



City Calendar

Board of Works / City Council

June 11 6:30 p.m.

Economic Dev. Commission

June 15 8 a.m.

Parks Board

June 20 6:30 p.m.

Music & Arts Fest.

June 20-22

Water & Gas

June 28 Noon

ISO Performance

July 1 8 p.m.

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Star-Spangled Symphony on July 1



Batesville will host the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO) and fireworks at the PLEX baseball and softball park, 922 Delaware Road, on Sunday, July 1.

Hillenbrand and the Rural Alliance for the Arts partnered with ISO to present the orchestra's Star-Spangled Symphony for the first of three annual free performances in Batesville.

This partnership is designed to increase the quality of life through arts and culture in Southeastern Indiana.

“As a company, we understand that strong communities play an integral role in building a strong workforce,” said Joe Raver, President and CEO, Hillenbrand. “Investing in our communities to provide increased access to arts and cultural opportunities will build our region’s capacity to engage, innovate, inspire, and drive a robust quality of place. We’re very pleased to bring this opportunity to our region which will serve our current workforce and work to attract future employees.”

Pack your picnic and wear your red, white, and blue for the ISO's annual celebration of America. The ISO will salute all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. The event will feature symphony favorites, including Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.

Gates open at 4:00 p.m. and parking is available in multiple locations including shuttle service from downtown. Follow local media for updates and information.

Batesville military banners coming soon

The City will honor past, current and fallen service members by installing banners throughout downtown beginning this summer.

The free program will feature more than 100 local soldiers representing each branch of the military and eras ranging from WWI to active duty.



“We are honored to have this opportunity to pay back those people who have spent time in the military and sacrificed more than most,” said Mayor Mike Bettice.

Families have had the opportunity to submit loved ones and a walking guide will be available to share biographical information on each service member. The program takes place consecutive years from Memorial Day to Veterans Day.

Firehouse News

Batesville Fire hires two new firefighters

Batesville Fire & Rescue is pleased to announce the hiring of two full-time firefighters.

Donovan Imel, 23, is a 2014 Waldron High School graduate and has worked as a part-time EMT for Batesville Fire & Rescue since July 2015.

Gary Hardin III, 23, will continue his family’s legacy as a third-generation firefighter. The 2013 Franklin County High School graduate has served on Sunman Rural Fire Department for five years.



“My father and grandfather have both been firefighters so I’ve been involved in the fire service my whole life,” explained Hardin. “I remember going to fires when I was a young kid and honestly there is nothing else I would rather do.”

Both firefighters successfully completed an extensive hiring process and have the necessary Firefighter II and EMT-B certifications.

New Playground Set Opens at Liberty Park

The City of Batesville cut the ribbon on new playground equipment at Liberty Park last month.

The playground is specifically designed for children ages 2-5. The remaining playground equipment is age-appropriate for the 5-12 age group.

“We want to maintain Liberty Park as a family-friendly experience for the entire family and this new playground set is a testament to that,” said Batesville Parks Commissioner Mike Baumer.

The installation of the playground and resurfacing was made possible through generous grants from Rising Sun Regional Foundation, John A. Hillenbrand Foundation and Batesville City Council.



“We are fortunate to have foundations like Rising Sun, John A. Hillenbrand and City Council who support recreational opportunities for our children and this project would not have happened without them,” said Mayor Mike Bettice.

June 20 - 22 • Liberty Park

45th Annual Music & Arts Festival

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p style="text-align: center;">Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra 7:30pm - 9:30pm</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> </div> <p style="font-size: 8px;">Burgers, Grilled Chicken, Alcohol, Desserts & Kona Ice Sales. + B&G Dairy Bar Ice Cream!</p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">The Music & Arts Festival is made possible through generous donations from the John A. Hillenbrand Foundation.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 8px;"> </div>	<p style="font-size: 8px;">Presented by Miss Shannon's</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“The Adventures of Frog and Toad” 5:30pm</p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">RAA Art Show, 6-8pm Downtown @ Amack's</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jonathon & Samantha Stinson 6:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bryce & Randy Mullins 7:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YorkRidge Boys 8pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Big Four Café</i></p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">+ B&G Dairy Bar Ice Cream! Street Tacos, Desserts, Kona Ice & alcohol sales</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px;">103.9 WRBI & Jim True Ford Present:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dustin Huff 7:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Howlin' Brothers A Nashville based String Band 7:30pm</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center;"> </div> <p style="font-size: 8px;">+ B&G Dairy Bar Ice Cream! Pasta & Fresh Salads, Alcohol, Desserts & Kona Ice sales.</p>

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We're on Facebook: Batesville Music & Arts Festival • No Coolers allowed in beer garden area

Police Beat

Straber will teach self-defense program

Batesville Police Officer Jamie Straber will be offering a women’s self-defense program on June 20-21.



The R.A.D. (Rape, Aggression & Defense) Systems of Self Defense program provides a holistic approach to self-defense education and includes educational components comprised of lecture, discussion and physical-resistive strategies.

There is no cost to attend, however registration is required by calling (812) 933-5583. The program is in partnership with Margaret Mary Health.

The Batesville Police Department met with several organizations to talk about police work last month. Margaret Mary Health Community Health, Ripley County Community Foundation, the Southeastern YMCA and BMS eighth graders came to the police department to show support for law enforcement.

The police department was also recognized by Girls on the Run. Members of Girls on the Run were asked to recognize someone for community impact.

“We appreciate their thoughtfulness and support as each organization plays a vital role in our community and we appreciate their service to the community,” said Chief Stan Holt.



Register for Kids Discovery Camp in July

Kindergartners through sixth graders can now be registered for Kids Discovery Factory’s 6th Annual STEAM Enrichment Day Camp on July 9-12.

Age-specific activities are themed around Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Campers will practice computer coding, experience a day-in-the-career of a local STEAM professional and explore the on-site Kids Discovery Mobile Factory’s collection of engaging STEAM exhibits.

Visit <http://www.kidsdiscoveryfactory.org/> for more information. The deadline to register is June 8.

Planning a Party? Rent a Shelter at the Park

The City of Batesville encourages the community to take advantage of our shelters at Liberty Park. Enjoy family reunions, summer parties, a wedding, or just a relaxing event outdoors!

Shelter reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and you can find out availability by visiting the city website.

Options include the pavilion, six different shelters or the gazebo.

Any entity with a 501(c)3 status or other tax-exempt status may receive up to a 50% discount on any rental property.

Call (812) 933-6100 or visit <https://batesvilleindiana.us/> for more information.



Main Street/Hillenbrand road project complete

The storm-water improvement project along Main Street and Hillenbrand Avenue is now complete.

The two-month project included street resurfacing, excavating of dirt, earth work, and sections of sidewalk, curb and gutter repair. Work was performed by Dave O’ Mara Contractors.

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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?



A poster of the proposed Liberty Park from the late 1910’s to early 1920’s. Some features like the pool and bathhouse did not materialize but the half-mile racetrack was a reality. The park remains an “Ideal Summer Resort!”