



City of Batesville, Indiana

Nov. 2019

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City Calendar

Election Day (City Offices Closed)

November 5

Veteran's Day (City Offices Closed)

November 11

City Council

November 11 6:30 p.m.

EDC

November 15 8 a.m.

Parks Board

November 20 6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving (City Offices Closed)

November 28-29

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Batesville City Council Approves Long-Term Water Solution

The City of Batesville took a major step in securing a long-term water supply as City Council approved a bond ordinance and rate increase in October.



The new rates will be implemented in two separate phases. The first phase will see a cost increase of \$5.72 on the minimum bill beginning in January 2020. The second phase will show an increase of \$3.56 on the minimum bill in January 2021.

Batesville's current rates have been below average compared to surrounding communities as the implementation of the rate increases in 2020 and 2021 will put Batesville near the average.

Rate increases are necessary to fund the long-term water project which includes the construction of a 16-mile pipeline from city-owned property between Brookville and Metamora that will connect to a new water treatment plant in Batesville.

Studies dating back to 1989 have determined the need for an alternate water supply which led to the Whitewater River Aquifer being the best long-term solution for water sustainability over the next half-century and beyond as the area population continues to grow.

City Council President Kevin Chaffee has been involved in the project for three decades saying, "There is abundant, clean water available that will allow the city to grow far into the future, providing for generations of people to live and work here. In my opinion, this is the most important project that the city has ever undertaken."

Construction on the water plant and water mains are expected to take between 18 and 24 months to complete.

Final large trash pickup is November 2

The final large trash collection of the year is scheduled for Saturday, November 2. Items should be set outside the night before to ensure they are not missed. Pickup starts at 5 a.m. Saturday.

Some acceptable items include furniture, appliances, paint cans and clothing. Rumpke will not collect items such as construction materials, auto parts, metal framing or any electric devices containing mercury. The first large trash pickup of 2020 will occur in February or March.



City of Batesville Participating in No-Shave November



City of Batesville employees will participate in No-Shave November, a month-long initiative to grow facial hair to benefit local cancer patients.

The program was launched by the Batesville Police Department who challenged Batesville Fire & Rescue as both Police Chief Stan Holt and Fire Chief Todd Schutte waived their respective department's policies toward shaving for the month in order to support the fundraising opportunity.

Employees in additional departments expressed interest in the program which has now been extended to a city-wide initiative. All proceeds from No-Shave November will benefit the Margaret Mary Health (MMH) wig program for cancer patients.

Participating employees will donate the money they typically spend on shaving to the MMH program for the month of November.

"Cancer has likely impacted every family in our community in one form or another and this is one small way for our employees to further make a difference in the lives of people we are honored to serve," said Mayor Mike Bettice.

Those interested in making a donation to support the City initiative may make a check payable to Margaret Mary Health and deliver it to the Memorial Building, 132 S. Main Street in Batesville.

Firehouse Contractor Receives Construction Award

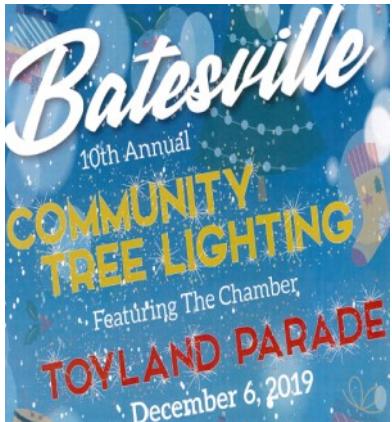
The upgrades made to the firehouse are getting recognition from industry experts who awarded the winning contractor for their efforts during the project.

Runnebohm Construction received the Award of Merit from the Associated Builders and Contractors of Indiana/Kentucky, which recognized the company's performance and integrity during the Fire Station construction.



"Their proven ability; their effective leadership; their adherence to professional standards make them worthy of such awards," the Indianapolis Business Journal stated in the article.

Runnebohm was also recognized for the construction of the Cincinnati Children's Medical Office in Batesville.



Celebrate the Christmas season on December 6

The annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Parade will take place on Friday, December 6.

Bring the whole family to downtown Batesville and enjoy Santa and his reindeer, carriage rides, festive music, food and craft vendors, Historical Society train exhibit, a free movie at the Gibson and more.

The event begins at 5 p.m. with the parade and tree lighting at 6 p.m. followed by additional festivities and business specials.



All Aboard!

Relive the magic of yesteryear when locomotives chugged through cities and villages across our nation delivering goods, carrying travelers and weaving dreams of life on the rails as we paused in awe of the train cars, their passengers, cargo, and their ever-welcoming conductors.

The Batesville Area Historical Society is bringing the smokestacks and choo-choos back to life in one of its most interesting and extensive exhibits as *All Aboard!* debuts at the Historical Center!

HOURS: THU & FRI 10:00-2:00 & SAT 9:00-12:00

Additional Hours for All Aboard!

Each Friday in November - OPEN 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

NOV. 15—Downtown Open House - Open with Candy for Sale

NOV. 28 - THANKSGIVING DAY: Open 3:00 - ?

BATESVILLE HISTORICAL CENTER

15 West George Street - Batesville, IN 47006

FREE ADMISSION

although freewill donations help us to continue providing exhibits for all.

Remember When?



At one point, two trains a day were passing through Batesville including this one arriving from Indianapolis with passengers and freight. This was the New York Central Line, engine number 6929.

Stay Connected!

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Mayor's Office 933-6100

Parks and Recreation 934-4560

Police 934-3131

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