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**NEWS**

**Happy Arbor Day -- April 26!**

# Breaking Bud

In celebration of  
Arbor Day



Did you know that Bartlett has been a Tree City for six years, and in 2022 was recognized with the Tree City USA Growth Award?

To achieve Tree City USA status a community must meet “four core standards of sound urban forestry management.” The Tree City USA Growth Award is presented by the Arbor Day Foundation to participating Tree City USA communities that demonstrate higher levels of tree care and community engagement. Planting more trees than were removed and staff members receiving additional arborist credentials qualified Bartlett for the award.

A 2019 municipal tree inventory determined there were a total of 15,282 parkway trees in Bartlett with 2,993 available spaces where trees could be planted. The average condition rating of all trees is 2.97, which is slightly above average.

Due to the massive amount of tree removals and replacements following the emerald ash borer infestation, the age of Bartlett’s tree population is relatively young. The tree inventory estimated that 33.2% were less than 15 years old and 33.3% were about 20 to 25 years old. That means only a third of the total population is considered to be “mature.”

The ultimate goal is to have a fairly equal number of trees in each age classification. Therefore, it is important for the Village to prioritize the planting, health and maintenance of young trees so the population continues to become more balanced and mature.

This year, in celebration of Arbor Day, you are invited to join the village arborist and Village of Bartlett Museums staff at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 5/15 for "Breaking Bud, a Tree & History 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](mailto:prohleder@bartlett.il.gov), with your name, number of people attending and your phone number

See Bartlett Municipal Tree  
Inventory

# Police Open House & Lions 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](http://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 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.

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## Firearm Restraining Order Awareness Campaign

# Hit pause with a **FRO**

**Firearm Restraining Orders  
pause a deadly situation.**

Loved one in crisis? A new state education initiative wants you to know that a firearm restraining order gives a person in crisis time to heal.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Brady: United Against Gun Violence and the Ad Council are partnering to raise awareness about the lifesaving potential of Firearm Restraining Orders (FROs) or “red flag laws.”

Though FROs can be highly effective, a recent study from the Ad Council Research Institute (ACRI) and Joyce Foundation found that only 10% of Illinoisans are familiar with these potentially life-saving tools and know how to use them if needed.

The Illinois effort is the first phase of a planned multi-state campaign called “Pause to Heal.” It is designed to prevent firearm suicides and other shootings by educating the public about the state’s FRO law, and the power that family and household members have to ask a court to temporarily restrict access to guns and ammunition when a person poses a threat to themselves or others.

If someone you know is in crisis and has access to a firearm, learn more about how a FRO can pause a deadly situation.

[Visit Pause to Heal Website](#)

## **Board Approves Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget**

The Village of Bartlett Board reviewed the proposed fiscal year 2024/2025 budget at the March 5 and March 19 finance committee meetings, and following an April 2 public hearing,



voted to adopt the \$85,610,827 budget.

Total expenditures for all funds decreased more than 20% from last year's budget. This decrease is attributed to the end of the Brewster Creek TIF (tax increment financing) and reduction in the wastewater treatment plant construction costs.

Total revenues also decreased by more than 20%, attributable to fewer loans being required to fund the treatment plant and a smaller property tax increment being received due to the end of the TIF.

The termination of the Brewster Creek TIF has been a significant undertaking. The growth in EAV (equalized assessed value) over the life of the TIF from \$2M in 1999 to nearly \$100M today has made the park an economic engine for the village. Bartlett's daytime population increased to more than 10,000 in the past two years, primarily because of the steady growth of industrial, warehousing, and manufacturing businesses.

Property taxes represent 13% of the entire budget revenues and total \$12,870,519. The village's portion of the total property tax bill is about 10%. The general corporate levy is budgeted to remain the same as the prior year. The prior year's levy increase was to capture added taxable property value from the Brewster Creek TIF closing. Tax rates will not increase as the additional taxable property value will offset the increased levy. This is in line with the village's practice during the past decade.

Increases in the police pension annual contribution will require an evaluation of the pension levy and the possible use of reserve funds in keeping with established policy.

Major infrastructure projects have been reviewed and allocated through the Capital Improvements Plan; this budget includes one year of that five-year plan.

Funding for these projects comes from a variety of sources, including the American Rescue Plan funds, low interest IEPA loans, previous bond issues, and available fund balances. Bartlett is committed to putting these resources to work appropriately and ensuring that the village invests in the community in ways that enhance the quality of life for residents and the conditions that support a successful environment for businesses.

The investment in critical community infrastructure includes the final phase of construction of the wastewater treatment facility, continued replacement of lead water service lines, installation of new more efficient water meters, and the sanitary sewer rehabilitation program - all important to the health and safety of residents.

The budget also includes smaller scale projects, such as new sidewalks and bike paths, and street improvements throughout the community. Additionally the budget includes funding for equipment, operations and training that advances the village's mission and the strategic plan objectives.

The budget continues to be a conservative financial plan intended to hold the line

on expenditures, sustain Bartlett's fiscal stability, and provide for excellence in the delivery of services. The village has taken several steps to ensure its fiscal stability; including, but not limited to department restructuring and introduction of newer technologies to improve efficiencies, and necessary reduction or postponement of expenses. Expenditure patterns were examined to determine where costs could be reduced.

There is much to be proud of in this community and much more to anticipate as the village looks to the future. Yet, there are difficulties to navigate. Diligence and focus on persistent issues such as inflation, a difficult labor market and shortages and price increases for equipment and raw materials will remain a challenge into the fiscal new year

Despite these lingering issues, the steady leadership of the village board and staff continues to safeguard Bartlett's long-established commitment to exceptional service delivery, fiscal prudence and deliberate decision making today to improve the Bartlett of tomorrow.

## REMINDERS



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



**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 indoor/outdoor, free-to-attend marketplace at Bartlett Town Center. Ninety vendors participated in this event in 2023.

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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!

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Families are invited to join in some extra fun each month at the First Saturday Free Children's Craft at the Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue. No registration required, but supplies are limited. Drop in anytime between 9 a.m. and noon.

On Saturday, 5/2, kiddos will learn about cicadas & craft one too.

The Depot Museum 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. Admission is free and there is free public parking across the street in the municipal lot.



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.

TVGC members will be on hand to answer questions, share gardening expertise and recommend 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 the garden club Facebook page or its website.

[Tri-Village Garden Club Website](#)

## Meetings & Events

**SUNDAY 4/28 @ 8 a.m.**  
[Bartlett Lions Club Pancake Breakfast](#)

**SUNDAY, 4/28 @ 9 a.m.**  
[Bartlett Police Department Open House](#)

**THURSDAY, 5/2 @ 7 p.m.**  
[Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting](#)

**SATURDAY, 5/4 @ 9 a.m.**  
[1st Saturday Children's Craft](#)

**SATURDAY, 5/4 @ 9 a.m.**  
[Artisan Marketplace & Craft Show](#)

**SATURDAY, 5/4 @ 9 a.m.**  
[Growin' Green Garden Market](#)

## Texting Option for DuPage Helpline

In addition to dialing or browsing for help, DuPage County residents seeking health and human services can text the county's free 211 information and referral line.

Residents can text their ZIP code to 898211 to connect with a county operator, who can provide referrals to assistance available near them. Texting service will be available between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition to the texting option, residents seeking help can still dial 2-1-1 or visit [211dupage.gov](http://211dupage.gov) to find services near them 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

"Texting 211 initiates a conversation with a live, specially trained operator who will efficiently connect you to the right resources," said Human Services Chairman Greg Schwarze.

Immediate referrals are available any time of day for services, including clothing or personal items, disaster services, education, food, health and wellness, income support, legal aid, transportation, and more.

211 is a confidential, information and referral service that connects residents to local health and social service resources. It is different from 988, the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, which provides free and confidential support for people in a mental health, suicidal or emotional crisis.

DuPage County launched 211 in November 2022, and to date, has connected more than 8,000 people to County social services.

## Medical Debt Relief

Are you struggling with medical debt? You are not alone. More than 100 million people in America — a startling 41% of adults — have medical bills they cannot pay.

The good news is DuPage Health



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.

Coalition can help. Open to uninsured and underinsured DuPage County residents (all immigration statuses welcome), Medical Debt Care DuPage has a team of financial counselors who can review outstanding bills and help local residents apply for medical financial assistance programs. Whether it's past or present medical bills—from hospitals, ambulances, doctor's offices, or those in collections—all qualify for review.

Services are free, provided in-person or virtually, with appointments readily available. To be contacted for help, email [medicaldebt@accessdupage.org](mailto:medicaldebt@accessdupage.org).

April is Financial Literacy Month. Seize the opportunity to tackle medical debt and look forward to a stronger financial future by contacting DuPage Health Coalition today.

[Watch Video To Learn More](#)

## Turning to Business



### **Second Chances, 336 S. Main Street**

The Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce, village officials, neighbors and friends welcomed Second Chances to downtown Bartlett at a grand opening and ribbon cutting event on Tuesday, 4/9. Second Chances is a lifestyle boutique featuring furniture, home decor, fashion, jewelry and gifts.

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## Dining & Retail Guide



Wondering where to go in the Village for shopping and dining? Check out the newly updated, interactive Dining & Retail Guide on the village website Maps Hub.

Dining & Retail  
Guide

### 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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