



City Calendar

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SPECIAL NOTE: Due to the ongoing health crisis, this edition of the City of Batesville newsletter is addressing COVID-19 and it's impact on the Batesville area.

What is the City's role during COVID-19?

Mayor Mike Bettice conducts daily briefings with leadership from Margaret Mary Health, Ripley County Health Department, Ripley County Government and other agencies. The Mayor then relays those updates to the general public during a live interview at 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday on WRBI.



The City is following Indiana's Stay-At-Home order for non-essential employees and encourages all businesses and residents to do the same. Municipal buildings have been closed to the general public at this time.

All essential services, such as police, fire and utilities are operating under normal business processes with enhanced safety protocols, in order to preserve public safety.

A list of phone numbers to all departments is listed on the final page of this newsletter.

Fact vs. Rumor: Who are the sources for accurate information?

One side effect of the global pandemic has been the spread of inaccurate and false information via social media and word of mouth. Be sure that you follow trusted sources in the community.

- Indiana State Department of Health: <https://www.in.gov/isdh/>
- Margaret Mary Health: <https://www.mmhealth.org/>
- Ripley County Health Department: <https://www.ripleyhealth.com/>
- Franklin County Health Department: <http://www.franklincounty.in.gov/countyoffices/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Local Social Media:

- Margaret Mary Health: <https://www.facebook.com/margaretmaryhealth/>
- City of Batesville : <https://www.facebook.com/batesvilleindiana>
- Batesville Police: <https://www.facebook.com/batesvillepolice/>
- Batesville Fire: <https://www.facebook.com/batesvillefire/>
- Batesville COVID Updates: <https://www.facebook.com/batesvillecovidnews>
- Batesville Business Page—https://www.facebook.com/groups/500701037285923/learning_content/

Complete the 2020 Census!



Citizens are encouraged to fill out and complete the Census this month.

April 1 was the official Census Day and served as reminder to fill out the questionnaire. The deadline is in mid-August.

The data determines funding for local infrastructure, schools and other important things for the community. Visit 2020Census.gov to complete the Census.

Batesville Water to flush mains April 9-10

The Batesville Water Utility plans to flush water mains on Thursday, April 9 and Friday, April 10.

The flushing is done to remove sediment from the mains and improve the water quality. Flushing can significantly lower the water pressure in the immediate area. This sediment can contain iron and manganese and make the water unsightly to drink.

Visit the City website to find the flushing schedule and any additional questions should be directed to Eric Laker with the Water Utility at (812) 934-3811.



Utility Payments During COVID-19

The City encourages all Water & Gas customers to pay by check when possible and use to the drop box location in the parking lot, 7 N. Eastern Avenue, Batesville. Batesville Water & Gas will not disconnect any customer's service for non-payments. Meter reading will continue and bills will be sent. Customers are urged to pay what they can to avoid building up a large balance on their account that will be harder to pay off later.

Know how to sew facemasks? Help fight back against COVID-19



Margaret Mary Health is requesting anyone with a sewing machine and the ability to sew to help make cloth face masks for patients and their families. If you're able to help, there is an instructional video and print instructions on the hospital's website.

Completed masks can be dropped off from 12-5 p.m. at Miss Shannon's Music Studio in Batesville.

Support local businesses during COVID-19

Restaurants have been forced to close in-person dining for the foreseeable future but are currently operating through delivery and carry-out methods.

Be sure to support restaurants and local retail in this difficult time.

The Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce has a gift certificate program which is redeemable at more than 160 local businesses including restaurants, specialty shops, grocers and more.





During this COVID-19 outbreak please remember the following are non-flushable products, and should be disposed of in a waste basket:

-  • Napkins
-  • Paper Towels
-  • Facial tissues of any kind
-  • Baby wipes/Wet wipes (even labled "flushable")
-  • Diapers
-  • Gauze/Band-aids
-  • Feminine hygiene products

These non-flushable products could cause clogs, backups, pipe damage in toilets or septic systems. The cost to repair these damages are the homeowner's responsibility.

For more information on how you can help your community please contact the Batesville Wastewater Treatment Plant, (812) 934-5338 or <https://batesvilleindiana.us/>

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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?



John Hillenbrand Sr. donated the present high altar for St. Louis Church for his wedding. It was dedicated in 1903, some pieces were removed in 1963 and later replaced in 2008.