

Bartletter

To the Bartlett Community,

Ordinarily this spring issue of the Bartletter would be filled with news of bunny lunches and Easter brunches, the Police Department Open House, the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast and so much more. But these are not ordinary times, and many of the activities and events that everyone looks forward to have been cancelled or postponed, so this abbreviated issue of the newsletter does not include a community calendar or the Bartlett Briefs.

Instead, this issue of the Bartletter is more of an exercise in faith and optimism that the time will come when we once again will be tending our gardens, planning home remodeling or backyard improvement projects and, of course, taking the time on Memorial Day to remember the military men and women who have died in our nation's service.

During this public health emergency, we are all navigating uncharted waters, but please know that the health and safety of Bartlett residents and its business community is always top of mind for elected officials and staff. The Village will continue to provide important updates about the coronavirus crisis as well as information about municipal operations and services on its website, www.village.bartlett.il.us.

The Village of Bartlett has a history of weathering challenges, and though this time and this challenge may be different, the Bartlett community is not -- we continue to be strong and resilient.

Be safe, be kind, take care of your family, your friends and your neighbors and hopefully we will be on the other side of this challenge soon.

***Village of Bartlett
President Kevin Wallace
and the Board of Trustees***

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A Day for Solemn Reflection

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. The first official observance of Memorial Day was on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation, but it was not until after World War I that the day was expanded to honor those who died in all American wars. In 1971 Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress that placed it on the last Monday in May.

Sadly, many Americans today have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. For instance, do you know the story behind the red poppies that are traditionally worn on Memorial Day? In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

*We cherish too, the poppy red
that grows on fields
where valor led,
it seems to signal to the skies
that blood of heroes never dies*

Moina was the first to wear a red poppy and sold them to her friends and co-workers, with the money going to benefit servicemen in need.

Since the late 1950s, on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing.

In December 2000, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed. It asks that at 3 p.m. local time, all Americans "voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps.'"

Just this brief moment would help greatly to return the solemn meaning back to Memorial Day, this one day out of the year to honor our loved ones, our ancestors, our friends who died in conflicts and wars.



Memorial Day Walk

For more than three decades, Bartlett has honored its deceased veterans with a Memorial Day Walk and Remembrance. Please come and join this hometown commemoration on Monday, 5/25.

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 and bagpipers 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 Bartlett's local heroes.

(Please know that the Memorial Day Walk is subject to change).

A Minute with the Mayor

Within a few short weeks, our Village of Bartlett along with our state, our country and the world went from business as usual to crisis mode due to a novel (new) coronavirus that causes a serious respiratory disease now commonly referred to as COVID-19.

On March 11, the World Health Organization (WHO) publicly characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic. On March 13, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency.

Here in Bartlett the realization quickly set in that our top priority for the foreseeable future would be adapting our operations to protect the health, safety and well-being of Village staff, Bartlett residents and our business community. We immediately began following the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and our local public health organizations to monitor the coronavirus and get the best directions for mitigating its spread. We regularly participated in conference calls with state, county and local agencies, which has proven to be a tremendous way for us to pool knowledge, information and resources.

On Tuesday, March 17, the decision was made to close Village Hall and the Public Works buildings until further notice. For essential services, Village Departments would be available by appointment. Staff would continue to operate as always and be available by phone, email or through the Village's GOREquest system to answer questions and address concerns.

The Police Department remained open for walk-in services but began taking some precautionary measures consistent with new procedures put in place by the Bartlett Fire Protection District and DuComm.

Inside Village Hall, staff adapted operations to facilitate 'social distancing' guidelines while continuing to maintain the Village's core services. To keep Village employees safe, we increased surface cleanings, especially door handles and railings, service counters, work stations and computer stations at municipal facilities.

In the community, the Village reached out to long-term care and senior living facilities in Bartlett to offer its assistance, develop an open line of communication and discuss the prevention/screening procedures the facilities are enacting. In order to keep everyone safe and informed, there has been simi-

lar outreach to the Bartlett Park District, Bartlett Library District, the Bartlett Fire Protection District, Hanover and Wayne Townships and Metra.

When Governor Pritzker made the decision to close restaurants and bars for dine-in service, Bartlett Hills Golf Club also was closed to the public and given the new direction to limit gatherings of more than 50 people, including private events. We are gravely concerned about the financial stress that our business community is experiencing at this time. We encourage everyone to shop local for all of your essentials, order takeout or delivery from your favorite restaurant, buy a gift card for use at a later date and in general support small businesses now and in the future, once this public health emergency has passed.

In addition, in order to protect the health and safety of our residents, continue operation of municipal facilities, and to provide continued services to those affected, on March 18, I signed a Declaration of Local State of Disaster. The declaration basically gives the Village the ability to activate its Comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Plan and authorizes actions that may be necessary, such as entering into contracts, reassigning existing staff, renting equipment, and purchasing materials and supplies.

This public health emergency has changed rapidly since its onset and at the time of this writing we are not sure when we will see the stirring of recovery. However, we want to assure you that we will continue to work with and continue to appreciate all of our public partners that are in this with us -- DuPage County including the DuPage County Mayors and Managers, Hanover and Wayne Townships, Bartlett Park District, School District U-46, Bartlett Library District, Bartlett Fire Protection District and all of our civic groups. By working together and supporting each other we will come out the other side a stronger and closer community.



Police Officer Testing



Bartlett Police Department will be accepting applications for its upcoming police officer testing process beginning on Wednesday, 4/1 until 2 p.m. on Friday, 5/15/2020. Candidates must attend the mandatory orientation and written examination at Bartlett High School, 701 W. Schick Road, Bartlett, IL 60103, on Saturday, 6/13/2020. Please visit <https://joinbartlett.org/> for more information and to download the online application.

When you join the Bartlett Police Department you will get to work side by side with some of the finest individuals in law enforcement, such as 2019 Civilian Employee of the Year Holly Faurie and 2019 Officer of the Year Christopher Solesky.

2019 Police Department Civilian Employee of the Year

Records Clerk Holly Faurie was selected as Bartlett Police Department's 2019 Civilian Employee of the Year for her outstanding performance and work ethic during the past year. She has been a dedicated member of the police department for the past five years.

Faurie was recognized by her supervisors and peers for providing exceptional service and consistently presenting herself in a highly professional manner when dealing with residents and police department personnel. During the past year, she took on an informal leadership role by serving as a field training officer to help train the new records clerks. She also provided supervisory support as the dayshift records clerk in charge. Records clerk Faurie provided valuable assistance to help complete time sensitive records section and property control projects.



2019 Police Officer of the Year

Officer Christopher Solesky was selected as Bartlett Police Department's 2019 Officer of the Year for his outstanding performance and work ethic during the past year. He has been a dedicated member of the police department for the past 22 years and was previously awarded the department's Police Officer of the Year in 2009. He is currently assigned to the Patrol Section.

Solesky was recognized by his supervisors and peers for providing exceptional police service and consistently presenting himself in a highly professional manner. During the past year, he was awarded the police department's Life Saving Award for helping to revive an unresponsive individual who had apparently suffered an opioid overdose. He was selected as the Bartlett Police Department's Employee of the Month for helping to locate and arrest an individual who was suspected of committing an armed robbery.



Officer Solesky was also instrumental in fostering positive relationships with students and the community. He volunteered to be a guest speaker at a boy scout event to answer questions about being a police officer. He also helped educate the Teen Citizen Police Academy about traffic safety and DUI enforcement.



Bartlett’s Building Department observes Building Safety Month each May to raise awareness of the safety and fire codes that protect both the economic value and the structural integrity of the homes and buildings in the Village. These modern building codes, developed by the International Code Council and implemented by the Building Department through permitting and inspections, also include safeguards for natural disasters, such as snowstorms, tornadoes, wild fires, floods and earthquakes.

The theme for this year’s campaign, “Building Safety Month 2020: Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World,” encourages you to recognize the importance of safe and resilient building construction and to obtain proper permits before you start a home construction project this spring and summer.

Building permits are required because your home or business is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with Village codes, the value of your investment is reduced. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to make costly repairs. Also, by following code guidelines, the completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends or future owners.

Visit www.buildingsafetymonth.org for more information from the International Code Council.



PW Cost Sharing Programs for Village Residents

With the increase in aging infrastructure in Bartlett, it may become necessary for residents to improve or replace their private water and sewer lines. To assist in these projects, the Village offers cost sharing programs to help ease the financial burden on residents. Additional details are available on the Village website, www.village.bartlett.il.us, or by calling the Bartlett Public Works Department, 630-837-0811.

Lateral Sewer Lining Program:

Older residential homes and older sanitary sewer mains were built out of Vitrified Clay Pipe (VCP). Due to shifting ground and the age of some of these pipes, tree roots can break through and other cracks can form in the pipe causing leaks and potential backups into the home. To help prevent this, the Village annually provides a cost sharing program to line the residential service from the main to the home.

Lead Service Line Replacement Program:

Although uncommon, a portion of older homes in the Village were constructed with lead water service lines from the shutoff valve to the home. Although Bartlett’s source water is lead-free, lead from the lead water service can leach into the water and cause elevated lead levels in the drinking water. To combat this, the Village is providing a cost sharing program to replace the lead water service line with a copper service from the shut-off valve to the water meter.

Happy 50th Birthday Eastview School

During the last five decades thousands of students have passed through the doors of 321 North Oak Avenue. This building was originally home to Eastview Junior High (1970-1982), then Eastview Elementary (1982-1992), and since 1995, Eastview Middle School. This institution continues to educate the youth of Bartlett and surrounding communities.

Eastview was Bartlett's second school after Bartlett School, which opened in 1874. The first Eastview students, grades 7 through 9, initially attended classes at Tefft Middle School in split shifts until the 1969 winter break.

The new school building opened in January 1970, but construction was not 100% complete. There were no lockers, boxes were often used for room dividers and several classes were held in the stairwells.

Eastview was first home to the Bulldogs, and its colors were blue and gold. The Bartlett History Museum has many objects from the junior high, such as t-shirts, yearbooks, drinkware, etc., but nothing from the time when it was Eastview Elementary School or Eastview Middle School. If you would like to donate images, clothing, yearbooks, etc. from any of the Eastviews, please contact Pam Rohleder, museum director at prohleder@vbartlett.org.



A Decade at the Depot

The Bartlett Depot Museum is celebrating its 10th anniversary as a museum. The depot served residents from 1873 to 2007 as Bartlett's train station.

Located at 100 W. Railroad Avenue, the museum now offers family friendly programming, such as the First Saturdays Free Craft as well as permanent and changing exhibits that highlight the area's transportation heritage.

To learn more about the two new exhibits at the Depot Museum, "Next Stop Spaulding! A Community Lost to Time" and "Ticket to Ride: Mark Llanuza's Photos to Metra Monthly Passes" visit the Village of Bartlett Museums website, www.village.bartlett.il.us/our-community/village-of-bartlett-museums.

As of this writing the Bartlett Depot Museum is closed. Once it reopens, the museum's spring hours, through May 31, will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon to 5 p.m. and the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. Parking in the public lot at Railroad and Oak Avenues and admission are always free!

Online Archives

To see more great objects and images that shaped the Village's history, visit <http://bartlettmuseums.pastperfectiononline.com/>



Groot Industries currently is scheduled to begin its weekly yard waste and brush collection in April, running through November. If you have any questions, please visit the Village website, www.village.bartlett.il.us or contact Groot, 847-429-7370.



Did You Know?

... the Arbor Day Foundation is the largest 501(c)3 nonprofit membership organization dedicated to planting trees. Since its founding in 1972 — the centennial of the first Arbor Day observance -- more than one million members, supporters and valued partners have helped the foundation plant more than 350 million trees in neighborhoods, communities, cities and forests throughout the world to ensure a greener and healthier future for everyone.

“Our vision is to help others understand and use trees as a solution to many of the global issues we face today, including air quality, water quality, a changing climate, deforestation, poverty and hunger.”

The impact the Arbor Day Foundation makes on the world is accomplished through its conservation and education programs. It works to restore forests, improve tree cover in communities and inspire the next generation of tree planters to ensure this important work endures.



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Hydrant Flushing

It's time for Bartlett Public Works to flush all fire hydrants. This process removes iron deposits from the water mains and ensures that hydrants are working correctly.



The flushing may cause temporary water discoloration. Please check for discolored water before doing any laundry during the dates the hydrants in your area are being flushed.

FLUSHING DATES -- Subject to Change

The week of 4/20: all areas south of Stearns Road

The week of 4/27 and also the week of 5/4 (two weeks): all areas north of Stearns Road

Contact Us

GO REQUEST: Do you need to report a pothole or a streetlight that is out, voice another concern, ask a quick question or offer a compliment? Use Bartlett's GOResult system to contact the Village 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. Access the GOResult system on your smartphone or other electronic device for free by



searching "GOResult" in the Apple app store or on Google Play. You can also access it using the "Contact Us" page on the Village website. GOResult ensures that your issue is directed to the right person, in the right department and it provides you with a tracking number for easy followup. It also lets you search a Q&A database, subscribe to eNews, connects you directly to the Village website and more.

WALK IN: Bartlett Village Hall hours
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon

CALL: Village Hall Main Office, 630-837-0800
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