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Bartletter

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Holiday Hours

Bartlett Village Hall administrative offices will be closed for the holidays on 12/24 & 12/25 and 12/31 & 1/1.

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Happy Holidays



Merry & Bright Cocoa Crawl - 12/13

Join in the Merry & Bright Cocoa Crawl from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 13, 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 the cost of your cocoa drinks, a souvenir mug for each paying adult (while supplies last), and digital 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).

Mugs and a list of participating locations can be picked up at the Bartlett Public Library, 800 S. Bartlett Road, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 13. Mugs cannot be picked up prior to this time.



BARTLETT RESTAURANT WEEK 2026



Get ready for Bartlett's second annual Restaurant Week! Dine at local eateries from February 2 through February 8, 2026, 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.



BEST PIZZA IN BARTLETT

This January, we're calling on the residents of Bartlett to settle a delicious local debate: Who makes the Village's Best Pizza? Pizza isn't just a meal—it's a local tradition, and the community is stacked with talented pizzerias. This is your chance to try them all, revisit your favorites, and cast your vote in Bartlett's annual "Best in Town" competition. Starting January 9 and running through January 26, every registered pizza place in town will be vying for your attention. This is your cue to hit the streets, try a pie from a place you've never visited, or double-check your loyalty to an old favorite.



Go to <https://maps.vbartlett.org/BestPizzaInBartlett> or scan the QR code to see a map of all participating restaurants.

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A Minute with the Mayor

When I became mayor, one of my promises to residents was to bring in new ideas, new approaches, and new faces to help foster continued growth and engagement within the village. I'm proud to share that at the October board meeting, the trustees approved a resolution establishing the Community and Economic Affairs Commission (CEAC), a new advisory body designed to strengthen Bartlett's focus on both community involvement and economic development.

The creation of this commission is an exciting and strategic step forward for Bartlett. It fulfills many of the tenets in both the current strategic plan and the developing one. The commission's key goals will be to expand participation, realign priorities, and create stronger connections between our economic goals and our community spirit.

The idea is simple but powerful. By formally combining these vital areas Bartlett will be better positioned for long-term prosperity and for deepening the sense of pride and engagement that makes the village so special.

The CEAC will bring together twelve dedicated Bartlett residents who will meet monthly and serve in an advisory capacity to the village president and board of trustees. This ensures that local voices continue to guide the policies and initiatives that shape our future.

The commission will be chaired by the village trustee who leads the Village of Bartlett Board's Community and Economic Development Committee, currently Trustee Stephanie Gandsey. This provides a direct link between the advisory group and the board. To encourage stability and continuity, initial appointments will be staggered to one, two, and three-year terms so that the group maintains experience and institutional knowledge as it evolves.

The mission of the CEAC centers on three key themes: pride, participation, and prosperity. The group's work-plan is threefold. First, the commissioners will help plan, promote, and evaluate special events that bring the Bartlett community together and strengthen civic pride. Second, they will review and recommend economic development strategies for the board's consideration, ensuring that Bartlett remains a great place to live, work, and do business. Finally, the commission will collect and analyze community data to support sound decisions that encourage business attraction, expansion, and retention.

The new commission will play an exciting role in supporting some of our community's high-flying assets, including the newly dedicated Route 20 TIF District and popular village events like Merry and Bright. In addition to helping showcase these initiatives, commission members will serve as advocates and ambassadors for the community, sharing ideas and offering feedback to the village on topics that fall within the commission's focus.

This new commission represents a meaningful opportunity for residents to play an active role in shaping Bartlett's future. It reflects our shared commitment to progress, collaboration, and community pride. I'm confident that the insight, energy, and creativity of the commissioners will help support the board and its residents toward continued success and a bright future for everyone who calls Bartlett home.

I look forward to hearing the innovative recommendations that will drive the village forward in the coming years.



Keep Your Swing Warm This Winter!

Don't hang up your clubs yet! Bartlett Hills Golf Club is committed to keeping the course open all winter long, assuming weather and turf conditions are suitable for play. Golf staff monitor conditions daily, and on those crisp, clear days, they are ready for you! Just remember that winter rules apply, and players must adhere to course restrictions to protect the greens. For tee time availability & course conditions, call the Pro Shop directly at 630-837-2741.

Practice Indoors: The Golf Simulator

Want to keep your swing sharp no matter what the snow is doing outside? Head over to the state-of-the-art golf simulator! It's the perfect way to play a famous course or just hit a few buckets indoors. Call the Pro Shop at 630-837-2741 to reserve your spot on the simulator today!

Perfect Holiday Gift: Golf Shop Gift Cards

Struggling for a last-minute gift idea? A Pro Shop Gift Card is the perfect stocking stuffer for the golfer in your life! They can be used for merchandise, green fees, or even time on the golf simulator. Any \$50 gift card purchase comes with a 100-year Celebration Ornament (while supplies last). Gift cards can be purchased at the pro shop during the following holiday hours:

- Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Sunday: 9 a.m. - noon

(Hours extended when course conditions and demand require it.)



Tree Collection

Groot will collect Christmas trees at no additional charge for a three-week period following the holidays, on Tuesday, 1/6, Tuesday 1/13, and Tuesday, 1/20.

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 decorations must be removed. Do not place the tree in a plastic bag.

Garbage is not collected on New Year's 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.

New Groot Rates

According to Bartlett's 5-year contract with Groot Industries (1/1/2025 until 12/31/2029), rates increase incrementally by 3.5% each year, as shown below. Yard waste stickers will remain \$2 for the life of the contract.

Single Family Curbside: 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: 1/1/2026 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: 1/1/2026 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. Please contact Groot, 847-429-7370, to learn more about the senior discount.

Visit the village website under "Services...Utilities & Resident Services...Garbage Service" for more information.

Navigating Winter: The Plow's Path



As soon as the snow forecast hits, Bartlett Public Works crews are already in motion. You might notice those mysterious stripes appearing on the pavement—this is PW’s anti-icing pretreatment, a vital first step. This proactive material melts falling snow and, most importantly, prevents it from bonding with the road. This allows the plow blades to scrape right down to the pavement, making roads far safer and eliminating dangerous hard-packed layers.

As the plows work, two friction points can arise. The first is the occasional mailbox casualty. If a plow causes damage via a direct strike, Public Works takes responsibility and will repair or replace it. However, if your mailbox is felled by the heavy force of thrown snow—the “windrow”—it is not covered. Mailboxes must be properly installed and sturdy enough to withstand that pressure; temporary posts are provided if an improperly installed box is damaged.

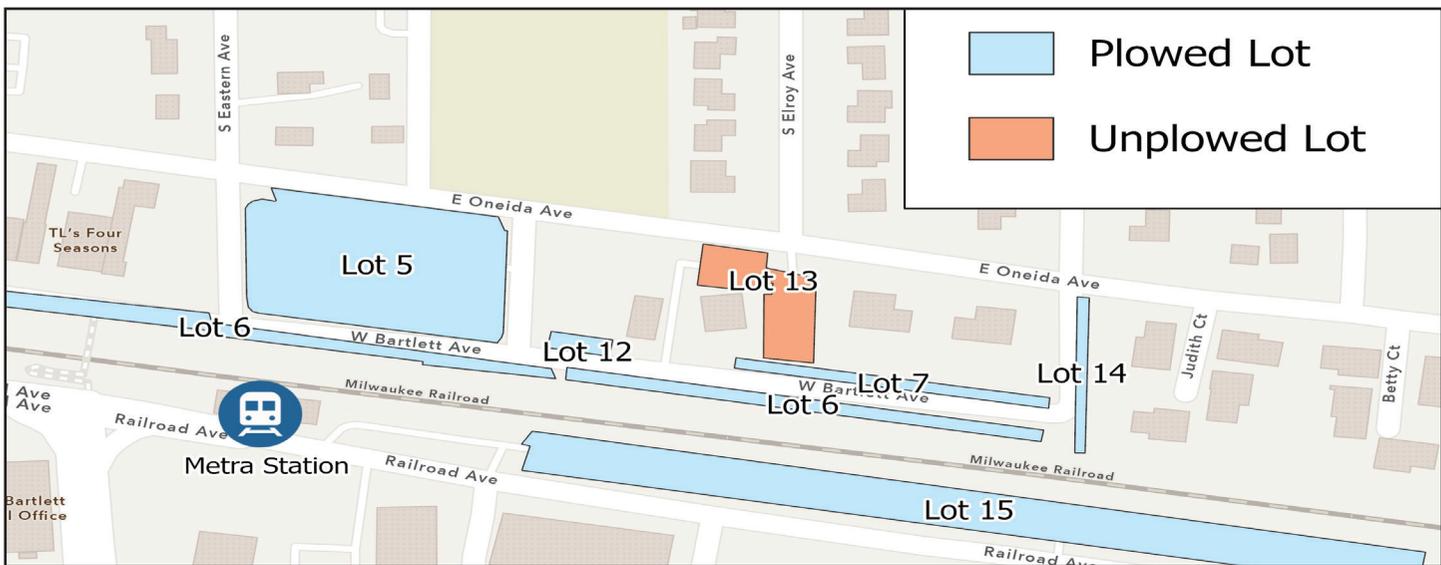
The second issue is the frustrating pile of snow at the end of your driveway. While annoying, plowing all the way to the curb is essential for drainage. Leaving snow further out causes meltwater to run across the street and refreeze into dangerous ice patches. Plows push it to the curb to manage water flow and to ensure you don’t have to shovel snow into the street. Best advice? Clear those piles as soon as the plow passes. Tackling smaller, fresher amounts multiple times is always easier than battling one large, frozen fortress!

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. DO NOT shovel snow into the street. It violates village code and can potentially cause serious accidents. The village clears snow from sidewalks surrounding public buildings and commuter areas but does not clear neighborhood sidewalks.

Plowing Metra Lots

To ensure the most efficient deployment of Public Works crews during winter snow events, the Village of Bartlett will plow all of the Metra lots except for Lot 13 this season. Please be aware of commuter parking following a snowfall. To confirm which areas will and will not be maintained, please consult the map below. This map is also available online on the village website (www.bartlett.il.gov/government/public-works/streets-division/street-maintenance-snow-plowing).



Discover Yesterday's Bartlett!

Located in Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street, 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 the village's liquor ordinances, licenses and laws from the time of temperance founders Luther and Sophia Bartlett to today's MoRE Brewing Co. The exhibition will be closing in spring so be sure to check it out.

The Bartlett History Museum is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is always free.

Seasonal Closure at the Depot

The Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue, is now closed for the winter season. It will reopen and resume regular hours starting on Tuesday, 2/3/2026 at 11 a.m. Thank you to everyone that visited the museum this year, from area residents to those that live out of state!

Museum Online Collection

To learn more about Bartlett's history 24/7, visit the Village of Bartlett Museums' online collection at <https://bartlettmuseums.pastperfectonline.com> where you can find 2,800 images plus objects and more waiting to be discovered by keyword, type, etc.

If you enter the keyword "winter" into the keyword search you will get 51 hits. Do you want to build a snow man? How about a snow bear? Pictured below is Mary Lou Mydill, left, and her sister Pam Mydill, right, standing by the large snow bear built by their father Bob Mydill in the front yard of their 108 N. Marion Avenue home in 1962. Bob was known for crafting large, amazing snow figures for his daughters.



2026 – A Celebration of Route 20's Centennial

In November 1926, the U.S. Numbered Highway system was approved, designating Route 20 (Lake Street) and nine other major roads, federal highways. By the mid-1940s there had been several realignments of the route, and as a result Route 20 became the longest highway in the U.S., a title it still holds today.

One realignment occurred in Bartlett between 1915 and 1938. However, the original roadway still exists



today as Old Lake Street. At the west end of Old Lake Street, where it meets Route 20, there are two decaying cement columns which say, "Elgin Motor Club" on one side and "Aurora Auto Club" on the other. Words also are engraved toward the top of the column, but they are illegible.

According to a Chicago Tribune article from April 11, 1915, "The Elgin Motor Club is taking a keen interest in the affairs of [the Grant Highway Improvement Association] and plans to erect two great columns at the Elgin entrances." It can be assumed that the west end of Old Lake Street was once considered an entrance to Elgin due to the unincorporated land that separated Bartlett from Elgin at that time.

In 1913, Kane County granted funds to both auto clubs for the purpose of placing these columns at crossroads throughout the county so that motorists would no longer get lost. The Elgin History Museum has two in its collection, both once located along Route 20 in Elgin.

In early 2026, you can learn more about the importance of Route 20 and how one road shaped the history of Bartlett, when the Bartlett History Museum debuts its exhibit in celebration of 100 years of Route 20.



You are invited to Bartlett Hills Golf Club, 800 W. Oneida Avenue, on **Sunday, 12/14** for Breakfast with Mrs. Claus. Enjoy an All-You-Can-Eat Holiday Buffet with a tea and hot cocoa station. **Adults - \$25; Kids - \$15. Admission is free for children age 2 and younger.**

- * Have your photo taken 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

HOLIDAY POP-UP

This holiday season plan to visit **Arts in Bartlett** for all your gift giving needs on Saturday, 12/6 & 12/13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The pop-up events bring unique items, crafted by local artisans, to Bartlett. Many of the crafters offer affordable options - fun for kids who want to shop for family, friends and teachers.

BLOOD DRIVE

Vitalant with the **Bartlett Fire Volunteer Association** and **Bartlett Lions Club** will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, 1/29/26 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fire Barn, 218 S. Main Street in Bartlett. Save Lives & Get a Chance to Win a \$500 rewards gift card. Make an appointment at vitalant.org or call (877) 25-VITAL.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Public meetings are normally held in the Village Hall Council Chambers. **Board** Meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., followed by **Committee** Meetings on the same night. The **Community & Economic Affairs Commission** meets every 2nd Monday of the month at 6 p.m. The **Planning & Zoning Commission** meets every 1st Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners** meetings are held at the Bartlett Police Department on the 1st Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

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 village website.

Please submit information for the February-March Bartletter to: Gabrielle Infusino, Village Hall, 228 S. Main St., Bartlett, IL 60103 or ginfusino@bartlettil.gov by Friday, December 26.





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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.

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



ing "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
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