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NEWS

Pumpkin Smash 2023!
Saturday, 11/4 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, Bartlett's annual Pumpkin Smash has helped divert nearly 18 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 for more information or call the village at 630-837-0800.

[SCARCE website](#)



Celebrating Hindu-American Month

At the October 17 board meeting, Village President Kevin Wallace and the trustees paid tribute to Bartlett's significant Hindu American population by proclaiming October Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation month in the village.

The proclamation noted that Hindu Americans uphold the principles of tolerance, pluralism, and religious freedom, contributing positively to Bartlett's vitality and well being. Ahimsa, a foundational principle of noninjury and nonviolence in Hinduism, aligns with Bartlett's commitment to fostering a community of respect and unity, and their practice of selfless service, known as "seva," enhances the social fabric of Bartlett.

Hindu Americans continue to face instances of discrimination, harassment, and hate crimes, underscoring the need for increased awareness and understanding.

The proclamation reaffirmed the Village of Bartlett's dedication to diversity, inclusivity, and mutual respect for its Hindu American population and for village residents from all cultures.

Police Department Promotions



Congratulations to Officer Neal Fuchs (left) who was promoted to the rank of sergeant, Sergeant Pete Rakiewicz (right) who was promoted to the rank of commander, and Commander Rob Sweeney (middle) who was appointed to the rank of deputy chief at a swearing in ceremony at Bartlett Village Hall on Friday, 10/27.

Deputy Chief Sweeney has been with the Bartlett Police Department since 2005. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2016 and to commander in

September of 2020. He has served as a directed patrol team officer, traffic unit officer and field training program coordinator. During his career, he was selected as the police department's Police Officer of the Year and earned Life Saving and Spirit Awards.

Sweeney served in the United States Army from 1997 until 2003 during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also graduated from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command.

Commander Rakiewicz has been with the department for 15 years. He served as a detective and a member of the department's tactical team. He earned his bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University and also earned the George Graves Distinguished Recruit Award from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy.

Sergeant Fuchs was sworn in as an officer with the Bartlett Police Department in 2015. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from Benedictine University and master's degrees in curriculum and instruction and education administration from Concordia University. Fuchs has served as a First Lieutenant in the Army Reserves and was previously a third grade teacher in Batavia.

Save the Dates for Merry & Bright



It Begins with the TREE LIGHTING
Friday, 12/1, 5 to 8 p.m
Bartlett Park, Oak & North Avenues

5 to 8 p.m. - Ride through downtown Bartlett in a horse-drawn wagon. Enjoy cookies, cocoa, the DJ spinning holiday music and the warmth from the fire pits. Grab a bite from the food trucks. See a live reindeer, ice sculpture and some Disney characters.

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. - Music & visits with special Disney friends

7 p.m. - The holiday tree will be lit, kicking off Merry & Bright in Bartlett!

...and continues with the **COCOA CRAWL**
Saturday, 12/9 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.

Ticket includes keepsake passport that lists participating businesses, a souvenir mug (while supplies last) and a raffle entry page. Free for 16 and younger. Drop your raffle entry page at Bartlett Village Hall or Bartlett Public Library after visiting your last location for a chance to win fun raffle prizes.

Cocoa Crawl Tickets

REMINDERS



Even as the autumn leaves are falling, are you thinking ahead to spring and how you can find and connect with some like-minded community gardeners? Now is your chance! The 2024 planting season will be the inaugural year for Bartlett's Community Garden at Koehler Fields, and spots are still available for rent in the 2024 growing season, May to October.

Most plots measure 4 feet by 12 feet, with some raised beds for seniors and those with mobility issues. Whether you are an experienced gardener or a



Did you know The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) oversees the nation's time zones and also oversees the country's uniform observance of Daylight Saving Time (DST).

However, DOT does not have the power to repeal or change DST, nor does it have any role to play in a state's decision to observe DST. Arizona, Hawaii, and some U.S. territories follow permanent standard time instead of DST.

If a state chooses to observe DST, it

beginner, this program will help you develop your green thumb as you cultivate your own fruits, vegetables and flowers. Apply today on the village website.

Apply for a 2024 Garden Plot

must begin and end on the federally mandated dates, currently starting on the second Sunday in March and ending on the first Sunday in November.

Under the Uniform Time Act of 1966, states may choose to exempt themselves from observing DST by state law, but federal law still prohibits states from enacting permanent Daylight Saving Time.

Proposed legislation to change federal law, such as the Sunshine Protection Act first introduced in 1918, have stalled in congress, so clocks in Illinois and across most of the country will “fall back” one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2023.

Meetings & Events

WEDNESDAY, 11/1 @ 7 p.m.
[Christmas on State Street](#)

THURSDAY, 11/2 @ 7 p.m.
[Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting](#)

SATURDAY, 11/4 @ 9 a.m.
[Pumpkin Smash 2023](#)

SUNDAY, 11/5 @ 8 a.m.
[Lions Pancake Breakfast](#)

TUESDAY, 11/7 @ 7 p.m.
[Village Board Meeting](#)

MONDAY, 11/13 @ 7 p.m.
[Economic Development Commission Meeting](#)

SATURDAY, 11/18 @ 7 p.m.
[BVFA Turkey Raffle](#)

Don't Feed Wildlife

USDA Wildlife Services encourages you to avoid feeding wildlife, such as ducks, geese, gulls, raccoons, deer, squirrels or coyotes.

Feeding wildlife can lead to a number of serious problems:

- **Human food is not healthy for wild animals, and they do not need food from humans to survive. Wild animals have specialized diets, and they can become malnourished or die if fed the wrong foods. Also, animals cannot distinguish food from wrappers or foil and can get sick eating these items.**
- **Feeding can artificially boost wildlife populations and can lead to public health concerns. Too many animals in one place increases the chance of disease transmission to people and among other wildlife. Also if the person doing the feeding moves, a major starvation event could occur as the food you've been giving them disappears.**
- **Animals accustomed to people**

See More Meetings & Events on the [Website Calendar](#). Please know that meeting agendas are not posted to the website until they are finalized, generally the week before the meeting date.

often lose their fear of people and can become aggressive. Those that become too aggressive may have to be destroyed to protect people and property.

- Birds gathering near or on airports can become victims of bird-aircraft collisions, potentially causing flight delays, damage to aircraft, and loss of human life.
- Animals fed along roads tend to stay near roads, increasing the chance of vehicle-animal accidents.
- Large concentrations of ducks and geese can pollute nearby waterways, backyards and athletic fields. Some waterfowl species drop up to a pound of feces every day!

Instead of feeding wildlife, the National Wildlife Federation website says, "You can invite wildlife back to your own yard and neighborhood by planting a simple garden that provides habitat."

When you plant the native plant species that wildlife depend on, you provide nectar, seeds, nuts, fruits, berries, foliage, pollen, and insects eaten by an exciting variety of wildlife. Native plants also provide wildlife with the needed shelter from bad weather and places to hide from predators.

PROJECTS

Oak Avenue Parking Lot - Update

The public parking lot at the southwest corner of Oak Avenue & Railroad Avenue is being expanded to add additional spaces and will be repaved.

During recent excavation at the site, the contractor discovered a buried foundation and fuel tank. The village has contacted its environmental consultant to put together the required permit to remove/fill the tank. This will likely delay the project by a few weeks.

Metra parking on the north side of Railroad Ave across from Banbury Fair has

been turned into public parking for the duration of the project.

Aldi Construction Progress

Earlier this year, Aldi broke ground on its new grocery store being built in downtown's Streets of Bartlett shopping center. Walls are now up and the store is coming along quickly. Bartlett looks forward to the opening and to welcoming Aldi to the community.



QUICK LINKS

- * [Village of Bartlett Employment Opportunities](#)
- * [Learn more & sign up for Code Red Emergency Notifications](#)
- * [Learn about the Bartlett Connect mobile app](#)

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