

Bartletter

TIME TO FLUSH THE HYDRANTS

This process removes iron deposits from the water mains and ensures that hydrants are working correctly. Flushing may cause temporary water discoloration. Check for discolored water before doing laundry during the scheduled flushing dates below.

4/3 - 4/7 South of Stearns Rd
4/10 - 4/14 and 4/17 - 4/21
North of Stearns Rd

Locate your specific area & date on the interactive website map: maps.vbartlett.org/HydrantFlush

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June 10 & 11, 2023

Bartlett Arts in Bartlett **Global arts Festival**

Immerse yourself in the colors, sounds and flavors of local cultures at this year's Arts in Bartlett Global Arts Festival. Marvel at groups performing culturally significant dance routines, playing unique musical instruments and singing traditional ethnic songs. Join family-oriented lawn games, crafts and activities. Shop vendor & artist booths filled with diverse wares, including American folk and fine art. Discover ethnic foods and beverages offered by local establishments. Plus, new this year, a unique selection of beer and wine available for purchase.

There is no cost to attend this community event celebrating cultural diversity and values, helping to broaden knowledge, encouraging acceptance and growing community unity.

This year's festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 10 & June 11, at Apple Orchard Community Park, 620 W. Stearns Road (the corner of South Bartlett and Stearns roads). Updates available at www.artsinbartlett.org/global-arts-festival and event Facebook page www.facebook.com/BartlettGlobalArtsFest/.



Police Open House & Lions Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 23



Bartlett Police Department will host its FREE, annual open house on Sunday, 4/23, between 9 a.m. and noon. This fun-filled family event will be held in conjunction with the Bartlett Lions Club Spring Pancake Breakfast, available from 8 a.m. to noon, next door to the police department at the Fire Barn, 218 S. Main Street.

Cost for the all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and juice: adults, \$8 and children age 6 to 12, \$5. Up to three children age 5 and younger are free with each paid adult. Multiple raffles, a 50/50 Split the Pot and youth eye health screening will be available at the breakfast. For more information, please visit www.bartlettlions.org.

Everyone at the police department is excited for residents to take this opportunity to tour the police station, talk to officers, sit inside a squad car and enjoy a wide selection of police displays and demonstrations.

Memorial Day

For more than three decades, Bartlett has honored its deceased veterans with a Memorial Day Walk and Remembrance. Please come and join this hometown commemoration on Monday, 5/29.

It begins at 10 a.m. at Bartlett Park, Oak and North Avenues, with an American Legion flag retirement ceremony. At 10:30 a.m. veterans, scouts, civic groups and bagpipers line up for the walk to Bartlett Cemetery, which steps off at 11 a.m.

At the cemetery, the remembrance continues with a brief program and a cannon salute to Bartlett's local heroes.



Bartlett Awarded Urban Forest Funding

The Village of Bartlett was awarded a \$5,000 grant to complete and develop a management plan for its urban forest.

The funds were provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Urban and Community Forestry Partner Grant Program, and administered by The Morton Arboretum and the Chicago Region Trees Initiative (CRTI).

"Urban trees are critical infrastructure for a community, and this funding helps to protect one of its most important resources," said Lydia Scott, director of CRTI. "Trees clean our air and water, reduce flooding and heat, improve our mental and physical health, and provide important habitat for birds and wildlife."

An urban forest management plan is an essential tool and action plan that gives detailed information, recommendations, and resources needed to effectively and proactively manage public trees. Some benefits of having a management plan include increased public safety, increased efficiency, and effective short- and long-term planning.

The village's plan will be approved and go into effect by July 1. The document will be available on the village website after that date.

A Minute with the Mayor

The Village of Bartlett Board recently approved the transfer of Bartlett Park from the village to the Bartlett Park District. The board action was prompted by the end of a 50-year land lease agreement between the two entities that officially expired on December 31, 2022.

According to the 1972 lease agreement, the village determined that “it is in the best interest of the people of Bartlett to turn the function of planning, operating and maintaining a park system and recreational program in the village to the Bartlett Park District.” The lease outlined maintenance responsibilities, indemnification and utility payments.

Since the 1972 agreement, Bartlett Park District has managed and maintained the programming, equipment, fields and buildings at the park. The Free To Be Me Inclusive Playground was opened late summer 2020. The park district has spent more than \$1 million on Bartlett Park since 2020. In addition to the new playground, the district made improvements inside the log cabin and updated the landscaping and pathways, including a new ADA compliant entrance ramp.

Bartlett Park is the site of iconic community events, including the annual tree lighting and National Night Out celebrations, and the park district agrees that the village may continue to utilize Bartlett Park for the Merry and Bright tree lighting and the National Night Out events with no user fees.

As a followup to the conveyance of Bartlett Park, the village board and the park district held a

special joint meeting in March to discuss areas of overlap between the two districts and how they can work better together for Bartlett residents.

Topics on the agenda included overlapping opportunities, such as joint grant applications and community events; bike paths and how they connect to parks; future plans for Ruzicka Park and Koehler Fields; long term plans the village and the park district have for the community.

Also, as is the board’s practice at this time of year, we have been busy reviewing Bartlett’s proposed operating budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The proposed budget reflects the village’s conservative approach in both spending and revenue projections. As always, the goal is to use our resources prudently. Overall, the Village of Bartlett 2023/24 budget includes the funding necessary to provide residents and business owners of Bartlett continued cost effective, efficient and reliable services.

The new budget is approved in April and will begin with the start of the village’s 2023-2024 fiscal year on May 1. You can review the current as well as past budgets on the finance department’s webpage, www.bartlett.il.gov/government/finance-department/budgets.



See the Community Survey Results

Were you one of the 1,075 residents who responded to Bartlett’s community survey last year? Questions were focused around communication, economic development, infrastructure, public safety, and general quality of life.

The results are in and they show that the vast majority of respondents answering the question about quality of life in Bartlett rated the village as 8, on a scale of 1 to 10, (10 being excellent). When asked why they ranked that way, many indicated enjoying the small-town feel and the safety aspect of the community.

To see the full community survey report, visit www.bartlett.il.gov/government/administration/2022-community-survey-report. You can view the report as an interactive story map, as a pdf or an abbreviated presentation of the survey results.



Brush & Yard Waste Collection Starts in April

Yard Waste - Yard rakings, grass clippings, small twigs, garden material, such as flowers, vines, weeds, and garden fruit and vegetables are considered yard waste, which is collected by Groot Industries, weekly, April through November, along with your regular garbage and recycling. Residents can use generic yard waste bags with Groot stickers applied. Stickers can be purchased in local retail stores -- Ace Hardware and Jewel -- or by mail from Groot for \$2 per sticker.

Groot Brush Collection - Groot also will begin its seasonal brush collection in April and will continue brush pickups through November. * the waste hauler collects an unlimited amount of bundled brush, with no yard waste sticker required; * brush must be bundled in 2-foot by 2-foot by 4-foot long bundles, no heavier than 50 pounds, and must be tied with biodegradable twine, available at the local Home Depot and Ace Hardware; * brush is collected weekly on the same day as your regular garbage/recycling pick-up.

Groot WILL NOT collect your home's brush pile if it is not bundled correctly. The waste hauler will leave a tag detailing the issue. Any brush piles left on the parkway for a period of time may receive written notice from the village. If you have any questions regarding brush or yard waste collection, please contact Groot at 847-429-7370.



Semi-Annual Brush Collection - No Need to Bundle

Beginning in 2021, the Village of Bartlett with contractor Trees "R" Us began providing semi-annual brush pickup in the spring and fall that does NOT require bundling. This is a supplemental program. Groot will still continue to pick up weekly bundled brush, as stated above.

Dates for This Year's Semi-Annual Brush Collection:

Spring Collection - Week of 6/12: homes west of S. Bartlett and south of the Metra tracks

Week of 6/19: ALL homes east of S. Bartlett plus ALL homes north of the Metra tracks

Fall Collection - Week of 10/2: homes west of S. Bartlett and south of the Metra tracks

Week of 10/9: ALL homes east of S. Bartlett plus ALL homes north of the Metra tracks

Place all non-bundled brush in the parkway, cut ends facing street, by 7 a.m. on the Monday morning of your area's assigned week. The pickup for your specific block may not occur until later in the week depending on how many households in each area are using this service. Please DO NOT put brush piles under trees, next to fixtures, mailboxes or power poles, etc.

For residents who want another brush collection option, there is a list of contractors on the village brush collection webpage, www.bartlett.il.gov/services/utilities-resident-services/brush-collection, who will collect your brush for a **FEE**.

Collections for Storm Damaged Brush

In the event of a storm that causes widespread tree damage, Bartlett Public Works may do a special brush pickup to assist residents. Whether or not a special pickup is scheduled will depend on the severity and size of the storm. The village will always provide notice of a special pickup through one or more of the following:

- Village of Bartlett website, bartlett.il.gov
- Village of Bartlett official Facebook page
- Bartlett Connect app - email blast and/or notification
- Bartlett Public Works - call 630-837-0811

Due to the unexpected nature of storms, the village will NEVER mail out or hand out notices for special brush pickups. To ensure efficiency when a special brush pickup is scheduled, residents will be required to sign up through an online portal or by calling in your address. You must be placed on the list and have your brush out at the allotted time or it will not be picked up.

If you are unable to take advantage of a special pickup for storm damaged brush, the brush collection options outlined above are available from April through November.

Rt 59 & West Bartlett Rd. Improvements



The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is improving the intersection of Rt 59 & West Bartlett Road. The improvements will include dual left turn lanes and right turn lanes on all four legs of the intersection (similar to the Rt 59 & Stearns Road intersection).

According to IDOT, Alliance Contractors will start construction in April and will likely continue through summer 2024.

Be Alert! During construction there will be reduced lanes and construction activity, typically from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The village will provide updates to the construction activities that it receives from IDOT on its website and social media pages:

- Village of Bartlett website, bartlett.il.gov
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- Bartlett Public Works - call 630-837-0811



All communities need building codes to protect their citizens from disasters like fires, weather-related events and structural collapse. Building codes are society's best way of protecting homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores and entertainment venues.

Building Safety Month is an international campaign that takes place in May to raise awareness about building safety and reinforce the need for the adoption of modern, regularly updated building codes.

Bartlett's building division observes Building Safety Month each May to highlight the building and fire codes that protect both the economic value and the structural integrity of the homes and buildings in the village. These modern building codes, developed by the International Code Council, www.iccsafe.org, and implemented by the building division through permitting and inspections, also include safeguards for natural disasters, such as snowstorms, tornadoes, wild fires, floods and earthquakes.

Building Safety Month 2023 will explore how building safety impacts all of us on personal, local and global levels. The weekly themes for this year's campaign are:

- Week One (May 1 - 7): Building Safety Starts at Home
- Week Two (May 8 - 14): Building Safety Professionals and You
- Week Three (May 15 - 21): Prepare Your Community
- Week Four (May 22 - 28): Advocate for Your Community
- Week Five (May 29 - 31): Solving Challenges Together

According to Code Council Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO, "By becoming more aware of building codes and the important role they play in the built environment, we can take an active part in keeping our homes, schools, businesses, and communities safe and sustainable."



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Historic Illinois

May 24, 7 pm



Historic Illinois

The Bartlett History Museum invites you to experience and learn about “Historic Illinois” with presenter Terry Lynch, on Wednesday, 5/24, at village hall, 228 S. Main Street. Travel the timeline of Illinois from the prairies to the urban societies of today. Hear how historical figures and events, such as George Rogers Clark and the Revolutionary War helped to meet the people’s needs as the state’s population grew.

If you would like to come early, doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments with a 6:45 p.m. pre-program presentation by the museum. Lynch’s presentation begins at 7 p.m.

To register for this free event, email prohleder@bartlettill.gov with your name, the number of people attending and your phone number.

The Depot & Bartlett’s Sesquicentennial - Part 3



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 acres of farmland, for consideration for a rail-right-of-way and a station stop with depot, which established the community they named Bartlett.

The grounds around the 1873 depot and the railroad tracks that run through the heart of old Bartlett are much different today than they were 150 years ago.

Today, there are only two main tracks, one for eastbound trains and the other for westbound trains. At one time, in addition to the two main tracks, there were three rail sidings, two on the south side and one on the north side of the tracks, and crossover tracks to access them. These tracks and sidings accommodated freight trains, powered by steam engines, to drop off and pick up railcars filled with goods to and/or from businesses located along the rails. It was a mini working freight yard right in the heart of town.

A 1908 newspaper article confirms “Bartlett was a hustler for business...The West bound freight sidetracked four cars for Huntley Dairy Co., six cars for Pfungsten & Schultz and one each for Ed. Thurnau and Hoth & Humbracht, twelve cars in all.”

In the 1973 image shown here, looking east, you can see the last remaining siding on the right, since removed, and crossover tracks.



Down at the Depot

Hours of operation for The Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue, are Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. Admission and parking are always free.

Please note the Depot Museum will be closed April 11, 13, 15, 18, 20.



This Month in History...

1983 - Alliance Bible Church, now Renovation Church

This April, Alliance Bible Church celebrates 40 years since it began serving the communities of Bartlett and Hanover Park. The church's Stearns Road location, at the border of the two towns, gives it a unique and strategic location from which to strengthen relationships in both communities.

Alliance Bible Church has a history of serving and partnering with Hanover Township to meet the tangible needs of widowed persons, shut-ins and those who are struggling to care for their property. In recent years, the church turned its attention to the needs of elementary school students by running an after-school program called "Crossroads" at Horizon and Sycamore Trails schools. While religiously-oriented in nature, Crossroads also creates an environment for social connection and mentorship of students by community leaders.

In this fourth decade, Alliance Bible Church marked a refocused commitment to making a measurable difference in the lives of its neighbors by changing its name to Renovation Church. With this name change, the church looks forward to many more years of blessing the people of Bartlett and Hanover Park.

Finally, "Renovation Church would like to say thank you to the community of Bartlett, for being a home to this church for the last 40 years. It's a joy to partner together for the sake of the overall wellness of this community we share!"

BARTLETT BRIEFS

TRI-VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

The **Tri-Village Garden Club** is now meeting at Streamwood Fire Station 31, 1204 S. Park Avenue at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month.

Scheduled speakers for April & May are:

April 19: Marcy Lautanen Raleigh, Unusual, Exotic and Medicinal Herbs

Uncommon herbs for growing in Zone 5. Lautanen Raleigh is passionate about growing herbs and has been doing so locally for almost 30 years! She will get you excited about the scents, colors and textures, and you'll learn how to dry herbs to be used for home, bath, and tea.

May 17: Debbie Rea, The Garden Wife

Rea is, essentially, Martha Stewart on a budget! Backyard gardening is her topic for this meeting. Come learn how to grow things that can then be used for cooking, decorating and entertaining.

VFW AUXILIARY FUNDRIVE

VFW Auxiliary to Bartlett Post 11018 is having a Savers FUNDrive on Saturday, 4/29, from 10 a.m. to noon at The Streets of Bartlett, Devon and Main Street. Clothing, shoes, soft toys, towels, linens, blankets, gloves, hats, mittens, jackets, wallets, backpacks, belts are accepted in large white plastic kitchen bags. Tax receipts given. For complete list or more details, email BartlettVFWAux@gmail.com.

SPRING ARTISAN MARKETPLACE

Arts in Bartlett is holding its Spring Artisan Marketplace from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 5/6 (rain date is Sunday 5/7). This indoor/outdoor craft show will be at Arts in Bartlett, 215 S. Main Street. With more than 30 crafters and artists already signed on, this show is a great place to get your Mother's Day and other gifts. For more info or to be a vendor, contact Yvonne at ydmboxtop@sbcglobal.net or 630-213-0183.

*Please submit information for the June/July Bartletter to: Gabrielle Infusino, Village Hall
228 S. Main St., Bartlett, IL 60103 or ginfusino@bartlett.il.gov by Friday, April 28.*

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Bartlett Connect *plus* Notifications!

Did you know that beginning mid-April you can use Bartlett Connect to receive push notifications from the village on your iPhone or android?

Using Bartlett Connect, you can continue to make service requests using the mobile app, and village staff can easily track your issue and communicate with you in the app. The app is also a great source of information for village news and events and provides a quick link to the village website.

Adding the notifications feature will give village staff the ability to send direct push notifications to residents in real time, such as: Police Activity Alerts; Severe Weather Alerts; Traffic Alerts; Train Stoppage Alerts; Trash and Brush Pickup Alerts; Upcoming Event Alerts; General Government Alerts.

Bartlett Connect is available for free download in the App Store and Google Play online stores or by using the QR code below.

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