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NEWS

Bartlett's Best Tacos!



Congratulations to North of the Border and thank you to the 10 other businesses that participated in Bartlett's Best Tacos competition.

Voting on the village website was open throughout the month of February, and 1,296 votes were cast. North of the Border was crowned the winner, with 384 votes. One Taco Dos Tequilas came in second with 293 votes and Elly's Mexican Tacos took third with 167 votes.

The village board recognized North of the Border at the Tuesday, 3/19 meeting with a fun "Best Tacos in Bartlett" trophy and well earned applause.

Powering Safe Communities Grant

Powering Safe Communities Program

2023 Grant Recipient



The Village of Bartlett Police Department is excited to be one of 21 communities awarded a 2023 Powering Safe Communities grant by ComEd and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. The 2023 awards mark the ninth year of the program which was created to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) and other clean energy technologies and to support local public safety initiatives.

The grant helps support the police department's AED (automated external defibrillator) project. The department was able to purchase three new AEDs and training AEDs. They are being used by officers on the street, as well as for training police department and village employees on CPR.

The ability for police officers to deploy AEDs for persons having sudden cardiac arrests, prior to the arrival of emergency medical services, is critical to the department's public safety mission. In 2023 police had eight AED deployments with THREE confirmed saves. Thank you to ComEd and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus!

First Saturday Free Family Craft



It's spring! Celebrate the season at the Bartlett Depot Museum on Saturday, 4/6 with the First Saturday Free Family Craft. Kiddos will paint a sun-catcher wreath to hang in a window of their home.

Blue flowers and yellow butterflies? Pink flowers and purple butterflies? You decide the colors! Plastic smocks will be available for the kiddos to wear, but please remember this could be messy, so dress appropriately

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

All Aboard for History!

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month



According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, distracted driving has become a deadly epidemic on our roads. Cell phone use — specifically, texting, talking, and social media use — has become the most common distraction. Other risky actions include adjusting the radio or GPS, applying makeup, eating and drinking. By driving distracted, you're robbing yourself of seconds that you may need to avoid a close call or deadly crash.

April is national Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and it is a good time to regroup and take responsibility for the choices you make when you are on the road. Follow these safety tips for a safe ride:

- Need to send a text? Pull over and park your car in a safe location.
- Designate your passenger as your "designated texter" to respond to calls or messages.
- Do not scroll through apps while driving.
- Struggling not to text and drive? Put the cell phone in the trunk, glove box, or back seat of the vehicle until you arrive at your destination.

During April, the Bartlett Police Department is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Illinois State Police and more than 200 law enforcement agencies throughout the state to remind motorists to "Drop It and Drive."

At a time when traffic fatalities are on the rise in Illinois and across the country, the police department is committed to reducing the traffic crashes caused by distractions like texting or talking on a cell phone. Drivers can expect to see increased patrols and enforcement zones the entire month of April.

Participation in this statewide traffic safety initiative is funded by a grant awarded by IDOT's Bureau of Safety Programs & Engineering.

REMINDERS



Spring cleaning? Don't miss this opportunity to recycle your electronics, textiles, paint, books and more at this Recycling Extravaganza & Paper Shredding event from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, 4/13 at DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road in Wheaton

This free event is open to everyone! For more information, contact SCARCE, 630-545-9710.

Items Accepted:

DuPage County Sheriff - Syringes, EpiPens, medications, sharps, lancets

eWorks - Electronics (\$25-\$35 fee for televisions and monitors)

- Textiles: please bag clothing, shoes, towels, blankets, coats

- Scrap Metal: items such as metal hangers, lawn furniture, chicken wire, unusable pots & pans, etc.

SCARCE -Books, records, musical instruments, BRITA brand (only) filters/pitchers, keys from cars/homes, small inkjet cartridges (NO toners), holiday lights, x-rays, bread tags, mercury thermometers/thermostats /barometers. **NO light bulbs, NO CFLs



April marks Safe Digging Month in Illinois, reminding homeowners and professional excavators to contact JULIE before every digging project this spring, regardless of the size or depth.

Did you know that utility lines are buried on your property? That's because today most electric, gas, water, sewer, and communications companies deliver their services underground. If you're planting, building, adding, or fixing anything that requires digging and you strike a line, you can knock out service to your home or your whole neighborhood, cause serious and costly damage, and even physically harm yourself or your family.

JULIE, Illinois' FREE notification service to contact for safe digging, is here to help you prevent damaging underground utility lines. Contact JULIE and member utility companies will be alerted so they can indicate where on your property buried lines are located.

Here are a four of the most common myths that preclude individuals from contacting JULIE before they dig.

Myth 1: I Already Know Where Utility Lines Are Buried

Are you 100 percent sure?

Nationwide, an underground utility line is unintentionally damaged every few minutes because someone did not know where it was buried on their property. In fact, more than 25

Wheaton Lions Club - Eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids

Working Bikes - Bikes, helmets, tire pumps, repair tools

Soccer Gear for Zambia - Soccer items: jerseys/uniforms, socks, shin guards, cleats, soccer balls, nets, referee gear, girls leggings, first aid kits

Melba's Place (project of Milton Township) - Walkers, wheelchairs, crutches

AmeriGas - Propane tanks

Interstate Battery - Car and other large batteries **NO household batteries

Document Shredding (funded in part by DuPage County) - Acceptable items: tax records, medical records, sensitive documents. Limit 4 bags per car. **NO plastic file tabs, NO vinyl checkbook covers, NO plastic page protectors, NO batteries (greeting cards, etc)

FEE BASED collections (collected by Earth Paint)

Latex Paint Fees: QUARTS: Customer Pays \$1.49
GALLONS: Customer Pays \$3.99
BUCKETS: Customer Pays \$14.99
Oil-Based Paint & Stain Fees (Combustible) QUARTS: Customer Pays \$5.99
GALLONS: Customer Pays \$9.99
BUCKETS: Customer Pays \$24.99

SCARCE website



percent of underground utility line damage was caused by a homeowner or contractor failing to contact a local notification service like JULIE to have their site marked. In Illinois, state law requires you contact JULIE whenever you disturb the earth—every project, every time.

Myth 2: I'm Replacing A Similar Project In The Same Area

You may think you know exactly where it's safe to dig but never assume an area is free of underground utility lines. Utility line depth and placement can change over time due to erosion, root system growth and other environmental factors. So if you're off even a few inches in any direction when you dig, you could cause severe damage. Don't take a chance. It only takes a few minutes to submit a locate request.

Myth 3: I'm Not Digging Deep Enough To Cause Damage

You might be surprised to learn that many utility lines are just a few inches below the surface and you risk striking one by simply putting your shovel in the ground. Whenever you're digging on your property—no matter how shallow—you're required by law to contact JULIE to have underground utility lines marked. Neglecting to do so can result in an interruption to services, costly utility repairs, or worse. The service is FREE and available 24/7/365.

Myth 4: It's Just A Small Project

You don't need to be tackling a large-scale project such as installing a fence, pool or deck to contact JULIE before you dig. Smaller tasks like planting a garden, shrub or tree also require you have underground utility lines on your property marked. Illinois law requires the person actually doing the digging contact JULIE—that's your contractor if you hire a professional or you if you do it yourself—at least two business days before starting any excavation.

This is a free service. Striking a buried utility line can cause injury, repair costs, penalties and inconvenient outages. Here are five important steps before putting a shovel in the ground:

The 2024 planting season will be the inaugural year for the Bartlett Community Garden, and there are still some spots available for rent.

The program offers individual garden plots measuring 4 feet by 12 feet, as well as some raised beds for seniors and individuals with mobility issues. A nominal fee will be required to rent a plot for the season, which will run from May to October.

Join the Bartlett Community Garden program and embark on a rewarding journey from seed to table. All beds are available on a first come first served basis. Gardening is permitted between dawn and dusk during the gardening season.

Apply for a Garden Plot

1. Pre-mark the dig site with white paint or flags
2. Go to www.JULIEBeforeYouDig.com or call 8-1-1 anytime to submit your locate request;
3. Wait the required amount of time (two business days);
4. Respect the marks; and
5. Dig with care.

Member utilities have two business days to respond to your request. Notifications received after 4 p.m. are processed as received at 8 a.m. the next day. So if you want to start your outdoor project on the weekend, contact JULIE before 4 p.m. on Wednesday. JULIE's call center agents are available to receive and process requests 24 hours a day, seven days a week. E-Request is a free, self-service option available anytime.

JULIE Before You Dig

Meetings & Events

TUESDAY 4/2 @ 3:30 p.m.
Fire & Police Commission Meeting
- cancelled

TUESDAY, 4/2 @ 7 p.m.
Village Board Meeting

TUESDAY 4/2 @ 7 p.m.
Committee of the Whole Meeting

THURSDAY, 4/4 @ 6 p.m.
Bike & Run Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, 4/4 @ 7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

SATURDAYDAY, 4/6 @ 9 a.m.
1st Saturday Children's Craft

MONDAY, 4/8 @ 7 p.m.
Economic Development Commission Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 4/10 @ 7 p.m.

Text Scam Alert!

The Illinois Tollway is advising I-PASS customers to disregard phishing texts being sent to their phones from "Illinois toll way" that detail a specific outstanding toll amount. If you receive a text and are unsure, please check your account online at www.illinoistollway.com or call the tollway's customer service center at 1-800-UC-IPASS (1-800-824-7277) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays.

I-PASS customers should delete any text message received stating an outstanding toll amount. The tollway has been informed that this is a phishing scam claiming that recipients owe money for unpaid tolls.

If you receive a phishing text, please file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov. That is a site dedicated to sharing information about Internet crimes across law enforcement agencies.

Barbie, America's Most Famous Doll

SATURDAY, 4/13 @ 8:30 a.m.
Recycling Extravaganza

SATURDAY, 4/13 @ 9 a.m.
Fire District - Stop the Bleed Event

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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.

Sponsorship Opportunities



BARTLETT
4th of July
FESTIVAL

JULY
4-7

LIVE MUSIC FEATURING

ANTHEM - MODERN DAY ROMEOS
BRASS FROM THE PAST - SMOKIN' GUNZ
METRO FERN - TENNESSEE WHISKEY - ANCHORS AWAY
CHEAP FOREIGN CARS - JUKE BOX MAFIA - VOYAGE - SEALED WITH A KISS
KAREN HEART BAND - SAM SAVAGE - JADE 50'S - DAVID'S HOUSE - BOSSY DOG -
TRIPLE FRET - NICK SANZERI

FIREWORKS | FOOD | BEER | CARNIVAL

BARTLETT4THOFJULY.COM

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Since 1992, the Bartlett 4th of July Festival has been organized, managed and promoted each year by a group of community volunteers who work with the Village of Bartlett, Bartlett Park District and Bartlett Fire Protection District to provide a multi-day celebration for the community. There is no charge to enjoy the Bartlett festival because it is largely self-funded through the carnival, food and beverage purchases.

This year to help bring in additional revenue to contribute to the festival activities, such as fireworks and bands, the Bartlett 4th of July Committee is offering opportunities for sponsorships at many levels. For more information, contact the committee.

Text: 630-830-4018

eMail: bartlett4thsponsors@gmail.com

Facebook: [facebook.com/bartlett4thofjuly](https://www.facebook.com/bartlett4thofjuly)

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- * [Learn more & sign up for Code Red Emergency Notifications](#)
- * [Learn about the Bartlett Connect mobile app](#)

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