

# Bartletter



**Date & Time: Saturday, 10/28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**Location: Downtown Bartlett**

**Schedule & Event Details:**

10 a.m. - Parade steps off from Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street, to the Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue  
 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Trick/Trunk-or-Treat in downtown and at Streets of Bartlett shopping center

**Walk the Haunted Hallway:** This “secret” pedestrian passageway in Bartlett Town Center, from back parking lot to Main Street, will be full of fun and spooky surprises. A scary, good time for kids of all ages.

**Spin the Wheel of Torture** Visit Arts in Bartlett, enter the gallery, pass through the shroud of darkness into the light and spin the wheel of torture to claim your prize!

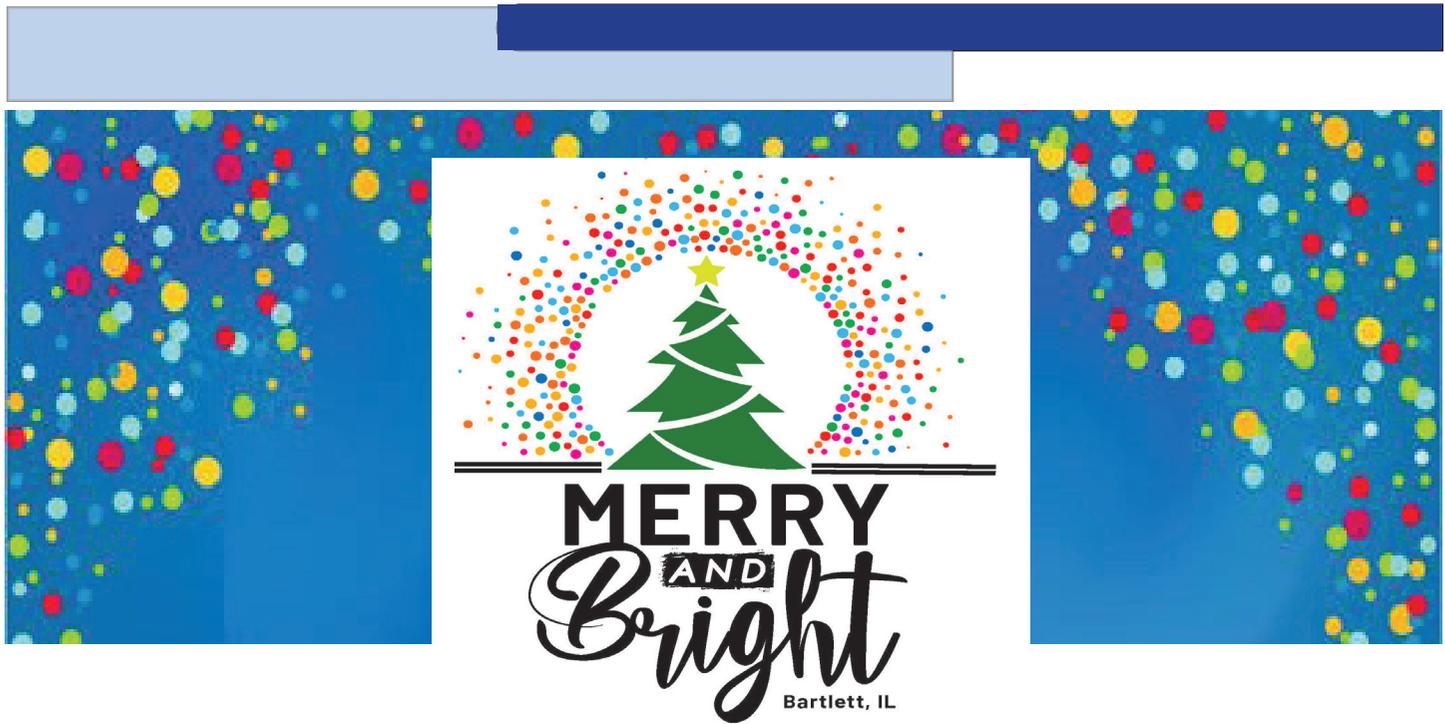
**Mini Train Rides** - from downtown to Streets of Bartlett and back

You can learn more about the activities, hours and get an event map of participating businesses/organizations by visiting the Arts in Bartlett website, [www.artsinbartlett.org/halloween-fun-fest](http://www.artsinbartlett.org/halloween-fun-fest).

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## Begins with the TREE LIGHTING

**Date & Time: Friday, 12/1, 5 to 8 p.m.**

**Place: Bartlett Park, Oak Avenue & North Avenue**

- 5 to 8 p.m.** - Ride through downtown Bartlett in a horse-drawn wagon
- Enjoy cookies, cocoa, the DJ spinning holiday music and the warmth from the fire pits
  - Grab a bite from the food trucks
  - See a live reindeer, ice sculpture and some Disney characters

**5 p.m.** - Santa arrives with Mrs. Claus and his elves. The Bartlett Lions Club invites you to visit Santa in the log cabin until 6:30 p.m. Bring your camera to take photos of your little ones. Also, help the Lions help those less fortunate by bringing a non-perishable food item for the Hanover Township Food Pantry.

**6:30 p.m.** - South Elgin High choir sings holiday songs in the gazebo.

**6:30 to 8 p.m.** - Music & visits with special Disney friends

**7 p.m.** - The holiday tree will be lit, kicking off Merry & Bright in Bartlett!

## ...and continues with the COCOA CRAWL

**Saturday, 12/9 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.**

Join a fun filled day of supporting local businesses and sampling cocoa beverages -- some hot, some cold and even some for those 21 years and older.

Get \$10 tickets at [business.bartlettareachamber.com/events](https://business.bartlettareachamber.com/events) or just scan the QR code. Ticket includes keepsake passport that lists participating businesses, a souvenir mug (while supplies last) and a raffle entry page. Free for 16 and younger. Drop your raffle entry page at Bartlett Village Hall or Bartlett Public Library after visiting your last location for a chance to win fun raffle prizes.



# Take Five with the Trustees



This past spring, village staff and the Economic Development Commission collaborated on reviewing submitted proposals for community branding. Shortly thereafter this board approved an agreement between the Village of Bartlett and A5 Group, Inc. for a village branding campaign.

A5 Group is a highly qualified consulting firm with experience in marketing research and municipal branding/identity marketing, as well as graphic design. The firm is being tasked with creating and coordinating a branding campaign to drive business attraction and retention in Bartlett, energize and inform current residents, and position the Village as a desirable place for relocation while enhancing the image of the village as a customer service focused community.

Part of A5's process is to thoroughly investigate and research the village's key attributes and unique features to help develop a memorable and accurate branding campaign. The consultants started this process with a roundtable discussion at September's Economic Development Commission meeting,

and they attended our first board meeting in October to continue the focus group input. They are also meeting with representatives from the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce and other stakeholders to hear ideas and brainstorm business-related issues.

As this journey to craft a compelling and resonant identity for the village commences, it is vital to recognize that our community's appeal extends far beyond its economic attributes. While the branding process will indeed delve into the business-related aspects that define Bartlett's success, it is equally important to highlight the broader qualities that contribute to the village's character and desirability.

Bartlett is more than just a thriving business hub; it is a place where quality of life flourishes, safety prevails, and family values are celebrated. We want to consider all the things that make Bartlett a unique, prosperous, engaging community to invest and operate a business in, live in and visit as an out-of-towner. In the village's discussions with A5, it is crucial to emphasize that these essential facets of our community be woven into the fabric of the new branding strategy.

To those who would argue that branding is a luxury that the village should not invest in right now, we counter that our community has been well served by the approach Bartlett took during the pandemic. The village did not just focus on the nuts and bolts of core municipal services. We got busy "setting the table" for development when it came back.

When the economy is uncertain, growth does not stop, it just becomes more selective. We need to show that Bartlett is the best value, the best selection both for our residents and businesses.

Once the initial research is complete and a campaign is launched, various metrics and performance measurements will be used to ensure that this new branding program helps us achieve the goals we have set to serve the Village of Bartlett.

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# Get Your Home Ready for Winter

Good-bye summer! Hello fall, the opportune time for Bartlett's Building Division to remind you about the things to do around your home to get ready for the winter months and the heating season.

- Before starting your furnace, consider having it cleaned by a professional to be sure it is running as efficiently as possible.
- Change your furnace filters.
- Check the outside of your house to make sure there are no gaps around windows, doors, and siding that let cold air inside. If you have a crawl space, this is the time to close your vents for the winter months.
- Insulate water pipes located in your crawl space.
- Shut off outside water spigots.
- Make sure your gutters are clean to prevent "ice dams" from forming and damaging your roof.
- Downspouts should drain away from your foundation and to the front or rear of your property. Do not aim them at your neighbor's property.
- Also, this is a good time to test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are functioning properly. Carbon monoxide detectors should be located within 15 feet of all sleeping areas and within 15 feet of all fuel burning appliances. Smoke detectors should be located in every sleeping room as well as on every floor of your home.

Along with cold weather, come interior remodeling projects. If you are planning a remodeling project, you will want to check with the Building Division as soon as possible to see if your project will require a permit. A building permit provides the homeowner with a record of construction being done according to code. Contractors should be licensed with the village and carry insurance and bonds. Don't be afraid to ask for the proper documentation.

If you have questions about the building permit process, feel free to contact the Building Division at 630-540-5920. Someone will be available to assist you from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Free Leaf Collection

For the health and safety of residents, leaf burning has been prohibited in Bartlett since 1991. To help with the collection of leaves, the village's contract with Groot Industries provides for leaf collection at no additional cost to residents during October and November.

Leaves should be placed in brown paper yard bags at the curb each Tuesday alongside other household refuse and recyclables. DO NOT put leaves in plastic bags; these will not be collected. You DO NOT need to buy Groot yard waste stickers for leaves. Generic yard waste bags without stickers are accepted. **However, all other yard waste, such as grass clippings, pulled weeds, etc., must still be placed in stickered yard bags for collection.**

Branches/brush must be bundled in 2 foot by 2 foot by 4 foot long bundles, collected weekly through November.

Village ordinance prohibits depositing, raking, shoveling, plowing, blowing or dumping leaves, grass clippings, branches or snow, onto any public parkway, gutter or street. Leaves and lawn clippings can obstruct sewers and cause flooding. Large piles of leaves also can freeze once temperatures drop and become roadway hazards.



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Bartlett has set Halloween trick-or-treat hours for 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 10/31. Please remember to turn on your porch light if you will be passing out Halloween candy.

Parents are encouraged to accompany children, to stay in their immediate neighborhoods and only go to homes where the porch light is on.

Trick-or-treaters should always walk on the sidewalk. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic. Motorists are reminded to drive carefully and watch for children crossing roads.

**Costume Safety:** Wear a costume that fits; avoid overly long or baggy costumes to prevent trips and falls. Use reflective tape as a trim for costumes and outerwear to help others see you in lower light. Use non-allergenic makeup instead of masks, and keep wigs and hats well off the face. Wearing a brightly colored costume and carrying a flashlight or glow stick can also help brighten the walk for trick-or-treaters.

**Safe Pumpkin Carving:** Leave pumpkin carving to the adults. Child helpers can grab a spoon and scoop out the inside or use a marker to trace the design. When your jack-o-lantern masterpiece is ready, use battery-operated lights or glow sticks rather than open-flame candles. If you opt for candles, keep them away from curtains, decorations and other combustibles.

Finally, children are reminded to bring their Halloween candy home and to have an adult examine all treats before eating.

## Pumpkin Smash 2023

Saturday, 11/4 from 9 a.m. to noon  
METRA Parking Lot on Bartlett Avenue (138 E. Bartlett Avenue)

The Village of Bartlett will be hosting its annual pumpkin composting event with this year's Pumpkin Smash! SCARCE, a nonprofit organization committed to keeping "stuff" out of the landfill by reusing or recycling, first brought this event to DuPage County in 2014! Since then, Bartlett's annual Pumpkin Smash has helped successfully divert nearly 18 tons of pumpkins from landfills.

Residents can bring their pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns for composting in order to return nutrients back to the soil and lower methane gas production in landfills. Regular or decorated pumpkins are allowed, but please remove yarn, stickers or any plastic items before composting. Visit the SCARCE website, [www.scarce.org/pumpkins/](http://www.scarce.org/pumpkins/) for more information or call the village at 630-837-0800.



## The Depot & Bartlett's Sesquicentennial - Part 6



Two years that are especially important in Bartlett's history are 1873 (establishment) and 1891 (incorporation).

One hundred and fifty years ago, Luther and Sophia Bartlett and the Chicago & Pacific Railroad Co. agreed to a land transaction for a rail-right-of-way and station stop with depot, establishing the community they named Bartlett.

The Bartlett Depot Museum, located in the village's original 1873 train station, has been exhibiting Bartlett's railroad stories since its dedication/ribbon cutting on September 12, 2010. The changing exhibits have included topics, such as "MetraKnowledgey" celebrating the 30th anniversary of the establish-

ment of Metra; "Signs, Signals and Semaphores" highlighting railroad communication through the years; "Over There, Over Here! Bartlett and the Great War" emphasizing the depot's role in WW I with our Yanks and homefront efforts. A permanent exhibit features the depot's known station agents from the first, Oliver C. Hutchins, to the last, Sheila Putyrski.

The depot museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue, is always free with free parking in the public lot at Oak and Railroad Avenues. The operating hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the first and third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. The depot will be closed 11/4 and 11/23 and closes seasonally 12/1/2023 through 2/3/2024. Please check the website, [www.bartlett.il.gov/about-bartlett/village-of-bartlett-museums/depot-museum](http://www.bartlett.il.gov/about-bartlett/village-of-bartlett-museums/depot-museum), before visiting, as changes do occur.



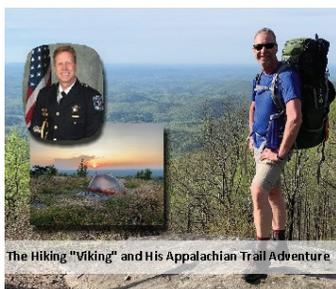
## The Hiking "Viking"

In April 2019, Bartlett Police Department Deputy Chief Chuck Snider retired after 24 years of dedicated service. Two days later he began his quest to hike the Appalachian Trail!

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 10/18, you are invited to meet Chuck, the hiking "Viking," and hear about his amazing experiences trekking and completing this almost 2,200-mile trail that passes through 14 eastern states, beginning at Georgia's Springer Mountain and ending at Maine's Mount Katahdin.

The presentation will be at Bartlett Hills Golf Club, 800 W. Oneida Avenue. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments, complimentary soda and coffee, along with a cash bar. Registration is required for this free Bartlett History Museum program. Email [prohleder@bartlett.il.gov](mailto:prohleder@bartlett.il.gov)

with your name, phone number and number attending.



## Christmas on State Street

For decades, Christmas in Chicagoland meant a trip or two to State Street to see the big department stores, like Marshall Field & Co., that went all-out for the holiday. Using photographs, ads, postcards, menus, and other memorabilia, "Christmas on State Street" by Leslie Goddard highlights the history of the cherished holiday traditions, from the animated windows displays and the Christmas parade to beloved characters like Uncle Mistletoe, the Cinnamon Bear and of course, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

Goddard's illustrated talk is on Wednesday, 11/1 at 7 p.m. at Bartlett Village Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments with a pre-program by the museum, "A Christmas Tree for Bartlett," at 6:45 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required for this free Bartlett History Museum program. Email [prohleder@bartlett.il.gov](mailto:prohleder@bartlett.il.gov) with your name, phone number and number attending.



# BARTLETT BRIEFS

## TRI-VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

The Tri-Village Garden Club is now meeting at Streamwood Fire Station 31, 1204 S. Park Avenue, at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. On Wednesday, 10/18, Ken Bensen will discuss composting, soil, and more.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Bartlett Lions Club is hosting its Fall Pancake Breakfast, available from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday, 11/5, at the Bartlett Fire Barn, 218 S. Main Street. Cost for the all-you-can-eat pancakes,

sausage, coffee, milk and juice: adults, \$8 and children age 6 to 12, \$5. Up to three children age 5 and younger are free with each paid adult. Raffles, a 50/50 Split the Pot and youth eye health screening will be available at the breakfast. For more information, please visit [www.bartlettlions.org](http://www.bartlettlions.org).

## TURKEY RAFFLE

It is that time again. The annual BVFA Fresh Tom Turkey Raffle will be hosted by the **Bartlett Volunteer Fire Association** on Saturday, 11/18 at 7 p.m. at the Bartlett Fire Barn, 218 S. Main

Street. Tickets are \$5 each. The BVFA, Herbie, Gertie and their "family" hope to see you there! For more info email [bvfabarnmanager@gmail.com](mailto:bvfabarnmanager@gmail.com).

## SIGN UP FOR eNEWSLETTER

The **Village of Bartlett** has launched Trending Now, a twice monthly e-newsletter, as another way to help keep you informed about village services, programs & news. To subscribe, look for the Trending Now link in the "How Do I...Sign Up" drop down navigation menu on the website.

*Please submit information for the December/January Bartletter to: Gabrielle Infusino, Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main St., Bartlett, IL 60103 or [ginfusino@bartlett.il.gov](mailto:ginfusino@bartlett.il.gov) by Friday, October 27.*

## Small Business Saturday is 11/25



Saturday, November 25, 2023 is Small Business Saturday – a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities. Founded by American Express in 2010 and officially cosponsored by SBA since 2011, Small Business Saturday has become an important part of small businesses' busiest shopping season.

Small businesses need support more than ever these days! Please join the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the Village of Bartlett and organizations across the country in supporting local small businesses by shopping at a small business on 11/25 and throughout the holiday season.

Not only does shopping locally help you, it also helps everyone around you. Here's what you're supporting when you buy local.

1. Small businesses give back to the community
2. Local store owners create local jobs
3. Local owners buy local services themselves
4. Local establishments provide great customer service
5. Small businesses create a sense of community

To see where you can shop and dine locally in Bartlett, please visit the village website business directories, [www.bartlett.il.gov/doing-business/shopping](http://www.bartlett.il.gov/doing-business/shopping) and [www.bartlett.il.gov/doing-business/restaurants](http://www.bartlett.il.gov/doing-business/restaurants). You can also find links to the interactive shopping and dining maps on these webpages.

Source: U.S. Small Business Administration, [www.sba.gov/](http://www.sba.gov/)



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## Merry & Bright Merch

This holiday season it's all about Merry & Bright in Bartlett! Bring this spirited message into your home with custom Bartlett items featuring the Centennial Gazebo and holiday tree in Bartlett Park.

Designed and sold exclusively by the Village of Bartlett Museums, the charming hometown illustration is featured on a wooden ornament (\$5.75) and 8-inch by 8-inch wooden plaque (\$14.61), which are the perfect accents for your home or to give as a gift for someone on your "nice" list. These items are available for purchase at Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street.



## Contact Us

**BARTLETT CONNECT:** Need to report a pothole or a streetlight that is out, voice another concern, ask a quick question or offer a compliment? Use the Bartlett Connect mobile app to contact the Village 24/7. Download this citizen request system app on your smartphone or other electronic device for free by searching "Bart-



lett Connect" in the Apple app store or on Google Play. You can also access it using the "Stay Connected" link on the homepage of the Village website. Bartlett Connect ensures that your issue is directed to the right person, in the right department and it provides you with a tracking number for easy follow-up. You can also search a Q&A database, subscribe to eNews, connect directly to the Village website and more.

**CALL:** Village Hall Main Office, 630-837-0800  
Public Works, 630-837-0811  
Bartlett Hills Golf Course, 630-837-2741  
Police Department, 630-837-0846  
Emergency and TDD Service, call 911

### Bartlett Village Hall Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon

