



Bartletter

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*From Village Hall to Your Home
Happy Holidays*



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ZONED FOR BUSINESS

AMITA Health, 1041 W. Stearns Road, recently cut the ribbon for its new immediate care and outpatient center at the former Dominick's space in the Stearns Crossing shopping center. This impressive \$26.5 million healthcare center offers AMITA Health Medical Group primary care doctors and specialists, lab testing, imaging and much more.



Dr. Robin Ackerman and Dr. Nicole Pawola recently moved into **Balance Family Chiropractic's** beautiful new offices at 366 S. Main Street. Balance has been in the community for 15 years, and the doctors are excited to continue providing exceptional chiropractic care for children and adults throughout the Bartlett area at this expanded facility in the heart of downtown.

Bunge's Tire & Auto has opened its third location at the former Bartlett Tire space, 213 E. Lake Street in Oakfield Plaza. In business for 99 years in Elgin, Bunge's offers A/C evacuation and recharge service, belt and hose inspection, computerized alignment, computerized engine analysis, cooling system service, disc brake service, emissions testing, oil change, shocks, struts & suspension, tire repair and rotation, wheel balancing & alignment and many more services to keep your vehicle running well.



Aetna Development Corporation recently completed an 8,200 square foot strip retail center in the Home Depot subdivision at Stearns Road and IL Route 59. Bartlett's second **Starbucks** anchors the new center and is joined by **Great Clips, Verizon, T-Mobile** and **Doctors of Physical Therapy**.

A Minute with the Mayor

For many people, December and January are traditionally a time to reflect, take stock of the year past and plan for the year ahead. The Village is no different than individuals in this respect -- just like many of you, we are busy reviewing what we've accomplished in the past year and what we have coming up in the months ahead.

Construction of the new Bartlett Police Department facility is a project that we have been watching during all of 2018, and we're excited to see it nearing completion.



Phase I of the facility, which included an addition of a basement and two levels above grade at the north end of the municipal complex, was completed in spring 2018. This serves as the main operations center for the department.

Police officers and staff moved into the new building at the end of May, and demolition of the old building and construction of Phase II began shortly thereafter.



The old police building was not only undersized, housing 77 police employees in a facility built to accommodate just 40, it was outdated and in serious need of structural repairs. The roof, windows, heating and cooling system and lighting system all needed to be replaced.

The exterior needed tuckpointing and repairs were needed for building fascia, water and ice damage and mold remediation.

I am pleased to report that the new police facility includes efficient systems and construction practices that help reduce energy use while still keeping occupants comfortable. Here are some of the green features:

- ~ the project was designed to comply with and/or exceed the 2015 energy code.
- ~ the exterior walls and roof are 13.4% better than code due to advanced insulation techniques.
- ~ in addition to better insulation values, spray foam insulation is used for better air sealing, helping keep outside air from entering the building.
- ~ redirecting radiant heat away from the building during warmer outdoor temperatures and reflecting heat back to the space during cooler weather is accomplished by using foil backed gypsum board within the wall assembly of the building.
- ~ all of the interior and exterior lighting is energy efficient LED. The interior lighting load is 31% better than the energy code requires. The exterior lighting load is 62% better than code requirement.
- ~ the interior lighting controls and most of the exterior light fixtures utilize motion sensors to decrease the energy usage when spaces are not occupied.
- ~ both the boilers and hot water heater serving the building are high efficiency systems with a 95% or better operating efficiency.
- ~ water closets and urinals are low water consumption and public lavatories have sensor powered low flow faucets.

Reflecting on this project -- being able to provide our police department with the space, technology and equipment requirements of a modern law enforcement agency; being able to provide that in a building that meets or exceeds 21st century energy standards -- I'm confident this new addition will serve us well for many years to come.

December is a good month to come check out the new facility as it nears completion and to see the holiday lights downtown. It is also the perfect time to wish you and yours a merry holiday season and a healthy and happy new year.



Kevin Wallace



Winter Holiday Safety Tips

This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work.

Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, especially because it's an opportune time for crime -- homes jam-packed with glittering gifts, stores, malls and busy streets teeming with unsuspecting shoppers, people, stressed out and careless, rushing around looking for last-minute gifts and trying to get everything done. It's enough to make a crook giddy with holiday joy. Don't fall prey - heed these tips for a safer holiday season.

Celebrate Responsibly

- ~ The holiday season is a time of celebration, but drinking and driving is a danger to everyone on the road. Anyone driving with a BAC of .08 or higher is in violation of Illinois law and may go to jail.
- ~ If you choose to drink alcohol at a party, don't drive. Take a cab, use public transportation, use a rideshare service or have a designated driver.

If You Are Traveling

- ~ Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- ~ Ask a neighbor to watch your home, shovel snow, and park in the driveway from time to time.
- ~ Don't forget to stop mail and newspaper delivery.

If You Are Shopping

- ~ Stay alert to what's going on around you.
- ~ Park in a well-lighted space, be sure to lock the car, close the windows and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- ~ Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- ~ Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- ~ Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

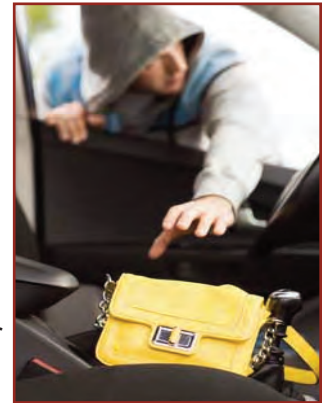


Protect Your Vehicle

- ~ Loading up on gifts is a sign of holiday shopping progress, but don't become a target for thieves by leaving all those packages out in the open after they're in the car. Remember the old cliché "Out of sight, out of mind?"
- ~ Breaking into an empty car isn't worth a thief's time. However, anything left in plain view—from your holiday gifts to spare change, sunglasses,

CDs, or cell phones—may tempt a thief.

- ~ Help prevent your vehicle from being stolen by always locking your car and using anti-theft devices. And although it's cold, never leave your vehicle running while you run inside—even if only for a minute or two.



After You've Opened the Gifts

- ~ Burglars know that many households have new, and oftentimes expensive items in their homes following the holidays—especially items such as computers, televisions, home speakers, smart phones and other electronic equipment. Avoid becoming an easy target for post-holiday burglars by not leaving boxes for new electronics and other items alongside or readily visible in your garbage toter. Instead, break down any packaging boxes. If you are recycling, put them underneath other recyclables; if you are throwing them out, put them in garbage bags before putting them in the trash can and do not put your garbage at the curb too far in advance. Some burglars actually look inside garbage cans for evidence of holiday gifts. You can also consider keeping the boxes for safe storage, shipping or moving in the future.

Holiday Package Theft

- ~ Sign up for email notifications to track package deliveries online from initial shipment to delivery at your home or the recipient's address.
- ~ If a family member or neighbor will be home, ask them to pick up packages when they are delivered.
- ~ Check if the post office or store the product is being shipped from can hold it for your pickup.

Adapted from the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department website, mpdc.dc.gov

POLICE BEAT



New Child Safety Seat Law

The Child Passenger Protection Act requires that all children younger than age 8 be properly secured in an appropriate child safety restraint system. This includes booster seats, which must only be used with a lap/shoulder safety belt.

Please be aware that beginning in 2019, Illinois law will require children younger than age 2 to ride in rear-facing safety seats.

According to Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, starting January 1, parents and caregivers will be required to secure children in rear-facing safety seats until they are 2 years old, unless they weigh more than 40 pounds or are more than 40 inches. Children are five times safer riding in a rear-facing seat because their head, neck and spine are better protected in a crash.



Children riding rear-facing may use a rear-facing only car seat or a convertible car seat installed rear-facing.

- ~ Never install a rear-facing safety seat in front of an active airbag.
- ~ Follow recline indicator for rear-facing installation.
- ~ Child's head may need at least one inch or more below the top of the safety seat when rear-facing.
- ~ Use the harness straps/slots at or below shoulder level when rear-facing.
- ~ Harness straps must be snug on the child; the harness clip should be at armpit level.
- ~ When a child outgrows a rear-facing safety seat, he or she may transition to a forward-facing seat with a harness system.

All Bartlett community service officers are certified child protection seat technicians and can help you install your child safety seat properly. It is a free service available to Bartlett residents. Please call the police department's non-emergency phone number, 630-837-0846, if you would like more information or want to set up an appointment.

New Penalties for Texting While Driving

A new law in Illinois enhances the punishment for texting behind the wheel.

Starting in July 2019, drivers caught using cell phones while driving will not only get fined, but it will count as a moving violation that could lead to license suspension.



The new law, signed in August, now makes the first ticket for texting and driving a moving offense. That means it goes on the offender's record and can lead to a suspension if they commit two other violations in the next year. The \$75 fine would still apply on the first offense.

Texting and driving has been shown to be more dangerous than drunken driving.

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates, at least 25 percent of police-reported crashes involve some form of distracted driving. Reports say driving a vehicle while texting is six times more dangerous than driving while intoxicated.

Visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com for more safety seat information and tips about distracted driving.

Did You Know?

...In accordance with Bartlett's Transit Oriented Development (TOD) for the downtown area, the Village Board has approved a speed limit reduction from 30 mph to 25 mph on South Main Street and portions of Railroad Avenue, S. Oak Avenue and North Avenue. Public Works has installed the new speed limit signs and also put up orange flags on top of the signs to alert motorists. Drivers are asked to always observe posted speed limits.



News from Bartlett Hills

Winter Golf - Indoors and Out

Bartlett Hills Golf Club welcomes the return of its full swing golf simulator for a third season of winter play without leaving the comfort of the clubhouse. Golfers are able to test their skills on more than 40 championship courses.

A competitive, 2-player league is forming as well. This is a "floating" league, where you play at your convenience but are still competing against other teams! Call Bartlett Hills for more information.

The simulator is available by appointment

Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon. Evenings are available but must be booked 48 hours in advance. Please call Bartlett Hills, 630-847-2741.

Cost to use the simulator is \$35 per hour (NOT PER PERSON). Seniors older than 60 play for \$30 per hour Monday through Friday. The bar will be open with drinks and a limited menu available during simulator hours.

Diehard golfers can grab their hats, gloves and clubs and prepare to tee off outside, even during the winter season. Bartlett Hills offers winter golf using regular greens, December through February, when the weather and ground conditions are appropriate.



Golf Shop Hours

Golf shop hours through Christmas will be Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon. These are the minimum hours the golf shop will be open, but hours may be extended if golfers are on the course or the simulator is being used.

'Tis the season for holiday gift giving. Bartlett Hills golf shop staff are waiting to make holiday shopping for your golfer a hole in ONE! Great items are available for pickup now or give the gift that keeps on giving, gift cards. Purchase \$100 in gift cards and receive a \$10 additional voucher good for green fees.



Families are invited to a Tea Party with Mrs. Claus on Sunday, 12/16 at Bartlett Hills Golf Club. This festive first time holiday event includes an all you can eat buffet with a tea and hot cocoa station.

Guests are also invited to bring their cameras and take pictures with Mrs. Claus by the beautifully decorated Bartlett Hills fireplace and to decorate holiday cookies.

Cost is \$11.95 for adults and \$8.95 for kids. Please call 630-213-3103 or email evan@bartletthills.com to reserve your seating time: 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or noon.



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**“The most precious gift
we can offer anyone
is our attention.”**

**~Thich Nhat Hanh,
global spiritual leader, poet
and peace activist**

December 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4 Woman's Club Xmas Party @Bartlett Hills	5	6	7	8
		Village Bd 7 pm		ZBA 7 pm		
9	10 Hist Society 7 pm @Library	11	12	13	14	15
	EDC 7 pm			Plan Comm 7 pm		
16 Tea with Mrs. Claus @Bartlett Hills	17	18	19 Choir Concert 7pm at Immanuel UCC Church	20	21 WINTER BEGINS	22
		Village Bd 7 pm		Village Hall will be closed 12/22 through 12/25 and 12/29 through 1/1. Village of Bartlett officials and staff wish you a wonderful holiday season and a very happy New Year.		
23 Living Nativity @Poplar Creek Church	24 Living Nativity @Poplar Creek Church	25 CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29
30	31					



“Hope smiles from the threshold of
the year to come, whispering,
‘It will be happier.’”

~ Alfred Lord Tennyson,
19th century British poet

January 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4	5
				ZBA 7 pm		
6	7	8 Woman's Club 7pm @Living Lord Church	9	10	11	12
		Friends of Library, 7pm		Plan Comm 7 pm		
13	14 Hist Society 7 pm @Library	15	16	17	18	19
	EDC 7 pm	Village Bd 7 pm				
20	21 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



Thinking of Solar?

The solar industry is changing rapidly as it experiences unprecedented growth. Here are six facts from the U.S. Department of Energy about this increasingly popular source of power.

#6. Solar energy is the most abundant energy resource on earth -- 173,000 terawatts of solar energy strikes the Earth continuously. That's more than 10,000 times the world's total energy use.

#5. The first silicon solar cell, the precursor of all solar-powered devices, was built by Bell Laboratories in 1954.

#4. The space industry was an early adopter of solar technology. In the 1950s, the space industry began to use solar technology to provide power aboard spacecraft. The Vanguard 1 -- the first artificial earth satellite powered by solar cells -- remains the oldest manmade satellite in orbit.

#3. Today, demand for solar in the United States is at an all-time high. The amount of solar power installed in the U.S. has increased more than 23 times over the past eight years -- from 1.2 gigawatts (GW) in 2008 to an estimated 27.4 GW at the end of 2015. That's enough energy to power the equivalent of 5.4 million average American homes, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association. The U.S. is currently the third-largest solar market in the world and is positioned to become the second.

#2. As prices continue to fall, solar energy is increasingly becoming an economical choice for U.S. homeowners and businesses. Still, the biggest hurdle to affordable solar energy remains the soft costs -- like permitting, zoning and hooking a solar system to the power grid. The SunShot Initiative's soft costs program works to make it faster and cheaper for families and businesses to go solar.

#1. California's Mojave Desert is home to Ivanpah Solar Power Facility, the world's largest operating solar thermal energy plant. It uses concentrating solar power (CSP) technology, which is unique in that it allows for solar energy to be stored for use after the sun sets and addresses some of the concerns over delivering solar power when and where it is needed most.

The Village of Bartlett is currently participating in the SolSmart program funded by the U.S. Department of Energy SunShot Initiative, which helps local governments reduce barriers to solar energy growth and makes it easier for homes and businesses to go solar. Visit the Village's solar energy webpage, www.village.bartlett.il.us/government/building/solar-energy to find specifications, requirements and permitting information for installing a solar/photovoltaic system to your home or business.

Snow Ahead?

Plows are Ready!

Freezing temperatures, snow and ice are the winter norm for this area, and Bartlett Public Works salt trucks and snowplows are ready.

Bartlett streets are plowed in the following order: main streets, secondary collector streets, cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets. Priority is given to the most heavily traveled streets.

Parking on Village streets is prohibited after 2 inches of snow has fallen to allow plows to completely clear the roadways. It's a good idea to wait until after the final pass of the plow to shovel the end of your driveway.

DO NOT shovel snow into the street. It is a violation of Village code, can cause ice patches and can potentially result in serious accidents.

The Village clears snow from sidewalks surrounding public buildings and the commuter areas it maintains. The Village does not clear neighborhood sidewalks.

Please be a snow angel and shovel your sidewalk so school children and pedestrians can walk with greater ease and safety. Also, please clear snow from around fire hydrants and storm sewers. Call Public Works, 630-837-0811, if you have any snow removal questions.



Bartlett Museum's Online Collection



A new year means a new calendar, and Bartlett businesses have always been eager to supply them for their customers.

Van's "66" was once located at 151 S. Oak Avenue. In addition to operating the business, Bob Van Alstine was a Bartlett volunteer fireman. Perhaps that is why he chose this customized image for the service station's 1968 calendar. Before 9-1-1 became the universal emergency number, Bartlett residents had to call 837-2121 to report a fire. This calendar, which shows the "Fire Phone" number, was a gift to the museum from Jean Ping and Sandra Ping Smith.

Ever wonder what else the Bartlett History Museum collects in its efforts to preserve the Village's rich history? The answer is a lot! This large collection is housed at Bartlett Village Hall using archival practices to best protect it for use in the museum's exhibitions, educational programming and social media posts.

The museum has begun putting its collection online to be accessible anytime and anyplace. Visit bartlettmuseums.pastperfectonline.com to check it out. Choose what catches your eye or search using keywords. Click on the individual record to open it and there you will find a picture

and information on the item, such as age, size, use, etc., and a brief note about its Bartlett connection. You are encouraged to share your findings with your family and friends using email or the social media tabs.

This online collection represents just a fraction of the museum's collection. New items are being added weekly so continue to visit often to experience Bartlett's past.

The museum actively seeks objects and images that focus on Bartlett, from schools, worship facilities, businesses, families, sport teams, etc. If you would like to donate and continue to help build the collection, please contact Director Pam Rohleder at prohleder@vbartlett.org.

Down at the Depot

The Bartlett Depot Museum will be closed from November 30 through February 1 for annual maintenance.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, 2/2 and come to the Depot Museum when it reopens for the monthly "First Saturday Free Family Craft!"

All Aboard for History!



BARTLETT BRIEFS

CHOIR CONCERT

You are invited to the "Go Tell It A Cappella Teen Choir Christmas Concert" at **Immanuel UCC Church**, 100 S. Western Avenue, Bartlett, on Wednesday, 12/19 at 7 p.m. This is a *Free* concert with a good will offering. Hear Christmas carols, Pentatonix and more. This choir is made up by teens from **Liberty Academy**, who will surely put you in the holiday spirit! For more information, please call 630-272-9021.

LIVING NATIVITY

Poplar Creek Church, 300 E. Schick Road, is hosting its annual, FREE Living Nativity on Sunday, 12/23 from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Monday, 12/24 from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. and again from 6:15 to 7 p.m. There are live actors and animals in this serene nativity scene along with complimentary desserts and warm drinks indoors.

CASINO NIGHT

Roll the Dice & Win on Friday, 2/8, at Casino Royale – sponsored by the **Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce**. Let "lady luck" be on your side when you spin the roulette

Please submit information for the February/March Bartletter to: Gabrielle Infusino, Village Hall, 228 S. Main St., Bartlett, IL 60103 or ginfusino@vbartlett.org by Friday, December 21.

wheel, play a cool hand of blackjack or roll the dice in a game of craps. The event will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. at Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria, 1175 W. Lake Street in Bartlett. The cost to attend is \$35 per person and includes 75 betting chips and a variety of appetizers. Buy tickets to this 21 and over casino night online at www.bartlettareachamber.com, by visiting the chamber office at 335 S. Main Street, in the lower level of BMO Harris Bank, Bartlett, or call 630-830-0324. Everyone in the community is invited to attend Casino Royale for a fun night out with family and friends and for the chance to cash in chips to win prizes donated by local businesses.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The **Bartlett Woman's Club** annual college scholarship is available after January 7 for any high school senior (boy or girl) who resides in Bartlett. Applications, due April 1, are at the guidance offices at all U-46 high schools. Seniors at other schools can call Ruth Beckner, 630-837-8125.

Groot Holiday Schedule & Tree Collection

Groot's regular weekly waste pickup day is Tuesday. However garbage is not collected on the holidays listed below. If one of these holidays falls on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday, collection will be on Wednesday during that week only.

**New Years Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving
Christmas**

Groot collects holiday trees at no additional charge on the regular pickup day for a three week period following Christmas. Place your tree on the curb with your regular garbage and recycling. All ornaments and tinsel must be removed from the tree. **Do not place the tree in a plastic bag.** Trees that have decorations or that are put out for disposal after this time period will be picked up but not recycled.



EXPRESS YOURSELF

To e-mail a question or comment to any one of the Village departments, please visit our website and click on "Contact Us" on the homepage. You may also contact the Village by regular mail at: Village of Bartlett, 228 S. Main Street, Bartlett, IL 60103

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Recycle Your Holiday Lights

The Village of Bartlett will be collecting holiday lights that are broken or that you no longer need. Collected lights will be recycled properly with the assistance of the Elgin Recycling Center.

The holiday light recycling program will be available through February 28. You can drop off lights at the first floor multi-purpose room, just outside the council chambers in Village Hall, 228 S. Main St., during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Lights Accepted: Italian mini-lights, traditional C7 and C9 lights, rope lights, and LED lights. Extension cords will also be accepted.



Bartlett Phone Directory

Police Service Number	911
Administrative Number	630-837-0846
TDD Service for Hearing Impaired	
Emergency/Non-emergency	911
Fire Emergency Number	911
Non-Emergency	630-837-3701
Bartlett Village Hall	630-837-0800
Bartlett Public Works	630-837-0811
Bartlett Hills Golf Course	630-837-2741
Bartlett Public Library	630-837-2855
Bartlett Park District	630-540-4800
Bartlett Aquatic Center	630-372-7665
Bartlett Post Office	800-275-8777
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