

# Bartletter

## Save the Dates!

**Tuesday, 8/13  
First Day of Classes  
for U46 & Many Other  
Area Schools!**

Please obey school zone speed limits, don't use your cell phone & be mindful of school buses and students walking to and from school.



Join the fun on Friday, 9/27 and Saturday, 9/28, at another unforgettable Bartlett Oktoberfest in Leiseberg Park, 325 E Devon Avenue! Hosted by the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bartlett Rotary Club, and the Bartlett Lions Club, this year's Oktoberfest will feature live bands, family activities, shopping and, of course, food and beer.

Visit [www.bartlettoktoberfest.com](http://www.bartlettoktoberfest.com) for more details, event updates and the full activity and entertainment schedule.

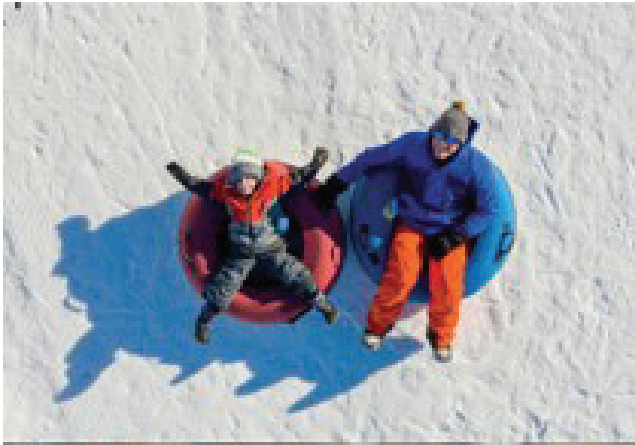
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**WE  
BELONG  
IN BARTLETT**



When you live in Bartlett, it's easy to understand why. It feels like a small town—even though it's grown a lot over the years. It's safe. Welcoming. Filled with adventures, events and experiences.  
*It's home... and you belong.*

**BE AT YOUR BEST IN BARTLETT.**    [belonginbartlett.com](http://belonginbartlett.com)



# A Minute with the Mayor

The village has taken the initial steps to adopt a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district for its Lake Street Corridor, the properties roughly between Lela Lane on the west and Hale Avenue on the east.

Illinois law allows local governments to designate areas within their jurisdiction as TIF districts as a means to invest in infrastructure and other improvements and pay for them by capturing the increase in property taxes generated by the development. TIF encourages new economic development and job creation and allows declining and under performing areas to again become viable. TIF does this without tapping into general revenues or raising taxes.

The village has successfully used TIFs in the past to develop its downtown and the Brewster Creek Business Park. Notably, the equalized assessed value of Brewster Creek Business Park had been around \$2 million in 2000, when the TIF district was starting. It is now approaching \$100 million, indicating nearly \$300 million worth of real estate improvements made. The real estate taxes paid by these thriving businesses will now go directly to the taxing districts for this area, lessening the tax burden on homeowners.

Two newer TIF districts in Bartlett, Bluff City and Route 59 & Lake Street, are also showing signs of good economic promise for Bartlett.

Last June, the village board approved an agreement with Teska Associates Inc. for TIF consulting services related to the creation of a new TIF district along Lake Street. Under the agreement Teska would shepherd the project from initial review and eligibility report through preparation of the project redevelopment plan and TIF adoption.

According to Teska's June 2024 Redevelopment Plan, the businesses along the Lake Street Corridor developed relatively early in the post World War II suburban growth of the Chicago metropolitan area, and they reflect the size, orientation and, in several instances, the obsolescence that characterizes the development of that era. The plan is intended to provide a framework for improvements and reinvestment within the project area over the next 23 years.

The project area contains 13 structures on 28 parcels, totaling approximately 154 acres. The properties include vacant, undeveloped rights-of-way owned and managed by IDOT; commercial vacancies; and deteriorated or dilapidated commercial structures, all of which are opportunities for redevelopment

and public improvements. We believe that turning to this valuable financing tool once again will offer a healthy jumpstart to a needed revitalization in this Bartlett neighborhood.

Along with the TIF redevelopment plan, the board began a review of its Future Land Use Plan in July and, hand-in-hand, the plans indicate the desired future land uses of the Lake Street parcels as commercial, residential, and institutional (existing Eastview Middle School) uses. In addition, the redevelopment plan also anticipates activities to be undertaken by the public sector, including the extension of utility infrastructure to service new development.

Undertaking improvements and redevelopment within the project area will generate increased tax revenues, create associated commercial/mixed-use opportunities, upgrade public improvements, such as roadways, sidewalks, street lighting, etc., and provide a stimulus for additional development in surrounding areas. Through these improvements, the character and economic viability of the project area, and Bartlett in general, will be improved over time.

On July 18, the village held an initial Joint Review Board meeting to present the Lake Street TIF Plan to the 10 other taxing districts that cover the project area. Another Joint Review Board meeting is scheduled for August 16.

Implementation of the TIF Redevelopment is expected to have significant financial impacts on the taxing districts affected. In the short term, the village's effective use of tax increment financing can be expected to arrest the ongoing decline of existing assessed values in the project area, stabilizing the existing tax base for agencies. In the long term, after the completion of all redevelopment improvements and the payment of all project costs and municipal obligations, the taxing districts will benefit from the increase in equalized assessed valuation and the resulting enhanced tax base.

The board will hold a public hearing concerning the proposed redevelopment project area at its meeting on Tuesday, 8/20. The June 2024 draft of Teska's Lake Street Corridor Redevelopment Plan and Program is available on the village website.





# Semi-Annual Brush Collection - No Need to Bundle

The Village of Bartlett with contractor Trees “R” Us provides semi-annual brush pickup in the spring and fall that does NOT require bundling. This is a supplemental program. Groot continues to pick up weekly bundled brush.

### Dates for the Fall Collection:

**Week 1- 9/30 to 10/4: homes west of S. Bartlett and south of the Metra tracks**

**Week 2 – 10/7 to 10/11: ALL homes east of S. Bartlett plus ALL homes north of the Metra tracks**

Place non-bundled brush in the parkway 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. Please DO NOT put brush piles under trees, next to fixtures, mailboxes or power poles.

Because Trees “R” Us crews use a grappler, it is better if the branches are piled in a large pile and not spread along the parkway. Nothing should be cut shorter than 4 feet or the grappler can’t grab it easily. The contractor is also able to take branches that have a larger diameter, as long as it is not a very large log or tree stump.



For residents who want another brush collection option, there is a list of contractors on the village brush collection webpage, [www.bartlettil.gov/services/utilities-resident-services/brush-collection](http://www.bartlettil.gov/services/utilities-resident-services/brush-collection), who will collect your brush for a **FEE**.

# Time to Flush the Hydrants

Hydrant flushing removes iron deposits from the water mains and ensures that hydrants are working correctly. Flushing may cause temporary water discoloration. Check for discolored water before doing laundry.

Public Works will be flushing hydrants starting the last day of September and running through October 18.



# Labor Day Holiday Hours

Just a reminder that Bartlett Village Hall administrative offices will be closed Saturday, 8/31 through Monday, 9/2 for the Labor Day holiday.

Due to the holiday, Groot will collect trash and recycling on Wednesday, 9/4 instead of Tuesday, 9/3.

Village officials and staff wish you a happy & safe holiday weekend.





# Village-Wide Garage Sale!

**Thursday, 9/5, Friday, 9/6 & Saturday, 9/7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

1004 Congress Drive  
 1023 Bentley Lane  
 1115 Monroe Drive  
 1130 Longford Road  
 1155 Independence Drive  
 1162 Lexington Drive  
 1170 Waltham Lane  
 1175 Wakefield Lane  
 1191 S. Beechtree Lane  
 120 Amherst Drive  
 121 Lucille Court  
 1213 Telluride Court  
 1214 Naperville Road  
 123 S. Berteau Avenue  
 1231 Spaulding Road  
 1272 Churchill Road  
 1329 Turfway Lane  
 133 N. Hale Avenue  
 1340 Smoketree Lane  
 135 E. McClellan Court  
 138 N. Hale Avenue  
 143 Williamsburg Drive  
 146 S. Crest Avenue  
 1541 Derby Lane  
 155 Stanton Drive  
 1610 Thornbury Road  
 215 N. Hale Avenue  
 234 Regency Drive  
 235 Lamont Parkway  
 235 N. Hale Avenue  
 245 S. Hickory Avenue

247 Hearthstone Drive  
 247 Ord Court  
 271 S. Western Avenue  
 303 Jervey Lane  
 305 Jessica Lane  
 311 Oakmont Drive  
 315 W. Morse Avenue  
 316 Patricia Lane  
 339 Surrey Road  
 349 Pinoak Drive  
 361 Sundance Drive  
 393 Snow Drift Court  
 396 Nantucket Court  
 401 E. Chippendale Drive  
 408 Woodhollow Lane  
 411 Smoketree Lane  
 415 W. North Avenue  
 416 Chara Court  
 455 Sundance  
 457 Sundance  
 460 Woodhollow Lane  
 500 W. Oneida Avenue  
 538 Eastwick Lane  
 570 Peregrine Parkway  
 604 Versailles Drive  
 675 Rose Lane  
 689 Gardenia Lane  
 690 Timber Ridge  
 706 Coral Avenue  
 752 Orchid Lane  
 763 Falmore Drive

776 Dunmore Lane  
 852 Kingston Lane  
 864 Dedham Lane  
 867 Brewster Lane  
 867 Groton Court  
 873 Groton Court  
 877 Middleton Lane  
 890 Tallgrass Drive  
 911 Capistrano Terrace  
 930 Doral Drive  
 967 S. Millwood Drive  
 969 Longford Road  
 988 Georgian Place  
 Walnut Hills Subdivision

You can continue to sign up to participate in the village-wide garage sale until the date of the sale, 9/5, and still have your address included on the online map.

Visit the village website, [www.bartlettil.gov](http://www.bartlettil.gov), and look for a link on the homepage "In the Spotlight" section to all the garage sale details. To see a live map of the garage sale participants, you can scan this QR code.



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## Home Brewing with MoRE

Do you want to brew your own beer, but wonder how and where to start? Join the Bartlett History Museum at Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street, on Wednesday, 9/25 as it hosts "Home Brewing with MoRE Brewing Co."

Head brewer David Ziebell (pictured here) will lead you through the process from ingredients to fermentation to crafting your unique stout, IPA or sour.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments and a museum



preprogram on the history of the former Bartlett Tavern at 6:45 p.m. Ziebell's talk begins at 7 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required for this free event.

Please email Pam, [prohleder@bartlett.il.gov](mailto:prohleder@bartlett.il.gov), with your name, number of attendees and phone number.

## Down at the Depot

Check out what depot museum visitors are saying! "What a wonderful experience, thank you!" "Loved it! Awesome place!" Come and see for yourself.

Located at 100 W. Railroad Avenue in the village's 1873 depot, the museum highlights Bartlett's rail history through images and objects. The two current exhibits are "Next Stop Spaulding! A Community Lost to Time" and "Ticket to Ride: Mark Llanuza's Photos to Metra's Monthly Passes."

Hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the first and third Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to noon. Admission and parking are free.

The First Saturday Free Family Craft, between 9 a.m. and noon on 9/7, will be a fabric drawstring backpack that kiddos will color. Supplies are limited.

## Bartlett School, Part 4

This year, Bartlett Elementary School is celebrating its 150th year of establishment. The school began in 1874, one year after Bartlett was founded. Initially, it served students in grades 1 through 8 with several grades in one classroom, under one teacher.

On August 13, the 2024-2025 school year will begin with educators, staff and students heading back to the school, today located at 111 E. North Avenue, under the leadership of Principal John Signatur who has been in the position since 2018.

Signatur follows a long line of Bartlett School principals, including Miss Scholl and Miss Brett (1910s), L. N. Vernon (1920s), Tella Mills (1930s), Emil Struckman and Elvina Brandt (1940s), and others. These early principals also served as teachers at the school. Some dealt with issues beyond education. Dallas Puffer Sr. (1903-1972) became principal in 1927 and led the school through its failed bond referendums for a new schoolhouse and the subsequent passage, construction of the new schoolhouse, and finally its move in 1929 from its "condemned" North and Hickory building to its current site.

For some principals, the tenure was brief while others served for years. The longest serving principal to date has been Robert "Bob" Hardt (1924-2016). A World War II Marine veteran, Hardt came to Bartlett School in 1952, the same year residents voted to join School District U-46.

At that time, the school had 49 students, three staff members and was the only school in the district east of Elgin. Initially, Hardt also served a dual role as principal and educator. During his tenure, three additions were built onto the school and the student population grew to more than 700 children with 35 teachers. Hardt retired in 1986.

This photo shows teachers and Principal Hardt, fifth from right, outside Bartlett School in 1960.



# BARTLETT BRIEFS

## MOVIE! MOVIE!

Drop in at the **Bartlett Public Library**, 800 S. Bartlett Road at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 8/15 to see Apollo 13 (1995 PG). \*Movie selection subject to change - please check the library's online calendar for the most up-to-date information.

Join **Bartlett Park District** and enjoy a movie under the stars at Villa Olivia, 1401 W. Lake Street, from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Friday, 8/16. Free to attend. Bring a blanket or rent a golf cart \$5 person for the full drive in experience. Movie is "The Secret Life of Pets."

## HARVEST CRAFT FAIR

Shop from nearly 100 crafters, makers, and artists at this exclusive craft show, hosted by **Bartlett Park District** at the Community Center, 700 S. Bartlett Road, on Friday, 8/23 from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 8/24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$2 entry fee donated to Bartlett Parks Foundation.

## PET EVENT

**Arts in Bartlett** invites you to Bartlett Park, 102 N. Eastern Avenue on Saturday, 9/7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for an event for pets and their well-behaved humans. The Arts in Bartlett Pet Event is your opportunity to meet 15-plus area rescue organizations – saving all manner of creatures from dogs to lizards – shop 20-plus pet-related vendors and watch animal demos. Food and fall-related treats available for purchase. Free to attend.

## JUST 4 THE HEALTH OF IT

The **Hanover Township** Office of Community Health will host the 17th annual "Just 4 the Health Of It" community health & wellness expo from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, 9/12 at the William Tiknis Campus in Bartlett, 250 S. IL Route 59. Stop by to learn about community resources and services to improve your health and obtain free health screenings -- cholesterol, blood pressure, depression, hearing and vision screenings and seasonal vaccines are just a few of the many offerings available at this year's event. In addition, kids are invited to visit the outdoor area that includes a bounce house, snow cones, and a petting zoo! Call the Office of Community Health for more information, 630-483-5665.

## FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Join **Hanover Township** for the 7th annual Fall Food Truck Festival on Thursday, 9/19 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the William Tiknis Campus in Bartlett, 250 S. IL Route 59. Enjoy live music, carnival games, and most importantly, great food and drinks! Come out for a great time and learn more about the programs and services of Hanover Township! More event information, details and FAQs at [www.fallfoodtruckfest.com](http://www.fallfoodtruckfest.com).

## BARTLETT CEMETERY WALK

Who were the people that many Bartlett streets are named for? And who named them? Come to a cemetery walk sponsored by the **Bartlett Historical Society** to find out. On Saturday, 9/21, costumed reenactors will portray the life and times of these early Bartlett residents near their gravesites at Bartlett Cemetery. Small group tours led by trained docents visit the gravesites to hear the stories. Tours step off every 15 to 20 minutes starting at 1 p.m. with the last tour starting at 2:15 p.m. Each tour takes about 45 minutes. Golf carts are available for those who need them. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Free will donations accepted. For more information: [elucietto@gmail.com](mailto:elucietto@gmail.com).

## NORTH AVE CAR SHOW

All cars, trucks and motorcycles welcome for the car show at Bartlett Park, 102 N. Eastern, on Sunday, 9/22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Get in line early to claim the best spot! For more info & to register go to [ignitethecourage.org/northave](http://ignitethecourage.org/northave). Registration: \$20 (8 a.m. - noon). Unique custom made trophies; Beer & Bloody Marys; Live music; Food trucks; Craft show; 50/50 Raffle. All proceeds go to **Ignite the Courage**, a non-profit, 501(c)3 charity created & run by Bartlett firefighters to provide resources and inspiration to the community.

**Please submit information for the October/November Bartletter to: Gabrielle Infusino, Village Hall, 228 S. Main St., Bartlett, IL 60103 or [ginfusino@bartlett.il.gov](mailto:ginfusino@bartlett.il.gov) by Friday, August 30.**

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