



**City Calendar**

**Utilities Meeting**

March 25 Noon

**Economic Dev. Commission**

March 26 8 a.m.

**BOW/ Council Meeting**

April 12 6:30 p.m.

**Parks and Rec.**

April 21 6:30 p.m.

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### Information About MMH Vaccine Clinic

Margaret Mary Health is operating a drive-thru vaccine clinic at the Batesville Street Department.



The location is 514 S. John Street and attendees should enter from Delaware Road. Hours of operation in April will be Tuesdays from 8am-7pm, Wednesdays from 8am-noon, and Thursdays from 8-7.

Those eligible are people over 40 years old, healthcare and first responders, educators and those that have exposure to COVID-19 infectious material.

Get more information by visiting <https://www.mmhealth.org/covid-19/>.

### Upcoming Road Projects in Batesville

The City of Batesville Board of Works approved a bid for the upcoming Community Crossings Project that will take place this summer.

The winning bid of \$646,949 by Paul H. Rohe was approved by the Board of Works in March.

The streets included in this project are Mitchell Avenue from Columbus to S.R. 46, Mulberry Street, South Street, Coonhunters Road, Volz Street and Park Avenue.

The City is also planning for the INDOT repaving project on State Road 229. The City will be replacing the water and wastewater lines during the process.

“These utilities were originally installed in the 1930’s and we have a couple of wastewater structures that need to be replaced,” Mayor Bettice said.

The City reviewed the bids and an approval process is expected by the end of March.

### Trail Project planned for 2021

The City of Batesville is planning to make an addition to the trail system this year.



Construction is expected to take place that will connect the trail project to the YMCA to Liberty Park. Also, a short section of sidewalk will be added on Mulberry from Central Avenue to near Beech Grove.

INDOT plans to bid the project this summer with construction to follow.

## Long-term water project update

Mayor Mike Bettice provided an update to the long-term water project that remains ahead of schedule and on budget.

Construction on the 16-mile pipeline has been completed and inspected as some restoration work is still needed. The new Water Plant in Batesville is progressing with some small projects remaining.



"It will take some time to work through the startup process and test everything, but I feel good about the project," Bettice said.



## Batesville Named Among Safest Cities in Indiana

Batesville has been named one of the safest cities in Indiana!

The city ranked #10 statewide and was given that ranking by AdvisorSmith, a business insurance resource.

"Growing up here I have always noticed how people look out for each other and are always willing to help someone in need," said Mayor Mike Bettice. "While safety is one of our greatest attributes we always need to show appreciation not only for our citizens, but also our law enforcement."

Rankings were based on a crime score for each city by calculating the number of violent and property crimes reported. The crimes considered were murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft.

Batesville's crime score was far below that average at 18.9 while the average for small cities across the state is 43.

"It's just an honor to be recognized for something like this," Batesville Police Chief Stan Holt said. "As a law enforcement officer, you get into this career because you want to give back. You want to make people feel safe."

## Batesville Fire is hiring

Batesville Fire & Rescue is pleased to announce that they will be hiring a full-time firefighter/EMT in the near future.

Professional firefighters and paramedics who have a desire to serve a growing community are encouraged to apply. Ideal candidates are at least 21-years-old, a good driving and criminal record, strong computer skills and a background in emergency response. Applications are available online at [www.batesvilleindiana.us](http://www.batesvilleindiana.us) or by calling (812) 934-2230.

The fire department also welcomes volunteers interested in serving the community.

Batesville Fire & EMS is a full-service fire and emergency medical service agency providing basic and advanced pre-hospital life support, fire prevention and education and fire suppression services.





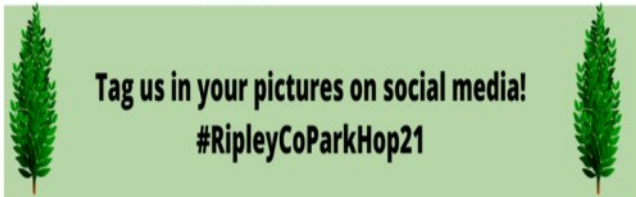
# Ripley County Park Hop 2021

March 1st - May 1st 2021

Spring is the perfect time to start visiting Ripley County Parks!

Participants can pick up a "Park Passport" at any Ripley County Library or the Ripley County Tourism Bureau. Each time you visit a new park, record it in the Passport, the more parks you visit, the greater chance you have winning prizes!

**Families can have fun and claim kids' prizes at Versailles State Park Shimmerhorn Shelter on May 1st from 11 am - 1 pm during our Park Hop finale!**



## Remember When?



This photo show East Pearl Street looking east from Main Street. The railroad tracks run straight through downtown Batesville in the 1950's. The stores in the photo are Telles Barber Shop, Feltz's Tavern, Robert Schene Radio Repair, and Gambles Department Store.

## Stay Connected!

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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