

Bartletter

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Bartlett Days - Then & Now

On Sunday, 2/18 at 2 p.m. **Bartlett Historical Society** presents "Bartlett Days - Then & Now" at the Bartlett Public Library, 800 S. Bartlett Road. The program offers a glimpse of life in Bartlett from days gone by...from The Bartlett Food Basket to Aldi and Schultz Hardware to Home Depot and everything in between.



Tickle Your Taste Buds?

Corn or flour tortilla? Filled with steak, pork, chicken, chorizo, or maybe fish or vegetarian? Topped with onion, cilantro and a squeeze of lime or loaded with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, avocados and more? Which combination of ingredients says "perfect taco" to you and where in Bartlett do you go to find it when the craving becomes almost insatiable?

Restaurants throughout the village have nominated the BEST tacos on their menu for a chance to claim the ultimate bragging rights for Bartlett's perfect tacos! Voting will be open for the entire month of February, giving you plenty of time to taste and vote.

Visit the village website, bartlett.il.gov to see a live map of the participating restaurants and vote in this friendly competition.

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

All trees available for order are 2 inches in diameter. The cost, for residents, is \$100 per tree. This price includes tree 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 on the village website, <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 **March 4, 2024** for the spring planting season. Visit the public works page on the village website, bartlett.il.gov, on or after this date 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 April 26.

Brush Pickup, 2 Ways!

The Village of Bartlett offers two (2) ways for homeowners to dispose of brush and branches from their private trees and bushes:

1. Groot's weekly brush pickup (April through November)
2. the semi-annual pickup from Trees R' Us (once in the spring & once in the fall)

In 2018, the village transitioned from public works' bi-monthly brush pickup to Groot's weekly collection. Trees R' Us' semi-annual pickup was added in 2021 as a supplemental option.

Groot does a weekly brush collection throughout the entire village from April through November. Brush for this pickup must be bundled, wrapped with a bio-degradable twine and weigh no more than 50 pounds per bundle. Bundles are picked up along with your regular weekly trash and recycling collection.

Trees R' Us provides a semi-annual (June and October) brush pickup. This collection is done with a grappling truck, so brush can be stacked in larger piles without the bundling requirement.

Stickers ARE NOT required for either the Groot or the Trees R' Us brush program. Yard rakings, grass clippings, small twigs, garden material, such as flowers, vines, weeds, and garden fruit and vegetables are considered yard waste and should be placed in generic yard waste bags with Groot stickers applied. Please note, any independent landscaper hired to do routine pruning or maintenance of private trees must also remove the brush.

By allowing properly equipped contractors to take over the operation and management of brush collection, public works has more staff available to perform other vital maintenance activities. Jobs, such as trimming of parkway trees, sidewalk/curb repair, bike path paving, and stormwater improvements are just a few of the tasks staff has been able to do more of during the last few years.



Take Five with the Trustees

Before we add the final updates to the 2024 - 2029 Village of Bartlett Strategic Plan and move on to the March review of the 2024 - 2025 fiscal year budget, we wanted to take one last look at all the good work that took place in 2023.

The Brewster Creek TIF (Tax Increment Financing District) was officially closed. The initial EAV (equalized assessed value) of the property when the TIF was created in 1999 was \$3 million. The actual 2023 EAV following the development of this highly successful business park is estimated at more than \$100 million.

Golfers can play year-round at Bartlett Hills Golf Course using the new TruGolf golf simulator, which features 100 famous courses from around the world. Bartlett Hills also received the “Best of the Knot” award for a 6th year and also qualified for the Knot “Hall of Fame” award for the 4th year, putting it in the top 1% of reception venues nationwide.

The excess flow facility on Devon Avenue behind Leiseberg Park was one of the first public works facilities in the village. This past year construction began on a new lift station that will handle all the excess flows from Cook County and the flows from a portion of DuPage County. A 2-mile-long force main will travel from the new lift station to the Bittersweet water reclamation facility, and the original lift station and excess flow facility at Devon will be razed.

After Dominick’s closed in December 2013, the village targeted Aldi as a replacement grocery store. Aldi consistently showed interest, but the re-development of Bartlett Plaza into Streets of Bartlett, helped to seal the deal. A new 20,000 square foot Aldi store is now open in downtown Bartlett.

D.R. Horton kept the planning & development services (PDS) department busy in 2023, with permits issued for 11 single family homes, 19 ranches and 14 duplexes at the new Grasslands subdivision at Route 59 and W. Bartlett Road. With the help of the build-

ing division, the permit process was streamlined in the subdivision by approving master building sets for each home model. Single family approval time in the Grasslands now averages 12 days, shortened from 48 days in the Eastview subdivision in 2021-2022.

The PDS department’s new OpenGov online permitting software has also streamlined the permit review process for all village projects. More than 52% of building permits are issued within two days of submittal and 72% are issued within one week.

Thanks to creativity and good teamwork between the village, contractor JJ Henderson and village consultant Strand Associates, the Bittersweet water reclamation facility is expected to be complete by September 2024, despite some initial delays due to supply chain issues. This is significantly sooner than an original expected completion date in mid-2025.

The Bartlett Police Department was recently presented with the 2022 Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge second place award in its qualifying category. In addition the department accepted its eighth re-accreditation award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in November.

The village hosted and/or participated in many community events, from the Memorial Day Walk and the Fourth of July Festival to Oktoberfest, Merry & Bright and National Night Out, for which it won 2nd place in its category from the National Association of Town Watch. And our original train station, now the Bartlett Depot Museum, celebrated its 150th birthday!

MORE Brewing’s two-story brewery, restaurant and rooftop beer garden opened, prompting the addition of a new, larger public parking lot at the corner of Railroad and Oak for our growing downtown. Also construction of Bartlett’s first auto dealerships -- Hyundai and Genesis dealerships on Lake Street -- has been completed and they are ready for your visit.

We look back with pride on everything that was accomplished and look forward excitedly to 2024.

Raymond H. Deyne



Stephanie Gandsey



Dan Gunsteen



Adam J. Hopkins



Joe LaPorte



Renée Suwanski





Flood

FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

The Village of Bartlett has several floodplain areas within its corporate limits. On the north-west side of town is the Brewster Creek tributary. In the middle of town there is some floodplain in the Wayne Grove Forest Preserve. The northeastern part of the village has the Brewster Creek floodplain, which flows to the West Branch of the DuPage River floodplain.

NATURAL & BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS

Floodplains play a valuable role in providing natural benefits to the Village of Bartlett and the surrounding area. Floodplains that are relatively undisturbed provide open spaces and aesthetic pleasure, as well as function for active processes, such as filtering nutrients.

Wayne Grove Forest Preserve and Hawk Hollow Forest Preserve floodplains are used to filter farm chemical run-off so that these areas can maintain biodiversity and ecosystem sustainability. Both floodplains contain historic and archaeological sites that provide opportunity for education. Both enhance waterfowl, fish and other wildlife habitats and provide feeding/breeding grounds. And lastly, both floodplains provide natural erosion control and open space so further flooding damage does not occur.

FLASH FLOODS

Flash-flooding is the general type of flooding caused by heavy rain events. A flooding event can occur with 2 to 4 inches of rain in a 3 to 4 hour time period on some streets throughout the village.

Several detention areas may rise during these events. However, all of the village streets are designed to additionally store stormwater for a period of time.

During spring and early summer, the village can experience heavy rain events. It is not uncommon for water to stand in backyard/sideyard drainage areas for up to 48 hours. The village has made several drainage improvements in problem areas in the last few years and is continually making improvements throughout the community.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

As simple as it may sound, keeping smaller ditches and streams free of debris can dramatically improve the run-off capacity of low-lying areas and can greatly reduce the occurrence of blockage that significantly contributes to flooding.

It is illegal to dump materials into a required waterway and violators may be fined. If you see someone in the act of dumping or see debris in one of Bartlett's watercourses, please contact the Bartlett Public Works Department at 630-837-0811.

Homeowners are responsible for maintaining their perimeter drainage swales. You may have a storm inlet in your yard; if you do, make sure to keep it clear of debris. If you have any flooding or drainage concerns on your property, the Village of Bartlett staff is available to assess your drainage issue. You can report a concern by accessing

the **Bartlett Connect app** using the **“Stay Connected”** link on the homepage of the Village website, www.bartlett.il.gov/home or use the **“How Do I”** drop down navigation tab on the website and look for **“Report a problem or concern.”** In addition, the **Bartlett Connect app** is available on your smartphone or tablet.

PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES

If your property is susceptible to flooding, there are many flood damage reduction measures you can employ.

- Watertight seals can be applied to brick and block walls to protect against low-level flooding.
- Utilities, such as heating and air conditioning systems, water heaters and other major appliances can be elevated to higher floors in the structure or onto raised platforms.
- Temporary measures, such as moving furniture and other valuables to higher floors or sandbagging exterior openings, will also help.
- Elevating or relocating the entire structure may also be a feasible option.

FLOODPLAIN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

All development within the 100-year floodplain (not just construction of buildings, but filling, excavation, fences, etc.) requires a village development permit. Applications must be made prior to doing any work in a floodplain area.

Please contact Planning & Development Services at 630-540-5920 to receive all the information you need to properly develop in





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the floodplain. You may report any illegal development activities to the above number as well.

FLOOD INSURANCE

If you do not have flood insurance, talk to your agent. Most homeowner insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Flood insurance is only available to communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Because of Bartlett's floodplain management programs, which attempt to protect property owners from multiple flooding hazards, the village is part of the NFIP. Bartlett residents are able to obtain flood insurance. Additionally, because the village participates in FEMA's CRS program, flood insurance premiums are discounted.

Be sure to check your policy to ensure you have adequate coverage. Typical policies cover the building structure, but not the contents. Contents coverage can also be obtained by asking.

There is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage becomes effective. Plan ahead; do not wait until a flood is predicted before purchasing flood insurance. If you are building inside the floodplain and are using a federally regulated lender/bank for a loan, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT/DAMAGE

If the cost of improvements to a building or the cost to repair damages (from any cause) to a building exceeds 50% of the market value of the building (excluding land value), the NFIP

requires that the entire building be brought up to current floodplain management standards. Building improvement projects include exterior and interior remodeling, rehabilitation, additions and repair and reconstruction projects. Contact Planning & Development Services at 630-540-5920 for more information.

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

Many times, flooding of streets and parking lots can be predicted, allowing ample time for preparation and evacuation. However, in the event of a flash flood due to a large rain event, there may only be hours to execute a plan.

Once the Bartlett Police and Bartlett Fire Protection District

are notified of an oncoming flood event, Bartlett's emergency alert system will be activated. The village can send a Code Red or mass emergency notification system alert to the entire village or a specific neighborhood. Community alerts and additional safety information will also be posted to the village website.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Here are some additional resources for flood-related issues:

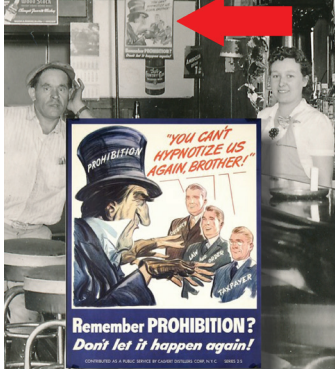
- FEMA.gov website
- Village Hall, 630-837-0800
- Flooding FAQ webpage on the village website: www.bartlett.il.gov/services/frequently-asked-questions
- Bartlett Public Library

FLOOD SAFETY TIPS

- Do not drive through a flooded area or around protection barriers. More people drown in cars than anywhere else.
- Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive. Six inches of water can knock you off your feet.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. If your house is about to be flooded, turn off the power at the service box. Electrical current can travel through water. Electrocuting is the second leading cause of death during floods.
- Be alert to gas leaks. Turn off the gas to your house before it floods. If you smell gas, report it to the Bartlett Fire Protection District, the village or your gas company. Do not use candles, lanterns or open flames if you smell gas or are unsure if your gas has been shut off.
- Keep children away from flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains. Flood waters can carry unimaginable items that have dislodged themselves. Culverts can suck in smaller people, making them helpless.
- Clean everything that has been wet. Flood water is contaminated with sewage and other chemicals, which pose severe health threats.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals that have been flooded out of their home may seek shelter in yours.
- Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages. Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.



Prohibition in Chicagoland



“Remember Prohibition? Don’t let it happen again!” was the wording on the 1940s poster, pictured here, that once hung in Bartlett’s Eck Tavern at 121 W. Railroad Avenue. During the Prohibition era, 1920 until 1933, it was illegal in the U.S. to import, transport, produce and sell alcoholic beverages.

Join the Bartlett History Museum, 228 S. Main Street, on Tuesday, 2/27, for “Prohibition: A Crash Course in Chicago’s Most Notorious Era” by Jonathan Knotek, co-founder of Chicago Prohibition Tours. Knotek will share how Prohibition began, the groups that backed and opposed it, through its failure and repeal and will name famous/infamous names.

Doors open for refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and a 6:45 p.m. pre-program, looking at Bartlett during Prohibition. Knotek’s presentation is at 7 p.m.

To register for this free event, email Pam at prohleder@bartlett.il.gov with your name, the number of attendees and your phone number.

Bartlett School

During 2024, Bartlett Elementary School is celebrating 150 years since its establishment.

The school began in 1874, one year after Bartlett was founded. It initially served grades 1 through 8. Classes were held above a store in town with the first teacher Miss Bailey.

In 1876, three lots were purchased at the southwest corner of North and Hickory Avenues. A frame one-story building was erected, which by 1884 was too small for the number of pupils.

The Elgin Advocate reported in July, 1885, “Plans are out for the new school building.”

The earliest image of Bartlett School at this location is this two room, two-story brick and frame building. The image dates to circa 1900. The school had no running water or electricity. The steeple housed a bell which rang multiple times a day announcing the start and end of classes and lunch time. In 1907, a two-story, two room addition was added to accommodate the school’s growing population.



Barbie, America’s Most Famous Doll

She might be the most famous doll in the world. For more than 60 years, Barbie has been played with, analyzed, collected, criticized and loved.

Join the Bartlett History Museum on Wednesday, 4/10, for an illustrated lecture presented by historian Leslie Goddard. She will delve into the history of Barbie and her inventor, the passionately creative – and intensely competitive -- Ruth Handler.

The program will be held at Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments, with a 6:45 p.m. pre-program by the museum, “Sharing Your Barbie Memories.” Attendees are encouraged to bring their Barbies, reminisce and wear pink! Goddard’s presentation begins at 7 p.m.

To register for this free event, email Pam at prohleder@bartlett.il.gov with your name, the number of attendees and your phone number.



Down at the Depot

The Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue, reopened for the 2024 season on Thursday, 2/1. This year, the “First Saturday Free Children’s Craft” returns with a different craft every month. No registration is required, but supplies are limited. In March, the craft will celebrate the return of spring.

Hours of operation at the depot museum are Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. Please note, the museum will be closed Saturday, 2/17 for Presidents’ Day weekend. Free admission and free public parking across the street.

All Aboard for History!

Make Your Home Spring Ready



Now's the time to begin sprucing up the exterior of your property and to plan those warm weather projects. Here's some tips to get you started and help you remain within village codes.

- Remove holiday lights and decorations by March 1.
 - Inoperable/unlicensed vehicles must be stored in the garage.
 - Clean up & remove items stored around the exterior of the house.
 - Clean up and properly dispose of dog feces in your yard.
 - Store garbage cans in the garage, interior side yard or rear yard. Garbage cans can be placed at the curb on the parkway after 6 p.m. the night before garbage pickup day and must be removed by 9 a.m. the day following garbage pickup. Garbage cans cannot be placed in the street.
 - Remove containers that are holding water to prevent mosquitoes.
 - Bird feeders may be hung from trees but the ground feeding of wildlife is prohibited.
- Make sure your sump pump lines are a minimum of 10 feet away from the property lines and downspouts are at least 3 feet from the property lines.
 - Have your lawnmowers and hedgers sharpened and ready to go so grass and weeds do not exceed 8 inches high and bushes and trees are neatly trimmed.
 - Planning an event outdoors? Apply for the required amplifier permit online.

When Do I Need a Building Permit?

Are you starting to plan your spring and summer remodel, addition or other home improvement project? The first thing you may need is a building permit.

A building permit is required prior to a building or structure being erected, constructed, built, enlarged, repaired, altered, replaced, moved, and/or when a change in ownership or occupancy has taken place.

Use the permit application links on the village website building division webpage to apply online, track your permit status and request inspections. The following permits are issued by the Building Division:

Accessory Building/Structure
Addition
Build-Out (Commercial)
Deck
Demolition
Driveway
Dumpster (Temporary)
Erosion Control/Grading
Fence
Fire Alarm
Fire Sprinkler
HVAC
Miscellaneous
Miscellaneous - Electric
Miscellaneous - Plumbing
Occupancy (Change in Owner)
Patio, Service Walk & Stoop
Parking Lot Improvements

Racking
Radon Mitigation
Remodel
Roof
Sewer Repair
Siding
Soffit, Fascia & Gutters
Solar
Swimming Pool & Hot Tub
Tent
Trailer
Water Heater
Windows/Door

If you aren't sure if your project requires a permit, please call the Building Division at 630-540-5920.



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Never-Ending Golf!



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

For less hardy folks, who prefer a little more climate control, Bartlett Hills offers the opportunity to use its state-of-the-art TruGolf 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 who want to improve their game heading into spring, golf lessons also are available and can be booked by calling 630-837-2741.

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 “Bart-



lett 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, get text notifications, connect directly to the Village website and more.

CALL: Village Hall Main Office, 630-837-0800
Public Works, 630-837-0811
Bartlett Hills Golf Course, 630-837-2741
Police Department, 630-837-0846
Emergency and TDD Service, call 911

Bartlett Village Hall Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon

