



City Calendar

**City Council/
Board of Works**

Feb. 10 6:30 p.m.

Parks Board

Feb. 19 6:30 p.m.

EDC

Feb. 21 8 a.m.

**Redevelopment
Commission**

Feb. 26 6:30 p.m.

Utilities Board

Feb 27 Noon

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State of the City set for Feb. 18



Batesville Mayor Mike Bettice will deliver the State of the City on Tuesday, February 18, at the Batesville Middle School Commons.

Mayor Bettice will review city finances, the 2020 budget, provide information on projects and initiatives and be available for questions and answers. The presentation will begin at 6 p.m. and is open to the public.

Chamber Gives Awards at Annual Dinner

The Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual awards dinner in late January and honored two volunteers, an educator and an organization for their commitments to improving Batesville.



Coalition for a Drug Free Batesville Director Kim Linkel, who also leads the Mayor's Youth Council, was awarded Volunteer of the Year.

Batesville Schools Superintendent Paul Ketcham was recognized as Educator of the Year

Mary Dickey, executive director for the Margaret Mary Health Foundation and also a volunteer on various non-profit committees, was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.

The Organization of the Year was given to the John A. Hillenbrand Foundation which has given millions of dollars to projects that better the Batesville area since the foundation was established in 1950.

Winter Festival in Batesville February 14-16



Don't miss the Winter Festival during President's Day weekend!

Batesville Main Street will host the festival the same weekend as Cherry Thing-A-Ling's which is expected to attract thousands to downtown Batesville. The festival will feature an iceless ice rink, food vendors, axe throwing and other fun activities.

The ice rink will be open every weekend until March 8. Local organizations have the opportunity to "adopt" and staff the rink as a fundraiser.

Find out more information on page 3 or by visiting Batesville Main Street's Facebook page!

Take the Drug Coalition Survey!

The Coalition for a Drug Free Batesville is currently conducting the 2020 Community Perception Survey.

Community members are encouraged to take the survey and share feedback on a variety of topics including substance use and abuse. Survey data helps the Coalition decide areas of focus over the next year and beyond.



Those who take the survey are eligible for a \$50 gift card if you submit your name. The survey link can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H5RZ28T>.

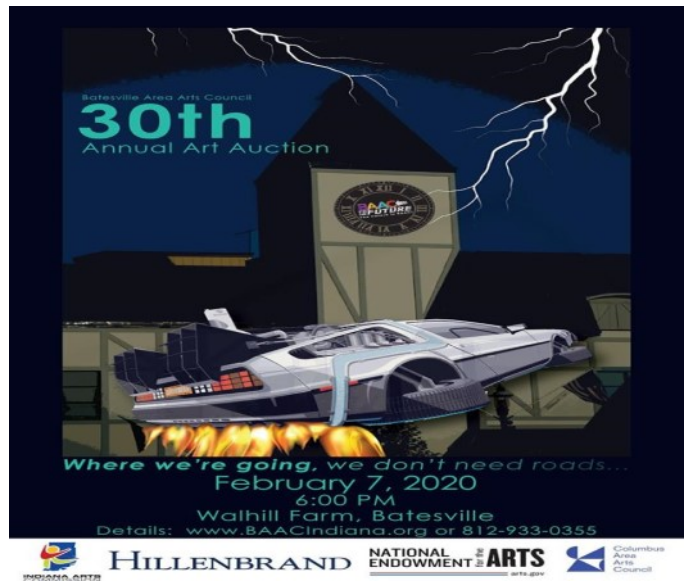
Progress Continues on New Park



Batesville Parks Department continues to upgrade the new park on Six Pine Ranch Road.

Construction is currently underway on an overlook deck for the nature preserve and a new swing set for toddlers which is expected to be ready for Spring 2020.

The 3-acre park was donated from Margaret Mary Health and also features a playground and a walking trail that connects to MMH Cancer Center.



Non-Profit Spotlight: Batesville Kiwanis



The Batesville Kiwanis was chartered in 1977 and has been fulfilling their mission of helping children and the community ever since.

The organization sponsors several events and programs including Applefest, Annual Carnival, FFA's Farm City Banquet, Prayer Breakfast, free movies at the Gibson and the Kiwanis Student Leadership Academy (KSLA).

Would you like to get involved? Contact Kiwanis President Paul Ketcham at (812) 212-0837!

BIG Grant Cycles End on Feb. 29, May 31

The City of Batesville's Building Improvement Grant (BIG) provides matching funds of up to \$5,000 to small businesses wanting to make permanent improvements to the exterior of their structure.

A change to the application process now has two grant cycles each year, as opposed to four in 2019. The first cycle is due February 29 with the second cycle having a due date of May 31, 2020.

Get information on eligibility, the application and the approval process by visiting the City of Batesville's website and clicking the Economic Development tab.

Batesville Main Street
is excited to welcome you to

Winter Festival

Iceless Ice Skating Rink
at
Batesville's Village Green
\$5 per skate rental

Friday, February 14
5 PM - 9 PM
Saturday, February 15
10 AM - 8 PM
Sunday, February 16
12 PM - 5 PM

<p>Festival Food Vendors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday & Saturday Smitty's Hotdogs Saturday Snickers & Peanuts Sunday Lil' Charlies (hot chocolate throughout event) 	<p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live DJ: Friday & Saturday Ice Sculpting Demonstration: Sat. 1 PM Face Painting: Sat. 1 PM - 3 PM Cherry Pit Spitting Contest: Sat. 2 PM - 3 PM Axe Throwing: Sat. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (\$4.5 per person)
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Ice Rink will also be open

- Friday 2/21, 2/28 & 3/6 from 5 - 9 PM
- Saturday 2/22, 2/29 & 3/7 from 12 - 6 PM
- Sunday 2/23, 3/1 & 3/8 from 12 - 5 PM

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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

Water & Gas 934-3811

Remember When?



Batesville Novelty Company was located at the corner of North Vine and Hillenbrand Avenue and continued business until 1911, when they went into receiver's hands, and the business was dissolved.