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NEWS



Families, join in the fun as the Bartlett Depot Museum brings back the First Saturday Free Children's Craft beginning Saturday, February 3 with a celebration of Lunar New Year.

It's the Year of the Dragon, and children will learn about Bartlett's Sister City, Miaoli City, Taiwan, whose annual Folk Street-Stepping Dragon festival is a Hakka tradition. Kiddos will create a dragon craft.

No registration is needed and supplies are limited. The depot museum, located at 100 W. Railroad Avenue, will be open from 9 a.m. to noon. Drop in anytime. As always free admission and free parking across the street in the public lot.

Columbarium Installed at Bartlett Cemetery



A new columbarium (a structure for the reverential and public storage of funeral urns holding cremated remains of deceased persons) has been installed at Bartlett Cemetery.

There are a total of 80 spots for individual urns, with about 25 percent already purchased. There is also an ossuary in the center of the columbarium, which is a large vault where cremated remains are placed into ossuary felt bags and co-mingled with other cremated remains.

[Bartlett Cemetery & Columbarium Information](#)

[New Exhibit at Village Hall Gallery](#)



On Tuesday, 1/16 at 6:30 p.m., Arts in Bartlett will host an artist reception for the new exhibit at the Bartlett Village Hall 2nd floor gallery.

The exhibit features artist Motika Anand's String Art, also called pin and thread art. Invented by self-taught mathematician Mary Everest Boote in the 19th century, this is a decorative art form, where nails are driven into a wooden board and thread is strung around the nails to form a delicate and interesting pattern.

Artist Anand learned String Art as a teenager and then picked up the art form and began exploring it in 2020.

The exhibit is open to the public during village hall business hours throughout January and February.

Stay Safe During Cold Weather

General Information

- Minimize travel.
- Stay indoors during the worst part of the extreme cold.
- Keep a winter survival kit in your vehicle if you must travel.
- Check tire pressure, antifreeze levels, heater/defroster, etc.
- Learn how to shut off water valves for potential pipe bursts.
- Check on the elderly.
- Bring pets inside.

How Should I Dress?

- Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing and a hat.
- Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves.

- Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold.
- Try to stay dry and out of the wind.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is a silent, deadly killer claiming about 1,000 lives each year in the United States.

- Install a carbon monoxide detector.
- NEVER run generators indoors.
- Open a window slightly when using a kerosene heater and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- NEVER use a gas oven to heat your home.
- If your heat goes out, you can keep warm indoors by closing off rooms you do not need, dressing in layers of lightweight clothing, and wearing a cap.
- Report power outages to 1-800-Edison1 (1-800-334-7661).

More from the National Weather Service

REMINDERS



In the next few weeks Metra will be changing how it sells its tickets, what kind of tickets it sells and at what price.

Metra is closing its remaining ticket windows and repurposing some of the agents as customer service representatives, including at all of its downtown Chicago stations. Agents at downtown and outlying stations, will stop selling tickets effective February 1. Tickets will be available for purchase through the Ventra app, new ticket vending machines that have already been installed at the busiest stations, and conductors on the trains. (Vending machine installations will continue this year, with the goal of installing them at every station.)



SPRINGFIELD – Beginning January 1, 2024, an update to the Smoke Free Illinois Act no longer permits the use of e-cigarettes in indoor public spaces in Illinois.

The state law signed late last year by Gov. JB Pritzker adds electronic smoking devices to the list of items prohibited for public indoor use under the Smoke Free Illinois Act, the indoor smoking ban that was enacted in 2008. Such devices can no longer be used in indoor public spaces or within 15 feet of a public entrance.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) supports the intent of the new law, one of several taking effect in the New Year that will improve public health across the state.

The changes in fare products and the new prices that take effect February 1 are part of a major restructuring of Metra's fare system that was approved by the Metra Board of Directors in November. The restructuring seeks to simplify Metra's fare structure to appeal to new riders. Fares under the new structure are set at or below pre-pandemic levels.

Under the new structure, the number of fare zones is reduced from 10 to 4, with downtown stations assigned to Zone 1 and outlying stations assigned to Zones 2 through 4 based on a combination of distance from downtown, service patterns and ridership characteristics on each line, which vary.

Also February Monthly Passes will not be available for sale until Feb. 1. The 10-Ride Ticket will no longer be available for purchase after Jan. 31.

For full details about Metra fare changes, including the new fare zone map, please visit the Metra website using the link below.

[New Metra Fare Plan](#)

Meetings & Events

TUESDAY, 1/16 @ 7 p.m.
Village Board Meeting

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Committee of the Whole Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 1/17 @ 6:30 p.m.
Tri-Village Garden Club Meeting

THURSDAY, 1/18 @ 3 p.m.
Bike & Run Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, 1/19 @ 3 p.m. and

Illinois State Police Campaign Aims at Reducing Road Rage

The Illinois State Police (ISP) is launching an educational, public awareness campaign focused on reducing incidents involving road rage. The new campaign, "Road Rage. Don't Engage." is designed to raise awareness about an increase in road rage incidents leading to violence, as well as educate the public on the signs of road rage and tips on how to prevent and handle these situations.

SATURDAY, 1/20 @ 9 a.m.
District U-46 Job Fair

TUESDAY, 1/23
Life Line Screening

SATURDAY, 1/27 @ 9:30 a.m.
SCARCE Repair Fair

SUNDAY, 1/28 @ 12:30 p.m.
Jigsaw Puzzle Sale

WEDNESDAY, 1/31
Podiatry Clinic at Hanover Township

**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.**

“Although road rage is nothing new, we’re seeing people react more aggressively and dangerously,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “The message is simple – if you see or become part of a road rage situation, don’t engage. That extra car length you gain by cutting someone off, or arriving 10 seconds earlier by tailgating another person, is not worth your life.”

According to an AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety study, when drivers explained why they became violent, the reasons were often trivial, such as the other driver wouldn’t let them pass or they kept tailgating. Almost 80% of drivers reported aggressive behaviors while driving, including speeding and following other vehicles too closely.

Road rage is anger and frustration caused by the stress of driving in a motor vehicle. Some of the most common signs of road rage and aggressive driving are:

- Following too closely or tailgating
- Improper or erratic lane changing
- Illegally driving on the shoulder of the road (emergency lane), in a ditch/median, or on sidewalk
- Passing where prohibited
- Failure to yield right of way
- Failure to obey traffic laws, signs, and devices
- Failure to yield to emergency personnel and construction zone speed limits
- Failure to signal
- Driving too fast for conditions or in excess of posted speed limit or racing
- Making an improper turn

ISP reminds the public that when it comes to aggressive drivers and road rage, don’t engage. The following are tips on how to avoid being the victim of road rage:

- If you are in the left lane and someone wants to pass, move to your right and allow them to pass

- When merging, make sure you have plenty of room and use your turn signal
- If someone cuts you off, slow down and give them room to merge into your lane
- If a speeding driver is tailgating you, safely change lanes when able
- Making gestures might anger the other driver; create distance and avoid confrontation
- If another driver is acting angry, don't make eye contact

If you are the victim of road rage or believe a driver is following or harassing you, call 911 and/or go to the nearest police department to report it. Don't lose your temper or your life.

More information about road rage is on the ISP website.

[Visit the ISP Website](#)

PROJECTS

Devon Avenue Lift Station Update



Force Main: Contractor PCE has completed the force main installation up to Stearns Road at Tallgrass Drive. PCE is looking to perform directional drilling from Stearns Road to the Treatment Plant connection point to be treated within the next few weeks.

Lift Station: Concrete has been poured for the wet well (photo above) and waterproofing is scheduled for when the weather improves.

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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