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**Meeting Calendar**

**Board of Works / City Council**

Monday, June 12

6:30 p.m.

**Economic Dev.**

**Commission**

Friday, June 16

8 a.m.

**Redevelopment**

**Commission**

Wed., June 28

6:30 p.m.

**Water & Gas**

Thursday, June 29

12 p.m.

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## Council to consider Comprehensive Plan

The City of Batesville unveiled its preliminary comprehensive plan on Tuesday, May 16 at Batesville Middle School. The comprehensive plan process began in 2015 and is used as a roadmap to identify community strengths, weaknesses and long-term goals.

It sets policy in areas such as workforce, economic growth, transportation, utilities, downtown growth, housing, land use, recreation and quality of place.

The Batesville Planning Committee approved the plan on June 1 and it will now be presented to City Council for discussion and a vote on Monday, June 12. You can read the comprehensive plan by visiting [www.batesvilleindiana.us](http://www.batesvilleindiana.us).

# June 21, 22 & 23



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Liberty Park</b></p> <p><b>Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra</b> 7:30pm - 9:30pm</p> <p><b>izzys</b> </p> <p>Sandwiches, snacks, soft drinks and dessert sales beginning at 5:30pm.</p>	<p><b>Downtown</b></p> <p>Rural Alliance for the Arts</p> <p><b>Community Art Show</b> @ Amack's Well 6:00pm - 7:30pm</p> <p><b>Concert on the Village Green</b> presented by Miss Shannon's</p> <p><b>Stephanie Rampton Opera - 6:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Saffire Express Band</b> 7:45pm - 10pm</p> <p>Enjoy food offerings and adult beverages from area restaurants. <small>*In case of inclement weather, concerts will take place at The Gibson Theatre.*</small></p>	<p><b>Liberty Park</b></p> <p>WRBI &amp; Jim True Ford</p> <p><b>36th Annual Country Music Showdown</b> 7:30pm - 9:30pm</p> <p><b>\$500 Grand Prize!</b></p> <p><b>WRBI</b>  <b>Jim True Ford Inc.</b> </p> <p><b>izzys</b> </p> <p>Sandwiches, snacks, soft drinks and dessert sales beginning at 5:30pm.</p>

The Music & Arts Festival is generously funded by the John A. Hillenbrand Foundation and the following:



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## Police Beat

Two Batesville Police Department officers recently graduated from extensive training programs. Sgt. Danny Hamilton completed a four-week course at the IMPD Leadership Academy in Indianapolis. The program is designed for supervisory officers and training takes place in areas such as performance motivation and evaluation, conflict resolution and critical thinking.

Crime Scene Investigator Chris Smith graduated from the National Forensic Academy, an intensive 10-week course at the University of Tennessee, which is designed to increase knowledge of evidence identification, collection and preservation.

Police Chief Stan Holt stated, “BPD is fortunate to have such dedicated officers like Sgt. Hamilton and CSI Smith to represent our agency and the citizens of Batesville.”



### RAA, Safe Passage get Belterra funding

Three Belterra Casino grant requests were made during the May City Council meeting. Safe Passage was awarded \$12,000 for an exterior painting/sealing project of its building. The painting project is \$28K and Safe Passage received funding from other local governments and organizations. Safe Passage provides intervention services to victims of domestic violence in Southeast Indiana.

Council also approved \$10,000 to the Rural Alliance for the Arts for its Project 229 book. Photographers will document life in Batesville and the surrounding areas and project coordinators say the photo book will serve as a marketing piece for the city.

Council did not approve a request made by Batesville Main Street for portable fencing, a trailer and site-hardening barrels for events and parades held downtown and at Liberty Park. The site-hardening feature is a new state mandate in an effort to prevent motorists from driving into crowds.

The City of Batesville receives funds annually from Belterra Casino Resort in Switzerland County and it is City Council’s responsibility to oversee how the money is dispersed. Projects must adhere to specific guidelines and be approved by council vote.

### City gives tax abatement to Med-Mizer

The City has approved a 5-year tax abatement for Med-Mizer as the company plans a \$1.2M expansion that includes 20 new full-time jobs.

“Med-Mizer is a valued homegrown business and we are pleased to see the company continue to grow while providing good-paying jobs for our community, I wish them the best of luck in their expansion,” said Mayor Mike Bettice.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation also offered Med-Mizer a grant of up to \$40,000 from the Skills Enhancement Fund for training the company’s eligible, Indiana resident employees and up to \$90,000 in Economic Development for a Growing Economy tax credits.

### Laker named Water Utility Manager

The City of Batesville congratulates Eric Laker on his promotion as Water Utility Manager.

Laker graduated from Batesville High School in 2009 and began working for the City in 2013. He is certified as a Water Distribution System Operator, Water Treatment Operator, and Wastewater Operator.

“I would like to thank the Utility Service Board for this opportunity and I look forward to serving my hometown of Batesville in this capacity,” Laker said. “It was an honor to work with Steve Wintz, who taught me so much and prepared me for this role.”

Laker and his wife, Jessica, celebrated the birth of their first child, Walter, in January. Eric is the son of Dale and Ann Laker.

The Water Utility Manager oversees daily operations including the treatment, storage and distribution of water as well as long-term planning and capital improvement projects.



### City Workers Get CPR Certified



City employees learned about chest compressions, the head-tilt chin-lift maneuver and other specialized skills during CPR training in early June. Batesville Fire & Rescue hosted a two-hour course where employees

became CPR certified and Automatic External Defibrillator trained.

The CPR training is part of Mayor Mike Bettice’s ongoing initiative to promote safety in the workplace.

### Public Safety Notes – May 2017

#### Batesville Police

Calls For Service ... 761

Incidents/ Arrests...30



#### Batesville Fire & Rescue

EMS calls...95

Fire runs...18



### Companies Mark Milestone Anniversaries

Weberding Carving Shop will celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10. The public is welcome to attend. William J. Weberding founded the business in 1942 and is currently operated by his sons, William G., Terry and Tim and grandson Brian. Notable projects include carved presidential seals for President Gerald Ford, George H.W. Bush and First Lady Nancy Reagan. The company also produced work at the Indiana State Capitol and for Reds legends Johnny Bench and Marge Schott.

WRBI celebrates 40 years of business in June. The radio station has provided local news, sports, weather and community announcements since 1977. A public celebration will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Thurs., June 8 and 11-1 p.m. on Friday, June 9.

### Keeping Busy: Batesville Beautification League

The Batesville Beautification League was very active in the month of May. The group planted flowers at the Memorial Building, Liberty Park, Village Green and also hung baskets around downtown. Want to join the Beautification League? They’re seeking volunteers! Learn more by calling Clara at 212-0571 or Carmie at 934-4922.



# Batesville Outdoors

Parks and Recreation Department

## Shelter Sponsorship Program

The Batesville Parks Department has sponsorship opportunities to help raise revenue to maintain our beautiful parks and trail system.

Margaret Mary Health is now sponsoring Shelter #3 and Batesville Tool & Die and ETC will be featured on two additional shelters.

Giesting Financial and Chaffee Turf has sponsored disk course baskets.

There are more sponsorship opportunities. Call Mike Baumer at (812) 212-0603 for more details.



## Remember When?



This 1944 photo was taken at the intersection of Mulberry and Main Street. Photo donated by daughter of Evelyn (Gessell) Stille who is pictured on the left.

## Stay Connected!

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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	934-3811