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To Your Home*



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Happy Holidays





Join in the Merry & Bright Cocoa Crawl from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 12/14, and enjoy 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 and more information on the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce website, bartlettareachamber.com, or use the QR code; ticket includes passport/ticket book that covers the cost of your cocoa drinks, souvenir mug for each paying adult (while supplies last), and map to the participating vendor locations, where you can sip some sweet chocolatey goodness as you "crawl" along. Free for 16 and younger (no mug included).



Get ready for Bartlett's first annual Restaurant Week! Dine at local eateries from February 2 through February 8, 2025, and take advantage of special offers and/or prix fixe menus at participating restaurants. Be sure to check the Discover Bartlett and Village of Bartlett Facebook pages, as well as the village website for updates and more information as we get closer to February!



A Minute with the Mayor

In the fall of 2022, the Village of Bartlett, along with several communities along the Milwaukee District West (MD-W) rail line and DuPage County, formed The Coalition to Stop CPKC in opposition to the Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern rail merger.

In March 2023, the Surface Transportation Board (STB) did approve the merger, forming the Canadian Pacific Kansas City Rail (CPKC). This began a seven-year oversight period during which coalition communities began working alongside CPKC to ensure the STB's merger mitigation measures are appropriately implemented. Included in these measures are train tracking technology, pedestrian gates at crossings, preservation and establishment of quiet zones, implementation of noise and vibration abatement measures, equipping local first responders with hazmat resources, and more. The STB agreed to revisit merger mitigation requirements if actual impacts were more significant than projected by CPKC in its initial application.

In October, the village board approved a new intergovernmental agreement (IGA) allowing the coalition to continue to collaborate throughout the federally mandated monitoring period in communicating, managing and representing their common interests, including the pursuit of mitigation, oversight, and funding.

As part of the March 2023 decision, CPKC is required to submit monthly train data to the STB. In the first year, CPKC reported an average freight train volume increase of roughly one additional freight train per day (around seven per week). However, this number is variable because CPKC uses averages in its reporting.

Through analysis, the coalition's consultants, LE Peabody, determined the highest weekly post-merger volume reported to date saw 35 freight trains traversing the MD-W Line (five per day), or roughly 14 more than the pre-merger average weekly volume. During this first-year oversight period, the coalition's experts have also seen significant spikes in the weekly volume of through freight trains greater than 10,000 feet in length traversing the line. CPKC has

reported as many as five (5) per week.

Despite the modest freight train volume increase realized, the coalition has experienced significant extended blocked crossings. To date, CPKC has not provided accurate and consistent information about the extent to which its stopped or slow-moving trains block road crossings.

Using coalition-collected video, LE Peabody is currently examining real-time footage to review blocked crossings, average train lengths, train speeds, and additional analytics not currently included in CPKC's quarterly reports.

The coalition also has implemented several legal strategies in the first oversight year, appealing the STB's approval of the merger to the DC Circuit Court of Appeals and submitting a 54-page Opening Brief on February 5, 2024. In late October, the coalition's legal team filed an amended brief, asking the court to remand the matter back to the STB to do its required due diligence, reconsider the merger approval or place more substantial conditions on the railroad to more effectively protect health and safety.

It also has negotiated an acceptable agreement with CPKC to install monitoring equipment at crossings to measure train movements and delays.

On another front, the coalition has successfully lobbied for state funding of and received a commitment of \$1,235,000 from the State of Illinois. These dollars can be used to reimburse some of the

coalition's expenses for consultants and legal experts and aid in funding ongoing oversight and data collection, such as tracking gate downtime, real-time train activity, and train lengths.

It is the coalition members' belief that in its decision, the STB chose economics over safety. It is the coalition's intent to continue to work diligently to ensure the safety and quality of life of our residents, businesses, and property owners are not overlooked.



New Groot Rates



The village's current contract with Groot Industries for refuse, recycling and yard waste collection expires on December 31, 2024. The board approved a 5-year extension to the agreement with Groot.

The extended agreement includes no price increase for the first year, with seniors receiving a freeze for two years. In the following years, rates will incrementally rise by 3.5% annually; yard waste stickers will remain \$2 for the life of the contract. See the monthly rates for the next five years below:

Single Family Curbside: 1/1/2025 through 12/31/25 \$22.27
1/1/2026 through 12/31/26 \$23.05
1/1/2027 through 12/31/27 \$23.86
1/1/2028 through 12/31/28 \$24.69
1/1/2029 through 12/31/29 \$25.56

Multi-Family Curbside: 1/1/2025 through 12/31/25 \$20.04
1/1/2026 through 12/31/26 \$20.74
1/1/2027 through 12/31/27 \$21.47
1/1/2028 through 12/31/28 \$22.22
1/1/2029 through 12/31/29 \$23.00

Multi-Family Centralized: 1/1/2025 through 12/31/25 \$15.31
1/1/2026 through 12/31/26 \$15.85
1/1/2027 through 12/31/27 \$16.40
1/1/2028 through 12/31/28 \$16.97
1/1/2029 through 12/31/29 \$17.57

Per Sticker Yard Waste Rate: 1/1/2025 through 12/31/29 \$2.00

Senior citizens, age 65 and older, are eligible to receive a 10% discount off their monthly service rate. Contact Groot, 847-429-7370, to learn more about the senior discount.



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Tree Collection

Groot will collect Christmas trees at no additional charge for a three-week period following the holidays - on Tuesday, 12/31, Tuesday, 1/7 and Tuesday, 1/14.

Place your tree on the curb with garbage and recycling. If the tree is taller than 8 feet, please trim it to a size shorter than 8 feet.

All ornaments and tinsel must be removed. **Do not place the tree in a plastic bag.** Trees that have decorations on them or are put out after this time period will be picked up but not recycled.

Groot's weekly waste pickup day is Tuesday. However garbage is not collected on: **New Years Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving; Christmas.** If one of these holidays falls on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday, collection will be on Wednesday that week.



Snow? Plows are Ready!



Freezing temperatures, snow and ice are the winter norm for this area, and Bartlett Public Works salt trucks and snowplows are ready.

Prior to a winter event, PW may choose to anti-ice with a brine/blend solution. This helps prevent snow from bonding to the pavement and makes plowing more effective.

Bartlett streets are plowed in the following order: main streets, secondary collector streets, cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets. Priority is given to the most heavily traveled streets. Visit PW - Streets Division on the village website to see a jurisdictional street map.

Parking on village streets is prohibited after 2 inches of snow has fallen to allow plows to completely clear the roads. It's a good idea to wait until after the final pass of the plow to shovel the end of your driveway. **DO NOT** shovel snow into the street. It violates village code, can cause ice patches and potentially can result in serious accidents.

The village clears snow from sidewalks surrounding public buildings and the commuter areas. It does not clear neighborhood sidewalks. **Please be a snow angel and shovel your sidewalk** so school children and pedestrians can walk safely and easily.

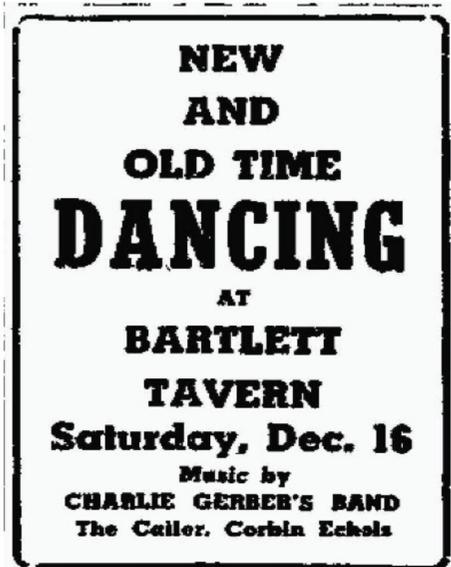
According to village policy, PW repairs mailboxes that have been damaged by **DIRECT CONTACT** with a snowplow during snow removal. The mailbox must be able to withstand the weight of the snow coming off the snowplow. To read the full policy, please visit the village website, www.bartlett.il.gov/government/public-works/streets-division/street-maintenance-snow-plowing. Please call public works, 630-837-0811, if you have any snow removal questions.

Plowing Metra Lots

During the pandemic, Metra ridership decreased significantly, and parking in the Metra lots also decreased. In order to schedule public works crews most efficiently this winter, some Metra lots will go unplowed following a snow event. If you are a Metra commuter who regularly uses adjacent parking, see the map below (also at www.bartlett.il.gov/government/public-works/streets-division/street-maintenance-snow-plowing) to see what lots will and will not be plowed following a snowfall this winter.



Discover Yesterday's Bartlett



The Bartlett History Museum displays the village's rich past through changing exhibits.

Check out the current exhibit, "I'll Drink to That! From Temperance to Tolerance, Bartlett's Libation History." Learn about alcohol consumption in the village from the time of its temperance founders, Luther and Sophia Bartlett, to today's downtown brewpub MoRE Brewing Company.

The Bartlett Tavern, once located at 113 W Railroad Avenue, today home to an insurance agency, had a large hall that was the entire length of the second floor. The hall was used for meetings, social gathering and dances. Lots of dances, like the one pictured here! Eighty years ago, on December 2, 1944, Charlie Gerber's Band supplied the music for the dance. They performed again on December 16.

The tavern was built using a balloon framing method, which meant that there were no support columns down the interior center of the building's first floor. The dances, which were well attend-

ed, meant additional moving weight on a floor above that wasn't properly supported. The solution? Temporary poles, from floor to ceiling, were uprighted on the first floor to brace the second floor. It was common for attendees to brag that an event was a "one or two pole dance," with two poles being the best!

The museum is located in Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street. It is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is always free.



Museums' Online Collection

To learn more about Bartlett's history 24/7, visit the Village of Bartlett Museums' online collection at bartlettmuseums.pastperfectonline.com. You'll find more than 2,400 searchable images, objects and more, waiting to be discovered.

Since it is winter, you can enter the keyword "snow," which will bring up 130 results, including this circa 1950 holiday greeting card. It was sent to Bartlett residents Harvey and Elvina Brandt from their North Hickory Avenue neighbors Henry and Melinda Thurnau.



The illustration, with its unique colors, is produced on black paper with a cozy hot pink cottage in the snowy tranquil woods of purple and silver. Smoke rising from the chimney fills the nighttime sky.

The inside of the card reads, "Best wishes for a Happy Holiday season and prosperous New Year." This wish is still fitting today! Have a wonderful holiday.

Seasonal Closure

The Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue, is now closed for the winter season. It will reopen Saturday, 2/1/2025. You are invited to come to the depot museum that morning, 9 a.m. to noon, for the First Saturday Free Family Craft.

Depot museum staff will be celebrating Lunar New Year, the Year of the Snake. Mark your calendar!

Admission and parking are always free.



You are invited to Bartlett Hills Golf Club, 800 W Oneida Avenue, on Sunday, 12/15 for Breakfast with Mrs. Claus. Enjoy an All-You-Can-Eat Holiday Buffet with a tea and hot cocoa station. Adults - \$21.95; Kids - \$14.95. Admission is free for children age 2 and younger.

- * Have your photo take with Mrs. Claus
- * Decorate a Personalized Holiday Cookie Kit
- * Holiday Pictures by the Fireplace

Reservations Only. Please call 630-213-3103 to reserve your seating: Every half hour, starting at 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

BARTLETT BRIEFS

COOKIE WALK & CRAFT FAIR

The 33rd annual Cookie Walk & Craft Fair will be held at **Journey of Hope** Bartlett Campus on Saturday, 12/7 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The church is located at 751 W. Army Trail Road in Bartlett (SW corner of Army Trail and Petersdorf Road). In addition to thousands of homemade cookies available for purchase for your holiday parties, there will be 30 crafters/vendors set up with many great gifts and home decor items available. A walking taco lunch for purchase also will be available at the event. Santa

will make an appearance from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a photo space will be available if you would like to take pictures.

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 February/March Bartletter to: Gabrielle Infusino, Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main St., Bartlett, IL 60103 or ginfusino@bartlettill.gov by Friday, December 27.





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Light Recycling



The Village of Bartlett will be collecting broken or unwanted holiday lights for recycling in partnership with Elgin Recycling. The holiday light recycling program will be available through January 31.

You can drop off lights at the first floor multi-purpose room, just outside the council chambers in village hall, 228 S. Main Street, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Lights Accepted: Italian mini-lights, traditional C7 & C9 lights, rope and LED lights. Extension cords also accepted.

Please do not put lawn ornaments or other holiday decorations in the light recycling bins.

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



“Bartlett 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, receive text & email notifications, connect directly to the Village website and more.

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