

Bartletter

From Village Hall

To Your Home

COVID-19 Information

See COVID-19 Holiday Safety Tips on page 2. For more COVID-19 news, visit the *COVID-19/Restore Illinois Information Center* on the Village website (link available on the homepage/In the Spotlight). Sign up for Health & Safety e-notifications using Bartlett's GOResponse app, available on your mobile device or use the "Stay Connected" link on the homepage of the Village website.

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Happy Holidays



COVID-19 Holiday Safety Tips

The holidays bring opportunities to celebrate traditions and meaningful moments with the special people in your life. This year as you prepare for December holidays, such as Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and New Year's Eve, these safety tips from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) can help protect you, your family, friends and your community from COVID-19.

Travel Considerations

If traveling this holiday season, consider the mode of transportation (plane, car, bus, train), the dates you will be traveling and your risk to COVID-19 exposure while traveling. Carry a small personal sanitizing kit that contains hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes and extra masks. Driving your own vehicle will reduce your exposure to COVID-19. If you need to



use commercial or public transportation, try to avoid the busiest travel times. Also, reconsider travel during the holiday season and consider holding special remote gatherings or small gatherings at home.

Overnight Guests

If you plan to be or host overnight guests, make sure everyone communicates what is expected ahead of time. Make sure everyone understands the importance of wearing a mask and social distancing. Ensure that soap and sanitizer are readily available and clean frequently touched surfaces regularly. Identify a room where an individual can isolate should they develop symptoms or test positive while visiting.

Holiday Shopping

When possible, consider alternative ways to purchase gifts other than visiting stores in person.

Lower Risk: shopping online

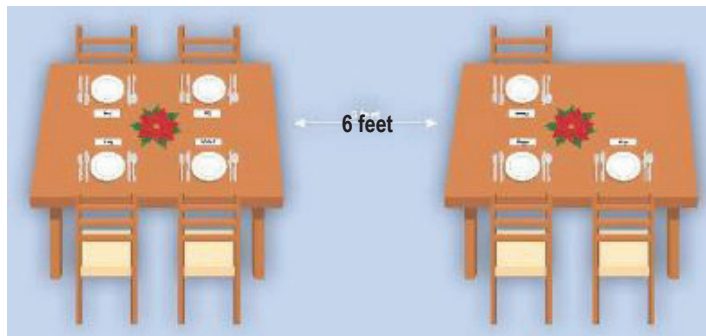
Medium Risk: if you choose to shop in-person, wear

your mask and maintain 6 feet of distance between you and others. Try to shop at off-peak times, when there are fewer shoppers.

Higher Risk: shopping at in-person sale promotions and holiday activities that encourage large crowds and lining up for limited supply deals. These events make social distancing a challenge.

Holiday Meals

- Avoid the crowds of people shopping for holiday meals by ordering groceries online.
- Limit the number of people so social distancing is possible before, during and after the meal. Space small seating areas at least 6 feet apart.
- Consider single-use disposable utensils and dishware for serving and eating meals.
- Wash and disinfect guest areas before and after holiday gatherings.
- Delivering holiday foods and dessert at the door of extended family, elders, friends and/or neighbors is another warm and safer way to celebrate a season of giving.



Did You Know?

... the Illinois Department of Human Services' Mental Health Division offers a FREE emotional support text line, Call4Calm, for Illinois residents experiencing stress and mental health issues related to COVID-19. Individuals who would like to speak with a mental health professional can text "TALK" to 5-5-2-0-2-0, or for Spanish, "HABLAR" to the same number: 5-5-2-0-2-0. Individuals will remain anonymous. Within 24 hours of sending a text, they will receive a call from a counselor from a local community mental health center to provide support.



A Minute with the Mayor



The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a devastating toll on hundreds of millions of people across the globe. Not only our physical and mental health but our economic well-being has been put to a hard test by this new virus.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress with bipartisan support and signed into law on March 27. This \$2 trillion-plus economic relief package provided fast and direct economic assistance for American workers and families, small businesses and preserved jobs for American industries.

Additionally, the pandemic response has stressed all government budgets, including those of smaller municipalities, such as Bartlett, that provide vital day-to-day services to our residents and local businesses.

Under the Act, units of local government with a population exceeding 500,000 were eligible to receive this funding and were then able to distribute funds to municipalities below this population threshold for direct expenses related to coronavirus. The money could only be used for pandemic-related costs incurred from March 1 to December 30 of this year and was not available to offset lost revenue due to the coronavirus.

DuPage County received more than \$161 million in federal funds through the CARES Act. The DuPage County Board established the Local Government Municipal COVID-19 Reimbursement Program to provide a portion of these federal funds to assist DuPage cities, towns and villages, recognizing the increased expenses all local governments have incurred as they continue to serve and protect their communities.

Bartlett was allocated a cap of \$1,268,732.16 and received a check for the full amount from DuPage County in October. The Village was required to submit eligible expenses that were incurred due to the COVID-19 public health response. Bartlett's COVID-19-related expenses included personal protection equipment (PPE) and items necessary to

meet social distancing requirements; sanitation and disinfectant products for sanitizing village hall, other public buildings and emergency vehicles; technology software/equipment necessary to hold board meetings online; additional payroll costs for employees dedicated to mitigating the spread of or responding to COVID-19; and many other costs.

Cook County received approximately \$429 million from the U.S. Treasury from the CARES Act and chose to allocate \$51 million of this relief among the municipalities located within Cook County.

Allocations to each municipality were determined through an equitable lens, with factors that included, but that were not limited to the following: immediate needs of the municipality to respond to the pandemic, municipal population, municipal median income and municipal public health statistics.

Bartlett initially was allocated \$144,006.86 in relief funds through Cook County and received a check for the entire amount. The Village was then allowed to request an additional \$12,000 of Coronavirus Relief Funds that went unclaimed by other Cook County jurisdictions.

Finally, the Village requested \$29,034.91 in funding from FEMA for purchased COVID-19 related materials. At press time for the Bartletter, this application was still under review by FEMA. If approved, FEMA will reimburse the Village 75% of its cost for purchases.

We have not yet fully scaled the obstacles that this pandemic has placed in our path. However, recent positive news regarding a promised vaccine offers renewed hope for a better 2021.

During this holiday season, may you find peace and calm, goodness and joy, and may the love of family and friends sustain you into a lighter and brighter New Year.



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POLICE BEAT



Bartlett Community Care Initiative

A year ago, the Village was introduced to the Bartlett Community Care Initiative (BCCI), a collaboration between the Village Church of Bartlett and the Bartlett Police Department to help provide for those in the community who find themselves in crisis. Thanks to the generous donations BCCI receives from residents, businesses and church members, police officers are able to provide services for situational needs that cannot be addressed with the routine, day-to-day tools and resources.



BCCI was recently honored with the Pioneer Policing Award from the DuPage County Chiefs of Police Association. The award is given to a DuPage County law enforcement agency that has pioneered an innovative program, policy or concept not knowingly used elsewhere to further the professionalism of law enforcement and/or service to citizens.

To learn more about BCCI and the services it offers the community or to see how you can help, visit the BCCI website, bartlettcommunitycare.org.

Food Drive

Bartlett Police Department is hosting its annual Holiday Food Drive throughout the month of December to benefit the Hanover Township and Wayne Township food pantries. Donations may be dropped off in the police department lobby, 228 S Main Street.

Most Needed Items: Cooking Oil • Canned Vegetables/Fruit • White Rice • Cereal • Flour • Sugar • Pancake Mix • Instant Potatoes • Laundry Detergent • Diapers/Pull-ups • Baby Wipes • Toilet Paper • Dish Soap • Paper Towels • Cleaning Supplies • Ramen

Noodles

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly • Hamburger Helper • Soups
- Baby Food • Spaghetti Noodles/Sauce • Canned Tuna/Chicken • Shampoo/Conditioner • Feminine Products • Soap/Liquid Soap • Toothpaste • Deodorant • Hand Sanitizer • Body Lotion • Gift cards to Aldi, Target, Walmart or for gasoline.

Prescription Drug Drop-Off 1/30/2021

Residents can drop off items inside Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street, from 9 a.m. to noon. Medications accepted in the program include non-controlled prescription and OTC drugs, liquid medication in leak-proof containers, pet medications, vitamins, ointments, lotions, homeopathic remedies and suppositories. No needles/sharps accepted! Proof of residency is not required. Please wear a face covering inside Village Hall.



Holiday Safety - Avoid Package Thefts

- Network with family or neighbors to grab packages.
- Have packages delivered to work if allowed.
- Leave specific drop-off instructions.
- Use a smart lock or package guard system.
- Install security cameras.

If you will be out-of-town during the holidays, remember to request a Police Department Vacation Watch at www.frontlinepass.com/bartlett or call 630-837-0846.

Be a Hydrant Hero - Volunteer to Keep It Clear

Last year, the Village of Bartlett and Bartlett Fire Protection District launched a new safety program and they continue to need your help! In the winter months heavy snowfall often buries fire hydrants, making it difficult for firefighters to locate and access them during an emergency, when every second counts! The Village and Fire Protection District is asking residents and other community members to sign up and adopt a hydrant to help keep Bartlett safe.

Participation in the Adopt-A-Hydrant program involves:

- ~ making sure the adopted fire hydrant is clearly visible from the street
- ~ keeping the fire hydrant free of snow and ice with clearances of at least three (3) feet all around the hydrant.
- ~ keeping the hydrant free of grass, weeds and debris with clearances of at least three (3) feet all around the hydrant.

How to Adopt

1. Visit the Village website, www.village.bartlett.il.us, and find the Adopt-a-Hydrant webpage link under the "Services" navigation tab on the homepage.
2. You will be asked to enter an email address into the sign-up field and then fill in your name, etc.
3. Once signed up, you will receive a login link via email. Click the link to access the Adopt-a-Hydrant interactive map.
4. Next, select a hydrant close to your home or business for convenience. If you like, you can name your hydrant. Have fun with this, but please be appropriate and respectful!
5. After you name your hydrant, hit the "adopt" button.

Throughout your participation in the program, adopters are encouraged to use the Adopt-A-Hydrant application (map) to submit a photo of your hydrant, report an issue with your hydrant and report whenever you have cleared your hydrant after a snowfall. If you decide you no longer want to participate in the program, simply sign in to the application and select "abandon hydrant."



When shoveling a fire hydrant, remember the "3 rules for 3 feet":

- 1. Access:** When the fire district uses a hydrant, the "hydrant person" grabs the bag with tools, adapters and a large supply hose that will get the water to the pumper. Having clear access to the hydrant reduces the time spent locating a buried hydrant or digging to get enough room to work.
- 2. Room to Work:** When attaching adapters and "charging" or turning on the hydrant, tools have a tendency to fall and/or get lost in the snow. Three feet of clearance in all directions provides sufficient room for the firefighter to connect to the hydrant without losing equipment in the snow.
- 3. Safety:** You may ask, "Why do I need to shovel the back of the hydrant?" When "charging" or turning on the hydrant, for safety reasons, the hydrant person **MUST** stand behind the hydrant. The hydrant person **MUST NEVER** stand in front of the hydrant or to the side of the hydrant. If a hydrant cap, coupling or adapter is not securely affixed or becomes damaged, the water pressure could blow the cap, coupling or adapter off, causing injury to the hydrant person. Once again, having complete clearance around the hydrant (front, both sides and BACK) is vital for proper and safe operations.

Your Safety is Important!

Please **ONLY** shovel your hydrant if the conditions are safe to do so. You should be sure that you are completely visible and not in danger of being struck by a passing vehicle when working near the roadway. Also be sure that you are physically able to clear the hydrant. You should **NEVER** put your safety or health in jeopardy when shoveling the hydrants.

News from Bartlett Hills



Winter Golf

The golf course will be open all winter and is available for play when ground and weather conditions permit.

The course also is available for cross country skiing when snow totals are appropriate. Skiers should call to check conditions, 630-837-2741.

Golf Shop

'Tis the season for gift giving. Bartlett Hills golf shop staff are waiting to make holiday shopping for your golfer a hole in ONE! Great items are available for pickup or give the gift that keeps on giving, gift cards. They are always the right size and make great holiday stocking stuffers for the golfers in the family! The golf shop also is having a holiday golf ball sale. All Srixon golf balls are buy two dozen get one free, while supplies last.



Kids' Holiday at the Hills

Contact-free Drive-by Picture with Santa & Mrs. Claus
Saturday, 12/19 & Sunday, 12/20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
800 W. Oneida Ave. EVAN@BARTLETHILLS.COM

The \$15 per car cost includes:

- Bartlett Hills holiday gift box for each child
- Free raffle ticket to win a holiday gift basket
- Photo with Santa & Mrs. Claus - to be emailed
- Hot cocoa for everyone!

You are given a 5-minute time slot per reservation - have kids on passenger side of vehicle, if possible, for photo. Limited space is available and RSVP is required, 630-213-3103.

Everyone is also invited to donate a canned food or dry goods to benefit the Hanover Township Food Pantry. Free raffle ticket to win a holiday gift for every item donated.

Did You Know?

... Metra has a new quarterly newsletter. In the premiere edition of "My Metra" you can read about the Ventra app update and the implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC) on all Metra lines. The "Commute with Confidence" cover story outlines Metra's comprehensive cleaning protocols and other efforts to make the system safe for workers and riders as the region slowly regains its footing during the pandemic. See the full issue on the Village website, www.village.bartlett.il.us/about-bartlett/transportation.



December 2020

“Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand.”
~ Dr. Seuss



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 Village Bd 7pm	2	3 ZBA 7 pm	4	5
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January 2021

“For last year’s words
belong to last year’s language,
And next year’s words
await another voice.
What we call the beginning
is often the end,
And to make an end
is to make a beginning.”
~ T. S. Eliot, poet



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5 Village Bd 7pm	6	7 ZBA 7 pm	8	9 Cozy Comfort Cuisine, 2 pm
10 Country AND Western Music, 1 pm	11 EDC 7 pm	12	13 Menu Planning, 7 pm	14 Plan Comm 7 pm	15	16
17	18 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY	19 Village Bd 7pm	20 Cutting the Cord & Rejecting Robocalls, 7 pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Drug Dropoff @Village Hall, 9am to noon
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Snow? Plows are Ready!



Freezing temperatures, snow and ice are the winter norm for this area, and Bartlett Public Works salt trucks and snowplows are 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. 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 roadways. It is a good idea to wait until after the final pass of the plow to shovel the end of your driveway.

DO NOT shovel snow into the street. It violates Village code, can cause ice patches and can potentially result in serious accidents.

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

Please be a snow angel and shovel your sidewalk so school children and pedestrians can walk safely and easily. Please call Public Works, 630-837-0811, if you have any snow removal questions.

Groot Tree Collection

Groot collects holiday trees at no additional charge on the regular pickup day for a three-week period following Christmas. Place your tree on the curb with your regular garbage and recycling. All ornaments and tinsel must be removed from the tree. **Do not place the tree in a plastic bag.**

Trees that have decorations or that are put out for disposal after this time period will be picked up but not recycled.

As a reminder, Groot's regular weekly waste pickup day is Tuesday. However garbage is not collected on the following holidays: **New Years Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving; Christmas.** If one of these holidays falls on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday, collection will be on Wednesday during that week only.

Plowing Metra Lots

Since the start of the pandemic, Metra ridership has decreased significantly, and parking in the Metra lots has also decreased. In order to schedule Public Works crews most efficiently this winter, some Metra lots will go unplowed following a snow event. If you are a Metra commuter who regularly uses adjacent parking, please see the map below to see what areas will be open and what lots will not be plowed following a snowfall this winter.



Open 24/7 Online!



Ever wonder what else the Bartlett History Museum collects relative to preserving, exhibiting and sharing the Village's heritage? The answer is a lot!

The Bartlett History Museum and Bartlett Depot Museum currently are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the online collection is open 24/7 waiting to be discovered!

There are more than 1,550 Bartlett images, objects and archival items online now, with more being added all the time. You can search by keyword, name, random images, etc. during your online visit, bartlettmuseums.pastperfectonline.com/.

Enter "winter" in the keyword search and you will see this 1958 picture to share. Sisters Mary Lou Mydill, left, and Pam Mydill, right, stand by the amazing snowman their father Bob Mydill built in the yard of their Marion Avenue home.

Down at the Depot

The Depot is currently closed due to the virus, so Santa moved his gingerbread operation inside it. He's baking cookies and decorating houses galore, along with his helpers behind those Depot doors.

Take a peek in the windows and check it out, You'll be surprised to see their creations, without a doubt!

Visit the Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue, anytime from December 1, 2020 through January 6, 2021, and look in the windows to see "All Aboard For Gingerbread!" Kiddos, be sure to take a free gingerbread house ornament kit home with you, while supplies last. Look for the red tote by the door.



Geocaching Adventure Lab

Looking for outdoor family fun this winter? The Geocaching Adventure Lab games are here!

This no-touch, all-digital experience allows visitors to safely check out cultural institutions in Kane and DuPage Counties. Sponsored by the Kane-DuPage Regional Museum Association, this is an alternative to the Passport to Adventure Program, currently on hold due to COVID-19 precautions.

The games help you learn more about featured sites by visiting on the outside. There are three different games with the sites grouped by location. All you need to play is the free Adventure Lab app and a mobile device! Visit www.kdrma.org/kdrma-geocaching-adventure.html.

BARTLETT BRIEFS

LOCAL FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Especially in these times, the Hanover Township and Wayne Township Food Pantries are in need of food and cleaning supplies. The **Bartlett Lions Club**, www.bartlettlions.org, continues to collect food for these food pantries. Most needed items, include diapers (sizes 2 – 5 and adult), dry goods, cereal, rice, soup, spaghetti noodles/sauce and cleaning supplies. Please donate your items at boxes located in Tekkies (in the shopping center across from Jewel), at the Bartlett Community Center and Bartlett Village Hall in the link between the main office and the police department. The food donation boxes will be available through January. You also can drop off larger donations directly at the food pantries. The Bartlett Lions thank everyone who has already donated!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE VIRTUAL BARTLETT PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

Cozy Comfort Cuisine

Saturday, 1/9 at 2 p.m.

Chef Susan Maddox will give you some cozy comfort recipes, which make for great dining as well as easy cleanup. This is a nice afternoon to learn some great recipes as well as learn methods and techniques to make cooking fun and easy.

Registration required for this Zoom program.

Country AND Western Music

Sunday, 1/10 at 1 p.m.

Solo artist Randy Walker returns with his three octave range and studio quality guitar for an afternoon of great music. Experience old time country and western tunes and hear stories about Hank Williams, Kenny Rogers, Willie Nelson and a host of others.

Registration required for this Zoom program.

Menu Planning

Wednesday, 1/13 at 7 p.m.

Struggling with the daily question of “What’s for dinner?” Then this presentation is for you! Learn about menu planning, quick and healthy meal ideas, packed lunch options and more. Presenter will also touch on organizing recipes, pantry, grocery shopping and couponing.

Registration required for this Zoom program.

Cutting the Cord & Rejecting Robocalls Wednesday, 1/20 at 7 p.m.

The Citizens Utility Board will give a presentation on two of the biggest complaints they hear from consumers: getting barraged with robocalls and high TV bills. Learn about new protections against nuisance calls and see strategies for reducing your TV costs.

Registration required for this Zoom program.

Rivalry of the 1920s:

Chicago Gangsters vs Eliot Ness

Monday, 2/1 at 7 p.m.

Historian Jim Gibbons will discuss the St. Valentine’s Day Massacre and the violent turf war between Al Capone and Bugs Moran’s North Side Gang. Chicago gang violence led to the arrival of FBI agent Eliot Ness, who put together a team of federal prohibition agents nicknamed the “The Untouchables.”

Registration required for this Zoom program.

WOMAN’S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The **Bartlett Woman’s Club** recently presented Jennifer Haws with a \$500 reentry scholarship. This Reentry Scholarship is offered yearly to a Bartlett woman who is over 21 and wishes to further her education and reenter the business or education field. Haws is married with three children and is pursuing an MBA degree with an emphasis on project management. She also volunteers at a clinic for under-privileged families. She currently is enrolled at Southern New Hampshire University.



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

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Recycle Your Holiday Lights

The Village of Bartlett will be collecting holiday lights that are broken or that you no longer need. Collected lights will be recycled properly with the assistance of the Elgin Recycling Center.

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 St., during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Lights Accepted: Italian mini-lights, traditional C7 and C9 lights, rope lights and LED lights. Extension cords will also be accepted.



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 GOREquest system to contact the Village 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. Access the GOREquest system on your smartphone or other electronic device for free by



searching "GOREquest" 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. GOREquest 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. It also lets you search a Q&A database, subscribe to eNews, connects you directly to the Village website and more.

CALL: Village Hall Main Office, 630-837-0800
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Police Department, 630-837-0846
Emergency and TDD Service, call 911

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