

# Bartletter

## Roll the Dice & Win at Casino Royale



This event, sponsored by the Bartlett Area Chamber and Mark Your Space Inc. will be held from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria, 1175 W. Lake Street on Friday, 2/24. Tickets to this 21 and over Casino Night may be purchased online at [www.bartlettareachamber.com](http://www.bartlettareachamber.com) or by calling 630.830.0324.

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## Let the Burger Battle BEGIN!

Do you like your burger big, juicy and piled high with toppings or simple and classic but bursting with flavor? Bartlett restaurateurs want to know, and during February you'll have the opportunity to weigh in with your vote.

Restaurants throughout the village have nominated the BEST burger on their menu for a chance to claim the ultimate bragging rights for the best burger in town! Voting will be open for the entire month of February, giving you plenty of time to taste and vote.

To see a live map of the participating restaurants and vote in this friendly competition, visit [maps.vbartlett.org/BestBurgerMap](https://maps.vbartlett.org/BestBurgerMap).



# New Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Adopted



The Village of Bartlett recently adopted the Bartlett and Streamwood Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, which was prepared by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) with input from stakeholders in both communities.

The plan will benefit Bartlett and Streamwood residents. It focuses specifically on improving safety, access, and connectivity for people walking and biking, seniors, children, and people with disabilities. It builds on the communities' existing assets and supports the goals in Streamwood's Comprehensive Plan, the Village of Bartlett Strategic Plan, and CMAP's ON TO 2050 plan. You can see the complete report on the village website at <https://bit.ly/BartlettBikePlan>.

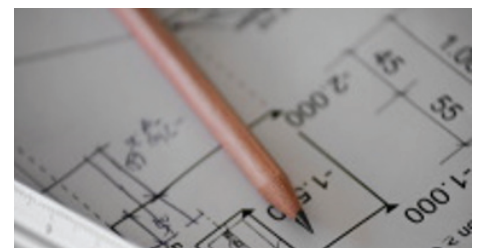
Here are some bike path construction projects that are already in the works for 2023:

1. The bike path along Munger Road from Stearns Road to West Bartlett Road will be completed, which includes the pedestrian/bike path crossing on the south leg of Munger Road at West Bartlett Road.
2. During the construction of the Grasslands subdivision, a bike path along Naperville Road will be extended from West Bartlett Road to the railroad tracks and a bike path will be constructed through the subdivision as well.
3. The DuPage County Division of Transportation is in the planning stages for a bike path along Stearns Road from Munger Road to the James "Pate" Phillip State Park.

## Make Your Home Spring Ready!

Now's the time to begin sprucing up the exterior of your property and to plan those warm weather projects. Here's some tips to get you started and help you remain within village codes.

1. Remove holiday lights and decorations by March 1.
2. Inoperable/unlicensed vehicles must be stored in the garage.
3. Clean up and remove all items stored around the exterior of the house.
4. Clean up and properly dispose of dog feces in your yard.
5. Store garbage cans in the garage, interior side yard or rear yard. Garbage cans can be placed at the curb on the parkway after 6 p.m. the night before garbage pickup day and must be removed by 9 a.m. the day following garbage pickup. Garbage cans cannot be placed in the street.
6. Remove all containers that are holding water to prevent mosquitoes.
7. Bird feeders may be hung from trees but the ground feeding of wildlife is prohibited.
8. Make sure your sump pump lines are a minimum of 10 feet away from the property lines and downspouts are at least 3 feet from the property lines.
9. Have your lawnmowers and hedgers sharpened and ready to go so grass and weeds do not exceed 8 inches high and bushes and trees are neatly trimmed.
10. Planning an event outdoors? Apply for the required amplifier permit online.



## Current Developments



Have you ever wondered what's being built at that new construction site you see in the village? Or have you driven by a public hearing sign without being able to read it?

Stay up to date on projects that are under construction or being proposed using the interactive Current Development App found on the website's Bartlett Map Hub at [bit.ly/BartlettDevelopment](https://bit.ly/BartlettDevelopment).

# Take Five with the Trustees

Facing the challenges of the past year – an ongoing global pandemic, inflation that reached a 40-year high, supply chain shortages and an ever-shifting employment market – Bartlett’s undauntable flexibility, resilience and creativity continued to move the village forward. We increased private investment in the village, welcomed new businesses and development projects, and continued our practice of providing residents effective and efficient services.

As we gear up for the year ahead, let’s take a last look at all the positives that occurred in 2022.

Merging the Zoning Board of Appeals and Plan Commission into a single Planning & Zoning Commission revamped decades-old procedures, equipping us to respond quickly when developers came ready to invest following the uncertainty of the pandemic.

A \$24.5 million, 400,000 square foot logistics facility is planned for the last Cook County parcel in the Brewster Creek Business Park, just as the village begins winding down the Brewster Creek TIF (tax increment financing district). This TIF that transformed a rock quarry into a vital economic engine has increased 75 percent in the last five years, from \$48.5 million in 2016 to \$81.5 million in 2021.

At Blue Heron Business Park, Triumph is constructing a \$10.4 million, 98,000 square foot warehouse. In Bartlett’s downtown, the combination of three approved BEDA grants will leverage \$4,419,000 of additional private investment, with a large portion of that coming from the MoRE Brewing construction. In addition, the Bartlett Automotive Mall, the village’s first car dealerships, will result in a significant sales tax revenue source for many years.

Driving through town you saw that improving Bartlett’s infrastructure is back to center stage, focusing on core services; water, sewer and roads.

The \$35 million wastewater treatment plant upgrade, which started in December of 2021, will improve reliability and efficiency and will serve the

community for decades. Local roads were improved using \$1,265,218 of Rebuild Illinois funding to expand the street resurfacing program.

The village received an “unmodified opinion,” the best that can be designated, by its independent auditors, and Moody’s Investment Services reaffirmed Bartlett’s Aa1 bond rating. This is the second highest rating awarded.

At Bartlett Hills, clubhouse sales and new banquet revenue records were reached, and for the 4th year in a row, the golf club received the “Best of the Knot” Award. It also qualified for the Knot Hall of Fame Award for the second year in a row, putting it in the top 1 percent of reception venues nationwide.

Amidst the work, we also made time for community celebrations!

\* National Night Out won first place for a second year in a row, a highly coveted back-to-back honor for the police department.

\* Oktoberfest brought civic groups together and was a huge success for the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the Lions Club.

\* The Merry and Bright tree lighting, with food trucks, lit archways, carriages, along with Santa in the log cabin was a great night for our community. It was followed the next weekend by the Cocoa Crawl, which drew 36 businesses and more than 300 participants shopping locally and having a great time.

Two department directors retired -- Planning & Development Services Director Roberta Grill and Police Chief Patrick Ullrich -- triggering a major change in Bartlett’s management team, and the police department stepped up recruitment in response to retirements and promotions. This board also saw the resignation of Trustee Aaron Reinke and the addition of Trustee Joe LaPorte.

We are proud of everything that was accomplished during this past year and look forward to 2023 with confidence and excitement.

Raymond H. Deyne

Stephanie Gandsey

Dan Gunsteen

Adam J. Hopkins

Joe LaPorte

Renée Suwanski



# Flood

## FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

The Village of Bartlett has several floodplain areas within its corporate limits. On the north-west side of town is the Brewster Creek tributary. In the middle of town there is some floodplain in the Wayne Grove Forest Preserve. The northeastern part of the village has the Brewster Creek floodplain, which flows to the West Branch of the DuPage River floodplain.

## NATURAL & BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS

Floodplains play a valuable role in providing natural benefits to the Village of Bartlett and the surrounding area. Floodplains that are relatively undisturbed provide open spaces and aesthetic pleasure, as well as function for active processes, such as filtering nutrients.

Wayne Grove Forest Preserve and Hawk Hollow Forest Preserve floodplains are used to filter farm chemical run-off so that these areas can maintain biodiversity and ecosystem sustainability. Both floodplains contain historic and archaeological sites that provide opportunity for education. Both enhance waterfowl, fish and other wildlife habitats and provide feeding/breeding grounds. And lastly, both floodplains provide natural erosion control and open space so further flooding damage does not occur.

## FLASH FLOODS

Flash-flooding is the general type of flooding caused by heavy rain events. A flooding event can occur with 2 to 4 inches of rain in a 3 to 4 hour time period on some streets throughout the village.

Several detention areas may rise during these events. However, all of the village streets are designed to additionally store stormwater for a period of time.

During spring and early summer, the village can experience heavy rain events. It is not uncommon for water to stand in backyard/sideyard drainage areas for up to 48 hours. The village has made several drainage improvements in problem areas in the last few years and is continually making improvements throughout the community.

## DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

As simple as it may sound, keeping smaller ditches and streams free of debris can dramatically improve the run-off capacity of low-lying areas and can greatly reduce the occurrence of blockage that significantly contributes to flooding.

It is illegal to dump materials into a required waterway and violators may be fined. If you see someone in the act of dumping or see debris in one of Bartlett's watercourses, please contact the Bartlett Public Works Department at 630-837-0811.

Homeowners are responsible for maintaining their perimeter drainage swales. You may have a storm inlet in your yard; if you do, make sure to keep it clear of debris. If you have any flooding or drainage concerns on your property, the Village of Bartlett staff is available to assess your drainage issue. You can report a concern by accessing

the **Bartlett Connect app** using the **"Stay Connected"** link on the homepage of the Village website, [www.bartlett.il.gov/home](http://www.bartlett.il.gov/home) or use the **"How Do I"** drop down navigation tab on the website and look for **"Report a problem or concern."** In addition, the **Bartlett Connect app** is available on your smartphone or tablet.

## PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES

If your property is susceptible to flooding, there are many flood damage reduction measures you can employ.

- Watertight seals can be applied to brick and block walls to protect against low-level flooding.
- Utilities, such as heating and air conditioning systems, water heaters and other major appliances can be elevated to higher floors in the structure or onto raised platforms.
- Temporary measures, such as moving furniture and other valuables to higher floors or sandbagging exterior openings, will also help.
- Elevating or relocating the entire structure may also be a feasible option.

## FLOODPLAIN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

All development within the 100-year floodplain (not just construction of buildings, but filling, excavation, fences, etc.) requires a village development permit. Applications must be made prior to doing any work in a floodplain area.

Please contact Planning & Development Services at 630-540-5920 to receive all the information you need to properly develop in



# Protection

the floodplain. You may report any illegal development activities to the above number as well.

## FLOOD INSURANCE

If you do not have flood insurance, talk to your agent. Most homeowner insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Flood insurance is only available to communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Because of Bartlett's floodplain management programs, which attempt to protect property owners from multiple flooding hazards, the village is part of the NFIP. Bartlett residents are able to obtain flood insurance. Additionally, because the village participates in FEMA's CRS program, flood insurance premiums are discounted.

Be sure to check your policy to ensure you have adequate coverage. Typical policies cover the building structure, but not the contents. Contents coverage can also be obtained by asking.

There is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage becomes effective. Plan ahead; do not wait until a flood is predicted before purchasing flood insurance. If you are building inside the floodplain and are using a federally regulated lender/bank for a loan, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory.

## SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT/DAMAGE

If the cost of improvements to a building or the cost to repair damages (from any cause) to a building exceeds 50% of the market value of the building (excluding land value), the NFIP

requires that the entire building be brought up to current floodplain management standards. Building improvement projects include exterior and interior remodeling, rehabilitation, additions and repair and reconstruction projects. Contact Planning & Development Services at 630-540-5920 for more information.

## FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

Many times, flooding of streets and parking lots can be predicted, allowing ample time for preparation and evacuation. However, in the event of a flash flood due to a large rain event, there may only be hours to execute a plan.

Once the Bartlett Police and Bartlett Fire Protection District

are notified of an oncoming flood event, Bartlett's emergency alert system will be activated. The village can send a Code Red or mass emergency notification system alert to the entire village or a specific neighborhood. Community alerts and additional safety information will also be posted to the village website.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Here are some additional resources for flood-related issues:

- FEMA.gov website
- Village Hall, 630-837-0800
- Flooding FAQ webpage on the village website:  
[www.bartlett.il.gov/services/frequently-asked-questions](http://www.bartlett.il.gov/services/frequently-asked-questions)
- Bartlett Public Library

## FLOOD SAFETY TIPS

- Do not drive through a flooded area or around protection barriers. More people drown in cars than anywhere else.
- Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive. Six inches of water can knock you off your feet.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. If your house is about to be flooded, turn off the power at the service box. Electrical current can travel through water. Electrocuting is the second leading cause of death during floods.
- Be alert to gas leaks. Turn off the gas to your house before it floods. If you smell gas, report it to the Bartlett Fire Protection District, the village or your gas company. Do not use candles, lanterns or open flames if you smell gas or are unsure if your gas has been shut off.
- Keep children away from flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains. Flood waters can carry unimaginable items that have dislodged themselves. Culverts can suck in smaller people, making them helpless.
- Clean everything that has been wet. Flood water is contaminated with sewage and other chemicals, which pose severe health threats.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals that have been flooded out of their home may seek shelter in yours.
- Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages. Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.

## Casting a Historic Vote:

# Suffrage for Women in Illinois



Prior to 1920, women in the United States were denied the vote in the majority of elections. The struggle for enfranchisement began with the birth of this nation and was strategized differently in local, state and federal elections. Despite what people today believe to be a straightforward goal, the path to women's suffrage was infused with sexism and racism and triggered a fear of feminism whose roots are still seen today.

The Bartlett History Museum invites everyone to village hall, 228 S. Main Street, on Wednesday, 3/8, for this program presented by Jeanne Schultz Angel, through a grant from the Illinois Humanities Council. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments with a 6:45 p.m. pre-program presentation by the museum. Angel's presentation begins at 7 p.m.

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

## The Depot & Bartlett's Sesquicentennial - Part 2



Two years that are especially important in Bartlett's history are 1873 (establishment) and 1891 (incorporation).

One hundred and fifty years ago, Luther and Sophia Bartlett and the Chicago & Pacific Railroad Co. filed a warranty deed agreeing to a land transaction between them. 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 and established the village they named Bartlett.

The depot was operated by an agent who worked for the railroad. The agent sold passenger tickets and handled freight, mail, telegrams and more. Bartlett's first station agent was Oliver C. "Hutch" Hutchins, who was described by the Elgin Advocate newspaper in 1881 as "kind-hearted and gentlemanly." Hutch also was married to the Bartletts' daughter Cora.

Bartlett's longest serving agent was Joseph Charneskey, pictured on the right. He began at the depot in 1929, the same year he and his family moved to the village. Charneskey rode his bike to the depot and was popular with children, who would play in the waiting and baggage rooms and even help him with some of his duties. Charneskey retired in 1962.

The first female agent was Doris Baum. She was known for her green thumb and filled the little depot with live plants to the delight of commuters. It is believed she was in the position by 1973 and served at least until 1976. Her husband Milford Baum also was a Bartlett agent, making them the only husband and wife to work at the depot. He began at Bartlett in 1980 and retired in 1985.

The last agent was Shelia Putyrski. She began at the aged depot in 2001 and on December 11, 2007, she sold the last train ticket and locked the door on the 134-year-old building. The next morning, she became the first agent at the new Bartlett Metra station, working there until her 2014 retirement.



### Down at the Depot

The Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue, reopens for the 2023 season on Thursday, 2/2. Hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. Admission and parking are always free.

# 50/50 Parkway Tree Replacement Program



Through its long-running Parkway Tree Program, the Village of Bartlett has planted trees with the help of homeowners in an effort to re-forest and diversify Bartlett's parkways. This program provides the opportunity for residents to select and purchase a parkway tree, with the village sharing 50 percent of the cost.

All trees available for order are 2 inches in diameter. The cost, for residents, is \$100 per tree. This price includes tree planting, a one-time mulching, and a one-year warranty. Limited quantities of each species are available, and all orders are filled on a first-come, first served basis.

You are only eligible to purchase a tree if your property has an available planting space, as found on the interactive tree map on the village website, <https://maps.vbartlett.org/trees>. Planting is only done in the parkway, not on private property, and must be spaced 30 to 40 feet from other trees. Other restrictions, such as proximity to driveways, intersections, street lights, hydrants, underground utilities, etc. may occur. Final planting locations will be determined by the Village.

Public works will begin taking orders on **February 27, 2023** for the spring planting season. Visit the public works page on the village website, [bartlett.il.gov](http://bartlett.il.gov), on or after this date to see the available tree species and ordering details.

This spring, for the first time, orders will be placed through the OpenGov permit system. This online format will improve the program by increasing efficiency and communication, keeping residents informed about the tree planting process and timeline. All orders and payments must be received by April 21.

## Brush Pickup, 2 Ways!

The Village of Bartlett offers two (2) ways for homeowners to dispose of brush and branches from their private trees and bushes:

1. Groot's weekly brush pickup (April through November)
2. the semi-annual pickup from Trees R' Us (once in the spring & once in the fall)

In 2018, the village transitioned from public works' bi-monthly brush pickup to Groot's weekly collection. Trees R' Us' semi-annual pickup was added in 2021 as a supplemental option.

Groot does a weekly brush collection throughout the entire village from April through November. Brush for this pickup must be bundled, wrapped with a bio-degradable twine and weigh no more than 50 pounds per bundle. Bundles are picked up along with your regular weekly trash and recycling collection.

Trees R' Us provides a semi-annual (June and October) brush pickup. This collection is done with a grappling truck, so brush can be stacked in larger piles without the bundling requirement.

Stickers ARE NOT required for either the Groot or the Trees R' Us brush program. Yard rakings, grass clippings, small twigs, garden material, such as flowers, vines, weeds, and garden fruit and vegetables are considered yard waste and should be placed in generic yard waste bags with Groot stickers applied. Please note, any independent landscaper hired to do routine pruning or maintenance of private trees must also remove the brush.

By allowing properly equipped contractors to take over the operation and management of brush collection, public works has more staff available to perform other vital maintenance activities. Jobs, such as trimming of parkway trees, sidewalk/curb repair, bike path paving, and stormwater improvements are just a few of the tasks staff has been able to do more of during the last five years.



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## Updated Smoke Alarm Law

Beginning January 1, 2023, any NEW smoke alarms being installed in a single or multi-family home are required to be alarms that feature a 10-year sealed battery.

Smoke alarms in single or multi-family homes prior to January 1, 2023, may remain in place until they exceed 10 years from their manufactured date or fail to respond to operability tests or otherwise malfunction.

### EXEMPTIONS:

- ~ Homes built after 1988 that already have hard-wired smoke alarms
- ~ Homes with wireless integrated alarms that use low-power radio frequency communications, Wi-Fi or other wireless local area networking capability

### BENEFIT OF 10-YEAR SEALED BATTERIES



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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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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