

Bartletter

From Village Hall

To Your Home

Cocoa Crawl
Saturday, 12/18



See page 4 & 5 for details
and more Merry & Bright events



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Happy Holidays



All Aglow in Bartlett!

Cast Your Vote - Friday, 12/10 until Sunday, 12/26

To make this holiday season extra Merry and Bright in Bartlett, the village has rounded up festively decorated homes and businesses that range from “classic” to “Griswold style.” To vote for your favorites or if you just want to tour the neighborhoods and take in the sights, visit the Voting Map on the village website, <https://maps.vbartlett.org/HolidayDecorationContestVoting>.



Home Categories:

- Best Overall (most festive) - 1 winner
- The Griswold Award (most lights) - 1 winner
- Classic Award (best traditional decorations) - 1 winner

Business Categories:

- Best Overall (most festive) - 1 winner
- Runner Up - 1 winner

Winners Announced: December 30, 2021



Did You Know?

...the first phase of “The Bartlett & Streamwood Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan” has been completed.

The first phase of the project -- Getting to Know the Community! -- assessed the existing conditions for people walking and biking in Bartlett and Streamwood, including data analysis and input from community members. Check out the findings here at <https://engage.cmap.illinois.gov/bartlett-streamwood>



**Check out the
Existing Conditions
Report
for Bartlett!**

A Minute with the Mayor

Just a few weeks ago, the Village of Bartlett joined communities across the country in support of Small Business Saturday, encouraging everyone to shop at small, local businesses on that day and throughout the holiday season.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, there are more than 30 million small businesses in the United States. About half of all American workers are either employed by a small business or own a small business. And two out of three net new jobs are created by small businesses.

As you can see, small businesses are tightly interwoven with the economic and social well-being of our communities, and we all have a role to play in helping them continue to recover from the public health crisis that began last spring.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce suggests some ways you can help:

SHOP SMALL

During this difficult time, let's make sure we are all patronizing our local small businesses like never before. Join in by shopping small every day.

- ~ Shop at a new local retailer
- ~ Try out a new neighborhood restaurant
- ~ Find unique holiday gifts from local artisans and makers - check out the hand-crafted gifts at Arts in Bartlett, 215 S. Main Street
- ~ Purchase a gift card from a small business in the area
- ~ Support small, local service providers

SHARE ON SOCIAL

Be a "Small Business Champion" and tell your family and friends to do the same. Join the conversation on social media by using the hashtag *#ShopSmallEveryday* and tagging your favorite local businesses.

If you are wondering where in Bartlett you can get started. Here are the small businesses that are participating in the Cocoa Crawl on Saturday, 12/18 (see more details on the next page).

- Rebecca's Cakes by Design
- Pasta Mia
- The Closet Boutique in Little Shop on Oak
- O'Hare's Pub & Restaurant
- Midway Landing Bowling Alley
- Good Beans Coffeehouse & Cafe
- Derango Family Dental
- The Still Bar & Grill
- TL's Four Seasons
- Associated Bank
- One Twenty Live
- Flags USA
- Lucky's Barber Shop
- Bartlett Barbers
- Town and Country Gardens
- Merchant Logo
- Gambit's Outside In Bar and Grill
- Magnum Realty
- Balance Family Chiropractic
- WOW-CBD Health & Wellness
- HOOT DOGS
- Crest Motel
- North of the Border
- McMae's Tavern and Grill
- JC Mexican Restaurant
- Arts in Bartlett



To see more places where you can shop and dine locally in Bartlett, please visit the village website business directories, www.bartlettil.gov/doing-business/shopping and www.bartlettil.gov/doing-business/restaurants. You can also find links to the interactive shopping and dining maps on these webpages.

I encourage all residents to support the Bartlett business community throughout this month and into the new year. Please shop and dine in the village first whenever you can.

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



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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, 12/11 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Villa Olivia, 1401 W. Lake Street

This Bartlett Park District event includes an early visit from Santa, plated breakfast, holiday crafts, festive music and plenty of fun. Children younger than 2 are invited to visit with Santa and receive a small gift; however meal and crafts are not included. Please bring your camera if you would like a picture with Santa. Limited high chairs and booster seats are available. All guests must pre-register. Online registration is not available.

HOLIDAY MOVIES & MUSIC

Sunday, 12/12 at 2 p.m., Bartlett Public Library Zoom program - registration required

Journey back with Bartlett Public Library over the past century of film history. Host John LeGear showcases songs, magical movie scenes and memorable moments from some of the most warmly embraced holiday movies of all time.

MERRY MEET-UP WITH MAVERICK

Saturday, 12/18 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Bartlett History Museum inside Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street

Santa Claus is so busy making sure toy production is going smoothly at the North Pole, he is sending favorite helper, golden retriever Maverick to meet with the children in Bartlett. Maverick is Bartlett Police Department's new comfort dog, and he can't wait to take on this assignment for Santa! Join the Bartlett History Museum any-time from 10 to 11 a.m. for this free, merry meet-up. Photos with Maverick will be taken by the museum or you are welcome to take your own. Each child will receive a cocoa mug ornament craft kit and candy cane.

COCOA CRAWL

Saturday, 12/18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join 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 your \$10 tickets at business.bartlettareachamber.com/events -- includes passport/ticket book that covers the cost of your cocoa drinks, souvenir mug for each paying adult (while supplies last) and map to the participating vendor locations, where you can sip some sweet chocolaty goodness as you "crawl" along. Free for 16 and younger. Drop your passport at last location visited for a chance to win fun raffle prizes.





TEA PARTY WITH MRS. CLAUS

Sunday, 12/19 at Bartlett Hills Golf Club, 800 W. Oneida Avenue, seatings at 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or noon
 Families are invited to a Tea Party with Mrs. Claus. This festive event includes an all you can eat buffet with a tea and hot cocoa station. Bring your camera and take pictures with Mrs. Claus by the beautifully decorated Bartlett Hills fireplace. Also decorate holiday cookies! Cost is \$12.95 for adults and \$9.95 for kids. Please call 630-213-3103 or email evan@bartlethills.com to reserve your seating time: 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or noon.

Holiday Jazz with Multiplicity

Sunday, 12/19 at 2 p.m., Bartlett Public Library, 800 S. Bartlett Road

Chicago-based quintet the Multiplicity Jazz Ensemble will perform creative arrangements of Christmas and winter classics that will put you in the mood to celebrate the season.

Merry and Bright, Bartlett IL

...at the Bartlett Depot Museum

The depot currently is closed, so Father Christmas moved his gingerbread operation inside.

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 12/1 through 1/8 and look in the windows to see "All Aboard for Gingerbread!"

...at your home

Decorate your home for the holidays with custom Bartlett items featuring the centennial gazebo and holiday tree in Bartlett Park.

Designed for and sold exclusively by the Village of Bartlett Museums, the charming hometown design is featured on an ornament, plaque and accent pillow, perfect additions to your holiday home.

These limited-edition items will be available for purchase at Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street. Watch for details on the village website, www.bartlett.il.gov.

...for the history books

What is your "Merry and Bright" for winter holidays? Is it the fireworks of Diwali, the flickering candles on a Hanukkah menorah or Kwanzaa kinara, the pinatas of Las Posadas, your home decorated for Christmas or something else?

The Bartlett History Museum asks Bartlett residents to share a photo that exemplifies your cultural holiday and how you celebrate it. Email your photo to bartlethistory@gmail.com. Include name, address, year and place the image was taken and share a sentence or two about the photo itself. Images will become part of the museum's collection.

Be Green During the Holidays

According to the U.S. EPA, Americans throw away 25 percent more trash between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day than any other time of the year. The extra waste amounts to 25 million tons. The Illinois EPA offers these simple ways to cut waste, conserve energy and "be green" this busy holiday season.

- Minimize car use to save gas and reduce air pollution. Take public transportation, carpool or walk when shopping or going to parties.
- Thousands of paper and plastic shopping bags end up in landfills every year. Opt for reusable bags or consolidate purchases into one bag rather than getting a new bag at each store.
- Buy items that are kinder to the environment, such as LED bulbs, low-flow shower heads, cloth shopping bags, a solar-powered calculator, educational eco-toys, a refurbished computer, backyard composter, rain barrel, refillable thermos bottle and recycled-content stationary and note pads.
- About 40 percent of all battery sales occur during the holiday season. Give rechargeable batteries and chargers with electronic gifts.
- Consider non-material gifts. How about a gift certificate for music lessons, pet-sitting, house cleaning or to a local spa? Give tickets to a sporting event, museum, concert or play or a monetary donation to a friend or family member's favorite charity.
- Make edible gifts, such as breads, cookies, preserves, dried fruit & nut mixes or herbed vinegars. Present food gifts in holiday tins or baskets that can be reused.
- Invest in your family and friends. Instead of a gift, contribute to a child's savings account, education IRA or give a U.S. savings bond.
- Wrap gifts creatively in newspaper or comics, old calendars, maps, decorated grocery bags or a colorful piece of fabric. Also remember to save gift boxes, ribbons, bows and gift wrap to use next year.
- Choose holiday cards made from recycled paper or make your own out of last year's saved cards and wrapping paper. You can also try sending electronic greeting cards to reduce paper waste.
- Bring foam peanuts and bubble wrap from your purchases to a mailing or shipping store where they can be reused.
- Got a new microwave, toaster, clock radio, toy, or coat? Consider giving away your old appliances, toys, games or clothing to a local charity or thrift store.
- Upgrade to energy saving LED holiday lights that are up to 90 percent more efficient than conventional holiday bulbs.
- If you plan on entertaining, have clearly marked recycling containers at your party for guests to recycle their cans and bottles. Send leftovers home with guests in reusable containers.
- If you're traveling away from home for the holidays, turn down your thermostat and put lights on timers to save energy.

Additional "green tips" for home and work can be found on Illinois EPA's website, www2.illinois.gov/epa



Light Recycling

The Village of Bartlett will be collecting broken or unwanted holiday lights for recycling 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 Street, 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 & C9 lights, rope and LED lights. Extension cords also accepted.

Tree Collection

Groot will collect Christmas trees at no additional charge for a three-week period following the holidays - on Tuesday, 1/4, Tuesday, 1/11 and Tuesday, 1/18.

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 ornaments and tinsel must be removed. **Do not place the tree in a plastic bag.** Trees that have decorations on them or are put out after this time period will be picked up but not recycled.

Groot's weekly waste pickup day is Tuesday. However garbage is not collected on: **New Years 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.



December 2021

“Give forgiveness, give gifts,
 give gratitude, give love, give time,
 give joy, give tears, give hugs,
 give an ear, give a speech
 ...Simply give.”

~ Jodi Aman,
 therapist & author

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2 ZBA 7 pm	3 Tree Lighting @Bartlett Park, starting at 5 pm	4
5	6	7 Village Bd 7pm	8	9 Plan Comm 7 pm	10	11 Breakfast with Santa, see pg 4
12 Holiday Music & Movies, see pg 4	13 EDC 7 pm	14	15	16	17	18 Merry Meet Up with Maverick see pg 4 Cocoa Crawl see pg 4
19 Tea with Mrs. Claus, see pg 5 Holiday Jazz see pg 5	20	21 Village Bd 7pm	22	23 Bike & Run Cmtte, 3pm	24	25 CHRISTMAS
26	27	28	29	30	31 Village Hall is closed	

*Holiday Hours
 Village Hall is closed
 Friday 12/24 thru Monday, 12/27*

January 2022

“An optimist stays up until midnight
to see the new year in.
A pessimist stays up
to make sure the old year leaves.”

~ William E. Vaughan,
American columnist



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <i>Holiday Hours</i> Village Hall is closed <i>Friday 12/31 thru Monday, 1/3</i> </div>						
2	3	4 Village Bd 7pm	5	6 ZBA 7 pm	7	8
9 Classical Guitar, 2 pm @library	10 EDC 7 pm	11	12	13 Plan Comm 7 pm	14	15 Preschool & Child Care Fair @library 10am to noon
16 Hats off to Bartlett, 2 pm @library	17 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY	18 Art Reception Village Hall 6 pm Hitchcock, see pg11 Village Bd 7pm	19	20	21	22 Preschool Open House @Park Dist 10am to noon
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Drug Dropoff @Village Hall, 9am to noon
30	31					White House Weddings, see pg 11

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 potentially can 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.

According to village policy, Bartlett Public Works repairs mailboxes that have been damaged by direct contact with a snowplow during snow removal operations. To read the full policy, please visit the village website, www.bartlett.il.gov/government/public-works/streets-division/street-maintenance-snow-plowing.

Please call public works, 630-837-0811, if you have any snow removal questions.

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, see the map below (also at www.bartlett.il.gov/government/public-works/streets-division/street-maintenance-snow-plowing) to see what lots will and will not be plowed following a snowfall this winter.



Be a Hydrant Hero - Volunteer to Keep It Clear

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 of Bartlett and Bartlett Fire Protection District are 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.bartlett.il.gov, and find the Adopt-a-Hydrant webpage link under the “Services” navigation tab on the homepage; click the link to the “Application & Map.”
2. Search for your address in the search box to find the hydrant that is nearest and most convenient to your home or business.
3. Select the hydrant you wish to adopt (a red hydrant indicates it is available for adoption) and click the green “Adopt Me” link.
4. This will open a survey form for you to fill out. If you like, you can name your hydrant—have fun with this, but please be appropriate and respectful!

Throughout your participation in the program, you are encouraged to use the Adopt-a-Hydrant application (map) to report whenever you have cleared your hydrant after a snowfall. If you decide you no longer want to participate in the program, simply select your hydrant on the map and click on the “Maintain this Hydrant” link and follow the prompts.



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.

BARTLETT BRIEFS

SCHOOL DAY OFF OPEN SWIM

Come to **Splash Central in the Bartlett Community Center** for open swim, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., on these days off from school: January 3, 17 and 28; February 21; March 4, 15 and March 28 to 31.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE BARTLETT LIBRARY EVENTS Sunday, 1/9, at 2 p.m.

An Afternoon of Classical Guitar
Bartlett Library favorite Brad Conroy will be performing music from Mexico, Spain, Paris and Vienna, featuring composers Manuel Ponce, JK Mertz, Isaac Albeniz and more!

Saturday, 1/15, 10 a.m. to noon Preschool & Child Care Fair

This is a great opportunity for families to meet local preschool and daycare providers. Representatives from various area facilities will be available to answer questions and provide information.

Tuesday, 1/18, at 7 p.m.

The Life of Alfred Hitchcock: Suspense & Psychological Thrills (Zoom program)

Historian Jim Gibbons will discuss Alfred Hitchcock's life and his great influence on the history of filmmaking, along with his role as a film producer, his cameo appearances, close working relationships with actors and actresses and his most popular movies, "Psycho," "Vertigo," "Rear Window," "The Birds" and "North by Northwest." Registration required.

Saturday, 1/29 at 2 p.m.

White House Weddings: The 20th Century History (Zoom program)

In the 20th century, there were five daughters of Presidents married at the White House - Alice Roosevelt, Jessie Woodrow Wilson, Eleanor Randolph Wilson, Lynda Bird Johnson and Tricia Nixon. This program will look at the five weddings of "American royalty" including how their weddings represented American values. Registration required.

HATS OFF TO BARTLETT

On Sunday, 1/16 at 2 p.m., **Bartlett Historical Society** will welcome Linda Rock and Lis Marston, who will present an entertaining and informative program "Hats off to Bartlett" in the meeting room of Bartlett Public Library. Come and enjoy seeing Rock and Marston uncover hats from grandma's attic and the tales they tell about the Bartlett people who wore them. Hats will be on display and please wear a hat. Your hat may also have a tale to tell!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE BARTLETT PARK DISTRICT EVENTS

Saturday, 1/22, 10 a.m. to noon Preschool Open House

Parents with their preschoolers are invited to come visit Bartlett Park District preschool and see what it has to offer. Classrooms will be open and teachers will be available to answer your questions. Your children can participate in some fun activities while you check out the preschool program. You may

visit anytime within the two hour timeframe. If you cannot make it to the open house, schedule a tour by calling 630-540-4853. All preschool rooms are in the Bartlett Community Center, 700 S. Bartlett Road.

2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25

from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Free Fridays in February

Come try LIFECENTER any Friday in the month of February for FREE. Ages 14 through adult. Includes health club, track, indoor pool and group fitness classes for the free experiences. Purchase an Annual Elite or Pro Membership in February and get 13 months for the price of 12.

Saturday, 2/19, noon to 4 p.m. Winterfest Saturday

Experience winter on the prairie. Adopt-A-Husky will be at the Bartlett Nature Center, 2054 W. Stearns Road with their teams of Siberian huskies and sleds. Watch as they run the mile trail and learn about the history of dog sledding and the equipment they use. Other outdoor activities will be taking place, weather permitting, including snow shoeing and snow painting. There also will be an Iditarod slideshow presentation and other indoor activities. To ensure a safe and fun environment, please leave your own dogs at home. This is FREE and requires no advance registration. This event is held in partnership with Adopt-A-Husky.

Please submit information for the February/March Bartletter to: Gabrielle Infusino, Village Hall, 228 S. Main St., Bartlett, IL 60103 or ginfusino@bartlett.il.gov by Friday, December 24.

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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 "Bart-



lett 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, subscribe to eNews, connect directly to the Village website and more.

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