



City Calendar

**City Council/  
Board of Works**

March 9 6:30 p.m.

**Parks Board**

March 18 6:30 p.m.

**EDC**

March 20 8 a.m.

**Redevelopment  
Commission**

March 25 6:30 p.m.

**Utilities Board**

March 26 Noon

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## Mayor Delivers State of City Address



Mayor Mike Bettice presented the annual State of the City in mid-February and discussed completed projects, finances, future initiatives, and walkability.

In 2019, the City of Batesville repaved more than five miles of streets and constructed a new park on Six Pine Ranch Road. The mayor revealed a ribbon-cutting will take place in May where the park name will be announced.

The mayor discussed plans for 2020 which include an updated data computer system at the Wastewater Plant, additional street paving, much-needed exterior repairs to the Memorial Building, the construction of New Horizons ice cream shop at Liberty Park and more.

Bettice also spoke about the importance of housing in regard to growing the population as there are currently 90 single-family home lots available within the city.

In regard to walkability, INDOT recently awarded the City funding for sidewalk continuation from downtown to the new park on Six Pine Ranch Road. As the city becomes more walkable, the mayor urges drivers to travel at safe speeds and be wary of increased pedestrian traffic on or near roadways.

Read the complete State of City presentation on the City's website.

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## Batesville EDC Awarded Duke Energy Marketing Grant

The City of Batesville's Economic Development Commission has been awarded a \$5,000 marketing grant from Duke Energy.

The Marketing Partnership Program is available to economic development groups and each applicant had to submit a marketing plan that has a direct impact on their community's economic growth and supports Duke Energy's economic development goals.

Batesville was one of 24 Indiana communities awarded funding which will be used to execute a comprehensive 3-year plan that is measured by population growth in target markets, increase in housing market, attraction of new businesses and retention.

Learn more about the by contacting Sarah Lamping at [slamping@batesvilleindiana.us](mailto:slamping@batesvilleindiana.us) or (812) 933-6113.

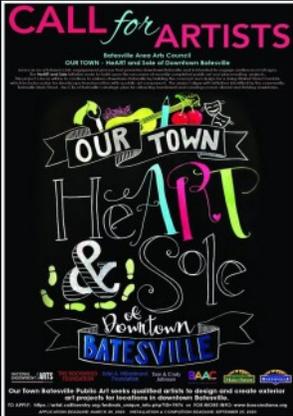
## BPD Receives IPEP Safety Grant

The Batesville Police Department was awarded an \$11,000 grant from the Indiana Public Employer’s Plan (IPEP) in February.

The funding will be used to purchase personal protective equipment such as tactical vests, helmets and medical kits.



BPD was one of 30 recipients statewide of the grant that is intended to provide upwards of 80 percent of the money for safety equipment and training programs.



### Call For Artists for BAAC Downtown Projects

Do you or someone you know have ideas for public art? Our Town Batesville Public Art is seeking qualified artists to design and create exterior art projects for a series of locations in downtown Batesville.

The deadline to apply is March 30 with a scheduled completion date in Fall 2020.

The artwork will enhance the overall character and atmosphere of the downtown core and support a welcoming environment. Local, regional and national artists and designers are invited to submit design ideas. Learn more at [baacindiana.org](http://baacindiana.org).

## BFD Adds Three Firefighters

Fire Chief Todd Schutte is pleased to announce Batesville Fire & Rescue has hired three full-time firefighters/EMT’s.

Firefighter Michael Orlando, 21, of Manchester, has experience working as a part-time EMT with several agencies including Batesville, Cheviot, Delhi and Lawrenceburg Speedway.



Chris Decker, 29, of Batesville, began his firefighting career as a cadet with Sunman Rural Fire Department and has spent the past several years in the Air Force as a firefighter.

Lucas Garvey, 21, has been a member of Sunman Rural Fire Department and Rescue 20 since he was 18 years old.

“I have a passion for helping others and to do it locally as a firefighter and make a living off it is a dream come true,” Garvey stated.

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



Want to get involved? There are several service organizations in the Batesville area who are seeking passionate volunteers. Get involved by contacting Community Development Director Steven Harmeyer at [sharmeyer@batesvilleindiana.us](mailto:sharmeyer@batesvilleindiana.us) or 933-6116.

## Council Gives \$7,500 For Historical Center Renovation

The Batesville Area Historical Society is currently fundraising for a much-needed restoration of its 110-year-old building.



A manufacturer defect on the siding has led to the required repairs and BAHS is actively seeking grants to fund the \$53,000 project.

Batesville City Council showed their support of the project by contributing \$7,500 in Belterra Funds during the February meeting.

If you would like to learn more or assist the organization, BAHS can be contacted at 812-934-3266.

## City Conducts Hidden In Plain Sight Training



The City of Batesville conducted employee training on teenage substance abuse trends on February 27. Employees learned about the dangers of marijuana, alcohol, and other illegal substances on a local and national level.

Margaret Mary Health presented Hidden in Plain Sight training which provides parents with an opportunity to see how creative adolescents can be when hiding illegal substances at home.

If you or your organization would like to learn about Hidden in Plain Sight contact 812-933-5357.

## Parks Department Releases 5-Year Plan



The City of Batesville Park Master Plan is an important step in guiding the development of the city into the future by opening up funding opportunities for its park system.

The goal of the 5-year plan is to continue maintaining programs and facilities at a high level, provide recreational programs for all ages in the community, expand the parks system and implement the trail plan.

Some of the top priorities over the next five years include implementing a trail over I-74, complete the park on Six Pine Ranch Road, upgrades to the Memorial Pool, additional paving of roads on parks properties, improve acoustics at Liberty Park pavilion and ensure adequate funding for the parks system.

The Batesville Parks and Recreation Board adopted the plan in February and you can read the complete report on the City of Batesville's website.

NEWS FROM THE BATESVILLE AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# UPCOMING events

**14 MAR** **GREAT GREEN BEER RACE**  
RESTAURANT WEEK OPENS WITH A FUN KICK OFF EVENT ON MARCH 14TH FROM 2PM - 3PM WITH THE GREAT GREEN BEER RACE IN THE BATESVILLE SHOPPING VILLAGE

**14-21 MAR** **RESTAURANT WEEK**  
"PUT A FORK IN IT" EIGHT DAYS OF EXCLUSIVE OFFERS! RESTAURANTS WILL FEATURE BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND/OR DINNER SPECIALS. COLLECT 10 STAMPED PLATES ON YOUR TRI-FOLD FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$200 IN CHAMBER GIFT CERTIFICATES!

**31 MAR** **LUNCH & LEARN - PROFESSOR FRY**  
TOPIC - NON-PROFIT COLLABORATING WITH SMALL BUSINESSES  
LOCATION - IZZY'S AT HILLCREST  
TIME - 11AM - 1PM  
PRICE - \$20

**24 APR** **100 YEAR CHAMBER CELEBRATION**  
COME CELEBRATE 100 YEARS WITH THE BATESVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
LOCATION - WALHILL FARM  
TIME - 5:30PM  
TICKETS - \$80 OR 2 FOR \$100  
ENTERTAINMENT & FOOD PROVIDED  
CASH BAR WITH COMPLEMENTARY CHAMPAGNE TOAST

**BATESVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
301 SHOPPING VILLAGE  
BATESVILLE, IN 47006  
812-934-3101  
BATESVILLEIN.COM

## Ice Rink Open Until March 8

Batesville Main Street's ice rink has been open every weekend since February 14 attracting families to downtown Batesville.

It is open each weekend with hours of operation from 5-9 p.m. on Fridays, noon-6 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

The final opportunity to skate is the weekend of March 6-8.



## Remember When?

### The Bulldogs



LEFT TO RIGHT: Assistant Coach, Dick Lemen, Tom Tekulve, Jerry Christopher, George Grassman, Jerry Rudolph, Bob Ollives, Charles Werner, Ben Wernke, Dave Laudick, Jerry Abplanalp, Gordon

The 1960 Batesville Bulldogs varsity basketball team.

## 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