



City Calendar

Parks & Rec

Oct. 21 6:30 p.m.

Redevelopment Commission

Oct. 28 6:30 p.m.

Utilities

Oct. 29 Noon

City Council

Nov. 9 6:30 p.m.

Economic Dev. Commission

Nov. 20 8 a.m.

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Batesville Mayor Provides Update on Halloween



Batesville Mayor Mike Bettice provided an update for Halloween and trick-or-treat during the City Council meeting Monday.

Halloween has traditionally been celebrated with the American Legion parade and a trick-or-treat from 6-8 p.m. on October 31.

Due to coronavirus, the American Legion has cancelled their annual parade. Mayor Bettice is encouraging trick-or-treaters and families to use their best judgement if they decide to participate in trick-or-treating this year.

“If you decide to go trick-or-treating you are welcome to do so on October 31 from 6-8 p.m. and if any changes are made it will be shared with our media partners and on social media,” Mayor Bettice announced Monday. “Take precautions to be safe as possible and find a way to incorporate a mask as part of your costume for both trick-or-treaters and those handing out candy.”

Indiana set new records for coronavirus cases per day this past weekend and Ripley County has been averaging about 23 new cases per week recently.

The mayor encourages trick-or-treaters to scale it back and practice social distancing. Also, consider only participating in your neighborhood or homes you’re familiar with. If you are sick or uncomfortable with having trick-or-treaters at your home than do not participate.

The American Legion has announced they plan to continue the annual parade in 2021 and the City of Batesville wishes everyone a safe and fun Halloween!

Main Street seeks community support for projects

Batesville Main Street is seeking community support and matching funding for two potential projects in downtown.

The first space, Inspiration Park, will honor visionary women who have helped shape Batesville. The second space, Collaboration Corner, will serve as a welcoming place to relax, meet up with friends and colleagues or just enjoy the outdoors.



The group has raised more than \$40K of its \$50K goal with approximately 16 days remaining.

Learn more information on their Facebook page.

Police Officer Honored for Saving Lives



Batesville Patrolman Travis Cook was recognized by the family he saved during a fatal apartment fire in August.

Cook responded to the fire on Park Avenue and was able to notify and evacuate the family of Aaron Sloan moments before explosions erupted in the home.

“Teri Barker was our dispatcher that night and normally they dispatch the fire department first in situations like that but for some reason she dispatched police first which I believe played a big part,” said Cook. “Officer Danny Hamilton was a few seconds behind me and would of done the exact same thing.”

The family gave Cook a plaque at the City Council meeting Monday.

Area Events in October

There are several ways to celebrate Fall and the Halloween season this month in Batesville.

- 1) Batesville Memorial Public Library is hosting the Great Pumpkin Walk from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, October 23.
- 2) Weberding Carving Shop will host the annual Webfest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 24.
- 3) Trunk-or-treat takes place at the Batesville Intermediate School from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on October 29. The event is sponsored by the Batesville Area Resource Center and has been approved by the Ripley County Health Department. Masks are required.
- 4) Vogt Farm is hosting a haunted corn maze each weekend in October.



Final large trash pickup is November 7

The final large trash collection of the year is scheduled for Saturday, November 7.

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 2021 will occur in February or March.

Paving projects to begin this month

The City of Batesville will conduct paving projects beginning in October. Improvements will be made to: Huntersville Road from the tunnel to Sycamore, Westbrook Drive to County Line Road, White Oak, Hawthorne, EGS Boulevard, Edgewood Drive to the dead end and Fisherman Drive.



The work has been contracted to Paul H. Rohe Company and is expected to be complete in November.

Mayor recognizes Golden Citizen recipient



A Batesville native received the State of Indiana's 2020 Golden Citizen award. This honor recognizes Hoosiers not just for one act of community service, but a lifetime of giving back.

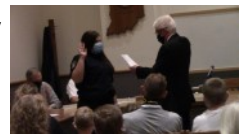
Evalena Kuntz received the honor for her diverse range of helping others. With one of her children being born with down syndrome, Kuntz has spent decades advocating for those with special needs, strengthening their families and creating a community where all can contribute and belong.

She volunteered with Tri-County Council for Special People, has been a lead instructor with Special Happy Adult Religion Experience, was a driving force of the YMCA's martial arts program and even provided materials for homeless individuals in Cincinnati and has made dresses and blankets for impoverished families in Haiti.

"Evalena is an example of the selfless volunteerism that makes our community so special and it is my honor to recognize her for a lifetime of making Batesville a better place for all," Mayor Bettice remarked.

Batesville Fire adds new firefighter

Batesville Fire & Rescue announces the hiring of Abigail Burriss for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic.



She joins Batesville Fire & Rescue after serving as a paramedic with Columbus Regional Health. The 2008 Milan High School graduate also attended and graduated from the Franciscan Health Paramedic program in Greenwood last year.

"I am really excited to be serving the community my boys are growing up and my family lives in," said Burriss.

Burriss resides in New Point with her husband, Christopher, and two children, Ryan, 13, and Trent, 10.

Council Approves 2021 Budget

Batesville City Council approved the 2021 non-utility budget at their October meeting. The budget was presented as a resolution following a public meeting discussion in August. The budget will now be submitted to the State of Indiana.

The non-utility budget covers city expenses ranging from employee salaries, road improvements, police and fire, projects and unforeseen situations. Learn more about the budget on the City website.

Chamber celebrates 100 Years

The Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce is turning 100 years old in 2020. They celebrated the anniversary on October 8.

The Chamber has survived the Great Depression, wars and now a pandemic.

They currently have about 240 members.





Community Night

Thursday, October 22nd

5 - 10pm

with

Batesville Main Street

Matthew Lamping will be performing from 7 to 10pm!

Batesville Main Street, a community driven non-profit organization, is dedicated to creating a vibrant downtown district, where people will gather and businesses will prosper. We are working to build two outdoor gathering spaces in the heart of downtown for all to enjoy! **Please join us to learn more about Main Street and to make these projects happen for our downtown!** We will be accepting donations for these projects. In addition, The Sherman will donate 25% of all food and beverage sales from the Bier Hall and 10% of all f&b sales from the 1852 Restaurant, Black Forest Bar and curbside-pickup orders from this night between 5-10pm to Batesville Main Street.



Collaboration Corner
Concept Rendering | September 2020

Inspiration Park
Concept Rendering | Batesville, IN | September 2020

We will be observing Governor Holcomb's 'Back On Track' guidelines at this event.

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Community Development	933-6116
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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?



This is Harold "Fritz" Turner in 1948. The Fritz Turner Orchestra dominated the big band scene in Indiana for over 50 years.