



City Calendar

Board of Works / City Council

October 8 6:30 p.m.

Parks Board

October 17 6:30 p.m.

Economic Dev. Commission

October 19 8 a.m.

Indy Jazz Ensemble

October 21 6 p.m.

Water & Gas

October 25 Noon

Halloween Parade

October 31 6-8 p.m.

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Batesville will have new park in 2019

The City of Batesville and Margaret Mary Health broke ground at the future site of a park on Six Pine Ranch Road in September.

The new 3-acre park will open in 2019 and feature a walking trail, playground and nature preserve. The hospital donated the land for the park which will be connected to the MMH Outpatient & Cancer Center walking trail.



Batesville Parks Department is currently accepting donations to be used for site amenities such as benches, picnic tables, message boards and trash cans.

“Any donated item will have a small plaque attached indicating the donor if requested,” said Parks Commissioner Mike Baumer. “Items can be donated by individuals, groups, businesses, or items donated in memory of loved ones.”

Contact the Parks Dept. at (812) 212-0603 or visit the Memorial Building for more information.

Eastbound I-74 ramp to close Oct. 7



The Indiana Department of Transportation expects to close the eastbound Interstate 74 ramps in Batesville on Sunday, October 7.

The closure is expected to be in effect for 15 days. Interstate traffic will be routed to a single lane on the north side of I-74 during the construction.

Road closures are due to the multi-year \$61 million pavement replacement project. In 2019, all traffic—both eastbound and westbound—will be routed to south-side lanes while crews remove and replace I-74 pavement on the north side.

Construction ongoing at BFD

The renovation project underway at Batesville Fire & Rescue will fix longtime water issues and provide a new look to the station in 2019. The \$501K project includes upgrades to the roof, exterior walls and shingles.

The outside of the building will be brick when the project is completed in early 2019.



Police Beat

Batesville PD seeking candidates for Police Officer

The Batesville Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. The deadline to apply is Friday, October 5.

During the hiring process applicants will be required to subject themselves to various forms of background checks, physical fitness testing, written aptitude testing, an interview process, and other testing that may be deemed appropriate.

Applications can be picked up at the police department or online at <https://batesvilleindiana.us/departments/police-department/>. Resumes will be accepted only if accompanied by an application.



Local students show acts of kindness

The Batesville Police Department appreciates the generosity shown by local schools in the past month.

St. Louis School students stopped by the police station in September with gifts to show their support for area law enforcement.



BPD also recognizes the Batesville Bulldogs football team who hosted a breakfast benefit in support of first responders.

“One of the best parts of our job is interacting with children and young adults of our community,” said Police Chief Stan Holt. “These gestures of kindness show me that these students have our back just like we have theirs.”



Code Enforcement 101

Batesville Code Enforcement Officer Mike Wells reminds citizens that election campaign signs are prohibited from state rights-of-way.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) personnel are required by state law to remove all unauthorized signs within the state right-of-way.

Areas that should remain sign-free include intersections, interchanges and rights-of-way that run parallel to highways.

Where the right of way is not clearly marked, boundaries may be estimated as the fence line, the back of the ditch or behind utility poles.

INDOT crews may also remove a specific sign if it presents an immediate safety risk, such as being too close to the roadway or creating a sight obstruction. Campaign signs placed off the right-of-way will not be removed.



Removed signs will be taken to the Seymour INDOT facility. To report signs placed in the right-of-way, contact INDOT customer service at 1-855-463-6848.

Batesville featured in Cincinnati lifestyle magazine

Cincinnati Refined, a digital lifestyle magazine, encourages readers to visit Batesville for our annual events that occur each October.

The publication highlighted Batesville for being home “to a nationally renowned haunted house, it also boasts an escape room, pumpkin carving events, a pumpkin festival, and a restaurant and hotel that celebrates the Bavarian roots of the area.”



Fear Factory was featured for the “startling horrors await at the old Batesville Coffin Company” and the dimly lit hallways, scary scenes, actors and lights that make it a top haunted house experience in Indiana.

The magazine also featured the Vogt Farm Pumpkin Festival. The annual event attracts nearly 12,000 visitors for pumpkins, corn maze, arts and crafts, and food.

Weberding Webfest was featured for the annual pumpkin carving festival which includes cash prizes, advanced pumpkin carving designs and more.

The article also includes The Sherman, noting, “Just like the Weberdings, it shines with Batesville history. It’s also the place to be if you’re looking for live music and good beer on the weekends.”

The article can be read in its entirety at <http://cincinnati-refined.com/>.



Gas Utility Survey in early October

Batesville Gas Utility will be conducting a gas leak survey in downtown Batesville, the northeast part of the city and the Town of Morris beginning on Monday, October 1.

“Two men will be walking and using a utility cart to check for underground gas leaks in the streets, right-of-ways and onto the customer’s property up to the gas meters located on the outside of the home,” said Gas Utility Manager Scott Bauer.



The annual survey is conducted as part of the Utilities maintenance plan and is expected to conclude within one week. More information can be provided by calling Batesville Water & Gas Utility at 934-3811.



More Military Banners coming this Fall

The City of Batesville will unveil the final round of military banners in November. The currently displayed banners feature 109 Batesville natives who served in the armed forces and those banners will be reinstalled around Memorial Day 2019.

The second round features additional local soldiers who served from eras ranging from Civil War to Active Duty and will be displayed from Veterans Day to Memorial Day.

This unique project was made possible by Batesville City Council who approved funding through the Belterra Grant. The submission process to submit a veteran has concluded.

Remember When?



Joe Benz was a valuable member of the Chicago White Sox from 1910 to 1919. He pitched a no-hitter in 1914 and also pitched in the 1917 World Series.

During the offseason, Joe worked in the family butcher shop, Benz Brothers in Batesville. When Chicago media discovered this fact, Joe earned the nickname "Butcher Boy Benz."

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