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NEWS

Save the Date!

June 8 & 9, 2024

Bartlett
Arts in Bartlett

Global arts Festival

artsinbartlett.org/global-arts-festival

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

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

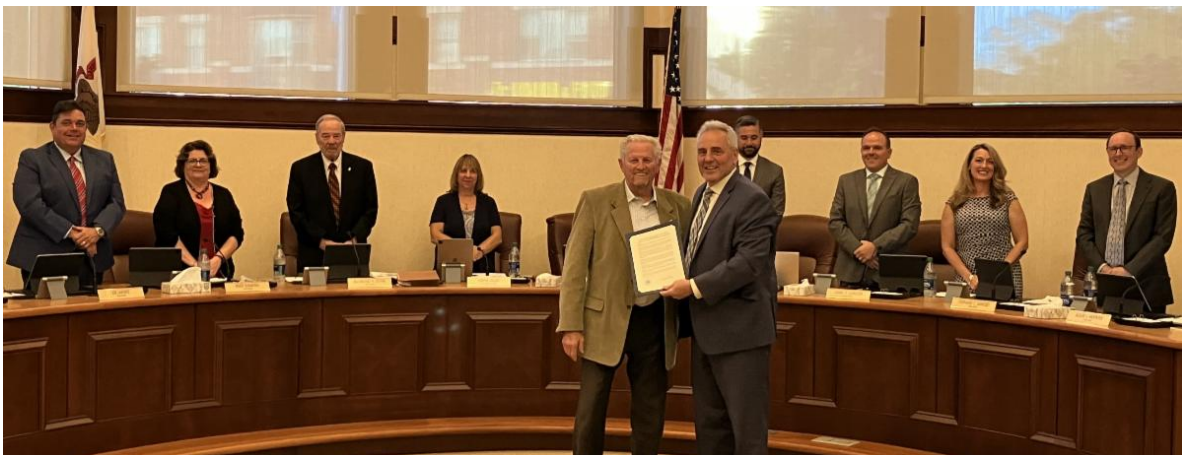
Location: Jensen Pavilion at Apple Orchard Park, 620 W Stearns Rd

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.

[More Details at Arts in Bartlett](#)

Bartlett Resident Honored with Governor's Award!



The Governor's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individual volunteers in order to highlight the importance of volunteerism and community service. No candidate was

more deserving of the 2023-2024 Governor's Award than Bartlett resident Roy Engstrom, whose decades of selfless volunteerism is unmatched in the community.

Engstrom established the Bartlett Little League, an organization that grew to be one of the largest little leagues in the state. Not only was he president of that organization for 10 years, he initiated construction of the community's first baseball diamond in 1972 and was instrumental in the construction of Ruzicka Park, Apple Orchard Park, Leiseberg Park and the Jensen Pavilion, donating labor and materials to their construction.

The Bartlett Lions Club, one of the village's oldest civic groups, has enriched the community through eye glass collections and eye health screenings, coordination of the annual visit from Santa, the Independence Day Parade and more. And Roy has been right there with them, a Lions Club member for 50 years, who has done everything from flipping flapjacks at their pancake breakfasts to organizing the Lions Club Charity Golf Outing for more than 25 years.

Roy is also a founding member of the Bartlett 4th of July Committee, and 30 years later continues to serve this all-volunteer community group that organizes and manages a multi-day Independence Day celebration that never fails to make joyful family memories.

The Village Board honored Roy with a proclamation at their 5/7 meeting and thanked him for everything he has done to connect our community and stoke the "hometown" feelings that nourish our residents.

Applications Now Open



The Village of Bartlett is excited to once again open registration for its "Pump Up the Art" program. Interested artists (residency not required) are invited to apply and paint designated fire hydrants within the corporate limits of Bartlett with fun and creative designs. The goal of this program is to embrace the talent of local individuals while displaying new art throughout the community.

The application process is open through August 1. There is no cost to apply,

however painters are responsible for providing their own materials. Once approved, artists have until October or the first frost of the season to paint their hydrants.

Please use the link below to see more information or to apply. Happy painting!

Pump Up the
Art

Bartlett Park District Welcomes New Executive Director



The Bartlett Park District is excited to announce Kevin Romejko as its new executive director. Romejko holds a BA from the University of Iowa, an MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management of DeVry University, and brings more than 30 years of experience in the park & recreation field to Bartlett.

Kevin has a deep connection to the Bartlett community as his family previously resided here from 2008 to 2019, and he was an integral part of Bartlett Park District's team between 2016 and 2020 as the superintendent of business services.

Before returning to Bartlett Park District, Kevin showcased his leadership skills as the executive director at Rolling Meadows Park District, where in his first week, along with the rest of the world, he began to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. His accomplishments in Rolling Meadows include successfully securing more than \$900,000 in grants from the Illinois Department of National Resources (IDNR) for park renovations and collaborating effectively with community stakeholders, such as the library, on projects like the StoryWalk installation.

Romejko rejoins the Bartlett Park District in May 2024 as the third executive director, succeeding the retiring Rita Fletcher. He not only brings professional expertise but also visionary leadership and a personal passion for recreation and community service to his new position, promising a bright future for the Bartlett Park District under his guidance.

Executive Director Rita Fletcher's retirement follows a distinguished 37-year tenure with the organization and nearly four decades in the field. Starting with Bartlett Park

District in 1986 as a recreation supervisor, Fletcher progressed through various roles including assistant superintendent of recreation, superintendent of recreation, and finally, executive director.

During her time as executive director, Fletcher secured grants totaling more than \$3.2 million, successfully advocated for the passage of an \$18 million referendum, and oversaw the transformation of vital facilities such as Villa Olivia (introducing the state's first ski hill to a park district) and the Bartlett Aquatic Center (introducing the state's first over-water zip line).

Furthermore, she played a pivotal role in the development of numerous parks, athletic fields, and playgrounds, facilitated intergovernmental agreements, and adeptly navigated the district through the unprecedented challenges presented by the pandemic.

Under Rita's outstanding leadership, the park district was selected as a Gold Medal Finalist by the National Park & Recreation Association, attained the status of an IPRA/IAPD Distinguished Accredited Agency, and was honored with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for an impressive 22 consecutive years.

As she embarks on this exciting new chapter, the Bartlett Park District Board of Commissioners and park district staff expressed profound gratitude for her steadfast commitment to "Creating FUN...", the district's mission statement.

In addition, the Village of Bartlett Board of Trustees recognized Fletcher with a proclamation at the April 2 meeting, thanking Rita for her many years of service to the village and wishing her great health and much happiness in her retirement.

REMINDERS



The Village of Bartlett with 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:

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.



Wayne Township, 27W031 North Avenue, West Chicago, is hosting a recycle, shred and electronics/metal/appliance/power tool/battery recycle event on Saturday, 6/8 from 9 to 11 a.m. Open to the public. Rain or shine. Drive through.

Bartlett and south of the Metra tracks.

Week of 10/14 - ALL homes east of S. Bartlett plus ALL homes north of the Metra tracks.

Place all non-bundled brush in the parkway, cut ends facing street, by 7 a.m. on the Monday morning of your area's assigned week. The pickup for your specific block may not occur until later in the week, depending on how many households in each area are using this service. However, once the truck goes down a street they will NOT go back around a second time.

Please DO NOT put brush piles under trees, next to fixtures, mailboxes or power poles, etc.

This is a supplemental program. Groot will still continue to pick up weekly bundled brush, see details on the Brush Collection page on the village website.

[Brush Collection webpage](#)



Bartlett Village Hall administrative offices will be closed Saturday, 5/25 through Monday, 5/27 for the Memorial Day holiday. Please join the village for the annual Memorial Day Walk & Remembrance on Monday, 5/27, stepping off from Bartlett Park at 11 a.m.

Due to the holiday, Groot will collect

Electronics: Accepting all things electronic such as computers, laptops, monitors, printers, circuit boards, servers, scanners, hard drives, projectors, cables/wires/power supplies, keyboards, mice, TVs, stereos, VCRs, power tools, appliances, gaming systems, cameras, exercise equipment, phones, microwaves, coffee makers, Christmas lights, metal and more!

Most electronic recycling is free but there is a cost for some items. Cash or check only. Check payable to "Midwest Computer Recycling"

- TVs: \$20/each
- Tube CRT monitors: \$10/each
- Microwaves: \$5/each
- Exercise equipment: \$5/per piece

Document Shredding:

- Limit of 5 "Jewel/Grocery" Sized Plastic Bags
- No Boxes

Also Collecting:

- Tattered American Flags
- Eyeglasses
- Large Batteries (no household batteries)
- Textiles (clothes, shoes, belts, purses, towels, sheets, blankets, rags, etc. in any condition)

For more information, visit the Wayne Township website or call 630-231-7140.

[Wayne Township](#)

trash and recycling on Wednesday, 5/29 instead of Tuesday, 5/28.

Village officials and staff wish you a safe holiday weekend.

Meetings & Events

THURSDAY, 5/16 @ 4 p.m.
Maverick's Birthday Paw-ty

FRIDAY, 5/17 @ 5 a.m.
Cop on a Rooftop Fundraiser

SATURDAY, 5/18 @ 9 a.m.
Tri-Village Garden Club Plant Sale

TUESDAY, 5/21 @ 7 p.m.
Village Board Meeting

TUESDAY, 5/21 @ 7 p.m.
Committee of the Whole Meeting

MONDAY, 5/27 @ 10 a.m.
Memorial Day Walk & Remembrance

Illinoisans Encouraged to "Get Real"

With the federal deadline one year away, Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias is encouraging Illinoisans to "Get Real" and obtain a REAL ID.

After the May 7, 2025 deadline, domestic travelers on commercial flights, age 18 and older, must have a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or state ID card. Travelers will still be able to board domestic flights with a U.S. passport, which is already REAL ID-compliant. A REAL ID will also be required to enter some federal facilities, such as courthouses and military bases.

The deadline for obtaining the REAL ID has been pushed back multiple times, most recently in 2022 when the Department of Homeland Security cited the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the state's ability to issue licenses.

According to Jim Spriggs, TSA Illinois Federal Security Director, "Beginning May 8, 2024, TSA Officers will proactively provide information to passengers who do not present a REAL ID-Compliant state-issued driver's license or identification. These efforts are in preparation of REAL ID enforcement, which will occur on May 7, 2025."

The REAL ID law was passed by Congress in 2005 based on a recommendation from the 9/11 Commission Report. The Department of Homeland Security established the standards that state-issued driver's licenses and ID cards must meet to increase security measures for airports and federal facilities.

Illinois began offering REAL IDs in 2019. Illinois driver's licenses and

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.

ID cards that are REAL ID-compliant include a gold circle with a white star in the top right-hand corner of the card.

Individuals applying for a REAL ID must do so in-person at an Illinois DMV and are required to present:

1. Either a U.S. birth certificate, U.S. passport, Naturalization Certificate, Report of Birth Abroad or a Certificate of Citizenship. If you are not a U.S. citizen, an employment authorization document, a permanent resident card or a foreign passport with an approved I-94 form is also acceptable. If you've changed your name, you'll need to provide name change documents.
2. Proof of a full Social Security number (SSN). Examples include: a Social Security card, a W-2 or a pay stub with your full SSN.
3. Two current residency documents that list your full name. Examples include: a utility bill, rental agreement, deed/title or a bank statement.
4. Proof of your signature. Examples include: a signed credit or debit card, canceled check, or current state driver's license or state ID.

Illinois residents can go online to access an interactive checklist to make sure they have the documents they need before heading to a DMV. Some Illinois DMVs require an appointment, so residents are encouraged to plan ahead if they need to schedule one.

Secretary of State REAL
ID

Project Updates



Bicycle Repair Station

The South Bartlett Road bike path improvements were completed last fall, but the community can thank the Bartlett Lions Club for the perfect final touch to the project. The Lions Club purchased a bicycle repair station to be installed along the trail. The Bartlett Public Library District suggested the location, had library staff provide the installation and sponsored the unveiling of the repair station.

The repair pad is located on the bike path near the front of the library. It features a free air pump, tools, and a mount so bicyclists can securely hang their bike to change a tire and make other repairs or adjustments should the need arise. Thank you to the Bartlett Public Library District for its helping hands and to the Lions Club for its generous donation.



Business Parking Remains Open

The business parking lots along Bartlett and Oak Avenue are open to everyone who is

shopping or dining locally during the downtown water main replacement project. The public parking lot on the southwest corner of Railroad and S. Oak Avenue also remains open.

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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