

Bartletter

From Village Hall

to Your Home

Cocoa Crawl

Saturday, 12/10
from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m



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Happy Holidays





This Month in History...

1937 - Bartlett Woman's Club

Bartlett's Bide-a-Wee Club was organized in 1936 by nine women who discussed the problems of the day while needles and thimbles clicked and crochet hooks flew. That original club changed its name to the Bartlett Woman's Club on December 30, 1937, beginning the 85 years of "service to the community, promotion of good fellowship and the advancement of intellectual culture" that continues to this day.

Each decade of Bartlett's history since 1937 bears the stamp of the helping hands and philanthropic efforts of the Bartlett Woman's Club. Members collected "Bundles for Britain" and raised \$1,000 for the construction of Bartlett Park's Log Cabin in the 1940s. The club purchased playground equipment and bike racks following the formation of the Bartlett Park District in the 1960s. The members began an ongoing scholarship program for high school seniors and women returning to the work force in 1976 and helped the Village of Bartlett celebrate its 100th birthday with a generous contribution towards the centennial gazebo in 1991.

At this milestone in the group's history, multiple generations of women, mothers and daughters, aunts and cousins have served and socialized side by side, hosting craft fairs and bunny lunches, fashion shows and candidate nights, always ready to support the next worthy cause with the club's unique mix of fundraising and just plain fun.

Congratulations to the extraordinary ladies of the Bartlett Woman's Club, Bartlett's oldest service organization, on the club's 85th anniversary, and thank you for the many years of kindness and dedication that you have shown this village.

BWC Fundraiser

On Sunday, 1/22 at 2 p.m., the **Bartlett Woman's Club** will be having a fundraiser for **Ignite the Courage**, which was created by Bartlett firefighters to provide resources and inspiration for neighbors within the community.

The fundraiser will be a Sip 'n Paint event at O'Hare's Pub. Cost is \$45. Wood board painting design TBD. Food and drinks will be on your own. Look for the event on O'Hare's Facebook page or contact *marla.miller@countryfinancial* for more info.

All Aglow in Bartlett!

Cast Your Vote - Saturday, 12/10 until Monday, 1/2



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>. Winners announced on January 3.

Home Categories: Best Overall (most festive)
The Griswold (most lights)
Classic (best traditional)

Business Categories: Best Overall (most festive)
Runner Up

A Minute with the Mayor

When the village board approved three BEDA grants at its November 15 meeting, it brought the total number of grants approved since the inception of the program to 19, totaling \$500,000.

The Village of Bartlett created the Bartlett Economic Development Assistance (BEDA) program in 2018 in an effort to attract private redevelopment dollars and investment in new businesses to vacant and/or under-performing properties throughout the community. The BEDA grant pays for a portion of improvements made to properties and the business or property owner bears the remainder of the cost.

This innovative program is funded by the village's share of video gaming revenues and provides grants with a focus on sales tax generating uses, including dining and retail establishments.

Although the half million dollars approved by the village is not insignificant, it is just a fraction of the \$7.4 million invested in these projects by the business owners and developers. The program has helped spur economic development in the downtown area, including the redevelopment and rebranding of the struggling Bartlett Plaza into the bustling and vibrant Streets of Bartlett and also the construction of what will soon be one of downtown Bartlett's flagship businesses, the much anticipated MoRE Brewing.

In addition to the BEDA grants approved in November, the village board also supported a county real estate tax incentive that was a critical impetus to Midwest Industrial Funds breaking ground on a 400,112-square-foot building in the Cook portion of Brewster Creek Business Park.

Situated on a 26-acre site, the development at 1303 Jack Court is being constructed on a speculative basis and is suitable for a multitude of uses, including distribution, assembly and manufacturing. The build-

ing is divisible and will be shell complete in summer 2023.

At the groundbreaking for the building, Justin Fierz, principal with Midwest Industrial Funds said, "We are very excited to launch this project..

This parcel is the last large, 20-plus acre site within the Brewster Creek Business Park, which has been a great economic success over the years. The Village of Bartlett has been an excellent partner in helping us fast track this project and preserve our fall 2022 start date, which was key to our positioning in the marketplace."

The village, likewise, is pleased that Midwest Industrial Funds recognizes the excellent location and welcoming business atmosphere that the board and I have worked so hard to create over these past years. The Cook County property tax incentive that we supported helps this project proceed with comparable taxes to similar buildings in surrounding counties. We are grateful to Midwest Industrial for their significant capital investment and have no doubt that this building will be home to successful and growing companies for decades to come."

In some ways, economic development is a lot like sports -- it is competitive in nature and it takes a strong team to compete successfully. The BEDA program as well as county and state incentives have helped Bartlett attract new businesses and investment to the village that might otherwise have gone to a neighboring community. I am proud to lead the strong village team pulling out the plays that continue to give us a competitive edge.



Winter Tips for Your Home

With fall coming to an end, it is important to prepare your home for the cold winter months ahead.

Here are a few items to consider:

- Verify seals and weather strips around doors and windows are in good condition. This can help reduce heating costs.
- Remove debris from gutters and downspouts. Make sure they are draining away from your foundation.
- Watch for condensation around windows or on exterior walls. This may be a sign of cold air leakage or inadequate insulation.
- Allow proper air circulation adjacent to exterior walls to help reduce the likelihood of mold and mildew growth.
- Be sure to use your exhaust fan when taking a bath or shower to remove excess moisture.
- Do not vent your clothes dryer into your house or garage. Make sure the vent is cleaned and unobstructed.
- Have your furnace checked by a qualified professional to make sure it is in proper working order. Make sure you have the appropriate air filters on hand.
- If your home has a fireplace, make sure this is also inspected and cleaned annually.
- Make sure you have a screen large enough to block flying embers.
- Only burn appropriate materials such as seasoned firewood or commercially manufactured logs.
- Do not leave fires unattended.
- Clean and maintain your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Be sure to change batteries as necessary. Carbon monoxide detectors are required within 15 feet of all sleeping areas.



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 Wednesday, 1/4, Tuesday, 1/10 and Tuesday, 1/17.

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.

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. The mailbox must be able to withstand the weight of the snow coming off the snowplow. 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

During the pandemic, Metra ridership decreased significantly, and parking in the Metra lots 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.



The Depot & Bartlett's Sesquicentennial



Two years that are especially important in Bartlett's history are 1873 (establishment) and 1891 (incorporation). One hundred and fifty years ago, in 1873, Luther and Sophia Bartlett and the Chicago & Pacific Railroad Co. filed a warranty deed agreeing to a land transaction between them.

Talks between the Bartletts and the railroad had begun the previous year with the Chicago & Pacific seeking to build a new rail line from Chicago to Elgin and looking for land donors. The Bartletts gave half of 40 acres of undivided land, from their 600-plus acre farm, for consideration for a rail right-of-way/station stop, which established the community they named Bartlett. Those 40 acres, today the historic heart of the village, were platted, with the railroad and the Bartletts selling lots for homes and businesses.

The January 1, 1876, Elgin Advocate reported, "Two years and a half ago there was no such town as Bartlett...But with the advent of the iron horse, it became necessary to have a station, and when a station was decided upon, the town followed as a matter of course, and to-day we see a thriving village which has sprung up as if by magic, but with all the evidence of being substantial and prosperous."

The technology of the railroad provided more efficient transportation not only for passengers but businesses too. Bartlett & Shields, a lumberyard, was reportedly the first business to "hang its banner on the outer wall." From June through December 1873, Bartlett & Shields sold 500,000 feet of lumber, 5,000 posts and about 4,000 shingles, which were brought in by rail. Bartlett's original building boom had begun!

Area farmers also relied on the railroad for the shipping of milk, livestock and other goods to markets, such as Chicago. The depot agent was responsible not only for the selling of passenger tickets, but the handling and billing of the freight, mail, telegrams and more.

The 1873 depot served the Bartlett community as its operating rail station until December 10, 2007, when it closed its doors. The new Metra station to the east opened the following day. The old depot was the last original station on the Milwaukee District West Line.

In 2010, after a major restoration, the building reopened as the Bartlett Depot Museum, now working to take visitors on a rail journey through history. In 2023, the Bartlett Depot Museum, the oldest building in the village, will be celebrating its 150th birthday! Watch upcoming Bartletters for more historical facts about the depot and details on the 150th anniversary celebration.

Seasonal Closure

The Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue, is closed for the winter. It will reopen at 11 a.m. on 2/2/2023. To learn more about Bartlett's history and discover more than 2,000 images, objects, etc. during the seasonal closure, visit the museums' online collection at bartlettmuseums.pastperfectonline.com/.

If you enter "depot" in the online exhibit search box, in honor of the depot's 150th birthday in 2023, you could find the postcard shown on the right. It is a real image of Railroad Avenue, looking west, near the intersection of Oak Avenue. The depot can be seen on right side of the homes and businesses. Note the dirt road!

On the front is printed "View of Railroad Ave., Bartlett, Illinois." The circa 1910 card was produced by C. R. Childs, a prominent Chicago postcard manufacturer, who sent his photographers out in the region to capture sellable scenes. The museum has several of Childs' Bartlett cards in the collection.



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.

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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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