



Bartletter

*From Village Hall
To Your Home*

Garden Club

TriVillage Garden Club of Bartlett, Hanover Park and Streamwood will hold its January 18 meeting, starting at 6:30 p.m., at Streamwood Fire Station, 1294 S. Park Ave. Members will plan the club's focus for the year, and set committees & objectives. It's the perfect time to join!

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Happy Holidays



Be Green During the Holidays

According to the U.S. EPA, Americans throw away 25 percent more trash between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day than any other time of the year. The extra waste amounts to 25 million tons. The Illinois EPA offers these simple ways to cut waste, conserve energy and "be green" this busy holiday season.

- Minimize car use to save gas and reduce air pollution. Take public transportation, carpool or walk when shopping or going to parties.
- Thousands of paper and plastic shopping bags end up in landfills every year. Opt for reusable bags or consolidate purchases into one bag rather than getting a new bag at each store.
- Buy items that are kinder to the environment, such as LED bulbs, low-flow shower heads, cloth shopping bags, a solar-powered calculator, educational eco-toys, a refurbished computer, backyard composter, rain barrel, refillable thermos bottle and recycled-content stationary and note pads.
- About 40 percent of all battery sales occur during the holiday season. Give rechargeable batteries and chargers with electronic gifts.
- Consider non-material gifts. How about a gift certificate for music lessons, pet-sitting, house cleaning or to a local spa? Give tickets to a sporting event, museum, concert or play or a monetary donation to a friend or family member's favorite charity.
- Make edible gifts, such as breads, cookies, preserves, dried fruit & nut mixes or herbed vinegars. Present food gifts in holiday tins or baskets that can be reused.
- Invest in your family and friends. Instead of a gift, contribute to a child's savings account, education IRA or give a U.S. savings bond.
- Wrap gifts creatively in newspaper or comics, old calendars, maps, decorated grocery bags or a colorful piece of fabric. Also remember to save gift boxes, ribbons, bows and gift wrap to use next year.
- Choose holiday cards made from recycled paper or make your own out of last year's saved cards and wrapping paper. You can also try sending electronic greeting cards to reduce paper waste.
- Bring foam peanuts and bubble wrap from your purchases to a mailing or shipping store where they can be reused.
- Got a new microwave, toaster, clock radio, toy, or coat? Consider giving away your old appliances, toys, games or clothing to a local charity or thrift store.
- Upgrade to energy saving LED holiday lights that are up to 90 percent more efficient than conventional holiday bulbs.
- If you plan on entertaining, have clearly marked recycling containers at your party for guests to recycle their cans and bottles. Send leftovers home with guests in reusable containers.
- If you're traveling away from home for the holidays, turn down your thermostat and put lights on timers to save energy.

Additional "green tips" for home and work can be found on Illinois EPA's website, www2.illinois.gov/epa

Did You Know...

...the village offers you the option to improve the environment by choosing to receive your utility bill via email.

Simply fill out the form on the village website, www.bartlettil.gov/how-do-i/sign-up-for/paperless-water-sewer-bills, to sign up for paperless water-sewer bills. You will need your account number and your customer number, found on your existing water-sewer bill to sign up.

Please note, if you sign up after the 15th of the month you will not begin receiving your e-bill until the 2nd billing cycle. For example, if you sign up on April 3, you will receive your first e-bill in May. If you sign up on April 16, you will not receive your first e-bill until June.

Tree Collection

Groot will collect Christmas trees at no additional charge for a three-week period following the holidays - on Wednesday, 1/3, Tuesday, 1/9 and Tuesday, 1/16.

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.



A Minute with the Mayor

I had the privilege of being in Bellevue, Washington on Saturday, 11/11 when Bartlett's Police Department accepted its eighth reaccreditation award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The department was initially accredited on November 22, 1997. This is the police department's ninth accreditation award overall.

Participation in the CALEA process is voluntary. Only 3% of police departments nationwide choose to undergo accreditation, and Bartlett's department is among just 7% of police agencies in the U.S. that are currently CALEA accredited.

As mayor, I quickly learned that accreditation is more than just recognition. It is a mark of law enforcement excellence - it shows that the police department is among the best of the best.

In addition, IRMA, Bartlett's risk management agency, encourages CALEA accreditation because the heightened training and adherence to professional standards offers our municipality an extra layer of protection in the event of a lawsuit. IRMA even provides grants to offset a portion of the department's accreditation fee. I believe that every dollar the village budgets to meet training or policy standards are dollars well spent in the police department.

Accreditation also is an important management tool. CALEA has developed a comprehensive set of written standards covering every aspect of law enforcement policies, procedures, practices and operations. These standards are designed to:

- Increase law enforcement agency capabilities to prevent and control crime.

- Increase agency effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of law enforcement services.
- Increase cooperation with other law enforcement agencies.
- Increase employee and citizen confidence in the goals, objectives, policies and practices of the accredited agency.
- Reduce liability to the municipality by requiring an up-to-date policy manual reflecting the best professional practices in law enforcement.
- Hold the agency accountable by regular web-based and site-based inspections and commission review.



Adherence to the many CALEA standards required for accreditation has moved our police department to grow in professionalism, expertise, and community engagement. I see the commitment to these high standards demonstrated from bottom to top in our department. From the patrol officer to the chief, they strive to reflect the very best that CALEA accreditation stands for.

All these efforts translate out to our community, as well. In a recent village-wide survey, residents were asked about their quality of life in Bartlett. Many cited feelings of safety as the prevailing reason they enjoy living, working, and raising their families here.

Through programs like the citizen and teen police academies, National Night Out, DARE, the annual police open house, and countless hours of community engagement, residents have gotten to know and respect our officers, have gained confidence in our police services, and steadfastly support the department and its leadership.

Accreditation is an ongoing process. In the next four years, CALEA assessors will annually review the police department's policies, procedures, and proofs of compliance to CALEA standards and make any recommendations for improvement. By continuing to meet the standards, tracking the data to prove the department is meeting the standards and looking for the best practices and critical trends in law enforcement, the village hopes it can maintain the trust of our community AND our officers, and provide both with the confidence that their safety and well being are the highest priority.





Winter Stormwater Safety

The Scoop on Road Salt: How Chlorides Impact the Environment

Road salt is an important tool to keep roads safe during winter weather. It can speed up snow and ice melting, making it easier for plows to clear the roadways. While salt is important for safe winter roads, excess salt use can hurt local waterways.

Why should we care about too much salt?

Salt, or sodium chloride, is very water soluble, meaning it easily dissolves in water. This is why it is effective at melting snow and ice. However, this also means it can easily impact the water quality of nearby rivers and streams. A single teaspoon of salt is enough to contaminate five gallons of water. Once salt dissolves it does not degrade over time. In fact, salt is very challenging and costly to remove from water, essentially making it a permanent pollutant.

Too much salt in water has environmental impacts. High chloride concentrations can impact local aquatic life, like fish, insects and freshwater mussels, by inhibiting their ability to successfully reproduce and survive in local waterways.

High salt concentrations also affect plants. Road salt can kill grass next to sidewalks and trees along roadways. It can impact the soil making it difficult for plants to grow. It can be costly to repair and replace the “salt burned” plants and very difficult to neutralize the impacts of chlorides in soil.

High concentrations of salt in drinking water impact people too. We begin to taste salty water when the concentrations are above 250 mg/L, which is the drinking water standard for chloride. Too much salt in water can lead to health problems for those who need low-sodium diets.

Salt is also corrosive. It causes damage to bridges, roads, and vehicles; and high chloride concentrations in drinking water can damage metal pipes.

What are communities doing about salt pollution?

Many communities, including Bartlett, use improved winter maintenance practices to provide safe roads, while reducing salt usage. Anti-icing, for example, (which uses a quarter of the amount of salt compared to de-icing) makes it easier to plow snow and ice from roads because it prevents snow and ice from sticking to the pavement in the first place. These improved winter maintenance practices help reduce excess salt runoff during the winter.

Protecting Water Quality In the Winter

Love Blue. Live Green.
DuPage County Stormwater Management

- Prior to applying road salt to driveways and sidewalks, you should always clear the snow and break up ice as much as possible.
- Always use the “just enough” principle with road salt. One heaping coffee cup of salt is enough for 250 sq. ft. Remember, more salt doesn’t mean more melting.
- Once the snow and ice is melted, sweep up leftover road salt for reuse.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO WWW.DUPAGECO.ORG/SWM



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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.

Prior to a winter event PW may choose to anti-ice with a brine/blend solution. This helps prevent snow from bonding to the pavement making plowing more effective.

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 roads. It's 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. It 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, PW repairs mailboxes that have been damaged by **DIRECT CONTACT** with a snowplow during snow removal. 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.





I'll Drink to That!



Be sure to check out the Bartlett History Museum's newest exhibit, "I'll Drink to That! From Temperance to Tolerance, Bartlett's Libation History."

The consumption of alcohol has been a heated topic of debate throughout history, both in Bartlett and across the United States. The village's 150-year libation past follows the same course as the nation's. It begins with the disputes between residents who were proponents of temperance and those who opposed the prohibition of alcohol and continues with the local ordinances, licenses and laws that govern every aspect of the sale and serving of beer, wine, and hard liquor in all of Bartlett's venues today.

This exhibit follows Bartlett's libation journey from its temperate founders of 1873 to the current culture of drinking found within its borders, with an emphasis on the former Bartlett Tavern, The Eck and Lucky Jack's. "Three Cheers for Root Beer" is a section of the exhibit especially for children that recreates two of the old-time soda fountains from Bartlett's past, O'Brien's General Store and Humbracht's Confectionary.

In the exhibit photo included here is Henry Harmening Sr., second from right, on the steps of the former Bartlett Tavern, located at 113 W. Railroad Avenue. He owned the business from 1893 to 1906. It appears that a delivery of beer in barrels is occurring and everyone stopped for a photo op. The large sign above the entrance advertises that Peter Schoenhofen beer was served. The lettering on the glass reads, "Harmening House, Liquor & Cigars."

The Bartlett History Museum is located in Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street. The museum is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is always free. Discover Yesterday's Bartlett!

Join the museum on February 27, 2024 for "Prohibition in Chicagoland" by Jonathan Porter, co-founder of Prohibition Tours. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments and a pre-program presentation by the museum. Porter's presentation begins at 7 p.m. To register for this free event, email prohleder@bartlett.il.gov with your name, the number of attendees and your phone number.

Seasonal Closure

The Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue, is closed for the winter season. It will reopen at 11 a.m. on Thursday, 2/1/2024. To learn more about Bartlett's history during this time, visit the museums' online collection at bartlettmuseums.pastperfectonline.com, where you can find more than 2,200 images, objects and other items, waiting to be discovered by keyword, type, etc.

In 2024, Bartlett Elementary School will celebrate its 150th year of establishment. Type "school" in the online collection keyword search, and this is one of the many hits you might get.

It was picture day in the late 1880s and the elementary grade students are posed outside the schoolhouse. Their teacher, and most likely principal, is standing on the left. All the names are unknown.

This is one of the earliest images of students from Bartlett School, which at that time was a two-room, two-story building at the southwest corner of Hickory and North Avenues. The building was razed in 1929, when the school moved to its current location at 111 E. North Avenue.



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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Light Recycling



The Village of Bartlett will be collecting broken or unwanted holiday lights for recycling in partnership with Elgin Recycling. 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.

Please do not put lawn ornaments or other holiday decorations in the light recycling bins.

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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