

# Bartletter

Election Day is Tuesday, 11/8



For information about early voting & vote by mail, visit your county election website:

- [www.cookcountyclerkil.gov](http://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov)
- [www.dupagecounty.gov/election/](http://www.dupagecounty.gov/election/)
- [www.kanecountyclerk.org/Elections](http://www.kanecountyclerk.org/Elections)

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### Begins with the TREE LIGHTING

Date & Time: Friday, 12/2, 5 to 8 p.m.

Place: Bartlett Park, Oak Ave & North Ave

- 5 to 8 p.m.** - Ride through downtown Bartlett in a horse-drawn wagon.
  - Enjoy cookies, cocoa and the DJ spinning holiday music.
- 5 p.m.** - Santa arrives with Mrs. Claus and his elves. The Bartlett Lions Club invites you to visit Santa in the log cabin until 6:30 p.m. Bring your camera to take photos of your little ones. Also, help the Lions help those less fortunate by bringing a non-perishable food item for the Hanover Township Food Pantry.
- 6:30 p.m.** - South Elgin High choir sings holiday songs in the gazebo.
- 6:30 to 8 p.m.** - Enjoy music & visits with special friends from Frozen.
- 7 p.m.** - The holiday tree will be lit, kicking off Merry & Bright in Bartlett!

And More Surprises To Come!

### ...continues with the COCOA CRAWL

Saturday, 12/10 from 11 a.m. until 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 \$10 tickets at [business.bartlettareachamber.com/events](http://business.bartlettareachamber.com/events); ticket includes passport, souvenir mug (while supplies last) and map to the participating locations. Free for 16 and younger. Drop your passport at the last location visited for a chance to win fun raffle prizes.





## Bartlett's Favorites!

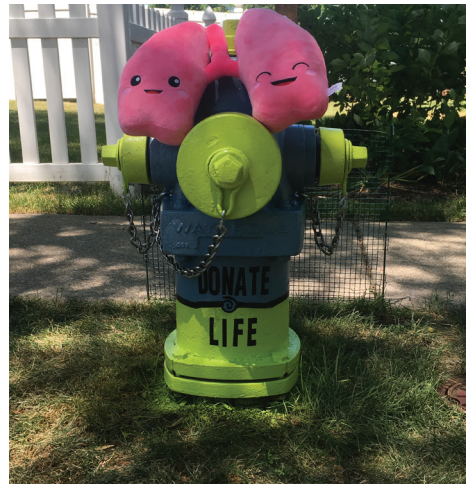
The village received a total of 3,775 votes across 58 painted hydrants. The top vote-getters, going clockwise from the top left-hand corner, are:



- Betty Bee in Bartlett
- Clownin' Around!
- Bartlett Police
- Independence Ducklings
- Pulmonary Fibrosis or  
Donate Life awareness month
- Red Donuts
- Sweet and Spiky
- Musical Snoopy



To see a photo album with more hydrants look for the link at the In The Spotlight section on the homepage of the village website, [www.bartlett.il.gov](http://www.bartlett.il.gov).



# Take Five with the Trustees

This board continues to track a proposed merger between Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern railroads, estimated to be worth \$31 billion, that is currently under review by the federal Surface Transportation Board (STB).

Bartlett residents and officials, who along with seven other communities formed the Coalition to Stop CPKC to oppose the merger, took their concerns directly to federal policy makers in Itasca on Monday, 9/12, helping to pack one in a series of public meetings held by the STB.

A merger between the two companies could add significant freight traffic on the CP rail line that runs between Bensenville and Elgin.

The STB recently presented the results of a study that showed that the environmental impact would be minor or temporary, outside of train noise.

But residents in the opposing communities, who attended the meeting, disagree with that finding. They voiced ongoing concerns that the freight traffic increase will have significant impacts on noise, commuter rail operations, the environment, pedestrian safety and especially emergency response time.

We are urging the STB to stop the merger or promise funds to pay for mitigations that will address safety and noise concerns.

The STB's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the proposed acquisition is available for review at [www.cp-kcsmergereis.com/](http://www.cp-kcsmergereis.com/) and the public comment period has been extended until Friday, 10/14 for those who would like to weigh in. You can also add your voice to the conversation by visiting [www.stopcpkc.com/new-page#](http://www.stopcpkc.com/new-page#/).

The STB is expected to make a final decision on the merger next year.

On a different note, we extend a warm welcome to new trustee Joe LaPorte. Bartlett Village President Kevin Wallace has appointed LaPorte to fill the village trustee seat that was left vacant after the



resignation of Aaron Reinke. LaPorte was sworn in at the Tuesday, 9/20/2022 board meeting.

Bartlett's new trustee has been self-employed for more than 30 years as a manufacturers representative in the commercial office furniture market. With his experience running the day-to-day operations of a small business, he is well-rounded in sales, marketing, problem resolution and various aspects of budgeting and finance.

Since January of 2017, LaPorte has served on Bartlett's Economic Development Commission, which works with village staff and existing and prospective businesses to encourage proper economic development of the area.

He has lived in Bartlett for almost 45 years. He said in his application letter that he met his wife Cathy, a lifelong resident, here, and "choosing Bartlett as the place to raise our two daughters was an easy decision. Surrounded by family, friends, and familiar faces, we wanted our children to experience the same small town environment that we have cherished."

LaPorte will chair the village board's public works committee and will serve until the April 2023 elections.

Raymond H. Deyne



Stephanie Gandsey



Dan Gunsteen



Adam J. Hopkins



Joe LaPorte



Renée Suwanski



14th Annual

# Halloween Fun Fest & Parade

Saturday, 10/29, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. downtown Bartlett



Families are invited to this year's Halloween Fun Fest & Parade, hosted by Arts in Bartlett with "a lot of help" from Rebecca's Cakes by Design.

\* **10 a.m.** Parade steps off from Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main to the Bartlett Depot Museum

\* **10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Trick/Trunk-or-Treat, downtown  
Haunted Hallway, Town Center  
Paint-A-Pumpkin, Town Center (cost TBD)

\* **12:30 p.m.** Mini Train Rides in the BMO/Harris parking lot (cost \$1)

You can learn more about the activities, hours and get an event map of participating businesses/organizations by visiting the Arts in Bartlett website, [www.artsinbartlett.org/halloween-fun-fest-2022](http://www.artsinbartlett.org/halloween-fun-fest-2022).

Businesses and organizations who want to participate should complete the online form at: [www.artsinbartlett.org/halloweenfunfestparticipate](http://www.artsinbartlett.org/halloweenfunfestparticipate).

## Free Leaf Collection

For the health and safety of residents, leaf burning has been prohibited in Bartlett since 1991. To help with the collection of leaves, the village's contract with Groot Industries provides for leaf collection at no additional cost to residents during October and November.

Leaves should be placed in brown paper yard bags at the curb each Tuesday alongside other household refuse and recyclables. DO NOT put leaves in plastic bags; these will not be collected. You DO NOT need to buy Groot yard waste stickers for leaves. Generic yard waste bags without stickers are accepted. **However, all other yard waste, such as grass clippings, pulled weeds, etc., must still be placed in stickered yard bags for collection.**

Branches/brush must be bundled in 2 foot by 2 foot by 4 foot long bundles, collected weekly through November.

Village ordinance prohibits depositing, raking, shoveling, plowing, blowing or dumping leaves, grass clippings, branches or snow, onto any public parkway, gutter or street. Leaves and lawn clippings can obstruct sewers and cause flooding. Large piles of leaves also can freeze once temperatures drop and become roadway hazards.



*The Bartletter is printed on partially recycled paper using soy ink.*



# Halloween Trick-or-Treat

Bartlett has set Halloween trick-or-treat hours for 3 to 7 p.m. on Monday, 10/31. Please remember to turn on your porch light if you will be passing out Halloween candy.

The Bartlett Police Department encourages parents to accompany children and to stay in their immediate neighborhoods. It also is a good idea for children to carry glow sticks or flashlights when trick-or-treating during the evening hours and only go to homes where the porch light is on.

Trick-or-treaters should always walk on the sidewalk. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic. Motorists are reminded to drive carefully and watch for children crossing roads.

Costumes are a fun part of this holiday but only if worn safely. Costumes should be simple, flame resistant and, if possible, light-colored. Reflective tape can be added for extra visibility. Plan to use non-allergenic makeup instead of masks, and keep wigs and hats well off the face. Finally, children are reminded to bring their Halloween candy home and to have an adult examine all treats before eating.



## Pumpkin Smash 2022

Saturday, 11/5 from 9 a.m. to noon

METRA Parking Lot on Bartlett Avenue (138 E. Bartlett Avenue)

The Village of Bartlett will be hosting its annual pumpkin composting event with this year's Pumpkin Smash! SCARCE, a nonprofit organization committed to keeping "stuff" out of the landfill by reusing or recycling, first brought this event to DuPage County in 2014! Since then, the annual Pumpkin Smash has successfully diverted more than 538 tons of pumpkins from landfills.

Residents can bring their pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns for composting in order to return nutrients back to the soil and lower methane gas production in landfills. Regular or decorated pumpkins are allowed, but please remove yarn, stickers or any plastic items before composting.

Visit the SCARCE website, [www.scarce.org/pumpkins/](http://www.scarce.org/pumpkins/) for more information or call the village at 630-837-0800.



### Why Keep Pumpkins Out of the Landfill?

Composting is nature's way of recycling, with many benefits:

- Avoids landfill greenhouse gas emissions from decomposing organics (currently, landfills are the 3rd largest producers of methane in the U.S.)
- Produces a useful, nutrient-dense soil amendment
- Pumpkins are 90% water which is great for our soil, not so good in our landfills

Since 2014 the Pumpkin Smash has...

- Composted more than 538 tons of pumpkins
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 410 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Diverted 34,230 gallons of water from landfills

Source: [www.scarce.org/pumpkins/](http://www.scarce.org/pumpkins/)

# Betty Crocker



She's a household name and her cookbook has sold more than 75 million copies, but who was Betty Crocker?

The Bartlett History Museum invites everyone to "Betty Crocker and Her Cookbook That Changed How America Cooks." This program will be presented by Leslie Goddard at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 11/9 at Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments with a 6:45 p.m. pre-program presentation by the museum. Goddard's presentation begins at 7 p.m.

To register for this free event, email [prohleder@bartlett.il.gov](mailto:prohleder@bartlett.il.gov) with your name, the number of attendees and your phone number.

## Want to Learn More About Bartlett's History?

Visit the Village of Bartlett Museums online collection at [bartlettmuseums.pastperfectonline.com/](http://bartlettmuseums.pastperfectonline.com/). More than 2000 objects and images are waiting to be discovered.

You are also invited to visit the museums' History at Home webpage on the village website, [www.bartlett.il.gov/about-bartlett/village-of-bartlett-museums/history-at-home](http://www.bartlett.il.gov/about-bartlett/village-of-bartlett-museums/history-at-home), where you can access online exhibits, videos, a self-guided walking tour and kids' activities.

And don't forget to follow the museums on Facebook and Instagram @Village of Bartlett Museums.

## It's a Merry Meet-Up with Maverick!

Maverick, the Bartlett Police Department's comfort dog and Santa's furry helper, can't wait to meet you. Come to the free open house at the Bartlett History Museum in village hall, 228 S. Main Street, on Saturday, 12/3, from 10 to 11 a.m.

Don't forget to bring your wish list! Photos taken by museum staff or you can take your own. Craft, cocoa and cookies too!



## Merry & Bright Swag

This holiday season it's all about Merry & Bright in Bartlett! Bring this spirited message into your home with custom Bartlett items featuring the centennial gazebo and holiday tree in Bartlett Park.

Designed and sold exclusively by the Village of Bartlett Museums, the charming hometown illustration is featured on a wooden ornament (\$5.75) and 8-inch by 8-inch wooden plaque (\$14.61), which are the perfect accents for your home or to give as a gift for someone on your list.

These limited-edition items will be available for purchase starting October 1 at the main office in Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street, while supplies last.



# BARTLETT BRIEFS

## GERMAN AMERICAN TALK

Today Oktoberfest conjures up appealing images of beer drinking and celebrations in German traditional costume. But how were German immigrants viewed in the United States and in the Village of Bartlett at the time of the great migration? Become enlightened during Jacqueline Ellsworth's presentation, "German American Identity in the 20th Century" sponsored by the **Bartlett Historical Society** on Sunday, 10/16, 2 p.m. at Bartlett Public Library. This event is free and open to the public. For more details, contact Marlene Palmer, [mauimarlene@yahoo.com](mailto:mauimarlene@yahoo.com).

## HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT SHOW

Come to **Bartlett High School**, 701 W. Schick Road, on Saturday, 10/22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Home for the Holidays Art & Craft Show. For more information contact: Yvonne Mundry at [ydmboxtop@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ydmboxtop@sbcglobal.net) or 630-213-0183.

## HISTORY PROGRAM

Long time Bartlett residents know that Elgin, the village's neighbor to the west, has a large mental health facility; but not many know its origin. How did it begin? Who does it serve? Bill Briska, Elgin historian, will tell all in his talk entitled "History of the Elgin Mental Health Center" on Sunday, 11/6 at 2 p.m. at the Bartlett Public Library. This **Bartlett Historical Society** sponsored program is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Marlene Palmer, [mauimarlene@yahoo.com](mailto:mauimarlene@yahoo.com).

## PASTA NIGHT & BAKE SALE

Everyone is invited to the **Bartlett VFW Pasta Night and Auxiliary to Bartlett VFW Post Bake Sale** on Saturday, 11/12 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Volunteer Fire Barn, 218 S. Main Street. All you can eat pasta, \$10 per person or family of three to five \$25. The VFW Post will have only 300 raffle tickets available for cash prizes @\$20 each beginning in September; drawing on 11/12. The auxiliary will have a bake sale and raffle tickets for a patriotic quilt. Come and support veterans' programs.

**Auxiliary to Bartlett VFW Post 11018** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Email [bartlettvfwaux@gmail.com](mailto:bartlettvfwaux@gmail.com) for more information.

**Bartlett VFW Post 11018** meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Bannerman's (private room). For more information, email [bartlettvfw@gmail.com](mailto:bartlettvfw@gmail.com).

## TURKEY RAFFLE

It is that time again. The annual BVFA Turkey Raffle will be hosted by the **Bartlett Volunteer Fire Association** on Saturday, 11/19 at 7 p.m. at the Firemen's Hall, 218 S. Main Street in Bartlett. The BVFA hopes to see you there! For more info or raffle tickets, contact Mike Dexter, 630-277-1953.

## HOLIDAY POP-UP SHOP

Join **Arts in Bartlett**, 215 S. Main Street, on Saturday, 11/26 and/or Saturday, 12/10 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for a Holiday Craft/Gift Shop Pop Up. For more

information contact: Yvonne Mundry at [artsinbartlett@gmail.com](mailto:artsinbartlett@gmail.com) or 630-372-4152.

## MERRY & BRIGHT AT IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Celebrate the start of the season at **Immanuel United Church of Christ**, 415 W. North Avenue, on Friday, 12/2, the same night of the tree lighting at Bartlett Park. Here are some of the church events, open from 4 to 8 p.m.

**Train Rides** - the holiday train will shuttle between the church and Bartlett Park, with boarding/disembarking at Oak and North and at North and Western. Free rides from 4 to 8 p.m. Train travelers will be greeted by Madrigal Musicians with holiday music.

**Sanctuary Tours/Open House** - The historic church sanctuary will be decorated for the holiday season and open for short tours.

**Community Tree Contest** - Trees decorated by civic organizations and small businesses in Bartlett will be displayed in the educational building at IUCC. Residents may vote for their favorite tree.

**Granny's Attic Treasures** - a resale shoppe will be available in the educational building. Items for sale will include usable items and Christmas and holiday decorations.

**Bake Sale & Small Craft Sale** - Bakery and craft items, including holiday themed baked goods and crafts, will be available for sale in the educational building.

**Free Cocoa & Cookies** in the educational building.

*Please submit information for the December/January Bartletter to: Gabrielle Infusino, Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main St., Bartlett, IL 60103 or [ginfusino@bartlett.il.gov](mailto:ginfusino@bartlett.il.gov) by Friday, October 28.*

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**5 p.m. until 9 p.m.**

**Saddle Up & Come Have Some Fun**  
**at Bartlett Hills Golf Club, 800 W. Oneida Avenue**

- Fashion Show by Closet Boutique
- Raffles, Appetizers, Signature Drinks
- Shopping with Local Vendors/Crafters
- DJ Entertainment with All-Pro Music
- Wine & Cheese Tasting
- Complimentary Favor by Bartlett Hills
- Free Raffle Ticket with each Food Pantry donation
- Goodie Bags for First 50 Tickets Sold

Tickets are \$10 in advance ONLY! To pre-pay or reserve, call 630-213-3103 or email [Laura@bartletthills.com](mailto:Laura@bartletthills.com) for more info.

## 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.

**CALL:** Village Hall Main Office, 630-837-0800  
Public Works, 630-837-0811  
Bartlett Hills Golf Course, 630-837-2741  
Police Department, 630-837-0846  
Emergency and TDD Service, call 911

### **Bartlett Village Hall Hours**

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