

Bartletter

Public Works Open House

**Monday, 8/11
First Day of Classes
for U46 & Many Other
Area Schools!**

Please obey school zone speed limits, don't use your cell phone & be mindful of school buses and students walking to and from school.



Have you ever wondered what goes into maintaining the infrastructure in the Village of Bartlett? Come to the second annual public works open house and see what the streets, water, and wastewater divisions do on a daily basis to serve the community.

It's a great opportunity to catch up on the projects occurring around the village, and experience educational demonstrations related to the department's maintenance and improvements of vital infrastructure with new technology and tools.

The Bartlett Public Works Open House is on Friday, 9/19, from 2 to 6 p.m. There will be food, beverages, and various activities including:

- General tour of the public works complex and facilities including the Lake Michigan water receiving station and the streets garages.
- A guided tour through the water reclamation facility.
- Touch-A-Truck with the public works fleet of vehicles and various heavy equipment.
- Demonstrations from the streets, water, and the sewer divisions.

The public works complex is located at 1150 Bittersweet Drive just off Stearns Road. Hope to see you there!

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A Boost for Downtown Bartlett

In 2015, the Village of Bartlett received a technical assistance grant from the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to develop a downtown transit-oriented development (TOD) plan.

A steering committee of local business owners, residents, village elected officials and staff, and representatives from the RTA and METRA was formed and worked with planning consultants on crafting this plan. Many topics were addressed, including business attraction and economic development, transportation, train station access, parking and pedestrian and bike access, zoning and development opportunities.



The board adopted the final version of the TOD plan on 10/18/2016, and it has served as a guide as Bartlett strived to improve and expand its downtown. Two new commercial buildings were constructed in accordance with the plan, built closer to the street and with multiple levels. One project (MORE Brewing) takes advantage of shared free parking in the downtown and does not have any parking on its own site.

However, other projects have stalled, and many elements of economic development have changed during the past nine years due to the pandemic, market forces, and changes in demographics and the way consumers spend.

Fast forward to today, when Bartlett is one of 30 communities across northeastern Illinois chosen to get a boost from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) through its annual technical assistance program. CMAP's support helps communities build capacity, plan strategically, and access funding to turn ideas into action.

Bartlett was selected from a highly competitive pool of more than 80 applications submitted by 72 communities. The NEXT Grant awarded to the village is primarily intended to support implementation of Bartlett's TOD plan. CMAP staff will work with the Village of Bartlett to help organize implementation efforts, prioritize planned improvements, promote economic prosperity, and develop and carry out a clear action plan.

A team of developers from the Urban Land Institute will tour the downtown area with village staff and Mayor Dan Gunsteen. They will review and evaluate the plan, then reconvene for further analysis and discussion. Following that, they will review their findings along with feedback from the village and provide guidance on possible amendments and implementation strategies.

The goal of creating developments in close proximity to public transit options is to use transit resources effectively, reduce congestion, and give a boost to the local economy. TOD plans promote walking and an active lifestyle by encouraging quality streetscape and buildings in a compact layout.

Planning for new development around the Bartlett Metra station will help expand Metra ridership, attract new visitors, and investment to downtown. Locally, making transit options and the downtown more attractive will help to bring new customers to existing businesses, as well as attract new shopping, restaurant, and employment options to the area. Regionally, the increase in transit ridership helps to alleviate traffic congestion, reduce the need for new roadways, and reduce air pollution.

While downtown Bartlett has continued improving and growing during the past decade, the village's economic development team feels that going through the NEXT program process will breathe some new life into the TOD plan, and provide vital implementation strategies for elected officials and staff for the remainder of the 2020s and beyond.



A Minute with the Mayor



As I mark my first 100 days as your village president, I want to share the progress we've made together and the direction we are heading as a community.

These first few months have brought important and difficult decisions—none more significant than the task of selecting a new chief of police. Public safety is the foundation of any strong community, and I'm proud to share that after a thorough and competitive process, we appointed Chief Ryan Conway to lead the Bartlett Police Department. Chief Conway brings with him a deep respect for integrity, a proven record of leadership, and a vision for modern, community focused policing. His appointment is a milestone for Bartlett and a strong step forward in building public trust and accountability.

Equally important is the momentum we've built around economic development. A key focus has been the Lake Street Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district. In just a short time, we've worked to lay the groundwork for redevelopment that will generate new businesses, jobs, and long-term, sustained tax benefits for our residents.

As part of this effort, the village recently acquired the long-vacant and deteriorating gas station site on Lake Street—an eyesore that has been closed for several years. Acquiring this property allows us to take direct action. Our plan is to demolish the structure and make the site available to a quality developer. This is a turning point, as we replace blight

with opportunity and bring renewed vitality to one of Bartlett's key gateways.

We're also working diligently to bring new development and fresh energy to our downtown. Revitalizing the downtown remains a top priority, and we are actively pursuing projects that support local businesses, improve walkability, and make our town center a true destination for residents and visitors alike. Currently, construction of the downtown streetscape is underway and will enhance the image of our downtown, offering better gathering spaces, including a new water feature.

Throughout these 100 days, I've been guided by purpose, urgency, and a deep commitment to the people of Bartlett. I've spent time listening, engaging, and working alongside our village staff, trustees, and local stakeholders to ensure we are building a stronger, more prosperous community that everyone can be proud of.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. I am honored to serve Bartlett residents, and I look forward to keeping the momentum going.





50/50 Parkway Tree Replacement Program

Through its long-running Parkway Tree Program, the Village of Bartlett has planted trees with the help of homeowners in an effort to reforest and diversify Bartlett's parkways. This program provides the opportunity for residents to select and purchase a parkway tree, with the village sharing 50 percent of the cost.

All trees available for order are 2 inches in diameter. The cost, for residents, is \$100 per tree. This price includes tree planting, a one-time mulching, and a one-year warranty. Limited quantities of each species are available, and all orders are filled on a first-come, first served basis.

You are only eligible to purchase a tree if your property has an available planting space, as found on the interactive tree map (<https://maps.vbartlett.org/trees>). Planting is only done in the parkway, not on private property, and must be spaced 30 to 40 feet from other trees. Other restrictions, such as proximity to driveways, intersections, street lights, hydrants, underground utilities, etc. may occur. Final planting locations will be determined by the village.

Public Works will begin taking orders on August 25, 2025 for the fall planting season. Visit the Village website, bartlett.il.gov, on or after this date to see the available tree species and ordering details. Orders will be placed through the OpenGov permit system. This online format will improve the program by increasing efficiency and communication, keeping residents informed about the tree planting process and timeline. All orders and payments must be received by September 26.



Time to Flush the Hydrants

Hydrant flushing removes iron deposits from the water mains and ensures that hydrants are working correctly. Flushing may cause temporary water discoloration. Check for discolored water before doing laundry.

Public Works will be flushing hydrants starting on 10/6 and finishing on 10/24.



Semi-Annual No Bundle Brush Pickup

The Village of Bartlett with contractor Trees "R" Us provides semi-annual brush pickup in the spring and fall that does NOT require bundling. This is a supplemental program. Groot continues to pick up weekly bundled brush.

Dates for the Fall Collection:

Week of October 6 to 10 - Homes located south of the Metra/Soo railroad tracks and west of Main Street/South Bartlett Road are included in this area.

Week of October 13 to 17 - Homes located north of the Metra/Soo railroad tracks and east of Main Street/South Bartlett Road are included in this area.

Place non-bundled brush in the parkway by 7 a.m. on the Monday morning of your area's assigned week. The pickup for your specific block may not occur until later in the week depending on how many households in each area are using this service. Please DO NOT put brush piles under trees, next to fixtures, mailboxes or power poles.

Because Trees "R" Us crews use a grappler, it is better if the branches are piled in a large pile and not spread along the parkway. Nothing should be cut shorter than 4 feet or the grappler can't grab it easily. The contractor is also able to take branches that have a larger diameter, as long as it is not a very large log or tree stump.

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Village-Wide Garage Sale!

Thursday, 9/4, Friday, 9/5 & Saturday, 9/6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

363 -1 Ashford Circle
 690 Timber Ridge Drive
 500 W. Oneida Avenue
 1332 Saddlebrook Road
 241 Regency Drive
 1348 Bay Meadows Drive
 1228 (8N211) Naperville Road
 1155 Independence Drive
 415 W. North Avenue
 112 N. Marion Avenue
 1233 Tamarack Drive
 697 Morning Glory Lane
 1208 Lynnfield Lane
 222 Cummings Drive
 1027 Valewood Road
 430 Summersweet Lane
 970 E. Castlewood Lane
 461 Sundance Drive
 107 W. North Avenue
 291 Pickett Court
 873 Kingston Lane
 238 Patricia Lane
 150 Orchards Pass
 1242 Keim Trail
 135 E. McClellan Court
 206 S. Western Avenue
 752 Dunmore Lane
 751 Evergreen Lane
 1461 Wisteria Court
 1018 Martingale Drive
 2004 Fountain Grass Court
 349 Pinoak Drive
 247 Ord Court
 1191 S. Beechtree Lane
 Walnut Hills Subdivision
 235 N Oak Avenue

457 Sundance Drive
 409 Blue Heron Circle
 1340 Smoketree Lane
 1216 Palamino Court
 147 N. Eastern Avenue
 911 Capistrano Terrace
 1199 Morning Glory Lane
 247 Hearthstone Drive
 122 Fieldcrest Drive
 1214 Naperville Road
 245 S. Hickory Avenue
 393 Snow Drift Court
 752 Orchid Lane
 969 E. Castlewood Lane
 273 Windsor Drive
 1004 Congress Drive
 1258 Tamarack Drive
 1950 Golf View Drive
 310 E. Sheridan Drive
 1190 Woodlily Lane
 1233 Lynnfield Lane
 938 Millwood Drive
 961 Tallgrass Drive
 1207 Waltham Lane
 684 Catalpa Lane
 1136 Peregrine Parkway
 137 E. McClellan Court
 750 Braintree Lane
 814 Redwood Lane
 1273 Timberline Drive
 557 Adare Road
 1702 Fairfax Circle W
 112 Wallace Street
 868 Voyager Drive
 1162 Lexington Drive
 232 Edgewater Drive

991 Castlewood Lane
 163 E. Devon Avenue
 580 Foster Avenue
 1023 Lakewood Drive
 2125 Fieldcrest Drive
 965 Balsam Lane
 305 Terrace Drive
 1231 Spaulding Road
 158 Williamsburg Drive
 1025 Hudson Court
 122 N. Elroy Avenue
 978 Castlewood Lane

You can continue to sign up to participate in the village-wide garage sale until the date of the sale, 9/4, and still have your address included on the online map.

Visit the village website, www.bartlettil.gov, and look for a link on the homepage "In the Spotlight" section to all the garage sale details. To see a live map of the garage sale participants, you can scan this QR code.





Time for Pie!

Pies are as American as pizza: we took a great idea, adapted it to our needs and ran with it. You might be thinking that pies are just for dessert, but for our American ancestors, they were often survival food - eaten for breakfast, lunch and dinner for months at a time.

Everyone is invited to attend the presentation, "History of American Pies...and Illinois is well Represented!" hosted by the Bartlett History Museum on Wednesday, 9/10, at 7 p.m. Catherine Lambrecht, Grand Champion and Best of Show at the Lake County Fair for her apple pie, will be the presenter.



History of American Pies...and Illinois is well Represented!, Sept 10, 7 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments, with a 6:45 p.m. pre-program by the museum. Lambrecht's presentation begins at 7 p.m. Registration is required for this free event. Email your name, the number of attendees and your phone number to Pam, prohleder@bartlettill.gov.

Down at the Depot

Have you seen the new hardscape and landscape surrounding the Bartlett Depot Museum? It includes prairie, pollinator flowers and more in a winding path accented with outcropping stones.

Located at 100 W. Railroad Avenue, in the village's 1873 depot, the museum spotlights Bartlett's rail history. Hours: Tuesday & Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the first and third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon.

Drop in for the 1st Saturday Family Craft, 9 a.m. to noon.

On 8/2 it's all about sunflowers. Children will learn about the flower and make a hanging.

On 9/6, the museum celebrates its 15th anniversary. Free goodie bags. Children will paint a small wooden engine.

The End of World War II, 80 Years Later - Part 3

World War II ended in Europe on May 8, 1945, and with Japan on September 2, 1945, when the formal surrender documents were signed. Bartlett was actively involved in the war efforts, sending her sons to fight while supporting and participating on the home front.

Bartlett's service and religious organizations played an important role in the home front efforts. The Bartlett Woman's Club, the village's oldest service organization, jumped into action by sending parcels of goods to the Bundles for Britain campaign. They baked and sent homemade cookies (pictured here), purchased war bonds, donated to the Civilian Defense, Red Cross and USO, rolled bandages, adopted a Yank for Christmas, participated in a variety of drives and became air raid and fire wardens.

The Bartlett Lions Club, chartered in 1939, erected a bulletin board in the park where W. Bartlett Avenue is today. The names of the village's service members were listed along with important war notices. They purchased a service flag and displayed it in the bank window. Members sponsored the Girls Scouts' Victory Gardens, sent money and cigarettes to the soldiers, collected scrap metal, donated to the USO, Red Cross, Civilian Defense and more.

The Our Lady of Victory Sodality out of St. Peter Damian Church sent candy to the boys in service state-side and money to those serving overseas. The Women's Guild at Immanuel United Church of Christ gave small service prayer books that the service members could carry with them.

Bartlett's Brownie Troop collected 265 pounds of waste fat used to manufacture explosives. They made scrapbooks for wounded soldiers to enjoy, participated in scrap drives and collected safety pins for bandages.



BARTLETT BRIEFS

MUSIC FEST

Join Bartlett firefighters at Apple Orchard Community Park, 620 W. Stearns Road, for the Smoke & Irons Music Fest hosted by **Ignite the Courage**, a 501c3 charity created by Bartlett firefighters to provide assistance to people within the communities they serve and fellow first responders in need. The fest features two days (8/8 & 8/9) filled with original live music, food trucks, craft show and much more. Go to ignitethecourage.org/musicfest for more info.

LIONS CLUB CAR SHOW

Bartlett Lions Club presents the 1st annual Hoods & Horsepower Car Show from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, 8/10 at Bartlett High School, 701 W. Schick Road. Come see the cars & trucks; enjoy food trucks and raffles. Registration (\$20) from 8 a.m. to noon for participating vehicles. Judging at 12:30 p.m. and awards at 2:30 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the Leader Dogs for the Blind program. Email any questions to: bartlettlionscarshow@gmail.com.

CONCERT ON THE LAWN

Enjoy a night of music and fun on the lawn sponsored by **Friends of the Bartlett Library** on Wednesday, 8/13, 7 p.m., at Bartlett Public Library, 800 S. Bartlett Road. Use one of the available chairs or bring your own. Big Sky Ensemble plays American Roots Music with an eclectic approach. Registration required on the library website.

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

Bartlett Park District invites you to enjoy the movie Parent Trap under the stars starting at 7:45 p.m. at Bartlett Community Park, 620 W. Stearns Road on Friday, 8/15. Bring your own chair, blanket, or cushions to enjoy this special night.

PET EVENT

Arts in Bartlett invites you to Bartlett Park, 102 N. Eastern Avenue on Saturday, 9/6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for an event for pets and their well-behaved humans. The Arts in Bartlett Pet Event is your opportunity to meet 20-plus area rescue organizations – saving all manner of creatures from dogs to lizards – shop 20-plus pet-related vendors and watch animal demos. Food and fall-related treats available for purchase. Free to attend.

NEW PASTOR

Living Lord Lutheran Church invites everyone to the installation service of its new pastor the Rev. Kristian Johnson on Sunday, 9/14 at 2 p.m. To learn more about the ELCA congregation located at Congress Drive and Rt 59, and the installation service, please visit <https://www.livinglord-lutheran.org>.

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Join **Hanover Township** for its annual Fall Food Truck Festival at the William Tiknis Campus (250 S. IL Route 59, Bartlett) on Thursday, 9/18 from 5 to 9 p.m. Everyone is invited for food trucks,

carnival games, a beverage tent, and live music. Visit www.fall-foodtruckfest.com for the latest information.

BARTLETT & HERRICK HOUSE

There was once a place in Bartlett called Herrick House. If you lived in Bartlett in the mid-1950s, you may know what it was, The **Bartlett Historical Society** is sponsoring a program at Bartlett Public Library on Sunday, 9/21 at 2 p.m. to reveal what Herrick House was all about. Meet a woman, who spent time there as a young girl, and learn about her experiences. What happened to Herrick House, and why is it no longer here in Bartlett? Find out what happened to some of the buildings connected to it. For more information about the program, contact, elucietto@gmail.com.

FIRE DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE

Join the **Bartlett Fire Protection District** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, 10/4 at its Open House, Bartlett Fire Station #3, 1575 W. Bartlett Road. It is a great opportunity for families to explore the fire station, meet the dedicated firefighters and get an up-close look at the life saving equipment they use every day. Everyone is welcome to come experience a behind-the-scenes look at how the fire district serves and protects the community.

Please submit information for the October/November Bartletter to: Gabrielle Infusino, Village Hall, 228 S. Main St., Bartlett, IL 60103 or ginfusino@bartlettil.gov by Friday, August 29.

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Save the Date!



Join the fun on Friday, 9/26 and Saturday, 9/27, at another unforgettable Bartlett Oktoberfest in Leiseberg Park, 325 E Devon Avenue! Hosted by the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bartlett Rotary Club, and the Bartlett Lions Club, this year's Oktoberfest will feature live bands, family activities, and, of course, brats, pretzels and beer and wine selections.

Visit www.bartlettoktoberfest.com for more details, event updates and the full activity and entertainment schedule.

Sponsor Opportunities Available

To become a sponsor, please contact Donna Weir, 630-988-9516 or davedonna5810@att.net.

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.