



City Calendar

Zoning Board

April 4 6:30 p.m.

**City Council/
Board of Works**

April 8 6:30 p.m.

Park Board

April 17 6:30 p.m.

**Economic Dev.
Commission**

April 18 8 a.m.

RDC

April 24 6:30 p.m.

Water & Gas

April 25 Noon

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Batesville awarded Community Crossings Grant

The City of Batesville was awarded a \$738,111 grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) as part of the state’s \$115 million Next Level Roads initiative in March.



The City of Batesville will utilize the funding to make improvements on nearly 20 roadway and sidewalk projects throughout the city including Huntersville Road, West Pearl Street, Tekulve Road and Lammers Pike.

As part of the grant, the City will provide local matching grants of 25 percent which will result in approximately \$1 million in roadway improvements in Batesville in 2019.

“We are extremely grateful to be able to apply and receive this state grant as we could not do this on our own at the local government level,” said Mayor Mike Bettice. “This grant helps us fix up many more roads and put our tax dollars to other good uses.”

Governor Eric Holcomb and INDOT Commissioner Joe McGuinness made the Next Level Roads announcement in Indianapolis on Tuesday, March 26.

Linkel Wins Statewide Youth Engagement Award



The Batesville Mayor’s Youth Council (MYC) adviser was recognized statewide for her efforts at the 2019 Aim Youth Leadership Summit in Bloomington.

Kim Linkel, co-adviser of the Batesville Mayor’s Youth Council, received the Aim Outstanding Adviser Award. The award honors a youth council leader dedicated to youth civic engagement. Linkel has shown a strong commitment to ensuring students have a voice in the community.

“I can attest to her leadership skills and the energy she brings to the position,” Batesville Mayor Mike Bettice said. “She effectively promotes and guides the Mayor’s Youth Council members toward civic responsibility, collaborations and open communications with all leaders and citizens of our city.”

Linkel has been instrumental in beginning a week-long leadership camp and has spearheaded a project at a local food pantry. Through it all, her students say Linkel takes the time to help them with their individual goals.

In addition to the MYC, Linkel also serves as director for the Coalition for a Drug Free Batesville and as an adviser to the Aim Youth Councils Network.

BFD Takes Delivery of 'Much Needed' Mini-Pumper



Batesville Fire & Rescue has upgraded its fleet with its newest addition in March.

The Pierce Ford F550 Mini-Pumper was delivered to the fire department in late March. The \$277,000 purchase will serve as a first-out vehicle and will allow for firefighters to further improve response times to the scene of an emergency.

Batesville Board of Works approved the purchase in 2018 to provide a fix to a potential issue of a stopped train during an emergency.

“When we realized that a stopped train could hinder first responders from getting to the southside of town, it became an immediate priority to find a solution,” said Mayor Mike Bettice. “This truck allows our first responders to access the underpass with fire suppression equipment and extrication supplies.”

The mini-pumper was delivered from Bradenton, Florida, and has been placed in service. .

Water flushing scheduled for mid-April

The Batesville Water Utility will be flushing the water mains on April 18 and 19.

The annual process removes sediment from the mains and improves water quality, which is the Utilities primary concern.

During the flushing, the sediment in the pipes break loose from the walls of the water pipe and can cause a dark color in the water.

This sediment can stain clothing during washing and make the water unsightly to drink.

Customers may experience fluctuations in their water pressure during the flushing process. Any questions call the Water & Gas Utility at 934-3811.



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2019 Spring Recycling Calendar

Batesville's curbside recycling program. Please put recyclables at curbside before 6:00 a.m.						
Recycling collection for residences north of Pearl Street are highlighted in green.						
Recycling collection for residences south of Pearl Street are highlighted in blue.						



Acceptable Curbside Recyclables

- Plastics- #1 thru #7 bottle/jug containers **ONLY**
- Newspapers & Magazines
- Metal Beverage & Food Containers
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Paperboard - Mixed Office Paper
- Glass Food & Beverage Containers

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Batesville Ranks Among Best Places to Retire

Online personal finance portal SmartAsset surveyed and compiled a list of Indiana cities that are best for retirement.

New data released in March shows Batesville as the third best city in Indiana to retire.

The analysis focused on three separate factors for a happy, healthy retirement. State and local taxes, the number of doctors and retirement centers per thousand residents in the area, and the percentage of seniors in each area.

Mayor Mike Bettice said, "While we remain committed to attracting young professionals and growing our workforce, we are equally committed to providing the best infrastructure, medical care and quality of life for those entering retirement."

The City of Batesville has consistently ranked in the top five Best Places to Retire for the past four years.



Public Asked to Complete Parks Survey



Batesville Parks and Recreation is committed to providing the best possible parks and recreation services to the Batesville community.

A 5-Year Master Plan survey is now available online on the City of Batesville website or by calling (812) 934-4560.

"We plan future improvements to the parks by knowing what the community wants in their park system. Please take a moment to complete this quick survey," said Parks Commissioner Mike Baumer.

The survey includes questions about how much you use each park and what you would like to see installed or upgraded in the future.

RCCF Youth Grant Program Due May 3

Do you or your youth group have an idea to improve Ripley County?



The Ripley County Community Foundation has launched a \$10,000 Youth Grant which is due May 3.

This grant is eligible for any youth-led initiative in the county. Learn more about the program and get an application by contacting RCCF at (812) 933-1098 or online at <https://rccfonline.org/>.

Blood Drive April 2

Margaret Mary Health, in conjunction with Hoxworth Blood Center, is hosting a blood drive on April 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in a donor bus outside the hospital.

All donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. A photo ID is required the day of donation, and donors are strongly encouraged to eat a good meal and drink plenty of water or juice before donating.

To schedule your appointment, call (800)830-1091.

City unveils new military banners

The City of Batesville has honored 220 men and women from Batesville who has served or serves in the military.

The newest round of banners features 110 veterans and active duty and were installed in March. The banners are displayed on Walnut Street, Main Street, Pearl Street, Boehringer, George and Catherine streets.



This project is the one of the only in the nation to be provided to the citizens at no cost. Funding was made possible by City Council.

Remember When?



Hertel's Shoe Store was recognized for 131 years of service by the State of Indiana in March. Originally opened as Brockman Shoe Store in 1888, Harold and Kathy Weiler has owned the store since 1979.

Stay Connected!

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Mayor's Office	933-6100
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