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BARTLETT POLICE DEPARTMENT
OPEN HOUSE

Bartlett Lions Club
Pancake Breakfast

Join Bartlett Police Department for its FREE, annual open house on Sunday, 4/28, between 9 a.m. and noon. This fun-filled family event will be held in conjunction with the Bartlett Lions Club Spring Pancake Breakfast, available from 8 a.m. to noon, next door to the police department at the Fire Barn, 218 S. Main Street.

Cost for the all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and juice: adults, \$8 and children age 6 to 12, \$5. Up to three children age 5 and younger are free with each paid adult. Multiple raffles, a 50/50 Split the Pot and youth low vision screening will be available at the breakfast. For more information, please visit www.bartlettlions.org.

The Event Line-Up at the police department includes: department tours; face painting; vehicle displays; comfort dog Maverick meet & greet; kids identification cards; giveaways; and more!

Everyone at the police department is excited for residents to take this opportunity to tour the police station, talk to officers, and enjoy a wide selection of police displays and demonstrations.

Any questions, call the police department at 630-837-0846.





Police Body Cameras

The Illinois Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act, amended by the SAFE-T Act of 2021, requires all state law enforcement agencies of a certain type and size to implement a body-worn camera program no later than January 1, 2025. However, the Village of Bartlett chose to implement the program ahead of the state mandate, requiring all police officers to wear a body-worn camera on their uniforms as of February 5, 2024. This decision was made to promote transparency and to invest in the police department's ability to build and maintain trust and engagement with the community.

The SAFE-T Act, also known as HB 3653, requires body-worn cameras to be turned on when an officer is in uniform and engaged in any law-enforcement-related encounter or activity. Additionally, all recordings must be saved for 90 days, after which they will be destroyed unless any encounter captured on the recording has been flagged. An encounter is deemed to be flagged if:

- A formal or informal complaint was filed
- The officer discharged their firearm or used force during the encounter
- Death or great bodily harm occurred to any person in the recording
- The encounter resulted in a detention or an arrest, excluding traffic stops which resulted in only a minor traffic offense or business offense
- The officer is the subject of an internal investigation or otherwise being investigated for possible misconduct
- The supervisor of the officer, prosecutor, defendant, or court determines that the encounter has evidentiary value in a criminal prosecution
- The recording officer requests that the video be flagged for official purposes related to their official duties.



All communities need building codes to protect their citizens from disasters like fires, weather-related events and structural collapse. Building codes are society's best way of protecting homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores and entertainment venues.

Building Safety Month is an international campaign that takes place in May to raise awareness about building safety and reinforce the need for the adoption of modern, regularly updated building codes.

Bartlett's building division observes Building Safety Month each May to highlight the building and fire codes that protect both the economic value and the structural integrity of the homes and buildings in the village. These modern building codes, developed by the International Code Council, www.iccsafe.org, and implemented by the building division through permitting and inspections, also include safeguards for natural disasters, such as snowstorms, tornadoes, wild fires, floods and earthquakes.

Building Safety Month 2024 will explore how building safety impacts all of us on personal, local and global levels. The weekly themes for this year's campaign are:

- Week One: Understanding the Mission**
- Week Two: Preparing a Building Safety Plan**
- Week Three: Learning from the Pros**
- Week Four: Engaging Your Community**
- Week Five: Celebrating Success in Building Safety**





A Minute with the Mayor

It was the dream of Bartlett's founding father Luther to build a community centered around family, church and school. I share Luther's ideals and think the village has done him proud, especially when it comes to supporting our schools and our students.

This year Bartlett Elementary School is celebrating 150 years since its establishment in 1874, one year after the Village of Bartlett was founded. The school initially served grades one through eight. Classes were held above a store in town, and the first teacher was 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 circa 1900, two room, two-story brick and frame building. 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



The Bartlett Elementary school building, which stands at Eastern and North Avenues today, albeit with many additions added to it through the years, was dedicated on January 18, 1929.

We have come a long way since that first school building in Bartlett. In December, I attended a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of construction to convert Hawk Hollow from an elementary school into a middle school. Once complete, the building will play an important role in the district's shift to a true middle school model, in which 6th graders - who currently attend elementary school in U-46 - will join 7th and 8th graders.

Built in 2002, the 58,000 square foot Hawk Hollow last served as an elementary school for the

2022 - 23 school year. To transform it into a middle school designed to serve about 750 students, an approximately 92,000-square-foot addition will be constructed. The renovated building will include a media center with a maker space, a collaboration center, a cafeteria featuring a stage for performances, flexible laboratory spaces, two gymnasiums, and a fitness room.



The reinvented Hawk Hollow school will provide students with dynamic spaces for learning, ample room for state-of-the-art technology, and will greatly impact student success for years to come.

Another way the village impacts student success is through the internship program that we have been helping to sponsor the last few summers. Students from Bartlett High School's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Academy have gained hands-on experience in fields ranging from engineering and GIS to museum curation and municipal administration.

This year, the village will be adding both a first responders internship and a culinary internship opportunity at Bartlett Hills Golf Course. The culinary interns will work a rotation, so they see kitchen, front of house, and management (procurement, scheduling and marketing) operations.

We take great pride in fostering the talent of these teens and providing hands-on opportunities for the next generation entering the workforce. The students make significant contributions to the village and help shape Bartlett's future, while gaining experience for their own personal and professional growth.

The village also continues to support the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program in our elementary schools. In 2022, more than 700 fifth graders from seven elementary schools in Bartlett participated in the D.A.R.E. program.

Around this time each year, the village hosts a principals' breakfast to get firsthand feedback from the leaders at all Bartlett schools. Our police department joins us to discuss school safety and how school personnel can always be prepared. For me, this is just one more opportunity to make sure we are living up to Luther Bartlett's ideal community.





Be Prepared for Cicadas in May



"In mid-May, the Chicago region will see a remarkable natural phenomenon that only occurs once in 17 years: an emergence of periodical cicadas."

"For about four to six weeks there will be millions of big, red-eyed insects flying around and making an ear-splitting noise, especially in areas with lots of old trees. They will be annoying, but they are harmless to people and pets; they can't bite or sting. ...By the end of June it will all be over."

Ahead of the 2024 emergence of periodical cicadas in Illinois, the experts at The Morton Arboretum are sharing tips on how to protect young and other vulnerable trees and shrubs from potential damage.

"While their noise and presence on sidewalks can be a nuisance, cicadas are not dangerous to people or a threat to healthy mature trees and shrubs," said Stephanie Adams, the Arboretum's plant health care leader. "But smaller young trees, as well as unhealthy older or stressed trees and shrubs, could suffer serious damage from the female cicadas' egg-laying process."

Central and southern Illinois will experience 13-year cicadas, while 17-year cicadas will emerge north of Springfield, including the Chicago region. The two broods will overlap in central Illinois.

Periodical cicadas emerge in greater numbers

than annual summer cicadas. Damage to trees occurs when the females lay their eggs in small slits on twigs.

"Healthy mature trees and shrubs, which can better tolerate cicada twig damage, typically experience some harmless natural pruning," Adams said.

Adams provided these tips for protecting at-risk trees and shrubs before the cicadas emerge:

Ensure that susceptible trees and shrubs are healthy in the spring. "Mulching, watering and addressing any disease problems they may have in the spring can help ensure they're robust enough to sustain cicada damage," Adams said.

After leaves emerge, preferably when they are fully expanded and hardened off, and before the cicadas arrive, cover small trees and shrubs, including those with few developed branches, with a fine protective netting, such as tulle fabric. Close gaps in the netting with binder clips, clothespins or staples and gather the fabric around the trunk as near to the ground as possible. Once the emergence event is over, remove the netting.

Consider waiting to plant young trees with a trunk diameter of less than 2 inches until after adult cicada activity has ceased, or in the fall.

The Morton Arboretum recommends that homeowners not use insecticides against cicadas. Netting is the best protection for susceptible trees and shrubs, Adams said.

Despite their "yuck" factor, periodical cicadas bring some benefits for trees and plants, Adams said. "Cicada nymph exoskeletons and adult carcasses will function as fertilizer as they decay, and the carcasses also can be composted."

This information is from The Morton Arboretum website & eNewsletter. For more expert tips about trees and cicadas, visit mortonarb.org/cicadas.

TRI-VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Tri-Village Garden Club (TVGC) will host its annual plant sale, featuring a wide assortment of perennials and annuals, on Saturday, 5/18 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bartlett Park Log Cabin, 102 N. Eastern Avenue. Members of TVGC will be on hand to answer questions, share gardening expertise and make recommendations for sun- or shade-loving plants. Plants for sale are ideally suited for suburban gardens in the USDA plant hardiness zone 5B. Proceeds support scholarships, growing vegetables for local food pantries and TVGC educational programs.

Tickets will also be sold at the plant sale for the upcoming TVGC Benefit Garden Walk on Saturday, 7/13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The garden walk will feature seven beautiful gardens located in Bartlett, Hanover Park and Streamwood. Tickets will be sold for \$20 each.

For more information about Tri-Village Garden Club, the plant sale and the TVGC Benefit Walk, visit trivillagegardenclub.org or facebook.com/TriVillageGardenClub.





Water Main Replacement Project

This spring, contractors will begin construction on the 2024 Water Main Replacement Project. This project is in preparation for the resurfacing of North Avenue in 2025 and the eventual resurfacing of Oak Avenue (dependent on federal fund availability) in the years shortly after.

This year's project will include the installation of 10,000 linear feet of 8-inch water main, system valves, fire hydrants, lead water service replacements, and restoration as needed. The limits of construction will be along North Avenue between Western Avenue and Prospect Avenue, and along Oak Avenue between Bartlett Avenue and Lake Street.

For the safety of both workers and drivers, small detours will be set up to guide traffic around the work zone. These detours may last up to a few weeks and will change as work progresses. Please use caution while traveling through work zones and be alert for altered traffic patterns.

Construction is anticipated to begin in early May, but no work will be allowed in the vicinity of Bartlett Elementary or Eastview Middle School while school is in session. The substantial completion date for this project is set for 11/27/2024.

If you live within the project limits, additional information that will further explain the project and include information on lead service replacements will be passed out via door hangers. Please keep an eye out for these notices as some may be time sensitive.

The village understands that this type of project can be disruptive; your patience is appreciated. If you have any questions related to the project, please contact the Village of Bartlett Public Works Department at 630-837-0811.

RR Crossing Rehab



Starting Wednesday, 5/29 at 7 a.m. Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corp., "Metra," will start removing the existing railroad crossing located on Western Avenue between W. Bartlett Road and W. Railroad Avenue. Western Avenue will be closed at the railroad crossing. Detour signs will be posted.

On 5/29, workers will start cutting the asphalt roadway and removing the rubber panels in and around the tracks. They will remove all rock and debris and will fabricate new rail panels onsite. Crews will be working through the weekend to remove and install new rail panels and ballast rock.

After the new rail panels have been installed, workers will start installing new concrete panels that will replace the old rubber style. Crews will begin leveling the roadway and laying down new asphalt along with new striping if needed.

This replacement project will take approximately nine days to complete. Western Avenue is expected to reopen at 7 a.m. on 6/6/2024.

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Breaking Bud, a Tree & History Walking Tour



Did you know that Bartlett, established in 1873, has been a Tree City for six years?

In celebration of Arbor Day, join the village arborist and Village of Bartlett Museums staff at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 5/15 for a walking tour. The walk will begin at the Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue.

Learn all about tree diversity, diseases, queens, architecture, and more as you explore the heart of historic Bartlett from nature's point of view.

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

Passport to Adventure Begins

Looking for fun and affordable experiences for all ages, close to home? The Kane-DuPage Regional Museum Association's 2024-2025 Passport to Adventure program begins May 1.

Open to everyone, the program encourages you to discover more than 60 museums and nature centers in Kane and DuPage Counties.

Free passports are available for pickup beginning May 1 at the Bartlett History Museum, 228 S. Main Street; Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue; and Arts in Bartlett, 215 S. Main Street. The passport lists all the details for the participating sites. Grab yours and start the adventure!

Down at the Depot

The Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue, features exhibits and hands-on activities that highlight Bartlett's rail history. It is open Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon.

Families are invited to join in some extra fun each month at the First Saturday Free Children's Craft! No registration required, but supplies are limited. Drop in anytime between 9 a.m. and noon.

April 6 - kiddos will paint a suncatcher wreath

May 2 - learn about cicadas & craft one too

Free admission and free public parking across the street.

All Aboard for History!

Bartlett School, Part 2

This year, Bartlett Elementary School is celebrating its 150th year of establishment.

The school began in 1874, one year after Bartlett was founded. As the village grew in population, the schoolhouse that once stood at North and Hickory Avenues became outdated and was condemned. It was essential to build a new schoolhouse.

At that time, Bartlett was part of the Cook County Rural School System, Division One. The first \$30,000 bond referendum for a new schoolhouse failed by a vote of 124 against and 100 for. A second bond referendum passed. Two and a half acres of land were purchased at the southeast corner of Eastern and North Avenues, where the school still stands today. There have been many building additions through the years.

Ralph E. Abel of Elgin, who specialized in school architecture, was hired to design the four-room brick building with modern amenities, such as running water and central heating, and included a gymnasium/auditorium. Local business H. H. Schultz Hardware was contracted to do the wiring, plumbing and sheet metal work.

A dedication ceremony was held on Friday, January 18, 1929, with singing, music, addresses and the presentation of the key to the building. The students and four faculty members were thrilled to finally move in! At the time the school housed grades 1 to 8 and the 2-year Bartlett High School.



June 8 & 9, 2024



artsinbartlett.org/global-arts-festival

Date: Saturday, 6/8 & Sunday, 6/9

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Jensen Pavilion at Apple Orchard Park, 620 W Stearns Rd

Arts in Bartlett's signature event. Free to attend, this community festival celebrates cultural diversity and values to broaden knowledge, encourage acceptance and grow unity.

Featuring an entertainment stage filled with local groups performing culturally significant dance routines, playing unique musical instruments and singing traditional ethnic songs.

Friends and families are invited to come and enjoy a variety of lawn games, crafts and activities; visit vendor booths filled with diverse wares and artists representing world cultures; and discover interesting ethnic foods and beverages offered by local establishments.



Date: Saturday, 5/4 (Rain date – Sunday, 5/5)

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Arts in Bartlett, 215 S Main Street

Held annually the first weekend in May. Arts in Bartlett is excited to again host this free to attend, indoor/outdoor marketplace at Bartlett Town Center. Ninety vendors participated in this event in 2023.

New Casual Wedding Package!



Looking for all the FUN of a wedding reception without all the frills? Bartlett Hills Golf Club's Casual Wedding Package offers a new way to host your wedding.

The Casual Wedding Package pricing includes:

- exclusive use of the ballroom for the day
- 5 hour premium bar
- fresh flower centerpiece vases
- passed appetizers and choice of themed food stations, including pasta station; spud bar; south of the border taco bar; Chicago style; wing station; mac & cheese station; slider station; BBQ station
- no minimum with Friday & Sunday discounts

Schedule an appointment:

Evan@bartletthills.com or 630-213-3103.

Bartlett Hills Golf Club
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Memorial Day



For more than three decades, Bartlett has honored its deceased veterans with a Memorial Day Walk and Remembrance. Please come and join this commemoration on Monday, 5/27.

It begins at 10 a.m. at Bartlett Park, Oak and North Avenues, with an American Legion flag retirement ceremony. At 10:30 a.m. veterans, scouts, civic groups, bagpipers and residents line up for the walk to Bartlett Cemetery, which steps off at 11 a.m.

At the cemetery, the remembrance continues with a brief program and a cannon salute to recognize Bartlett's local hometown heroes.

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.

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