



City Calendar

Large Trash Pickup

Feb. 2

BAAC Art Auction

Feb. 8 6 p.m.

City Council/ Board of Works

Feb. 11 6:30 p.m.

EDC

Feb. 15 8 a.m.

Park Board

Feb. 20 6:30 p.m.

RDC

Feb. 27 6:30 p.m.

Water & Gas

Feb. 28 Noon

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Ice Rink, Cherry Thing-A-Ling's in February 🍒

Schmidt's Bakery will celebrate its President's Day tradition of serving Cherry Thing-A-Ling's from Thursday, February 14 to Tuesday, February 19.



The annual event that attracts 5,000 people to downtown Batesville will be expanded to include an ice rink from 5-9 p.m. Friday, February 15 and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 16.

Batesville Main Street and the City of Batesville organized the rink which will be at the Village Green parking lot. It is available for all ages and skates are provided. There is no cost to participate as Main Street will accept free-will donations.

The 60 by 80-foot synthetic ice rink rental was made possible by financial support and in-kind donations from 20 local organizations.

The bakery, owned by Bertie and Clem Schmidt, has served the deep-fried cherry fritters for more than a half century. Being available only once a year, this President's Day weekend tradition is based on the legend of George Washington chopping down a cherry tree.

"We are blessed to have the community embrace this and look forward to it every year, this is something that makes Batesville exciting," said owner Bertie Schmidt.

In 2018, the final tally was 118,910 Cherry Thing-A-Ling's sold which was the largest ever.

State of the City on Feb. 19

Mayor Mike Bettice will deliver the State of the City on Tuesday, February 19, at the Batesville Middle School Commons.

Mayor Bettice will review city finances, provide information on projects and initiatives in 2019 and be available for questions and feedback. The presentation will begin at 6 p.m. and is open to the public.



FEBRUARY 8TH
AT 6:00 PM

8:30 - 11:30 PM
ENDLESS SUMMER BAND

WALHILL FARM
BATESVILLE, IN

6:00 PM
SILENT AUCTION BEGINS

29TH ANNUAL ART AUCTION

Around THE World
and BAAC again



Council OK's tax abatement for Hill-Rom expansion

Hill-Rom will invest more than \$4 million to upgrade two local sites while adding 35 engineering jobs to Batesville in 2019.

The initiative led City Council to unanimously approve a 30 percent property tax abatement over the next ten years.

The company will add an expansion onto the Innovation Center and will upgrade the interior of the Ritter Plant.

Construction is expected to begin in February and be complete in the fall. Hill-Rom plans to fill the jobs by July.

Large trash pickup set for Feb. 2

The first large trash collection of the year will be Saturday, February 2. Items should be set outside the night before to ensure they are collected. 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. The next large trash collection is scheduled for May 4.

Fire Department Offers Winter Safety Tips



The bitter cold we experienced last month serves as a reminder to take precautions to avoid house fires. Batesville Fire & Rescue has some tips to keep you and your family safe.

On January 30, the fire department responded to a chimney fire on Hillcrest Avenue. The fire was quickly extinguished and there was no damage to the structure.

To prevent chimney fires, have a professional inspect and clean your chimney and vents every year.

Other tips:

- Space heaters need to be plugged directly into an electrical outlet
- Never use an extension cord with a space heater.
- If you buy a space heater, make sure it has an automatic shut-off switch.
- Keep portable generators outside and away from windows, as far away as possible from your home.
- Be sure to install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.
- Keep and maintain fire extinguishers in the home.
- Be sure to disconnect and drain your garden hose during cold weather.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from space heaters.
- If you detect a gas leak, or smell gas, call 911.

If you've got any questions about these tips, feel free to call Batesville Fire & Rescue at (812) 934-2230.

Batesville Outdoors

Parks and Recreation Department

Ice Cream Shop planned for Liberty Park

Batesville Parks and Recreation Board approved a request by New Horizons to repurpose a vacant Liberty Park building into an ice cream shop.



New Horizons and Parks Commissioner Mike Baumer unveiled a remodeling concept to the Board. Donations are needed in order to remodel the building. The project could be complete by 2020.

The ice cream business would allow New Horizons associates to learn skills like food preparation and money management. The shop could also be utilized by other community organizations.

Sponsors sought for new park

Batesville Parks Department is keeping busy this winter by preparing for the future park on Six Pine Ranch Road.



The City officially broke ground on the park in September and the Parks Department has accepted gifts and donations from individuals, businesses, and community organizations.

In January, the department assembled picnic tables and benches which will be placed at the park when it opens.

Sponsors are still needed for a trash can, small message board and an additional picnic table.

“Any donated item will have a small plaque attached indicating the donor if requested,” said Parks Commissioner Mike Baumer. “Items can be donated by individuals, groups, or businesses.”

Contact the Parks Dept. at (812) 212-0603 or visit the Memorial Building for more information.

Drug Coalition substance abuse survey now open

The Coalition for a Drug Free Batesville is currently requesting community members participate in the 2019 Community Perception Survey.

This survey asks community members about their thoughts on a variety of topics around substance use and abuse.

The Coalition then uses the results from this survey to look at what the community perception is on specific topics to allow them to create what their focus of work will be over the next year and beyond.

Those who complete the survey, will be put in to a drawing for a \$50 gift card if you choose to include your name and e-mail address at the completion of the survey.

To take the survey go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019BatesvilleCommunitySurvey>.





Featuring:

**Batesville's Village Green
Iceless Ice Skating Rink**

Ice skates provided
Freewill offering

Friday, February 15

5 PM - 9 PM

Saturday, February 16

10 AM - 8 PM

Junior Skate (age 5 and under) Sat. 3 PM - 4 PM

* In case of inclement weather, the ice skating rink, including food vendors, will be moved to Liberty Park Pavilion

* Feel free to bring your own skates and to set up your own chairs, pop-up tents and blankets at the rink

Events

Mayor's Speech: Fri. @ 5:00 PM

Ice Sculpting Demonstration: Sat. @ 12:00 PM

Cherry Pit Spitting Contest: Sat. @ 3:30 PM

Cherry Guessing Contest: throughout festival

Festival Food Vendors

Lil' Charlie's Restaurant & Brewery

Hickory Smoked BBQ Pulled Pork & Chicken

Texas Chili

Big Four Cafe

Sloppy Joe Lunch Boxes

Soda, Lemonade & Coffee

Snickers & Peanuts

Variety of Soups

Participating Local Businesses

Miss Shannon's Music Studio

Scholarship fundraiser, dinner & silent auction May 4, 2019, tickets (\$60) can be purchased by calling (812) 212-6498

Schmidt Bakery

Thurs. 4:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Fri. & Sat. 4:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sun. 5:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Mon. 4:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tri-State Artisans

Thurs. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM, Fri. 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Sat. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Painting events, DIY stations & Aunt Bea's Gifts coloring contest ages 4-9

Twice Blessed

Thursday - Monday extra 20% off everything

Batesville Liquor Co.

Fri. wine tasting with Som. Sarah Mills & Macke, Sat. all sorts of cherry tastings

Bird In a Tree Boutique

Fri. & Sat. special extended hours, #sweetasacherry selfie contest to win \$50 gift card, extra 10% off sale items

Lil' Charlie's Restaurant & Brewery

Thurs. - Sat.

Dinner Specials: Cherry Salsa & Chips (appetizer), Salmon with Balsamic Cherry Sauce, Bacon Wrapped Pork Loin with Cherry Bourbon Sauce

Drink Specials: Cherry Limeade, Cherry Long Island, Cherry Vodka Martini

Big Four Cafe

7:00 AM - 2:00 PM everyday

The Sherman

Fri. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM live music from Hippy Fingers & free appetizer buffet, Sat. \$1 shrimp, Sun. half price appetizers, Mon. 50% off pasta bar

Amack's Well

Fri. & Sat. 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Stop in for a Cherry Pie Misto drink & check out their special decorations in celebration of this local event!

Izzy's at Hillcrest

Fri. & Sat. 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM, Sun. 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Mon. 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Specials: Cherry Glazed Pork Chops & Cherry Vanilla Bread Pudding

Walnut St Variety Shop

Fri. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Sat. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Gift certificate drawings, 10% off regular retail prices

The Keepers Attic

Thurs. & Fri. 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM, Sat. 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Store-wide sale Friday & Saturday

The Old Shubox

10% off all items marked with a cherry

Fabulous Finds & Designs

Thurs. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Fri. 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM,

Sat. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

10% off all furniture and pictures over \$50, gift certificate drawing

“ ENGLISH CLASSES ”

English as a Second Language Class
Every Monday
6:30 - 8:00pm
Batesville Public Library,
Room A
Practice English with volunteer helpers!

Refreshments provided
(Childcare provided if necessary)
The class and materials are FREE!
People from all countries are welcome!

Sponsored by the Hispanic Community Advisory Committee
(Contact Joy Lake at 1-812-212-3867 with questions)



Stay Connected!

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Building Commissioner	933-6103
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
Water & Gas	934-3811

Remember When?



This photo shows the railroad signal tower on the main railroad line east of Batesville toward Morris. The signal tower was built in 1898. (Paul Wycoff)