



City Calendar

**City Council/  
Board of Works**

Jan. 13 6:30 p.m.

**Parks Board**

Jan. 15 6:30 p.m.

**EDC**

Jan. 17 8 a.m.

**Redevelopment  
Commission**

Jan. 22 6:30 p.m.

**Utilities Board**

Jan. 30 Noon

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## Batesville Elected Officials Sworn In

Batesville Mayor Mike Bettice was sworn in for his second term while council members also took the oath at the Memorial Building on New Year’s Day.

Clerk-Treasurer Paul Gates was sworn in for his second term while John Kellerman was sworn in as City Judge.

Incumbent Council Members Darrick Cox, John Fritsch, Tracy Rohlfling and John Irrgang were all sworn in. Bill Flannery is the new addition to City Council as he will serve as Council At-Large.



## City Recognized Statewide for Winter Safety



The City of Batesville was awarded the winner of the Indiana Public Employers' Plan (IPEP) Winter Hazard Awareness contest.

The statewide contest encouraged municipalities to submit their plans and checklists for winter safety.

Wellness Coordinator Cindy Blessing led Batesville’s efforts which includes signage that reminds employees to “walk like a penguin” to reduce the danger of slipping and falling on snow and ice. She also placed safety signs and inflatable penguins outside all City buildings.

The second place award was given to the City of Warsaw.

## Fire Department becomes a Safe Haven location

Batesville Fire & Rescue has instituted a new program that serves as a last resort for a mother of an unwanted baby.

The fire station supports state law by serving as a location for parents to safely give up custody of their newborn children without criminal prosecution.

Firefighters and EMT’s are trained to accept the baby and follow specific protocols to ensure the best outcome for the child and the parent.

The training was conducted by The National Safe Haven Alliance (NSHA) which works to promote the existence of Safe Haven laws across the United States. The organization estimates that this program has led to the safe transfer of approximately 3,500 babies nationwide.



## 2020 Centennial Celebrations in Batesville

Several organizations and businesses are celebrating a century of service in the Batesville area this year.

The Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce will celebrate 100 years of serving businesses and implementing programs and activities that promote economic growth and development in the Batesville area.

The Prell-Bland American Legion Post 271 was opened in 1920 as a patriotic organization that focuses on veterans, servicemembers and the community.

Batesville Bulldogs boy's basketball debuted in 1920 and the school has several events throughout this season to honor former players, coaches, managers and cheerleaders.

In the construction industry, companies come and go but one local business has thrived for the past 100 years. William A. Gutzwiller created Bruns Gutzwiller in 1920 and the family-owned company has been responsible for major projects throughout southern Indiana over the past century.



### *Message From Drug Coalition Director Kim Linkel*

The Coalition for a Drug Free Batesville was busy in 2019, implementing school and community programs to 6,073 youth & 2,361 adults (these numbers count each time we served the individual, therefore some are duplicated numbers).

Some programs the Coalition implemented were GenRx, Get Real About Tobacco, Marijuana Education, AlcoholEDU, Hidden in Plain Sight, National Night Out, Lunch on Us Program, Drug & Alcohol Facts Week and Red Ribbon Week to name a few. The Coalition also hosted their 3rd Annual ECHO Nation Youth Leadership Camp and received a grant from Accelerating Indiana Municipalities (AIM) to do some specific work on the Lock Your Meds Campaign.



The Coalition generated more than 25 million media impressions, which include billboards, social media, radio, newspaper, & website. There were many messages displayed throughout these media outlets and included both substance specific messages as well as messages about overall prevention. The main focus was the Talk. They Hear You. campaign that was implemented throughout the entire year.

In-kind support is a vital piece of coalition work and to say the support is strong in the community, there was \$134,746.48 of in-kind support provided to the coalition in 2019 by the overall community. Included in that figure is the 4,141 hours of volunteer time that was donated by the coalition members, MYC members and partners to move the mission of the Coalition forward.



And, in late October, the Coalition received notice that they were awarded Years 6-10 of the Drug Free Community Grant, a federal grant through SAMHSA to increase the overall capacity of the Coalition and to reduce youth substance use & abuse. The substances that are being targeted with these funds are alcohol, tobacco & marijuana.

*-Kim Linkel, Executive Director of the Coalition for a Drug Free Batesville*



## Chamber to Host Annual Dinner on Jan. 30

The Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce will host their annual dinner at the Knights of Columbus on Thursday, January 30.



The chamber will recognize those who have made a significant impact on the community by giving out the Distinguished Service Award, Educator of the Year, Organization of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

## Census Jobs Available In Batesville



The federal government is conducting the 2020 Census and they could use your help.

The U.S. Census Bureau is seeking temporary census taker positions across the nation including here in Batesville.

Starting rates are approximately \$18-21 per hour and both part-time and full-time positions are available.

Learn more or apply online at [census.gov](https://census.gov).

### 2020 Large Trash Pick-Up Schedule

Batesville residents with Rumpke garbage collection will have four opportunities in 2020 to utilize the large trash collection.

It will take place on February 1, May 2, August 1 and December 7.

Collection begins at 5 a.m. and citizens are asked to set items curbside the night before. View a list of acceptable and unacceptable items on the city website.

### Christmas Tree Collection

The Batesville Street Department began the process of curb-side Christmas tree collection in early January. The program will continue through the next few months.



Please note that these services are provided to residents within the city limits. Pickup schedules will only be interrupted in the event of severe weather.

## BATESVILLE

### 2020 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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Silly Safaris is back by popular demand! The YMCA is hosting the live animal show with the perfect blend of fact and fun. Limited space available. Please RSVP to the YMCA Welcome Center at 812-934-6006. The program is free.

## Remember When?



This building on the corner of Sycamore and East George streets was built around 1911 and still stands today.

It was once the Pohlar Garage and sold Firestone tires and was a Buick service dealer. William F. Pohlar had a real estate and auto livery business also located within this building.

## Stay Connected!

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(812 area code)

Building Commissioner	933-6103
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