

Bartletter

A Sister City Celebration

Artist Receptions

Two art exhibits are scheduled in the Bartlett Village Hall, 2nd floor gallery, during 2025 to celebrate the Sister City relationship between Bartlett and Miaoli City, Taiwan.

May 1 to June 30

Artist: Chiou, Ya Wen

Reception: Tuesday, 5/20, 6:30 p.m.

July 1 to August 31

Sister City Celebration exhibit.

Reception: Tuesday, 7/15, 6:30 p.m.

Taiwanese artist Chiou, Ya Wen specializes in both digital art and traditional painting. She works with a variety of mediums, including acrylic, watercolor, and oil. Her style is diverse and adaptable, shifting according to the theme of each piece to explore a wide range of visual expressions.



DATE: Tuesday, 5/13 at 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Bartlett High School, 701 W. Schick Road

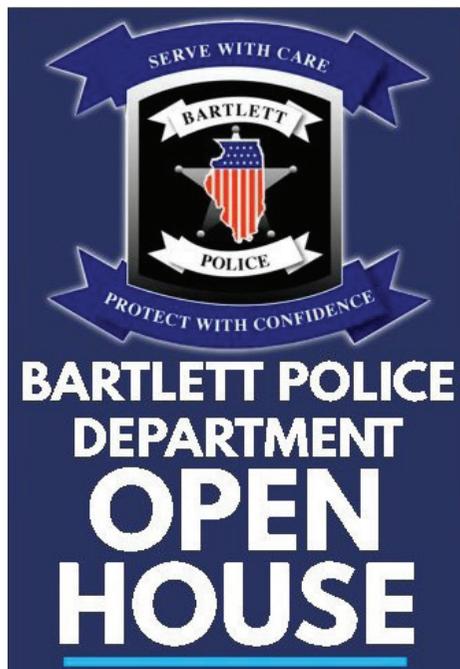
To celebrate 2025 Taiwanese American Heritage Week and Bartlett's Sister City, Miaoli City, Taiwan, you are invited to experience "Amazing Taiwan," the Culture Arts Performing Troupe of National Taiwan University of Sport (NTUS). Don't miss this captivating 85-minute artistic feast blending dance, singing, music, and drama.

This performance is complimentary but **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** to ensure a seat for all attendees. Visit www.artsinbartlett.org/sistercity to see more information and to register for tickets.

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Sunday, 4/27

**Police Open House
228 S. Main St.
9 a.m. to noon**

**Pancake Breakfast
Fire Barn, 218 S. Main St.
8 a.m. to noon**



**Bartlett Lions Club
Pancake
Breakfast**

Join Bartlett Police Department for its FREE, annual open house on Sunday, 4/27. This fun-filled family event will be held in conjunction with the Bartlett Lions Club Spring Pancake Breakfast.

Cost for the all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and juice: adults, \$10 and children age 6 to 12, \$6. Up to three children age 5 and younger are free with each paid adult. Multiple raffles, a 50/50 Split the Pot and youth low vision screening will be available at the breakfast. For more information, please visit www.bartlettlions.org.

The Event Line-Up at the police department includes: department tours; face painting; vehicle displays; comfort dog Maverick meet & greet; kids identification cards; giveaways; and more!

Everyone at the police department is excited for residents to take this opportunity to tour the police station, talk to officers, and enjoy a wide selection of police displays and demonstrations. Any questions, call the police department at 630-837-0846.



**Date: Saturday, 6/7 & Sunday, 6/8
Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Jensen Pavilion at
Apple Orchard Park
620 W Stearns Rd**

Arts in Bartlett's signature event. Free to attend, this community festival celebrates cultural diversity and values to broaden knowledge, encourage acceptance and grow unity. This year's festival will feature:

- Local groups performing culturally significant dance routines, playing unique musical instruments and singing traditional ethnic songs
- Family-oriented lawn games, crafts and activities
- Vendor booths filled with diverse wares and artists representing world cultures
- Ethnic foods and beverages





A Minute with the Mayor

It has been 12 years since I was first elected village president for Bartlett. Serving in that role has been the honor of my life, so it was with mixed emotions that I made the decision not to seek a fourth term.

As I take a few final minutes as your mayor to reflect on my tenure, let me first say how deeply grateful I am to have worked alongside such a steadfast board of trustees, such a dedicated municipal staff and a community filled with amazing business owners, civic groups and residents. I am immensely proud of the progress we have made together.

We have successfully shaped the Village of Bartlett during more than a decade of growth and change in all its sectors – public, residential, industrial and commercial.

We completed a new state-of-the-art police station for our CALEA certified department; joined the DuPage Water Commission to turn the valves on a much-anticipated transition to Lake Michigan water; and put the finishing touches on a multi-year, \$35 million, APWA award winning water reclamation facility improvements project.

In 2023, we saw a reawakening in our residential development when Bartlett welcomed The Grasslands, a new neighborhood of single-family homes, duplexes and townhomes.

We saw the completion of Brewster Creek Business Park, which was developed from a depleted gravel quarry to notably one of the more successful TIF districts in the state, home for nearly 80 businesses, 7,000 employees and serving a multitude of customers and vendors.

When I first took my seat on the dais, Bartlett did not have a brewery, a second grocery store or a multi-make car dealership. In the last couple of years, the village welcomed Bob Loquercio Auto Group on Lake Street, a brand-new ALDI grocery store to the renovated, revitalized and renamed Streets of Bartlett shopping center and MORE Brew-

ing to the downtown, along with a bevy of new restaurants that enabled Bartlett's first ever Restaurant Week this past February.

When faced with the challenges of a global pandemic, we met it head on and came out stronger than ever. The board, staff and I worked together to maintain a balanced budget, level taxes, a strong bond rating, the high service levels that keep the village safe and its infrastructure sound and, most importantly, helped maintain and celebrate Bartlett's rich heritage and treasured small town atmosphere.

The truth is that as rewarding as the work of a mayor can be, gathering with residents, friends and neighbors to celebrate Bartlett is what really continued to fuel my passion for this office for three terms. From the Memorial Day Walk to the Fourth of July Festival, from Oktoberfest to Merry & Bright and National Night Out, from annual breakfasts with our school principals, religious leaders and chamber of commerce members to commencements with the many D.A.R.E graduates that I have congratulated, these have been the highlights of my service to this community and will always be the memories that I hold close.

Together, we have faced tough times, celebrated good times and worked tirelessly to enhance our village. My time as mayor has been a profound privilege, and I am deeply thankful for the trust and support you placed in me, and for the opportunity I had to witness the great spirit of our residents.

Please accept my best wishes for the continued success and prosperity of this wonderful community. I am fully confident that I leave you in good hands and that Bartlett will continue to thrive in the years ahead.



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Bittersweet Facility Nominated for National APWA Project of the Year



The American Public Works Association (APWA) Chicago Metro Chapter recognized Bartlett's Bittersweet Water Reclamation Facility improvements with the Project of the Year award in the Environment - \$25 to \$75 Million category at the 2025 APWA Chapter Awards luncheon on March 14. This project is now in the running for the national APWA Project of the Year.

The Bittersweet Water Reclamation Facility, built in 1971, required significant upgrades to address aging infrastructure, convoluted processes, and maintenance issues. With a 3.7 MGD (million gallon per day) average and 15 MGD peak capacity, the facility aimed to improve environmental sustainability, enhance effluent quality, increase wet-weather capacity to 20.5 MGD, and reduce energy use through automation and efficiency.

Key upgrades included replacing outdated grit removal and tertiary sand filters with advanced systems, converting aeration tanks for biological nutrient removal, and introducing UV disinfection for forward and excess flow discharges. Aging second-stage treatment components were demolished, and existing structures were repurposed to optimize operations and reduce costs. To improve public aesthetics, native prairie mix was used to produce a neighborhood-friendly site.

The new improvements provide approximately a 25% reduction in energy use with the elimination

of the intermediate pumping station and the replacement of blowers with high-efficiency screw blowers. This results in electrical cost savings, and the village is expected to receive a \$224,000 grant through the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program.

The \$35 million project, financed through low-interest loans and grants, reduced process complexity by 40%, making it a model for nutrient removal using S2EBPR/RAS fermentation technology—one of Illinois' first implementations. Strand Associates, Inc. was the project consultant and the contractor was Joseph J. Henderson & Son, Inc.

The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management, administration, and implementation of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor, who work together to complete public works projects.

Awards are given in four divisions and five categories. The four divisions are: projects less than \$5 million; projects of \$5 million, but less than \$25 million; projects of \$25 million to \$75 million; and projects more than \$75 million. The five categories are: structures, transportation, historical restoration/preservation, environment, and disaster or emergency construction repair.



May is National Bike Month

May is National Bike Month, a celebration of biking as transportation, as recreation, as essential to well-being and everyday lives. In 2025, Bike to Work Week will be celebrated May 12 to 18, with Bike to Work Day on Friday, 5/16. National Ride A Bike Day will be held on 5/4.

When you head outside with your friends and family to enjoy Bartlett's great bike paths, it's important to remember to ride safely and courteously. For all bike riders, keep the following in mind:

- Ride at a pace that makes the other users of the path feel comfortable. Reckless driving endangers yourself and others, so let's make sure the paths are safe and enjoyable for everyone!
- Always wear a helmet, and equip your bike with reflective panels and lights. You can never be too safe!

For e-bike riders:

The state of Illinois classifies e-bikes into three categories (Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3). If your bike does not fall into one of these three categories, it is not considered an e-bike and is therefore prohibited from any of Bartlett's bike paths. Prohibited vehicles include electric mountain bikes, motorcycles, dirt bikes, or mopeds. See the guide on the right to check if your bike is permitted on the bike paths.

What's the Difference?
E-BIKE CLASSIFICATIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
20MPH	20MPH	28MPH
Pedal Assisted	Throttle Assisted	Pedal Assisted / Optional Throttle
No assistance without pedaling	Can be ridden without pedaling	No assistance without pedaling
Same rules & access rights as regular bikes	Same rules & access rights as regular bikes	Age limit applies
		Usage areas restricted

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If you're passionate about gardening, consider joining the Bartlett Community Garden for the 2025 season. It provides gardeners with the opportunity to enjoy a common space, where they can share a hobby with fellow community members.



Located at Koehler Field, the fee for the season is \$35 for residents and \$55 for non-residents. For more information or to sign up, visit the Bartlett Community Garden page on the village website, www.bartlett.il.gov/services/community-garden.

Yard Waste

Yard rakings, grass clippings, small twigs, garden material, such as flowers, vines, weeds, and garden fruit and vegetables are considered yard waste, which is collected April through November by Bartlett's waste hauler, Groot Industries.

Residents can use generic yard waste bags with Groot stickers (\$2 each) applied. Bartlett Village Hall, Ace Hardware and Jewel carry the yard waste stickers.

Groot's brush collection has replaced the Bartlett Public Works brush collection program. Groot will collect brush weekly, April through November. Brush must be bundled with degradable twine in 2 foot by 2 foot by 4 foot long bundles.

For more information, visit the Yard Waste webpage on the village website.

A Walking History Tour Through Bartlett Trees



“Nestling among its groves of oak shaded from the summer’s heat and sheltered from the winter’s cold, Bartlett is one of the most pleasant villages between Elgin and Chicago.” *The Elgin Daily News*, June 28, 1892

In celebration of Arbor Day, join the museum staff and village forester at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 5/14 for a one & a half hour walking tour beginning at the Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue. Learn all about tree diversity, diseases, queens, architecture, and more as we explore the heart of historic Bartlett from nature’s point of view.

To register for this free event and/or more information, please email Pam at prohleder@bartlettill.gov, with your name, number of participants and your phone number. Appropriate for ages 12 and older.

Passport to Adventure Begins

Looking for fun and affordable experiences for all ages close to home? The Kane-DuPage Regional Museum Association’s Passport to Adventure program begins May 1. Open to everyone, it encourages you to discover more than 60 museums and nature centers in Kane and DuPage Counties.

The free passports, with a list of all the sites and their details, are available for pick-up beginning May 1 at the Bartlett History Museum, 228 S. Main Street; Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue; and Arts in Bartlett, 215 S. Main Street. Stamp the sites you visit for a chance to win a gift card.

Down at the Depot

The Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue, features exhibits and hands-on activities that highlight Bartlett’s rail history. It is open Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon.

Families can join in the fun at the First Saturday Free Children’s Craft with a different craft every month. No registration is required, but supplies are limited. Drop in anytime between 9 a.m. and noon. Free admission and free parking across the street in the public lot. All Aboard for History!

World War II, 80 Years Later

In 1945, World War II ended in Europe on May 8 and with Japan on September 2, when formal surrender documents were signed. Like so many U.S. cities and towns, Bartlett sent its young men to fight while supporting and participating in the home front efforts.

Earl Humbracht (1918 – 1999), pictured here, was the first Bartlett resident to enter the service during WW II. He did so as a private on June 20, 1941, several months before the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the U.S. entry into the war. Initially stationed at Fort Sam Houston Texas, Humbracht then went to Camp Claiborne Louisiana, to Edmonton Air Base Canada and then to France with the H & S Co. 1308th Engineering General Services Regiment.

Technical Sergeant Humbracht was discharged in 1946, and returned to Bartlett and his wife Lois, who he married in 1943, while in service. The couple raised four children Greg, Jeff, Holly and Julie.

In 1948, he opened the beloved Humbracht’s Confectionery at 130 W. Bartlett Avenue, where his customer service and more were remembered fondly. His service also extended to the community where he was born. He was elected to and served on the Village of Bartlett Board of Trustees from 1951 to 1955. In 1999, he was chosen one of eight Bartlett Living Legends.

This summer, the village’s hometown WW II veterans, those drafted or enlisted from Bartlett, will be featured on Main Street banners, remembering this Greatest Generation of residents and their service in defense of our county.



BARTLETT BRIEFS

BUNNY LUNCH

Join **Bartlett Woman's Club** at the Bartlett Community Center Oak Room for the 47th annual Bunny Lunch on Saturday, 4/12. Doors open at 11 a.m. and pizza lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$12 per person (limited seating; reservations and payment required in advance for every child, regardless of age, and every adult). Included in the ticket price: face painting, balloon animals, live bunnies, gift bag and raffle ticket for each child. Bunny will be available for pictures, so bring your camera. Please scan the QR code below to register or for more info or questions, email judywags2@yahoo.com.



BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM

If your kids are interested in being a part of competitive swimming, consider becoming a 'Cuda this summer! The **Bartlett Barracudas** 2025 season runs May 27 to July 19 and includes home and away meets, fun events that encourage team building, competitive spirit, improving swim strokes, and most importantly - FUN! Ages 5 to 18 welcome (provided a swimmer can swim the 25-yard length of the pool). Registration is OPEN for

both residents and non-resident interested swimmers. Call for info 630-540-4800 or visit www.bartlett-parks.org. The team can't wait to see you on deck!

ARTISAN MARKETPLACE & CRAFT SHOW



The 4th annual **Arts in Bartlett** Spring Artisan Marketplace & Craft Show is on Saturday, 5/3 (rain date Sunday, 5/4) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This indoor/outdoor event at Bartlett Town Center, 215 S. Main Street, kicks off local art & craft events for the season. Arts in Bartlett is still accepting crafter participant applications. Learn more at www.artsinbartlett.org/springmktplace.

WOMAN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The **Bartlett Woman's Club** is pleased to offer its yearly Continuing Education Scholarship to help a woman who wishes to further her education and reach her life goals. It will be awarded based on need and career goals.

The applicant must: be a woman 21 years of age or older; have been a resident of Bartlett for at least one year; have received

her high school diploma or GED. Application deadline is May 1 and the recipient will be notified by May 31. Use the QR code or go to <https://forms.gle/H9ezXdpX6Nvgk-mg49> to access the application. Contact bartlettclub@gmail.com or Margaret Shrigley, margshrig@gmail.com with any questions.



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Do you enjoy reading the Bartletter, but would like to see village news and information more often? Subscribe to Trending Now, the **Village of Bartlett's** digital newsletter, for twice a month updates on services, programs, events and news delivered to your e-mailbox on the 15th & the 30th. 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 June/July Bartletter to: Gabrielle Infusino, Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main St., Bartlett, IL 60103 or ginfusino@bartlett.il.gov by Friday, April 25.

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BARTLETT

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Memorial Day



For more than three decades, Bartlett has honored its deceased veterans with a Memorial Day Walk and Remembrance. Please come and join this commemoration on Monday, 5/26.

It begins at 10 a.m. at Bartlett Park, Oak and North Avenues, with an American Legion flag retirement ceremony. At 10:30 a.m. veterans, scouts, civic groups, bagpipers and residents line up for the walk to Bartlett Cemetery, which steps off at 11 a.m.

At the cemetery, the remembrance continues with a brief program and a cannon salute to recognize Bartlett's local heroes.

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.

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