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NEWS

Pumpkin Smash 2024



Saturday, 11/2 from 9 a.m. to noon
METRA Parking Lot on Bartlett Avenue (138 E. Bartlett Avenue)

The Village of Bartlett will be hosting its annual pumpkin composting event with this year's Pumpkin Smash! SCARCE, a nonprofit organization committed to keeping “stuff” out of the landfill by reusing or recycling, first brought this event to DuPage County in 2014! By 2023, the Pumpkin Smash grew to more than 95 sites across the state and a few around the country.

Since 2014 the Pumpkin Smash has...

- Composted over 1253.6 tons of pumpkins
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 926.9 tons of CO₂e
- Diverted 269,114.6 gallons of water from landfills

Residents can bring their pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns for composting in order to return nutrients back to the soil and lower methane gas production in landfills. Regular or decorated pumpkins are allowed, but please remove yarn, stickers or any plastic items before composting.

Visit the SCARCE website for more information or call the village at 630-837-0800.

[SCARCE website](#)

A Couple of Grants



Bartlett Police Department has received a \$10,000 grant from the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA) to establish its body camera program. This grant will cover the costs of purchasing the necessary equipment and storing the footage captured by the 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. The Village of Bartlett chose to implement the program as of February 5, 2024, ahead of the state mandate.

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.

IRMA's grant program aims to encourage local governments to invest in risk management and safety initiatives, with a focus on reducing workplace injuries, accidents, and liability exposures.

To support local holiday light displays across northern Illinois, ComEd and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus announced grants of up to \$2,500 each for 24 northern Illinois communities through the annual ComEd Powering the Holidays Program. Since 2021, the Powering the Holidays grant program has celebrated the unique character of local communities by supporting holiday events that promote cultural exchange and foster inclusivity.

The 2024 ComEd grant will support Bartlett's annual Merry and Bright event with the holiday tree lighting, carriage rides, food trucks and a food donation drive at Bartlett Park on Friday, 12/6 and the small business Cocoa Crawl on Saturday, 12/14. Funds will be used for tree lighting and decorations.

Calling All Ladies!



**Thursday, 11/14, from 5 to 9 p.m.
Bartlett Hills Golf Club, 800 W. Oneida Avenue**

- Fashion Show by Closet Boutique
- Raffles, Appetizers, Signature Drinks
- Shopping with Local Vendors/Crafters
- DJ Entertainment with DJ Steve's All-Pro Music
- Wine & Cheese Tasting
- Complimentary Favor from Bartlett Hills
- Free Raffle Ticket with each Food Pantry donation
- Goodie Bags for First 50 Tickets Sold

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. To pre-pay or reserve, call 630-213-3103 or email Evan@bartletthills.com.

2024 Sign Recycling Event



**Friday, 11/15, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, 11/16, from 9 a.m. to noon
DuPage County, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton
Enter through DuPage County Campus Main Entrance
(Follow Recycling Event Signage)**

DuPage County Environmental Committee is pleased to offer you the opportunity to recycle political and other corrugated plastic and cardboard signs.

LRS will collect signs and metal stands at no cost. Only corrugated plastic and

cardboard will be accepted. Metal stands must be separated from signs prior to dropoff.

Questions? Please contact DuPage County at 630-407-6700 or email Recycle@dupagecounty.gov.

More DuPage County Recycling info

REMINDERS



Families, join in the fun on Saturday, 11/2, at the Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue. For this month's free family craft, kiddos will enhance a Calaca keychain and learn about celebrating the Day of the Dead.

The depot will be open 9 a.m. to noon. Drop in anytime. Admission and parking, in the public lot at the southwest corner of Railroad and Oak avenues, are always free!

All Aboard for History!



Please join Hanover Township for a Veteran Resource Fair at the Senior Center, 240 S. Route 59 in Bartlett, on



Mark your calendars! The Bartlett Volunteer Fire Association is hosting its annual Turkey Raffle on Saturday, 11/23 at 7 p.m. This yearly event is the main fundraiser for the Bartlett Volunteer Fire Association and the Bartlett Fire Barn, 218 S. Main Street.

Nearly 100 FRESH turkeys have been ordered, and the volunteers can't wait to give them all away to the lucky winners. Doors open at 7 p.m, with the first winning spin of the big wheel shortly thereafter.

The bar will be stocked with pitchers of beer on tap and all of the usual cocktails. The tables will be ready with peanuts and pretzels, and the highlight of the night is the arrival of the fresh TURKEY SALAD SANDWICHES! The event concludes with the big drawing, and three lucky winners will go home with the three largest turkeys of the night (Herbie, Gertie, and family) along with supplies to make the whole Thanksgiving dinner!

Herbie, Gertie and Family tickets are available now from any BVFA member,

Wednesday, 11/6, noon to 3 p.m.

All veterans and their families are welcome to attend to explore assistance and benefits from local businesses, service groups and others. There will be a guest speaker, Vietnam veteran USMC CPL Jack Imburgia. Call 630-540-9085 with questions.

Hanover Township Veteran Services is open year-round to all veterans and their families to assist in understanding and applying for qualifying benefits. The township can also assist veterans with securing copies of their discharge papers and provide information on disability compensation, burial benefits and allowances, hospitalization, medical care, and more. In cases where the township cannot help, a referral can be made to a source that may help the veteran.

Veteran Services is provided at the Astor Avenue Community Center, 7431 Astor Avenue in Hanover Park. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To make an appointment, please call 630-540-9085 or email vets@hanover-township.org.

and they will also gladly mail tickets to you if you cannot attend in person.

No cost for entry, snacks or sandwiches! Gather your friends and be ready to win the most delicious turkeys you have ever tasted!

Sponsorships are also available. To have your banner displayed above the stage, reach out to the BVA or any member!

Here is a direct link to the event:

[Facebook link to Turkey Raffle](#)

DATE CHANGE! Reminder that the date has changed for the Bartlett Lions Club fall Pancake Breakfast! The breakfast is NOW Saturday 11/9, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Come to the Bartlett Fire Barn, 218 S. Main Street, for the all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and juice: adults, \$10 and children age 6 to 12, \$6. Up to three children age 5 and younger are free with each paid adult.

Meetings & Events

SATURDAY, 11/2 @ 9 a.m.
[Pumpkin Smash](#)

SATURDAY, 11/2 @ 9 a.m.
[First Saturday Family Craft](#)

TUESDAY, 11/5 @ 7 p.m.
[Village Board & Committee of the Whole Meeting](#)

WEDNESDAY, 11/6 @ noon
[Veterans' Resource Fair](#)

WEDNESDAY, 11/6 @ 7 p.m.
[The History or Coca-Cola](#)

THURSDAY, 11/7 @ 7 p.m.
[Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - cancelled](#)

SATURDAY, 11/9 @ 8 a.m.
[Lions Club Pancake Breakfast](#)

MONDAY, 11/11 @ 7 p.m.

When do clocks fall back?

Daylight saving time will end at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 3, 2024, with clocks falling back one hour. For many people, this will mean one extra hour of sleep on the first weekend of the month.

The time shift will result in earlier sunrises and earlier sunsets. but there's more to do than just resetting your clocks at home.

3 THINGS TO DO AT HOME IN ADDITION TO CHANGING CLOCKS

Daylight saving time is not just a reminder to adjust your clocks; it's also a great opportunity to take care

Economic Development Commission Meeting

THURSDAY, 11/14 @ 5 p.m.
Bartlett Hills Ladies Night Out

FRIDAY, 11/15 @ 3 p.m. and
SATURDAY, 11/16 @ 9 a.m.
Sign Recycling Event

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.

of other important tasks that require periodic attention around your home.

- **Change batteries in smoke detectors:** The National Fire Protection Association runs a "Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries" campaign to remind people to replace the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

- **Replace air filters for furnaces:** As people start using their furnaces again, it's an ideal time to replace dirty air filters, especially for those with pets.

- **Reverse ceiling fans:** Ceiling fans usually have two settings. Adjusting them before winter can help reduce heating costs. In the summer, fans should rotate counterclockwise to create a cooling breeze by pushing air down. In the winter, fans should rotate clockwise to redistribute the warm air trapped near the ceiling throughout the room, making it feel more comfortable.

In 2025, clocks will "spring forward" one hour on Sunday, March 9, as daylight saving time begins in most of the United States.

Information is from the AccuWeather website.

AccuWeather

PROJECT UPDATES

Route 59 & W. Bartlett Road Improvements

Last week IDOT's contractor made the final adjustments to the streetlights at W. Bartlett Road and IL Route 59, officially finishing the intersection project.

The improvements included installation of dual left turn lanes and right turn lanes on all four legs of the intersection. It also included traffic signal modernization and intersection lighting.

Bittersweet Water Reclamation Facility

Attendees at Bartlett's Public Works Open House earlier this month got a first look at the new Bittersweet Water Reclamation Facility.

This recently completed wastewater facility is capable of treating 9.2 million gallons of the DuPage County flow and is able to treat up to 20 million gallons, including the Cook County overflow (the Devon Force Main Project). It will improve water quality for area residents and businesses in Bartlett by improving the treatment processes to meet the discharge limits set by IEPA, including the new limit for phosphorus.

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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