



# Bartletter

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*From Village Hall to your Home*



## *Happy Holidays*

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# POLICE BEAT



The Bartlett Police Department offers these tips to help keep you safe this holiday season.

- ~ Immediately report suspicious or criminal activity to the Bartlett Police Department by dialing 9-1-1.
- ~ Immediately retrieve all packages from your doorstep or have a neighbor pick them up when you are not home in order to reduce delivery thefts.
- ~ Contact the Bartlett Police Department to participate in the free vacation watch program if you plan on going out of town.
- ~ Do not leave your cell phone, wallet, or purse unattended while shopping.
- ~ Break down boxes before placing them at the curb to help avoid advertising your new electronic purchases to potential burglars.
- ~ Do not warm up your vehicle and leave it unattended with the key inside the ignition.

~ Lock your vehicle doors and remove gifts and personal belongings from your vehicle.

~ Avoid falling for scams that may request your personal information or credit card information to confirm a purchase or regarding an undeliverable package. Try to confirm all requests directly with the company.

## Did You Know?

...the Bartlett Police Department opens its warming center anytime the temperature/wind chills approach zero degrees. The warming center is available to anyone who needs to get indoors during dangerous weather.

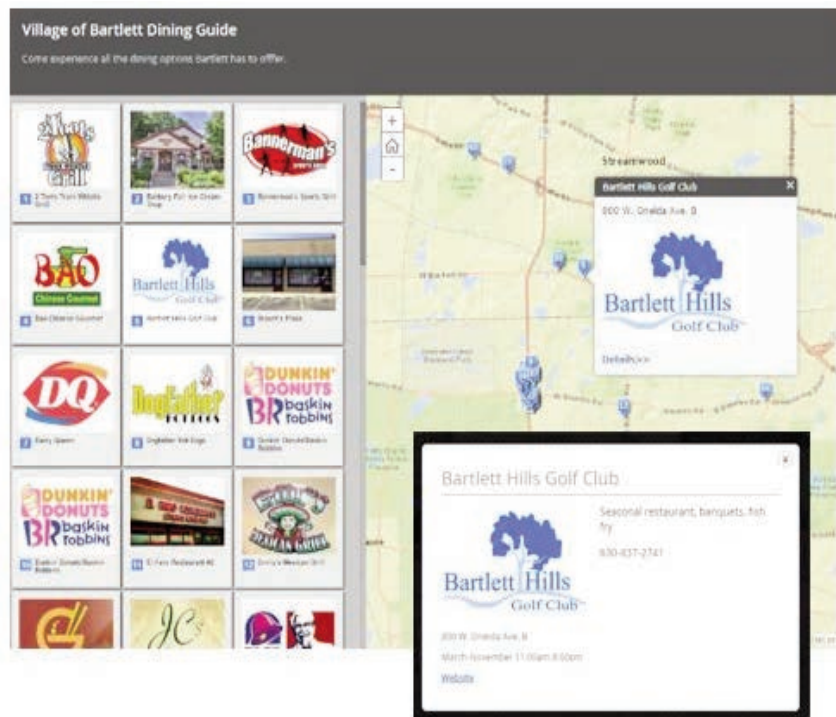
## Map Your Dining Destination

The Village of Bartlett's GIS staff launched an interactive online map of all restaurants within the Village to help you experience all the dining options Bartlett has to offer!

Although the Village's printed dining guide is updated annually, this map will be up to date at all times.

When you visit the website map, you can either select a restaurant on the lefthand side of the screen or zoom to a location and restaurants within that area will be shown. The pop-up for each restaurant includes the address, hours and phone number.

To start mapping your dining options, visit the Maps Page of the Village website or go to <http://gis.vbartlett.org/Restaurant/>. The application works on desktop computers as well as mobile devices.



# A Minute with the Mayor



Kevin Wallace

The Village of Bartlett is committed to the success of its established businesses. I believe we try to be equally welcoming to new ventures.

When developers come into Village Hall with a proposal for construction of a new business, they are subject to Village zoning codes, policies, and practices that ensure the safety and well-being of the community. At the same time the Community Development Department knows that if our regulations are overly restrictive, we risk having developers cast their net elsewhere.

Let me share a couple of examples of how we try to streamline the process for new development and stay responsive to the needs of business owners.

The Village Board recently approved a text amendment to the zoning ordinance that will allow taller buildings in the industrial districts.

Previously, the zoning ordinance allowed a maximum building height of 35 feet in the I-1 Light Industry and I-2 EDA General Industry, Economic Development Area Districts. Petitioners who wanted to request a taller height had to apply for a special use, which included a public hearing and could add an extra 45 days to the development process.

The Village already had approved three petitions for taller buildings in the Brewster Creek Business Park. The Board reasoned that allowing a building height to 45 feet would accommodate

any future demand and speed the process up for industrial builders.

At the Blue Heron Business Park, the Community Development Department has put in place what essentially is a preapproved site plan. It's a typical building pad with a typical outside storage, parking and landscape buffers. If a developer's proposal fits that preapproved site plan, they go right to a building permit. They don't have to go through the Village's formal site plan or zoning process, again saving a considerable amount of time from proposal to construction.

Through these types of rapid approval processes, the Village demonstrates the ease of development in the Village and our responsiveness to business owners.

During the upcoming holidays, I encourage residents to support the Bartlett business community also. Please shop and dine in the Village first whenever you can. Visit the Village website, [www.village.bartlett.il.us](http://www.village.bartlett.il.us) and use the "Business Directory" link on the center scroll bar of the homepage to see a list of retail stores and restaurants in the Village.

Let me end by wishing everyone a joyous holiday season and a healthy, happy new year.

## top of the cl ss

**Bartlett Village Trustees Vince Carbonaro and Aaron Reinke** recently had the opportunity to visit the **social studies class of Bartlett High School teacher Chris Pemberton**. Although the class focus is the national political process, Pemberton's invitation said it would be "beneficial to hear from a local perspective especially in the area of campaigning/fundraising/use of media. I think the budgets of local candidates are somewhat smaller than those of national campaigns."

Trustee Carbonaro shared his experience while running for office, including fundraising, the local political structure and "knocking on many doors and actually listening to people."

Trustee Reinke showed students Bartlett's comprehensive plan and talked about local zoning and the kinds of decisions local elected officials are asked to make as part of their job.

Afterwards Pemberton wrote, "I would like to extend my thanks for the visit made to my A.P. government class today at Bartlett High School. Their presentations were informative and casual which made the hour enjoyable for my students. My hope is that next semester, when I have three sections of the class, the trustees can return to present to a new set of students."

# Winter Golf - Play Inside, Play Outside

## FULL SWING GOLF SIMULATOR

Starting December 15, Bartlett Hills Golf Club will have a **full swing golf simulator** available for play without leaving the comfort of the clubhouse during the winter months.

Golfers will be able to choose from 44 championship courses, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. or on Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. A 24-hour advance reservation is required for simulator usage after 4 p.m.

Cost to use the simulator is \$30/hour (not per person). Seniors can play for \$25/hour Monday through Friday. The bar will have limited snacks and menu during these times.

To reserve your tee times in advance, please call Bartlett Hills, 630-837-2741. League play will also be available.

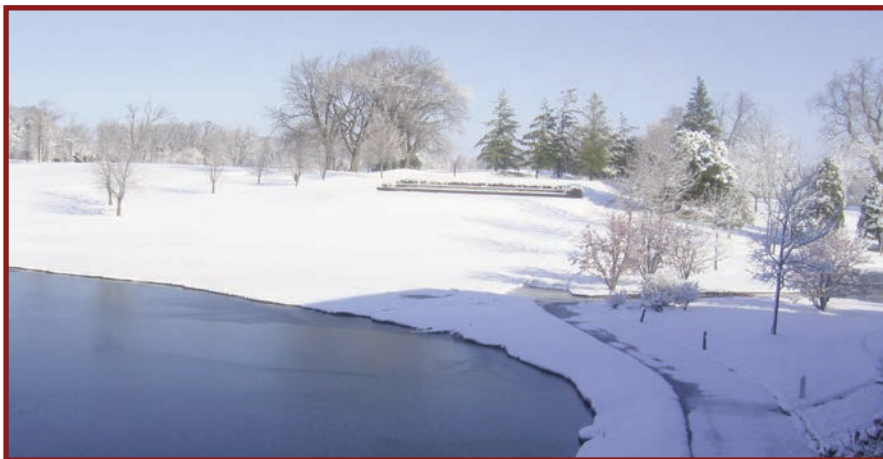
## GOLF COURSE REMAINS OPEN

Diehard golfers can grab their hats, gloves and clubs and prepare to tee off outside. Bartlett Hills Golf Course offers **winter golf** using regular greens, December through February, when the weather and ground conditions are appropriate.

So don't let the winter season keep you from your game. If the weather is cooperating, please call the Golf Shop, 630-837-2741, for tee times. Winter golf rates will be in effect starting in December.

## GOLF SHOP

Is there a golfer on your holiday shopping list? Bartlett Hills Golf Shop has a great selection of gift items, such as **gift cards** for lessons, golf fees and merchandise, including Chicago Blackhawks apparel. Most in-stock merchandise is on



sale at 20% to 50% off the regular retail price.

The shop is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through 12/23. It is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 12/24. After Christmas, hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday to Friday; on Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Sunday and Monday if the golf course is open for winter play.

## CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Enjoy the winter wonderland at Bartlett Hills from a pair of skis. The golf course is open to cross-country skiers who have their own equipment whenever

there is **at least four inches of snow on the ground**. Staff will groom the trails, but equipment rental is not available.

## BARTLETT HILLS RESTAURANT

The catering office will remain open for wedding taste tests and to help you plan your future events. Call the food and beverage staff at 630-213-3103 or visit [www.bartletthills.com](http://www.bartletthills.com) for all the menus and banquet information. The friendly staff is available to help you plan everything from a small get-together to an elegant occasion that you will always remember.

## Special Olympics

The Village of Bartlett will again be the site for the Northeastern Illinois Special Olympic Winter Sports Games, on Sunday, January 10, at Bartlett Hills Golf Course. Opening ceremonies begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by cross-country skiing and snow shoe competition for various age groups and skill levels. The games include short-distance sprints as well as events that cover 500-meter and 1-kilometer courses.

The Village is proud to welcome these athletes to Bartlett Hills for another consecutive year and, as in the past, everyone in the community is invited to participate. Volunteers time the races, distribute ribbons and cheer on and congratulate the participants. If you are enthusiastic and would enjoy an afternoon of winter sports, you are needed at the Bartlett Games.

To become part of this great day or for more information about the 2016 Northeastern Illinois Special Olympic Winter Sports Games, please call the Special Olympics office at 630-377-7250 or e-mail: [akaylor@soill.org](mailto:akaylor@soill.org).

# Help Keep Bartlett's Water Safe

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires every public water supplier to develop and implement a comprehensive "cross connection control program" to protect its water supply. A "cross-connection," as defined by the EPA, is "any actual or potential connection between the public water supply (the consumer's water system) and a source of contamination or pollution."

Some examples of cross connections include fire protection systems, boiler systems, lawn irrigation systems, swimming pool filling systems, water features, carbonated soda dispensers, etc. Such cross-connections can jeopardize the cleanliness and potability of the public water system if a backflow event should occur.

Devices called backflow preventers are required in any plumbing situation that is considered a cross connection. These devices are designed to keep the cross connection separate from the potable water system at all times, preventing potential contamination.

Backflow devices must be tested annually by a licensed tester. It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure that this is done. Most local plumbers are certified testers.

The Village is moving forward with an eco-friendly online cross connection control (backflow preventer) tracking program. Bartlett has contracted with a company called Aqua Backflow to oversee its cross connection program. Aqua Backflow, located in Elgin, is a national firm specializing in cross connection management.

You may see a survey card in the next few months that will help the Village identify all cross connections that exist in Bartlett's water system. Help to safeguard public health in the community by cooperating with the cross connection tracking program and responding to any requests for information that come from Aqua Backflow or Village staff. Please contact Water Department Supervisor Tom Ruzicka, 630-837-0811 if you have any questions regarding this program.



## ComEd Scam Warning

ComEd recently has seen an increase in reports of individuals posing as utility workers and making fraudulent claims to residential and business customers.

In door-to-door scams, someone impersonating a utility worker visits the customer and tries to obtain personal and/or financial account information or enter the customer's home. ComEd reminds you that company representatives always carry proper IDs and never ask for cash or personal financial information.

Variations of phone scams include stories that the customer's billing cycle has changed and payment is needed immediately; the account is past due and payment is required to avoid disconnection; or that previous payments were not accepted or processed. Scammers instruct customers to buy a prepaid credit card and direct them to call back with the personal identification number (PIN). ComEd will never call you to ask for cash or request that you purchase a prepaid credit card to

make a payment on your bill. If you are concerned about the status of your account, call ComEd customer service, 1-800-334-7661 (1-800-EDISON1).

ComEd recommends these precautions:

- \* Never give social security or personal information to anyone claiming to be a utility representative or asking you to send money somewhere other than your local utility providers.
- \* Always ask a utility worker who comes to your door for a company photo ID.
- \* Be skeptical of individuals wearing clothing with old or defaced company logos. If you have any doubts, ask to see a company photo ID.
- \* Never make payment for services to anyone who comes to your door.

If you believe you have been the target of a phone scam, please contact the Illinois Attorney General's office toll free, 1-800-386-5438 (TTY 1-800-964-3013) or visit the website, [www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov) and click on the link "Protecting Consumers."

# Snowy Weather Ahead?



Although a few recent winters have brought us warmer temperatures and little snow, history shows that is more the exception than the rule for Illinois. Freezing temperatures, snow and ice are the winter norm for this area, and Bartlett Public Works salt trucks and snowplows are always ready.

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.

Parking on Village streets is prohibited after 2 inches of snow has fallen to allow plows to remove snow and completely clear the street. It's a good idea to wait until after the final pass of the plow to shovel the end of your driveway.

Please DO NOT shovel snow into the street. This can cause the formation of ice patches and can potentially result in serious accidents.

The Village clears snow from sidewalks surrounding public buildings and the commuter areas it maintains. The Village does not clear neighborhood sidewalks.

**Please be a snow angel and shovel your sidewalk** so school children and other pedestrians in your neighborhood can walk with greater ease and safety. Also, please clear snow from around fire hydrants and storm sewers. If you have any questions or concerns regarding snow removal, please call the Public Works Department, 630-837-0811.

## Stay Safe Around Snowplows

In the winter, snowplow drivers are out on the roads to keep them clear of snow and ice and keep you safe. Here's what you need to know about driving around snowplows:

- Distance:** Give snowplows room to work. The plows are wide and can cross the centerline or shoulder. Don't tailgate and try not to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution and beware of the snow cloud.
- Speed:** Snowplows travel below the posted speed limit. Be patient. Allow plenty of time to slow down. Remember, Ice and Snow, Take it Slow!
- Vision:** A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they don't always see you. Keep your distance and watch for sudden stops or turns.



## Don't Forget the Lights!

Holiday lighting and displays are permitted on private property for a period **NOT TO EXCEED** 90 days. Please take down all lights and decorations in a timely fashion once the holidays have ended. See the back page of this newsletter for information about recycling your old holiday lights.

Also, Village code requires all RVs, boats and trailers be removed from driveways by November 1 until May 1. Snowmobiles and their trailers are allowed on driveways starting November 15 until April 15.



“Practicing the Law of Giving is actually very simple. If you want joy, give joy to others; if you want love, learn to give love; if you want attention and appreciation, learn to give attention and appreciation.  
 ~ Deepak Chopra, Indian American author and public speaker

Character Counts! in Bartlett

# December 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		Village Bd 7 pm		ZBA 7 pm	Santa at 5 pm & 7 pm tree lighting at Bartlett Park	Fr. Christmas at Depot Museum, 9 am to noon  Cookie Walk @ Good Shepherd 9 am to 3 pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Depot Museum will be closed Dec. 6 to Feb. 5				Plan Comm 7 pm		Intro to Google Drive, 10 a.m. @Library
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Swim w/Santa, Splash Central, 1 to 3pm	Hist Society 7 pm @Library  EDC 7 pm	Art Reception @Village Hall Gallery, 6 pm  Village Bd 7 pm				Family Sing-along, 10:30am @Library
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	WINTER BEGINS				CHRISTMAS	
Village Hall will be closed 12/24, 12/25 and 12/26 and also 12/31, 1/1 and 1/2. Village of Bartlett officials and staff wish you a wonderful holiday season and a very happy New Year.						
27	28	29	30	31		
			Pre-New Year's Eve Party, 7pm Bartlett Nature Center			



“Someone ought to do it, but why should I? Someone ought to do it, so why not I?’ Between these two sentences lie whole centuries of moral evolution.”  
 ~ Annie Besant (1847 - 1933), British activist, writer and orator

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# January 2016

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2
<p><b>Holiday Tree Collection</b>            Republic Services will be picking up holiday trees for three weeks in January. Collection days are Tuesday, 1/5, 1/12 and 1/19. Simply place your tree on the curb with your regular garbage and recycling materials. All ornaments and tinsel must be removed from the tree. <b>Do not place the tree in a plastic bag.</b></p>						
3	4	5 Bartlett Woman's Club 7pm @Log Cabin	6	7	8	9
		Village Bd 7 pm		ZBA 7 pm		
10 Special Olympics, 9:30 am at Bartlett Hills	11 Hist Society 7 pm @Library	12	13	14 Plan Comm 7 pm	15	16
17	18 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY	19 Art Reception @Village Hall Gallery, 6 pm	20	21	22	23 Blogging Basics 10 am @Library
		Village Bd 7 pm				
24	25 Arts in Bartlett 6:30 pm @Center for the Arts on Main St	26	27	28	29	30 Drug Dropoff @Village Hall 9 am to noon
31						



# Home Heating Safety

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.

By taking a few simple steps, you can prevent most heating-related fires from happening.

- \* Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- \* Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- \* Never use your oven to heat your home.
- \* Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- \* Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- \* Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- \* Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- \* Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- \* Test smoke alarms monthly.



Thinking of getting a smart thermostat? ComEd®, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas have announced a rebate program designed to get 1 million “smart” thermostats into homes by 2020. Using advanced technology, a smart thermostat conveniently controls and monitors your energy use, optimizes comfort and reduces energy costs in your home.

## Go Smart and Save!

Whether you choose to have your smart thermostat installed by a professional or you prefer to do it yourself, your gas and electric utilities offer savings for you and your family.

**Self-installed:** ComEd is offering a \$100 rebate on ecobee3 and Nest Learning thermostats that are purchased, installed and registered with the manufacturer through May 31, 2016. Nicor Gas will rebate an additional \$20 on any purchased and self-installed smart or standard programmable thermostat.

**Contractor-installed:** Use a professional contractor to install your qualifying ecobee3, Honeywell Lyric or Nest Learning thermostat and register it with the manufacturer through May 31, 2016 and ComEd will rebate \$125. Nicor Gas also will rebate an additional \$20 on any contractor-installed smart or standard programmable thermostat.

For more information, visit the ComEd website, [www.comed.com/home-savings/rebates](http://www.comed.com/home-savings/rebates) or call 855-433-2700 and also [nicorgasrebates.com](http://nicorgasrebates.com) or call 877-886-4239.



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# The Target is 125!



In celebration of the Village of Bartlett's 125th birthday in March, the Bartlett History Museum wishes to expand its collection by adding 125 new donated objects and/or images by the end of 2016.

The museum is seeking both current day and/or historical items that relate to Bartlett schools, worship facilities, businesses, sports, civic organizations, etc. The donated items will be put on display in an exhibit entitled, "Collecting our Culture: Curated by Our Community."

Thanks to the Steichen family, the museum now has a Bartlett Raiders jersey, helmet and more. Since September, 20 new items have been donated. Only 105 more to go!



## A Visit with Father Christmas

Father Christmas will once again make his annual visit to the Bartlett Depot Museum to meet with all the children of the Village! Families are invited to stop by the museum on Saturday, 12/5, from 9 a.m. until noon, for holiday fun and celebration. Everyone is welcome to bring their wish lists and take pictures to capture the moment with this Victorian era jolly old soul. Children also will make a holiday craft and enjoy cookies and cocoa. No registration is required for this free event but supplies are limited.

The Bartlett Depot Museum is located at 100 W. Railroad Avenue with free parking located across the street in the municipal lot at the southwest corner of Oak and Railroad Avenues. Museum admission is always free. All Aboard for History!

The Bartlett Depot Museum will be closed from December 6 to February 5, 2016 for annual maintenance.



# BARTLETT BRIEFS

## INTRO TO GOOGLE DRIVE

Interested in being “in the cloud?” Learn the basics of Google Drive, Google’s cloud computing service at **Bartlett Public Library** on Saturday, 12/12 at 10 a.m. Learn about cloud storage, file sharing and collaborative editing.

## SANTA SPLASH

**Bartlett Park District** invites you to come make a splash with Santa and friends! Enjoy fun, holiday-themed games with prizes and take a photo with Santa and his elves on Sunday, 12/13, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Splash Central Indoor Aquatic Center, 700 S. Bartlett Road. All ages are invited, no advance registration required. Daily fees apply for non-passholders; Splash Central annual passholders are free.

## WINTER FAMILY SING-ALONG

Families are invited to gather at **Bartlett Public Library** to sing winter-themed songs, practice rhythm instruments and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Mark your calendar for Saturday, 12/19 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

## PRE-NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY

Come have a fun and relaxing evening at the **Bartlett Park District Nature Center** with your family and friends on Wednesday, 12/30 from 7 to

9 p.m. You can play games, make some crafts, and have hot chocolate and popcorn. There will be a balloon drop at 8:45 p.m. End 2015 with a nice night out.

## BLOGGING BASICS

What is blogging? This class at **Bartlett Public Library** on Saturday, 1/23 at 10 a.m. will teach you the basics. You’ll learn how to blog, which blog platform to use and more. Fee is \$5 per person; younger than 14 must be with an adult.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The **Bartlett Woman’s Club** is again offering its annual college scholarship to any high school senior (boy or girl), who resides in Bartlett. The applications will be available in January at the guidance offices at Bartlett, Streamwood, Elgin, South Elgin and Larkin High Schools. All other high school seniors can call Ruth Beckner at 630-837-8125 for an application. Applications are due April 1, 2016.

Proceeds from the annual Bartlett Woman’s Club Fashion Show make these scholarships possible. The club has been giving out scholarships for more than 35 years to high school seniors and women planning to return to college in order to join the workforce. The 2016 fashion

show will be at Villa Olivia on 4/19 at noon. For more info call Ruth at 630-837-8125.

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP-OFF

The **Village of Bartlett** collects unused prescription drugs, OTC medications and sharps once a month. Items can be dropped off inside Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street, from 9 a.m. to noon on the last Saturday of each month. (Due to the holidays, there will not be a prescription drug drop-off on 12/26). Individuals dropping off sharps will be responsible for putting the sharps in the container; Village staff WILL NOT be handling the sharps.

## GET CIVIC MINDED

The new year is a great time to get involved in one of Bartlett’s community organizations. The **Bartlett Historical Society** meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the Bartlett Library. **Arts in Bartlett** holds its meetings at its Center for the Arts, 215 S. Main Street on the last Monday of each month, starting at 6:30 p.m. The **Bartlett Woman’s Club** meets at the Log Cabin in Bartlett Park on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

*Please submit information for the February/March Bartletter to: Gabrielle Infusino, Village Hall, 228 S. Main St., Bartlett, IL 60103 or [ginfusino@vbartlett.org](mailto:ginfusino@vbartlett.org) by Friday, December 18.*



## EXPRESS YOURSELF

To e-mail a question or comment to any one of the Village departments, please visit our website and click on “Contact Us” on the homepage. You may also contact the Village by regular mail at: Village of Bartlett, 228 S. Main Street, Bartlett, IL 60103

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## Bartlett Phone Directory

Police Service Number	911
Administrative Number	630-837-0846
TDD Service for Hearing Impaired	
Emergency/Non-emergency	911
Fire Emergency Number	911
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Bartlett Village Hall	630-837-0800
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