studio is operated by Shannon Kramer Mullins and is located at 13 E Boehringer Street.

## Batesville Outdoors

Parks and Recreation Department



### Trails are growing; New flag pole?

Work has begun on a new walking path that will go through The Plex. The route will add nearly one more mile to the city's trail system. Its part of a long term plan to extend the city's trails. The state has vowed nearly \$1M, starting in 2021, to expand Batesville's walking paths.

The Batesville Parks and Recreation Department is also seeking donations for a new flag pole. The flagpole would be placed at Liberty Field near the outfield scoreboard.

"The new flagpole would be 40' tall with an 8" base and hold a much larger flag. The flag would be very visible from the field, grandstand and South Street," said Parks Commissioner Mike Baumer.

Those interested can call the Parks Dept. at (812) 934-4560.

## NEW TRAVEL CHANGES

### Stop signs going up

- West George Street at intersection with Walnut Street.
- Intersection of Morton Way, Benz Court and Hoosier Heights Drive.
- South Street at intersection with Eastern Avenue.

### Stop signs coming down

- Arlington Drive at intersection with Woodfield Drive.
- Central Avenue at intersection with Eastern Avenue.
- East Pearl Street at intersection with Depot Street.
- Park Avenue at intersection with Catherine Street.

**NOTE: City Council approved these changes in October 2016. Installation/removal will take place after required protocols.**



## Hundreds brave cold for annual Holiday Parade

It started looking a little more like Christmas on Saturday, November 19.

Local families lined the streets and kids grabbed handfuls of candy during the Holiday Parade.

The Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual event which has ushered the holiday spirit into Batesville for more than a generation.

After the parade, Santa and his reindeer flew into town and visited Romweber Marketplace. Kids met Mr. Claus while parents checked out food and craft booths.

The City of Batesville appreciates the volunteers, first responders and families who made it a successful event. Thank you!



## Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities

### Batesville Police Department now hiring



The Batesville Police Department is accepting applications for a fulltime police officer. The ideal candidate will be at least 21 years of age, high school graduate, clean record, pass mandatory drug screening and background checks, along with additional department requirements.

The police department is also taking applications for a part time dispatcher. Applicants should be willing to work multiple shifts along with weekends and holidays. Candidates also will have strong communication skills, good customer service and the ability to work in a

high-pressured environment.

Applications for both positions are available at the police department and the BPD website. The deadline to apply is December 5.



## EMT'S & PARAMEDICS WANTED

City of Batesville Fire / EMS is now accepting applications for part-time EMT's and Paramedics. Please contact Chief Todd Schutte at 812-934-2230 for more information.

- Must be a resident citizen of the United States
- Must be 18 years old to apply
- Must have a high school diploma or GED certificate
- Cannot have a felony conviction
- Cannot have a misdemeanor conviction involving domestic violence
- Must possess a valid driver's license
- Cannot have been dishonorably discharged from the military
- Must pass a mandatory drug screening test
- Must have strong typing and computer skills
- Must be Indiana Licensed Paramedic or Certified EMT



## Want to get involved?

They say, "You can't beat Batesville."

That's because of our of passionate citizens, nonprofits and volunteers.

**Many of these groups are seeking members for 2017!**

Contact Community Development if you want to make Batesville even better!

**NOTICE**

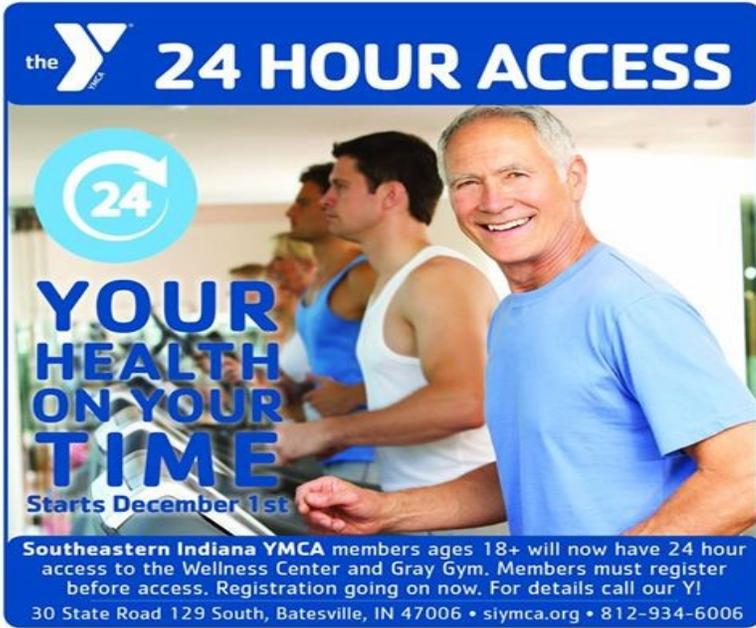
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**Parking Lot Closure**

The Bike Park parking lot, adjacent to East Pearl and George streets will be closed from 1 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, December 1 to prepare for Tree Lighting Ceremony.

**Stay Connected!**

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- Council Member Kevin Chaffee (At-large)  
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**the Y 24 HOUR ACCESS**

**YOUR HEALTH ON YOUR TIME**  
Starts December 1st

Southeastern Indiana YMCA members ages 18+ will now have 24 hour access to the Wellness Center and Gray Gym. Members must register before access. Registration going on now. For details call our Y!  
30 State Road 129 South, Batesville, IN 47006 • siymca.org • 812-934-6006

*From the Archives*

The original Batesville Town Hall was on the corner of Main and Catherine streets. It was built in 1887 and replaced by the existing Memorial Building in 1923.



Photo courtesy of Batesville Area Historical Society

**City Services**

(812 area code)

- Building Commissioner 933-6103
- City Clerk 933-6101
- Community Development 363-3645
- Economic Development 933-6113
- Fire & EMS 933-2230
- Mayor's Office 933-6100
- Parks and Recreation 934-4560
- Police 934-3131
- Street Department 934-4393
- Wastewater Treatment 934-5338
- Water & Gas Utility 934-3811