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## NEWS

**Celebrating Bartlett's Sister City Friendship at  
Midwest Haka Festival**



The Midwest Hakka Association recently hosted its spring festival at the Culture Center of Taiwan Chicago in Westmont. It is the Year of the Dragon and the event began with a lion dance performed by the Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ammbasdaors. After lunch, the festivities continued with singing, dances and speeches by members and guests of the association, including several songs by the Bartlett Community Chorus.

Bartlett Village President Kevin Wallace read a proclamation entitled "Day of Friendship and Democracy between the Village of Bartlett and Miaoli City, Taiwan" and presented it to the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office.

The Village of Bartlett and Miaoli City, Taiwan established their sister city relationship in 2010. In the subsequent years, there have been many opportunities for vibrant cultural exchanges, art exhibitions and gift sharing, which solidified the communities' mutual respect and forged a unique bond that transcends geographical distances.

[More about Bartlett's Sister City](#)

**Congratulations Detective Nessling, Officer Wittenbrink & Records Clerk Diaz**



Congratulations to Detective Stephanie Nessling on her nomination for the Kane County Police Officer of the Year award. Her outstanding examples of good law enforcement work were recognized at the awards dinner reception sponsored by the 100 Club of Illinois.

Nessling also was recently named Bartlett Police Department's 2023 Police Officer of the Year. This award is given to an officer who has exhibited exceptional commitment to their duty and maintained an excellent work record throughout the year.

Nessling has been serving the Bartlett community for the past four years. She was recognized by her supervisors and colleagues for her exceptional vigilance and persistence in leading several significant investigations.

During one investigation, her detailed work was credited with the arrest of a taxicab driver, who was charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault of a passenger with a disability. During another investigation, Nessling conducted long hours of physical surveillance and multiple interviews with the victim, doctors, and hospital staff to arrest and charge two family members with criminal abuse or neglect of an elderly person. Following another investigation, she was able to charge a driver with unlawful use of a weapon by a felon and reckless discharge of a firearm after he allegedly fired several rounds into the air from his moving vehicle.

Nessling exemplifies the qualities of professionalism and compassion of which the

Bartlett Police Department is proud and aligns with the department motto, "Serve with care. Protect with confidence."

In addition to Nessling, Records Clerk Margret Diaz was selected as the 2023 Civilian Employee of the Year for the Bartlett Police Department.

She has been an integral part of the police department for three years. Her supervisors and peers have recognized her for providing outstanding service and consistently exhibiting a highly professional attitude.

The police department also announced that Officer Trevor Wittenbrink has been awarded the Bartlett Police Department's 2023 Spirit Award. This award is given annually to an officer who showcases a positive image not only within the department but also while interacting with the public.

Wittenbrink has been a committed member of the police force for the past three years and has displayed a high level of internal and external volunteerism. He is known for his positive community interactions, and he routinely exhibits compassion and professionalism as a patrol officer.

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## Village Board Approves New Strategic Plan

The Village Board convened a workshop in December 2023 to kickoff a new strategic plan. This plan was not only formulated based on board policy but also informed by a comprehensive survey that residents participated in during the summer and fall of 2022.

In January 2024, the plan underwent analysis by department heads, with additional objectives incorporated to align with the plan's goals.

The plan is divided into four categories: short-term routine, short-term complex, long-term routine and long-term complex.

The 2024 - 2027 Village of Bartlett Strategic Plan was approved by the board of trustees at the March 5, 2024 meeting. The plan will act as a road map for the village going forward and department heads will incorporate this vision into day-to-day operations and the budget.

### Short-Term Routine - 1 to 3 Years

1. Enhance communication to stakeholders via an education campaign to increase residents' awareness of village services, activities, funding.
2. Enhance community events.
3. Maintain checks and balances to ensure financial stewardship.
4. Maintain positive relationships with all taxing bodies.
5. Continue to enhance and improve efficiency of service delivery methods & approaches.

### Short-Term Complex - 1 to 3 Years

6. Continue the business recruitment strategy to attract developers to invest in the downtown area and provide options for businesses to locate to Bartlett.
7. Continue implementation of community branding plan.
8. Work to improve the retail business profile in the village.
9. Continue process for establishing a TIF district along Lake Street.

10. Initiate update of the future land use plan for the village.

Long-Term Routine - 3 to 5 Years

11. Evaluate, budget, and implement water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure projects.

Long-Term Complex - 3 to 5 Years

12. Improve village bike and pedestrian pathways and routes.

13. Develop a strategy to identify and complete roadway improvement and traffic mitigation programs and design.

14. Evaluate and update development codes.

Visit the village website to see the detailed 2024 - 2027 Strategic Plan, including objectives for each of the 14 goals outlined above.

## Village of Bartlett Strategic Plan

## REMINDERS



Bartlett Police Department is participating in the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) St. Patrick's Day DUI and Occupant Protection Traffic Enforcement Campaigns until Monday, 3/18. These traffic campaigns are fully funded by federal safety funds through IDOT's Bureau of Safety Programs & Engineering.

The police department encourages everyone to enjoy a safe St. Patrick's Day weekend. Please wear your seat belts, assign a designated driver or use a ride-sharing service, and do not permit friends or family members to drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



Groot's seasonal yard waste collection begins the first week of April and continues through November.

Yard rakings, grass clippings, small twigs, garden material, such as flowers, vines, weeds, and garden fruit and vegetables are considered yard waste. Residents can use generic brown yard waste bags with Groot stickers applied for collection of this type of material. Fence posts, railroad ties, firewood, sod, earth, wood chips, bark and rocks are not yard waste. Bartlett Village Hall, Ace Hardware and Jewel carry the yard waste stickers, which cost \$2.

Groot also begins its weekly, bundled

## Going Out of Town During Spring Break? Request a Vacation Watch

Don't leave town for spring break without requesting a vacation watch for your home!

The Police Department Vacation Watch house checks are only provided when the home will be vacant for a minimum of three days and a maximum of two weeks per watch. If someone is staying at the premises in the homeowner's absence, a vacation watch will not be granted. In addition, apartment buildings, condominiums, and houses that are for sale are not eligible for the Vacation Watch program.

A homeowner can request a maximum of one month total of vacation watches per calendar year at a residence. Also, please keep in mind that the Bartlett Police Department will make every effort to check your property, but only as priority calls or call volume allows.

[Request Vacation Watch](#)

brush collection in April. No yard waste sticker is required for bundled brush.

- Brush must be bundled in 2 feet by 2 feet by 4-foot long bundles, no heavier than 50 pounds.
- Brush is collected weekly from April through November
- Brush must be bundled with biodegradable twine, available at the local Home Depot and Ace Hardware
- It is a CODE VIOLATION to leave unbundled brush on the

In addition, the Village of Bartlett contractor Trees "R" Us provides semi-annual brush pickup in the spring and fall that does NOT require bundling.

Dates for the 2024 Semi-Annual Brush Collection are:

- Spring Collection - Week of 6/10: ALL homes will be collected during this one week in June
- Fall Collection - Week of 10/7: homes west of S. Bartlett and south of the Metra tracks
- Fall Collection - Week of 10/14: ALL homes east of S. Bartlett plus ALL homes north of the Metra tracks

[More about Garbage Services](#)

## Meetings & Events

**FRIDAY, 3/15 @ 3 p.m. and  
SATURDAY, 3/16 @ 9 a.m.**  
[School District U46 Job Fair](#)

**TUESDAY, 3/19 @ 7 p.m.**  
[Village Board Meeting](#)

**TUESDAY 3/19 @ 6 p.m.**  
[Committee of the Whole Meeting](#)

**WEDNESDAY, 3/20 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
[Tri-Village Garden Club Meeting](#)

## March 18 is Global Recycling Day

According to the [Global Recycling Foundation website](#), Global Recycling Day was created in 2018 to help recognise, and celebrate, the importance recycling plays in preserving our precious primary resources and securing the future of our planet.

"Of the earth's natural resources, we tend to think of six as the most important – water, air, oil, natural gas, coal and minerals...All our

**SATURDAY, 3/23 @ 11 a.m.**  
**Bartlett Woman's Club Bunny Lunch**

**WEDNESDAY, 3/27 @ 11 a.m.**  
**Job Fair at Hanover Township**

**FRIDAY, 3/29 @ 10 a.m.**  
**Aqua Egg Hunt**

**SATURDAY, 3/30 @ 1:30 p.m.**  
**Lions Easter Egg Hunt**

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food, all our sustenance, all our belongings ultimately come from these six elements.

"However, these resources are finite and rapidly running out. Once they're gone, they're gone forever. We are carelessly using the earth's natural resources without thinking about what will replace them, while billions of tons of waste pour into landfill sites every year.

"The simple solution to this is recycling – the 'Seventh Resource,' which can be used again and again."

Recycling helps to:

- Combat climate change
- Boost local employment around the world
- Conserve the earth's six precious primary resources

Locally, DuPage County's 2022 Solid Waste & Recycling Annual Report "found that the county's rate was 32 percent. This was slightly down from previous years."

DuPage County Board Environmental Committee Chair Sheila Rutledge says, "It is my hope to increase recycling rates and move the county toward U.S. EPA's recycling rate goal of 50% by 2030."

Recycling is split into two categories: curbside and non-curbside (drop-off) recycling. Illinois residents are throwing items in their recycling bins that don't belong. Here is what to put in and what to keep out.

Acceptable for Recycling Bin:

- metal cans
- newspapers & junk mail
- plastic bottles & jugs, including laundry and bathroom plastic
- glass jars & bottles
- cardboard, including "clean pizza boxes
- aluminum cans, tins & baking aluminum
- paper cups (must be empty)

Not Acceptable for Recycling Bin

- plastic bags & soft plastic packaging

Website Calendar. Please know that meeting agendas are not posted to the website until they are finalized, generally the week before the meeting date.

- syringes & PPE
- electronic devices
- styrofoam containers
- diapers
- clothes & textiles
- gift wrap
- plastic toys & plastic lawn furniture
- dishware, pots & pans
- glass panels
- garden hose
- rope & string
- propane tank
- hardcover books
- plastic utensils
- shredded paper
- greasy pizza boxes, empty ice cream containers & other "dirty" containers

DuPage County Recycling Information

## Upcoming Projects



### **Schick Water Tower Painting**

Public Works anticipates painting the Schick Road water tower in April, 2024. The tower will be drained and cell receptors will be relocated during painting.

### **Water Main Replacement Project**

The Village of Bartlett will be replacing approximately 12,000 feet of water main on North Avenue between Western Avenue and Prospect Avenue, as well as on Oak Avenue between Lake Street and Bartlett Avenue. This work is in preparation for the resurfacing of North Avenue, which will take place during the summer of 2025 and the eventual resurfacing of Oak Avenue sometime between 2026 and 2029 (depending on federal fund availability).



This water main replacement project also will include full lead service replacements for those homes/businesses along North Avenue and Oak Avenue. If your home or business is along these roads, please keep an eye out for door hangers in the coming months that will provide more specific information about the project.

Construction is expected to begin as early as late April/early May, but construction activities will NOT take place in the vicinity of school zones while school is in session.

To provide a safe work zone and allow for safe passage through the construction zone, small detours may be set up on a daily/weekly basis as needed. Please be alert for detour signage and use caution while driving through the construction zone.

### **Rt 59 & West Bartlett Road Improvements**

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is improving the intersection of Rt 59 & West Bartlett Road. The improvements will include dual left turn lanes and right turn lanes on all four legs of the intersection (similar to the Rt 59 & Stearns Road intersection). It will also include traffic signal modernization and intersection lighting.

Alliance Contractors started construction in April 2023 and have paused for the 2023/2024 winter season. Depending on weather, work is expected to resume in March/April 2024 and is anticipated to be complete in the fall. The remaining work includes:

- Traffic signal installation
- Intersection lighting installation
- Construction of curbed medians
- Asphalt resurfacing on West Bartlett Road (Rt 59 to the Maryville Academy entrance) and S Park Place Drive
- Final pavement markings
- Landscape restoration

Be Alert! During construction there may be reduced lanes to accommodate construction activities, typically from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For comments, questions, or concerns, please contact the IDOT Region 1 office at 847-705-4401.

[Visit the PW Projects News webpage for more projects & updates](#)

## **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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