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NEWS



Bartlett Village Hall administrative offices will be closed for the New Year holiday from Saturday, 12/30 through Tuesday, 1/2. The regularly scheduled village board meeting on Tuesday, 1/2 has been cancelled.

Village elected officials and staff wish you a safe and very happy new year!.

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## Keep Swinging All Year at Bartlett Hills - Inside or Outside!



Diehard golfers can gather their cold weather gear and head outside to play, even during the winter season. Bartlett Hills Golf Club remains open year round and play is on real greens, when ground conditions permit. Carts also are available. Call Bartlett Hills, 630-837-2741, to book your time and check on course conditions.



For less hearty folks, who prefer a little more climate control, Bartlett Hills offers the opportunity to use its state-of-the-art Tru Golf Simulator to test your skills at more than 100 world-renowned courses. Cost of the simulator is \$40 per hour (NOT PER PERSON). Seniors 60 and older can play for \$30 per hour, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Drinks from the bar and a limited food menu are available during simulator play.

For those wanting to improve their game heading into next spring, golf lessons also are available and can be booked by calling 630-837-2741.

**Bartlett Hills Golf Club**

## **Bartlett Company Receives Land Reclamation Award**



Photo by Kris Dapra

SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has announced the recipients of the 2023 Land Reclamation Awards, presented by the Office of Mines and Minerals, Land Reclamation and Explosive and Aggregate divisions. Bartlett's Bluff City Materials was recognized with an award, along with K.D. Crain and Sons based in Johnston City.

The Land Reclamation Awards program is designed to recognize outstanding achievements in mine land reclamation and to promote high-quality reclamation work in Illinois. The award is given to companies and individuals who maintain compliance with regulatory requirements and apply innovative techniques to reclaim land following mining activities.

Bluff City Materials was awarded the Explosive and Aggregate Division's Non-Coal Program Reclamation Award for its work at the sand and gravel surface mine adjacent to the Bluff Spring Fen near Bartlett.

Bluff City Materials mines sand and gravel for the construction aggregate industry for use in ready-mix concrete, asphalt, bedding, backfill, and road base. Its reclamation activities included considerations for the mixed-use areas of residential, industrial commercial, stormwater management, and public spaces. Bluff City Materials' commitment to ensuring the long-term viability of the Bluff Spring Fen included the removal of invasive species, filling disturbed areas, and planting seeds from on-site seed stock to encourage growth of natural fen wetland plants.

The 160-acre Bluff Spring Fen is named for its rare fen, a type of wetland fed by mineral-rich springs. It is a rare gem, a mix of prairie, woodlands, ponds, streams and wetlands—including the rare ecosystem that gives the site its name. Thanks to active restoration, this Illinois Nature Preserve is home to a rich diversity of plants, amphibians, insects and birds.

With the only entrance to this hide-away through the winding roads of Bluff City Cemetery, 945 Bluff City Boulevard, tranquility is as plentiful as the birds. This Illinois Nature Preserve is part of a larger 225-acre area of green space managed by the City of Elgin, the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Forest Preserve District of Kane County.

"IDNR is pleased to recognize companies that have taken outstanding steps to protect people and the environment from any adverse effects of mining, while at the same time providing access to minerals that are vital to Illinois' economy and society," said Natalie Phelps Finnie, director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. "IDNR is grateful for their responsible stewardship, and we appreciate their commitment to reclamation."

Both Illinois winners are now eligible and will be nominated by the IDNR Office of Mines and Minerals for national awards.

[More About Bluff Spring Fen](#)

## **Beware of Imposter Water Meter Installers**

The village has received reports of individuals posing as Water Resources installers going door-to-door for supposed water meter changes.

Bartett has contracted with Water Resources, Inc. and its affiliated company, Water Services Co. to replace outdated water meters with new automated meters and transmitters. Please know that you will receive an installation letter in the mail with instructions for scheduling and preparing for your installation appointment prior to an installer coming to your home.

Evening and weekend appointment hours are available. Once you have made an appointment, water meter installations will be performed by a uniformed licensed plumber who will carry a Water Services Co. picture ID badge, travel in a marked vehicle, and will present their ID badge upon arrival for the appointment.

Always ask for the installer's badge and confirm their identity, before letting

anyone into your home. When in doubt, call the village, 630.837.0800, or public works, 630.837.0811, to verify the legitimacy of the installer.

The new water meter and transmitter will be installed at no cost to the property owner and appointments typically take less than one hour to complete. You can see a sample installation letter and more information on the village website.

## Automated Water Meter Program Webpage

## REMINDERS



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.



Have you had a chance 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 above 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@bartlettil.gov](mailto:prohleder@bartlettil.gov) with your name, the number of attendees and your phone number.

## Meetings & Events

**TUESDAY, 1/2 @ 7 p.m.**  
Village Board Meeting -  
cancelled

**WEDNESDAY, 1/3**  
Podiatry Clinic @ Hanover  
Township

**THURSDAY, 1/4 @ 7 p.m.**  
Planning & Zoning  
Commission Meeting -  
cancelled

## 2024 - 2028 Capital Improvements Program is Approved

Earlier this month, the village board voted to adopt the 2024-2028 Capital Improvements Program and authorized the staff to begin engineering and design work on those projects included in the 2024-25 fiscal year.

The 5-year Capital Improvements Program for 2024-2028 totals



**MONDAY, 1/8 @ 7 p.m.**  
**Economic Development**  
**Commission Meeting**

**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.**

\$95,219,636. This is a 16% decrease  
from last year's program.

While the Capital Improvements  
Program anticipates expenditures for a  
five-year period, the immediate focus  
is on 2024-25 projects (the capital  
budget), which will be incorporated  
into the operating budget that will be  
presented to the village board in  
February.

The capital budget for fiscal year 2024-  
25 is \$ 27,719,600. Funds are proposed  
for a total of 25 projects, including the  
water main replacement program; the  
second year of the water meter  
replacement program; the completion  
of the Devon excess flow facility; the  
completion of the Bittersweet waste  
water treatment facility; and the golf  
irrigation system replacement.

Two projects are new to the Capital  
Improvement Program. They include  
the following:

**DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK RENOVATION**  
Renovation of the sidewalks in the  
downtown to minimize trip hazards.  
This project will replace the sidewalk  
and bricks with new sidewalk and brick  
ribbons similar to what was done at  
the corner of Oak & Railroad. Budgeted  
to be completed in 2024-2028.  
Estimated cost is \$600,000.

**TOWN CENTER IMPROVEMENTS**  
This project will replace the fountain  
and park amenities to improve and  
update the landscaped areas in the  
Town Center. Budgeted to be  
completed in 2024- 2027. Estimated  
cost is \$445,000.

## **PROJECTS**

**Munger Road Culvert Project Completed**



The culvert replacement project on Munger Road between Army Trail Road and Stearns Road has been completed, and Munger Road is reopened. The project work included:

- Excavating for new precast box culvert
- East and west toe blocks were set
- Set the box culvert and end sections, sealed joints and applied water-proofing membrane
- Placed geocomposite wall drain system for the box culvert and end sections, backfilled the box culvert, placed and compacted PGE, after ground stabilization fabric was placed over box culvert backfill, and removed insulated blankets
- Laid out guardrail, compacted aggregate base course, and performed HMA patching
- Installed guardrail at the new box culvert and restored disturbed green space areas.

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## **IL Route 59/W. Bartlett Road Lanes Open Prior to Winter Construction Shutdown**

IDOT has completed construction for the winter and has striped and opened all new lanes at the IL Route 59 and W. Bartlett Road intersection. Please be aware of the new traffic lane and traffic light (left turn on green arrow) configurations.

IDOT will install the permanent traffic signals, street lights, landscaping and complete other remaining items in the spring.



- \* 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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