

Bartletter

**Tuesday, 8/16
First Day of Classes
for U46 & Many Other
Area Schools!**

Please obey school zone speed limits, don't use your cell phone & be mindful of school buses and students walking to and from school

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Experience **OKTOBERFEST IN BARTLETT!**

Join the fun on Friday, 9/30 and Saturday, 10/1 at an unforgettable Bartlett Oktoberfest celebration in Leiseberg Park! Hosted by the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bartlett Rotary Club and the Bartlett Lions Club, Oktoberfest kicks off with the tapping of the Golden Keg on Friday at 5 p.m. and continues until 10 p.m.

The fest runs from noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday with live music, kids' activities, food, vendor booths and, of course, an excellent selection of beer.

Visit www.bartlettoktoberfest.com for details, event updates and the entertainment schedule. Leiseberg Park is located at 285 E. Devon Ave. in Bartlett, and the event will run rain or shine!

Sponsor Opportunities Available. Call the chamber office at 630-830-0324 for information.



Moving Up & Stepping Down

The Village of Bartlett has appointed Deputy Chief Geoffrey Pretkelis as the new chief of police for the Bartlett Police Department. Pretkelis replaces Patrick Ullrich, whose retirement on August 5 concludes his 25 years of service to the Bartlett community.



Pretkelis has served the Bartlett Police Department since 1996, most recently as the deputy chief since January of 2017. A 1995 Western Illinois

University law enforcement justice administration (LEJA) graduate with an MBA from Judson University, Pretkelis was promoted to patrol sergeant in 2006. He was the sergeant of the public service bureau until he was promoted to the rank of commander in 2016.

Pretkelis' advanced training includes attendance at the Delinquency Control Institute at the University of Southern California, Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command, FBI National Academy, and the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police.

Departing chief Ullrich is also a Western Illinois University LEJA graduate and holds a master's degree in organizational leadership from Judson

University. During his career in Bartlett, Ullrich has served as a patrol officer, crime prevention officer, D.A.R.E. instructor and emergency vehicle operator course instructor. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2004, advanced to commander in 2006, and then to deputy chief in 2009.



Bartlett thanks Ullrich for his professionalism and commitment to maintaining the highest standard of law enforcement in the village and wishes him a happy and healthy retirement. The village is fortunate to have Chief Geoffrey Pretkelis assume this leadership position and wishes him well in his new role.

The Village of Bartlett sends a warm good-bye to Trustee Aaron Reinke, who resigned his board seat effective August 1. Reinke was first elected as a village trustee in May 2013 and was re-elected to additional four-year terms in 2017 and 2021.



During his nine years on the village board Reinke consistently showed his readiness to confront the tough issues and work collaboratively for the betterment of the community. He had a hand in helping to speed up the village's development process, implementing the Bartlett Economic Development Assistance (BEDA) program and continuing to encourage commercial and industrial investment in Bartlett, including the Streets of Bartlett redevelopment project.

In addition, he saw the village successfully complete two major capital projects – the transition to Lake Michigan water and the construction of a new police facility.

Reinke's ties to the community also included civic service with the Bartlett Lions Club, as the attorney for the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce and as a Bike and Run Plan Advisory Committee member.

Many thanks to Reinke for his hard work and dedication to the Village of Bartlett and very best wishes to him and his family.

Village Seeks Trustee Candidates

Village President Kevin Wallace will be seeking candidates to fill Trustee Aaron Reinke's unexpired term of office on the Village of Bartlett Board of Trustees. Reinke was re-elected to his second four-year term in 2021.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens, registered voters and must be residents of Bartlett for at least one year. Please submit a letter of interest with your background information/resume to Village President Kevin Wallace, 228 S. Main Street, Bartlett, IL 60103 by August 20.

A Minute with the Mayor

At its June 15 press conference, which I attended, the Coalition to Stop CPKC welcomed six members of the Illinois General Assembly (GA) who support our opposition to the \$31 billion merger of Canadian Pacific (CP) Railway and Kansas City Southern (KCS) Railroad as proposed. Additional members of the GA also support the coalition communities -- the Villages of Bartlett, Bensenville, Hanover Park, Itasca, Roselle and Schaumburg, the cities of Elgin and Wood Dale, and DuPage County -- located along Metra's Milwaukee District West line.

The bipartisan elected officials from both chambers stood together as Roselle Mayor Dave Pilecki provided an update on the coalition and Metra's recent supplemental filing with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) in Washington, D.C., where the merger currently is pending.

The points include:

- On June 9, 2022, Metra and the coalition filed supplemental comments at the STB in response to a revised operating plan submitted by the merger applicants. CP and KCS initially submitted conflicting data to the STB and to its Office of Environmental Analysis.
- The revised operating plan data shows an additional eight freight trains per day in the western Elgin subdivision, instead of the originally stated 7.1 trains.
- Metra reaffirmed that the applicants continue to understate the number of trains per day over its system tracks and excluded other rail users — i.e. Metra's passenger trains and local trains.
- Metra stated that increased new freight traffic will "degrade passenger rail service by causing an approximately estimated 1,200% increase in delays per 100 train miles for Metra trains on the impacted lines."

- The revised plan states that average train size will decrease on the Elgin Subdivision post-merger, but there is no support for this statement or a commitment that shorter trains will not mean more trains per day.

- In summary, the applicants continue to fail to provide evidence that the proposed transaction would not significantly disrupt Metra's operations and would not cause significant harm to the coalition communities as well as the entire metro-Chicago region.

Bartlett was built around the rail system, and respects all the services trains provide. However, our community was also built around the fact that these lines have been "commuter lines," for decades, running through family friendly, walkable downtowns.

The merger would add another layer of logistics and planning for police departments and fire districts responding to the scene of a crime, fire or other emergency. Students recently have faced enough challenges every day, we don't need to pile on delays getting to school, to sporting events or other extra-curriculars. Quite simply, our businesses, employees, school districts, emergency services and residents will see zero benefit from this merger.

At the end of the day, all of these communities are strong and will survive this regardless of which direction it goes. But we are asking for help. Residents are encouraged to go to the coalition website, www.stopcpkc.com, where you can sign on to let federal elected officials know you stand with the coalition in opposition to this merger as proposed.

We hope that the STB will see the effects that this type of increase in freight traffic can have.



Community Survey - Share Your Ideas!

The Village of Bartlett is committed to preserving the high quality of life enjoyed by its residents, providing fiscally sound, responsive municipal services and delivering those services in a professional manner with a high degree of integrity.

In order to help accomplish this mission, the village is asking you to take a few minutes to share how you feel about a variety of municipal services. A community survey will be accessible on the village website from August 1 through October 15, using this link: <https://maps.vbartlett.org/CommunitySurvey>.

The results of the survey will be a key part of the village's strategic planning process, setting priorities for the future.



1972 - Village Church of Bartlett

This September, Village Church of Bartlett will celebrate 50 years since it was formed in the village and began its local mission of building trust, building bridges and serving the Bartlett community.

For the Village of Bartlett, this 50th anniversary is another chance to recognize the vital partnership that has grown between the church and the Bartlett Police Department. The collaboration began in 2019 as the Bartlett Community Care Initiative and then was relaunched as Bartlett Community Care Collective (BC3) and expanded to other local communities. The BC3 partnership allows the church community to directly support the police department on the ground with tangible needs, such as rides for individuals to and from rehabilitation programs, a safe place to stay for a domestic abuse victim or even a safe place to charge a phone.

Through BC3, Village Church of Bartlett also provides for neighbors helping neighbors. It has organized both community-wide volunteer opportunities, such as days of service, blood drives and food drives, and individual partnerships to help with tasks like regular yard work, ongoing food needs and in-home visits.

For five decades, the Village Church of Bartlett has been a resource and a hub for the mental, physical and spiritual well being of the Bartlett community. Thank you and happy 50th anniversary!

1892 - Bartlett Cemetery

Bartlett residents went to the polls in April of 1892 and voted 35 to 4 in favor of purchasing land for a municipal cemetery. The Village of Bartlett Board of Trustees immediately began taking steps to procure a suitable piece of property to serve as a final resting place for the people of this new community.

After careful examination of several locations, a board committee consisting of Chairman August Schick, Charles F. Schultz and John C. Carr recommended a 6-acre tract at the end of North Avenue belonging to Bartlett shopkeeper and former Village Trustee Henry Waterman. An ordinance adopted on May 9, 1892 directed the board to issue bonds totaling \$1,000 with an interest rate of 6% to complete the purchase, and in October the site was officially dedicated as Bartlett Cemetery.

Prior to the dedication, trustees passed Ordinance No. 38, which contained 21 sections concerned with the many aspects of running and caring for the new cemetery. The ordinance charged the cemetery committee with setting value for all the lots before they went on sale and created the office of village sexton.

Lot prices ranged from \$5 to \$30, depending on size. It was the duty of the sexton to report all cemetery deeds and internments under oath to the board. The sexton could also "hire a person who shall be designated as grave digger. Such person would dig graves, cover coffins and perform other requests.

The fee for burying a person younger than 10 years was \$1.50 at that time. The interment of a body older than 10 was \$3.

Surely fate played a hand in the circumstance of Rev. Gustav Hagemann, the first minister of what is now Immanuel United Church of Christ. During his brief service at the Bartlett church, Hagemann was a strong proponent of a community cemetery and after his death in 1892, he became the first adult to be buried at Bartlett Cemetery.

George Struckman, Bartlett's first village president, who served from 1891 to 1898 and again from 1901 to 1910 is also buried at the cemetery. He died on May 23, 1920 and is buried in block 11, lot 12.





Village-Wide Garage Sale!

Thursday, 9/8, Friday, 9/9 & Saturday, 9/10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

1009 Confederation Drive
1558 Stockton Court
825 Brookside Drive
1216 Palamino Court
752 Duxbury Lane
1419 Fox Chase Court
315 W Morse Avenue
1004 Congress Drive
232 Edgewater Drive
158 Williamsburg Drive
374 Pinoak Drive
1909 Blue Heron Circle
532 Philip Drive
1213 Telluride Court
107 N Tatge Avenue
339 Surrey Road
1066 Dartmouth Drive
143 Williamsburg Drive
423 Woodhollow Lane
139 N Berteau Avenue
212 Ariana Drive
740 Bryn Mawr Avenue
690 Timber Ridge Drive
558 Abbey Road
1946 Golf View Drive
814 Redwood Lane
636 Morning Glory Lane
393 Snow Drift Court
1168 Ancient Oaks Drive
113 E McClellan Street
698 Bryn Mawr Avenue
517 Horizon Drive

197 Wilcox Drive
816 S Sheridan Drive
1013 Georgian Place
826 Tallgrass Drive
292 Surrey Road
1835 Golf View Drive
454 Mayflower Lane, Unit 4
623 Winchester Court
617 Swinford Road
617 Winchester Court
496 W North Avenue
1281 Timberline Drive
421 Church Court
1301 Filly Lane
1860 Golf View Drive
1054 Poplar Lane
906 Bryn Mawr Avenue
860 Voyager Drive
959 Maple Lane
728 Bayberry Drive
674 Greenfield Court
247 Hearthstone Drive
1130 Washington Street
429 Drew Court
911 Capistrano Terrace
280 Jackson Street
140 Wilcox Drive
231 Faircroft Road
1221 Tamarack Drive
261 Jackson Court
216 S Park Place Drive
873 Groton Court
255 E Cleburne Avenue
412 Smoketree Lane

964 Cuyahoga Drive
1862 Golf View Drive
202 Ariana Drive
245 Cummings Drive
772 Duxbury Lane
1043 W Elmwood Lane
1035 W Elmwood Lane
1187 Ancient Oaks Drive

Please know that you can continue to sign up to participate in the village-wide garage until the date of the sale, 9/8, and still have your address included on the online map.

Visit the village website, www.bartlettil.gov, and look for a link on the homepage "In the Spotlight" section to all the garage sale details. To see a live map of the garage sale participants, you also can scan this QR code.



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The Colorful History of the Little Black Dress

Versatile, dependable and affordable, the little black dress or “LBD” has become the fashion equivalent of a Model T Ford.

Join the Bartlett History Museum on Wednesday, 8/24 for an illustrated lecture by historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., who explores the history of this fashion icon. Learn how Chanel helped dissociate black from mourning, how Audrey Hepburn helped establish the LBD and how it has been reinvented by everyone from Betty Boop to Prada, including one-time Bartlett resident Violet Haase, who wears it well in the photo on the right.

This free program will be at Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments followed by a pre-program by the museum at 6:45 p.m. that will highlight the history of the Bartlett Woman’s Club. Goddard’s presentation begins at 7 p.m.

Space is limited and registration is required. Email prohleder@bartlett.il.gov with the number attending and your phone number.



 **CodeRED**TM
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The Village of Bartlett uses the CodeRED Emergency Notification System to deliver emergency messages and other crucial information. This service is free to all Bartlett residents and businesses located within its corporate limits.

CodeRED can dial the entire village or targeted areas of Bartlett within minutes, when there is an emergency situation that requires immediate action. It then delivers a pre-recorded message describing the situation to the live person answering the call or to an answering machine.

If you live or own property within the incorporated limits of Bartlett and would like to receive CodeRED emergency messages, you can register your home, cell phone or business phone number in the CodeRED database: <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/59DD86D3241B>.

You can also visit the village website, bartlett.il.gov and look for the webpage with more CodeRED information and the registration link under the **How Do I...** tab on the homepage.

Need Help?

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health, substance use or suicide crisis, 988 is now available 24/7 nationwide. This lifeline is staffed by trained crisis counselors, who are just a text or phone call away.



BARTLETT BRIEFS

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE BARTLETT PARK DISTRICT EVENTS

Friday, 8/19 at dusk (7:45 p.m.)

Drive-in Movie: Jurassic World

Roar into summer at Villa Olivia, 1401 W. Lake Street, with the drive-in movie Jurassic World, rated PG-13. Attendance is free; food & beverages available for purchase. Bring a blanket or rent a golf cart (\$5 per person) for the full drive-in experience. Starts at dusk, approximately 7:45 p.m.

Friday, 8/26 & Saturday, 8/27

Harvest Craft & Vendor Fair

Come to the park district's 2-day craft show and shop for autumn, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas décor. Past shows included jewelry, knit items, pet products, purses, clothing, ceramics, candles, quilts, beauty products, books, gourmet foods and more! Friday, 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Entry fee \$1.

Friday, 9/9 at 6 p.m.

Twilight Golf Outing

Experience the fun of night golf while playing for a cause. Check-in at 6 p.m. at Schrade Gym, dinner at 6:15 p.m., nine holes of twilight golf on Apple Orchard Golf Course at 7 p.m. followed by awards and raffles. Fee includes dinner, adult beverage tickets, glow-in-the-dark golf ball and necklace, 9 holes of golf and a golfer gift. Golfers need to bring clubs, a small flashlight and insect spray. Register alone and be placed in a group or sign up as a foursome. You'll be playing "best-ball" during this outing. For safety, only golfers are allowed on the course. For ages 21 and older.

*Please submit information for the October/November Bartletter to:
Gabrielle Infusino, Village Hall, 228 S. Main St., Bartlett, IL 60103
or ginfusino@bartlett.il.gov by Friday, August 26.*

FALL FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Join **Hanover Township** for the 5th annual Fall Food Truck Festival at the William Tiknis Campus (250 S. IL Route 59, Bartlett) on Thursday, 9/15 from 5 to 8 p.m. Get ready for live music, carnival games and, most importantly, great food and drinks! Free admission and free parking (shuttle available for off-site parking)!

WOMAN'S CLUB FUNDRAISER

The **Bartlett Woman's Club** will be selling mums to raise money for its scholarship fund. An 8-inch pot is \$10; a 12-inch pot is \$17. Contact MaryAnn Andrews with your order at 630-483-9368. Pickup will be at the Bartlett Park Log Cabin on Saturday, 9/17 between noon and 2 p.m.

CAR SHOW - RESCHEDULED

The Oaks at Bartlett's Classic Car Show on Saturday, 6/25 was rained out. It is rescheduled for Saturday, 10/1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Location: 825 Carillon Drive. Admission is free! For info, call 630-483-4971.

FLAG COLLECTION

Several locations in the village have collection boxes, where you can drop off old/worn American flags for proper retirement:

Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street
ACE Hardware, 136 Bartlett Plaza
Flags USA, 955 E. Devon Avenue
Home Depot, 950 IL Rt 59
Hanover Twnshp, 250 S. IL Rt 59
Wayne Twnshp, 27W031 North Avenue, West Chicago

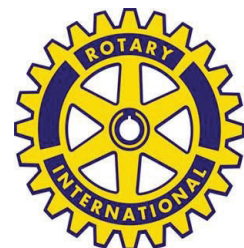
Seeking Nominees for Service Award

With the goal of honoring amazing volunteers in the Bartlett community, Bartlett Rotary Club seeks nominees for the Ralph Tovar Community Service Award.

Nominees should demonstrate a strong commitment to the Bartlett community, similar to the late Ralph Tovar, a long-time village resident, director of the Bartlett Public Library District Foundation and a Bartlett Rotarian for more than 35 years.

Tovar was very active in the Rotary Foreign Student Exchange Program and hosted students from all over the world. In addition to serving as a Rotarian and as director of the library foundation, Tovar had a printing business that served area businesses and organizations for more than 40 years. He was known for continually going out of his way to help his fellow residents and worked towards making Bartlett a better place to live and raise a family.

Nominee applications can be found at bartlettrotary.com, and can be mailed to PO Box 8381, Bartlett, IL 60103 or dropped off at the Bartlett Public Library District, 800 S. Bartlett Road. Nominations must be received by October 1, 2022. Please attach a written summary of the nominee's Bartlett community service activities and any other supporting letters, statements or documentation to support your nomination.



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Pick a Painted Hydrant!

See photos and locations of all the fire hydrants painted by your friends and neighbors in the map portal on the village website, opendata-bartlett.hub.arcgis.com/. Look for the “Pump Up the Art” program application to see how to vote for your favorites.

Voting will be available from August 1 through August 31. The Village will award first, second, and third place winners for the best fire hydrant designs.



Contact Us

BARTLETT CONNECT: Need to report a pothole or a streetlight that is out, voice another concern, ask a quick question or offer a compliment? Use the Bartlett Connect mobile app to contact the Village 24/7. Download this citizen request system app on your smartphone or other electronic device for free by searching “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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Bartlett Village Hall Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon