

Bartletter

**Tuesday, 8/15
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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Depot's 150th Birthday Bash! Saturday, 10/7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Bartlett Depot Museum will be open with a fun schedule of activities. No registration required.

10:15 a.m. - Bartlett in TV, Radio & Film Trivia

Think you know a lot about Bartlett on the silver screen, small screen and through the air waves? Test your knowledge with this fun multi-question trivia quiz. Donuts & beverages too!

11 a.m. - Milwaukee Road History by Robert Storozuk

Robert Storozuk, former president of the Milwaukee Road Historical Association and current curator, will talk about the history of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad.

Noon - Birthday Cake!

Tune up those vocal cords for the Happy Birthday song.

12:30 p.m. - The Magic Man

The January 1, 1876, Elgin Advocate reported that Bartlett, then only 3 years old, "has sprung up if by magic..." due to the railroad and depot. Come be amazed by Tom Boz, the Magic Man.

1 p.m. - Heart of Old Bartlett Walking Tour

Step back in time and take a journey along Railroad & Bartlett Avenues to discover what life was like in early Bartlett! Learn about the first businesses and homes that "sprung up as if by magic."

1:30 to 2 p.m. - Family Bingo

Lucky winners who get to call out "B-I-N-G-O" will get prizes!



Thank You, Summer Interns!

Students will be returning to school in August, and along with them will be a talented group of high school and college interns who spent part of their summer at the Village of Bartlett.

Five interns from Bartlett High School's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Academy, gained hands-on experience in fields ranging from engineering and GIS to museum curation and municipal administration.

Bartlett High seniors Adam and Tulsi with college intern Julia, in her second summer with the village, conducted sidewalk assessments, attended meetings with contractors, and assisted public works crews. Julia also helped put together some social media posts to help raise resident awareness of public works services. The contributions of these enthusiastic engineering interns extended beyond the day-to-day. They were instrumental in creating an inventory of Bartlett homes for an upcoming EPA report, leaving their mark on the village's infrastructure.

Standout intern Ian, a U.S. Marine Corps reservist and Elmhurst University senior majoring in GIS, collected utility and asset data using a GPS device. Ian's internship in the IT Department will continue through December, even after he returns to school. He will work on a mapping project to display occupancy in business centers and use drone flyovers for updates on targeted projects.

In the Planning & Development Services Department, Carter has been a notable asset. His diligent efforts resulted in a reference catalog for ordinance and resolution histories for all subdivisions

in Bartlett. In addition, he conducted a sign ordinance study that compared village sign codes with neighboring communities, providing crucial insights for the future.

Returning intern Beverly, a junior at Bartlett High School, continued her responsibilities with the Village of Bartlett Museums, cataloging historic images into the collection using data asset management software. This opportunity allows Beverly to explore the Bartlett community and its rich history.

Sarah, another senior at Bartlett High, interned in the Administration Department. She was tasked with revamping the Adopt-A Bike Path Program. She reviewed applications dating back to the 1990s, updated the list of participating civic groups, and contacted representatives of those organizations. Through cold calling and engaging with civic leaders, Sarah learned long-term skills and earned insight into community outreach.

Another high school intern Manav, a junior at Bartlett High, also worked in GIS, creating thematic maps of the village. These stylized maps, including watercolor, vintage, and Lego-inspired designs, provide a unique perspective on village boundaries and assets, such as parks and forest preserves.

The Village of Bartlett takes pride in fostering the talent of these local teens and providing hands-on opportunities for the next generation entering the workforce. These high school and college interns made significant contributions to the village and helped shape Bartlett's future while gaining experience for their own personal and professional growth.



A Minute with the Mayor

In 1999, in order to reclaim and redevelop a depleted gravel quarry along West Bartlett Road, the village created a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district for the site. That TIF has now ended, but it remains a shining example of how our municipality was able to take unproductive land and develop it into Brewster Creek Business Park, one of the premier business parks in the area.

Illinois law allows local governments to designate areas within their jurisdiction as TIF districts as a means to invest in infrastructure and other improvements and pay for them by capturing the increase in property taxes generated by the development. TIF encourages new economic development and job creation and allows declining and under performing areas to again become viable. And TIF does this without tapping into general municipal revenues or raising taxes.

The Bartlett Quarry Development TIF district has paid for the land reclamation, installation of off-site infrastructure and road improvements to facilitate the land development, installation of site amenities, which include street lighting, parkway trees, perimeter landscaped areas to buffer the surrounding residential uses, landscaped entrances and the creation of 67 acres of storm water detention/wetlands.

Today, Brewster Creek Business Park continues to drive economic development in Bartlett. What was once a depleted gravel quarry is now home to more than 80 businesses, in 48 buildings, totaling over 5.2 million square feet.

Significant recent development at Brewster Creek include the first two buildings in the Cook County portion of the business park. The first Cook County building is a 399,696 square foot facility on a



26.3 acre site by medical and pharmaceutical giant McKesson, that chose the location after a nearly two-year site selection process.

The building, which was completed and became operational late last year, serves as a regional distribution facility for medical and surgical supplies and is expected to employ more than 200 people.

Conor Global completed its 436,000 square foot speculative building in the Cook County portion of the business park in a site adjacent to McKesson. Conor has leased the entire building to Colony Display Company, which is now operational in the facility.

The village is currently working with Midwest Industrial Funds to develop a 400,000 square foot speculative building on the final large Cook County site. Midwest also is pursuing one of the last remaining DuPage County lots, on which they intend to construct a 207,000 square foot speculative building.

To fill some of the few remaining available spaces in the business park, village staff is working with multiple potential tenants in light manufacturing and last-mile logistics.

An important aspect of Brewster Creek Business Park is that it has solidified and diversified the village's economy. The equalized assessed value of this area that had been around \$2 million in 2000 is now approaching \$100 million, indicating nearly \$300 million worth of real estate improvements made.

The real estate taxes paid by these many thriving businesses will now go directly to the taxing districts -- the park district, the library district, the fire district, the school district -- lessening the tax burden on village homeowners.

Can the village continue to replicate this kind of success with TIF? Two newer TIF districts, Bluff City and Route 59 & Lake Street, are already trending in that direction.

Next, the village would like to pursue a TIF district for properties along Lake Street, roughly from Bartlett Road on the west to Park on the east. We believe that turning to this valuable tool once again will spur investment and offer a healthy jumpstart to a needed revitalization in this Bartlett neighborhood.



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 reforest and diversify Bartlett's parkways. This program provides the opportunity for residents to select and purchase a parkway tree, with the village sharing in 50 percent of the cost.



All trees available for order are two inches in diameter. The cost for residents is \$100 per tree. This price includes 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 (<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 August 21 for the fall 2023 planting season. Visit the village website, bartlett.il.gov, on or after August 21 to see the available tree species and ordering details. 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 September 22.

No-Bundle Brush Collection

The Village of Bartlett with contractor Trees "R" Us provides semi-annual brush pickup in the spring and fall that does NOT require bundling. This is a supplemental program. Groot continues to pick up weekly bundled brush.

Dates for the Fall Collection:

Week of 10/2: homes west of S. Bartlett & south of the Metra tracks

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

Place 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.

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**.

Bartlett Community Garden

Bartlett is pleased to launch a new community garden program, opening in May 2024. This program at Koehler Fields aims to foster a sense of community while allowing residents to embrace a healthy lifestyle and connect with the food they eat. Residents can sign up to secure their plots starting September 1. Registration will be available on the village website, bartlett.il.gov.

The program will offer individual garden plots measuring 4 feet by 12 feet, as well as some raised beds for seniors with mobility issues. A nominal fee will be required to rent a plot for the season which will run from May to October.

Whether you are an experienced gardener or a beginner, this program will help you develop your gardening skills and offer the opportunity to cultivate your own fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Join the Bartlett Community Garden program and embark on a rewarding journey from seed to table.





Village-Wide Garage Sale!

Thursday, 9/7, Friday, 9/8 & Saturday, 9/9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

1009 Confederation Drive
1018 Martingale Drive
1020 Congress Drive
1040 Lakewood Drive
113 N. Western Avenue
1136 Peregrine Parkway
1183 Alder Lane
1207 Tulip Lane
1213 Telluride Court
122 Bennington Lane
126 E. Sherman Street
1327 Tamarack Drive
1456 Quincy Bridge Court
1545 Old Barn Road
1643 Colfax Court
1840 Golf View Drive
187 Wilcox Drive
1909 Blue Heron Circle
201 Lamont Parkway
212 Ariana Drive
229 N. Marion Avenue
232 Edgewater Drive
234 Regency Drive
235 N. Oak Avenue
239 N. Oak Avenue
292 Surrey Road
310 Pebble Beach Lane
315 W. Morse Avenue
321 S. Oak Avenue
334 Pinoak Drive

339 Sundance Drive
349 Pinoak Drive
363-1 Ashford Circle
393 Snow Drift Court
408 Woodhollow Lane
409 Summersweet Lane
488 Rose Lane
500 W. Oneida Avenue
512 Horizon Drive
538 Eastwick Lane
570 Peregrine Parkway
589 Rose Lane
623 Winchester Court
640 Ford Lane
652 Morning Glory Lane
653 Morning Glory Lane
656 Morning Glory Lane
690 Timber Ridge Drive
701 Holly Drive
706 Coral Avenue
7N271 Sayer Road
800 Poppy Lane
817 Anchor Court
817 Seacrest Lane
888 Bryn Mawr Avenue
900 Foster Avenue
911 Capistrano Terrace
925 Sycamore Lane
959 Trailside Lane
969 E. Castlewood Lane
970 E. Castlewood Lane
999 Concord Drive
Walnut Hills

Please know that you can continue to sign up to participate in the village-wide garage sale until the date of the sale, 9/7, 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.



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The Depot & Bartlett's Sesquicentennial - Part 5



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. agreed to a land transaction for a rail-right-of-way and station stop with depot, establishing the community they named Bartlett.

On December 10, 2007, another major event in the village's history occurred -- the original depot closed. The following day, the current Metra station opened for commuters. The little depot had served the community for 134 years and was the oldest and only original station left on the Milwaukee West Line. It was the fifth oldest in the Chicagoland area.

The village and Metra entered into a lease agreement to turn the depot into a museum exhibiting Bartlett's rail history. With a grant and other funding, restoration work began in fall 2009 and ended with a dedication/ribbon cutting on September 12, 2010.

Historic images were used to determine original placement and size of the doors and windows and details of the interior surfaces, since all of these had been removed and/or moved throughout the years. After the initial demo was completed, the structure was lifted and temporarily moved to the west parking spaces to construct a cement foundation. Then the building was returned to its exact original spot (pictured here).

What is believed to be the first ticket window was found between the walls and is now on display. The depot's three rooms, passenger waiting room, station agent's office and baggage room, contain rotating exhibits and are open for viewing.

The Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue, is open Tuesday & Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on the first and third Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to noon. Please note: the museum will be closed Saturday, 9/2 and Tuesday, 9/5. Admission and parking are always free! All Aboard for History!



Go on a Passport to Adventure!

Have you picked up your passport yet? The program, open to all ages, encourages you to discover more than 60 museums and nature centers in Kane and DuPage counties throughout the year. Stamp the sites you visit along the way for a chance to win a gift card.

The free passports, listing all the sites, can be picked up at the Bartlett History Museum, 228 S. Main Street; Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue; Arts in Bartlett, 215 S. Main Street; and the Bartlett Nature Center, 2054 W. Stearns Road.

The Bartlett resident who visits the most sites by 8/31/2023 will be recognized by the Village of Bartlett Museums with the Mayor's Medallion at a village board meeting. You must register your total site count for consideration for the medallion. The last day to present passports at Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street, to register your site count is Saturday, 9/16/2023.

Museums' Online Collection

The Village of Bartlett Museums has more than 2,500 objects and images available for you to view, 24/7, online at <http://bartlettmuseums.pastperfectonline.com/>. If you have Bartlett images or objects that you would like to donate to the museums, please contact Pam at prohleder@bartlett.gov. Thank you!

Pick a Painted Hydrant!

For a second year, Bartlett's Pump Up the Art program has embraced the artistic talents of local individuals who displayed their creativity by painting fire hydrants throughout the community. Thank you to everyone who painted a hydrant and brightened up the village. Now it's time to vote!

See the photos and locations of all the fire hydrants painted by your friends and neighbors in the map portal on the village website, <https://maps.vbartlett.org/PumpUpTheArt> and pick 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.



BARTLETT BRIEFS

SMOKE & IRONS MUSIC FEST

Join **Ignite the Courage** at Apple Orchard Community Park on Friday, 8/11, 4 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, 8/12, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Free Admission. Live Music. Food Trucks. Beer & Beer Tasting. Craft Show. Kids Activities. All proceeds go to Ignite the Courage, a non-profit, 501(c)3 charity organization created and run by Bartlett firefighters. For details, go to: ignitethecourage.org/musicfest

FALL FESTIVAL & PET EVENT

Arts in Bartlett invites you to Bartlett Park, 120 S. Eastern Avenue on Saturday, 9/9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for an event for pets and their well-behaved humans. Free to attend, this event offers the opportunity to meet 15-plus area rescue organizations, shop more than 20 pet-related vendors and watch animal demos. Food and fall-related treats available for purchase.

FALL FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Join **Hanover Township** for its 6th annual Fall Food Truck

Festival at the William Tiknis Campus (250 S. IL Route 59, Bartlett) on Thursday, 9/14 from 5 to 8 p.m. Everyone is invited for food trucks, carnival games, a beverage tent, and live music from the GooRoos, an 80s rock & roll tribute band. Visit www.fallfoodtruckfest.com for the latest information.

BUSINESS WALK THROUGH THE YEARS

Who were the people who built the stores, the banks, the restaurants and other businesses in Bartlett? **The Bartlett Historical Society** invites you to its first Bartlett business walk from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, 9/16, as the secrets and history of the Bartlett Avenue business community are revealed. The walk will begin at the Bartlett Wellness Center at 304 W. Bartlett Ave. (on the north side of the tracks), proceed east, and will finish at the Best Dental Group at 106 W. Bartlett Ave. Twelve businesses will be included in this historical walk, which is free and open to the public. Note: the walk may not be of interest to children

younger than the age of 11. Bartlett Historical Society would happily welcome photos, calendars, newspaper clips for this event. Contact Marlene Palmer, 630-289-0360 or Eileen Lucietto, 630-289-4253.

BOOK SALE

Calling all bargain hunters, book lovers, movie buffs and puzzle fans! **The Friends of the Bartlett Library**, 800 S. Bartlett Road, invite you to a Book, Jigsaw Puzzle & More Sale on Friday, 9/22, noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9/23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lots of wonderful books, puzzles and DVDs from which to choose. Fill a small bag for \$2 or a large bag for \$5 (bags provided).

SIGN UP FOR eNEWSLETTER

The **Village of Bartlett** has launched Trending Now, a twice monthly e-newsletter, as another way to help keep you informed about village services, programs & news. To subscribe, look for the Trending Now link in the "How Do I...Sign Up" drop down navigation menu on the website.

Please submit information for the October/November Bartletter to: Gabrielle Infusino, Village Hall, 228 S. Main St., Bartlett, IL 60103 or ginfusino@bartlettill.gov by Friday, August 25.

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Save the Date!



Join the fun on Friday, 9/29 and Saturday, 9/30, at another unforgettable Bartlett Oktoberfest in Leiseberg Park, 325 E Devon Avenue! Hosted by the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bartlett Rotary Club, the Bartlett Lions Club and Ignite the Courage, this year's Oktoberfest will feature live bands, family activities, a craft show and, of course, food and beer selections.

Visit www.bartlettoktoberfest.com for more details, event updates and the full activity and entertainment schedule.

Sponsor Opportunities Available

To become a sponsor, please contact Mary or Nan at the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce, 630-830-0324.

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



"Bartlett 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, receive text & email notifications, 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