

Bartletter

Memorial Day Remembrance



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For more than three decades, Bartlett has honored its deceased veterans with a Memorial Day Walk and Remembrance. Last year the village observed the tradition virtually, but is pleased that this year's Memorial Day Remembrance is back in real time.

Please come and join this hometown commemoration at Bartlett Cemetery on Monday, 5/31, starting at 11:30 a.m. There will be a brief program and a reading of the names of Bartlett's local heroes.

A decision has not been finalized regarding the American Legion flag retirement ceremony and walk from Bartlett Park that usually proceeds the remembrance. Please watch social media and the village website, www.village.bartlett.il.us closer to Memorial Day for more information regarding the flag retirement and walk.





Prevent, Prepare, Protect. BUILDING CODES SAVE.

Bartlett's Building Department observes Building Safety Month each May to raise awareness of the safety and fire codes that protect both the economic value and the structural integrity of the homes and buildings in the Village. These modern building codes, developed by the International Code Council and implemented by the building department through permitting and inspections, also include safeguards for natural disasters, such as snowstorms, tornadoes, wild fires, floods and earthquakes.

The theme for this year's campaign, "Building Safety Month 2021: Prevent, Prepare, Protect. Building Codes Save" encourages you to recognize the importance of safe and resilient building construction and to obtain proper permits before you start a home construction project this spring and summer.



May 1 to May 9

Americans currently spend more than \$200 billion annually on energy bills. Energy fuels our lives, yet energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions can pose significant challenges to communities and home and business owners.

However, there are solutions. Building energy codes contribute to the health, safety and welfare of communities and citizens, reducing energy bills, improving occupant and community health, enhancing resilience and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.



May 10 to May 16

Well-trained, motivated building safety professionals are key to creating and maintaining a successful built environment. Training is important because it helps code officials avoid mistakes and accidents and properly enforce the code.

The building safety field encompasses a wide gamut of specialties and offers many excellent career opportunities. The Code Council has developed Safety 2.0 to welcome a new generation to the building safety profession, which includes building and plumbing inspectors, permit technicians and more.



May 17 to May 23

Clean water is the world's most precious commodity. Water conservation and efficiency has become increasingly important in recent years due to water scarcity, droughts and water contamination in many areas of the world.

Building, plumbing and green codes help guard water for future generations through proper construction, conservation and safe disposal. Code officials are vigilant protectors of our water supply. Because of their dedicated service, you can turn on the tap in your home and draw sufficient, clean water.



May 24 to May 31

Natural disasters are increasing in severity and frequency. Advance planning for devastating events like hurricanes, floods, snowstorms, tornadoes, wild-fires and earthquakes helps individuals and communities increase the health and safety of their population during a disaster, protects the local tax base, ensures continuity of essential services and supports a faster recovery in the aftermath of a disaster. One of the best ways for communities to prepare for disasters is to build to the most up-to-date, modern building codes.

A Minute with the Mayor

“Within a few short weeks, our Village of Bartlett along with our state, our country and the world went from business as usual to crisis mode due to a novel (new) coronavirus...”

Those are the words I used to begin this Bartlett column exactly one year ago. I went on to add, *“...Here in Bartlett the realization quickly set in that our top priority for the foreseeable future would be adapting our operations to protect the health, safety and well-being of village staff, Bartlett residents and our business community.”*

So how did Bartlett fare during the past 12 months? I think many of the 2020-2021 highlights outlined in the proposed annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year (beginning May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022) provide great insight into the incredible resiliency of this municipality.

As the pandemic began to surge, the village quickly adjusted, making pivots in public practices to respond to the growing public health crisis. We donned PPE, put up plexiglass barriers and hosted a COVID testing site. We modified policies and relaxed requirements to assist local businesses and residents facing new hardships.

At village hall, every department cooperated on work-from-home policies, staggering shifts, sanitation and physical distancing, but most importantly, on best practices for maintaining workflow and continuing village services while keeping residents and employees safe. Recent pay online service upgrades on the village website, the GOREquest app and traditional phone and email accessibility allowed staff to continue the work of the village even during the most intense portions of the lockdown.

The village board with the finance department developed a pandemic financial action plan that focused on keeping finances stable and created some relief for businesses and residents. The plan included a hiring freeze, halting capital equipment purchases for six months and carefully monitoring cash flow and state revenues.

Utility billing temporarily stopped adding late fees to accounts and there was a moratorium on water disconnections for four months during the summer. The staff worked with residents to develop payment plans for those that were not able to pay their full bills.

The business relief program helped mom-and-

pop shops during the height of shutdowns by providing nearly \$74,000 in grants to 22 small businesses that qualified and were approved for the program.

As part of the pandemic response, the village board with planning and development services and economic development staff provided for outdoor dining expansion, relaxed liquor controls for current liquor license holders, prorated video gaming license fees and reduced business licenses.

Working with the businesses also included developing and promoting new interactive maps of carry-out and curbside locations as well as altered hours for each restaurant and retail location that the village could connect with. Additionally, code enforcement provided guidance to retail and restaurant owners regarding safety regulations and frequently changing indoor/outdoor capacity limits.

There were also encouraging surprises throughout 2020. Both the planning and building divisions were extremely busy due both to an increase in locked down homeowners remodeling their spaces and developers moving ahead with commercial projects despite the pandemic. This past year more than \$105 million worth of improvements were reviewed and approved by the village.

And while last year’s Memorial Day Walk, 4th of July Parade, National Night Out, Holiday Tree Lighting and many Bartlett History Museum events didn’t happen in the traditional sense, the village didn’t miss a beat in offering its most loved celebrations to residents virtually. And the community didn’t miss a beat, generously accepting and welcoming another “new normal.”

Shifting my gaze from last year to the one ahead of us, I am reassured and wholeheartedly agree with these words from our village administrator’s budget message, *“Together we met each wave of the pandemic as it ebbed and flowed. Adapting and acting with speed and agility...Despite the many uncertainties and challenges still ahead, we can move forward more resilient and stronger in our resolve to build a better community.”*



New and Ready

Have You Seen “the Streets” Recently?

Two years ago, the Streets of Bartlett shopping center at the south end of downtown was more than 50 percent vacant and had fallen into disrepair. Previously known as Bartlett Plaza, this was one of the older shopping centers in the area and was still owned by the Gorski family, the original developers, who also opened and operated the first grocery store once located there.

The Gorskis put the entire center up for sale several years ago, and in 2019 it was purchased by father-and-son team Manny and Jeremy Rafidia.

The Rafidias added more than \$2 million worth of improvements to the shopping center and rebranded it as Streets of Bartlett. Many new tenants have moved in, bringing the center to near full occupancy.

Bartlett Plaza, spring 2019

& Streets of Bartlett, today



Capitalizing on the growing demand for a local food and beverage scene that was paused rather than stopped during the pandemic, several new businesses opened shop in the Streets of Bartlett, including Armanetti Beverage Mart; One Taco Dos Tequilas; Magnolia’s special event venue; Cherry On Top Ice Cream Shoppe; and Hoot Dogs. Popular eateries, O’Hare’s

Pub and fusion tapas lounge d’licious, expanded and relocated from Bartlett Town Center to attractive new spaces at Streets of Bartlett. These businesses were additionally joined by WOW-CBD and Lucky’s Barber Shop.

Midway Landing bowling alley, a state-of-the-art facility featuring 14 lanes, pool tables and video games rounds out the remainder of the formerly vacant grocery store space.

Elsewhere Downtown

At the former O’Hare’s Pub location in Bartlett Town Center, local entrepreneur Monika Bashllari is opening Trackside Diner, a new restaurant focusing on breakfast and lunch only.

On the sweeter side of things, village resident Rebecca Lesmeister recently opened Bartlett’s first independent bakery in more than 11 years. Rebecca’s Cakes by Design is at 338 S. Main Street in a rear-facing unit in Main Street Plaza. Treats include custom cakes, cookies, hot cocoa bombs, muffins and more.

Resident baker Deala Torres also started selling her tasty wares from D’s Treats, a storefront at 138 S. Oak Street.

Village resident Audra Schmeckpeper opened Good Beans Coffeehouse & Cafe inside the Shoppes of Banbury Fair last spring. For an enjoyable way to welcome spring with friends or family, come sit back on the porch and sip one of Good Beans specialty drinks.



for You to Discover!

It's Not Ice Cream, It's Custard!

Culver's is a family-friendly casual restaurant well-known for cooked-to-order ButterBurgers, hand-crafted fresh frozen custard and Wisconsin cheese curds. The brand's new 4,400 square foot Bartlett location was completed early this year by husband and wife business team Ashish and Ambreen Merchant at 1430 S. Route 59.

Check the Bartlett Culver's website or join MyCulver's at www.culvers.com/restaurants/bartlett-il-route-59 for flavor of the day notifications and other updates.



Outdoor Dining Returns

Bartlett bars and restaurants will be allowed outdoor dining for a second spring and summer season, now through November 1.

The Village of Bartlett Board recently voted to temporarily modify village regulations once again to allow restaurants and bars to re-open with outdoor dining, regardless of whether they hold a special use outdoor dining permit.

After initially loosening the outdoor dining permissions last year to support restaurants during the pandemic, the village continued to receive positive feedback for the trend from both restaurant owners and patrons.

Restaurants that currently have indoor sit-down dining can work with village staff to provide an outdoor dining area that will be safe for both the public and their employees.

As the weather continues to improve, look for eateries throughout town to roll out their outdoor dining. Village officials and staff believe this arrangement will put Bartlett's restaurant community on-track for a successful 2021.



Discover Bartlett on Facebook

Remember to follow the Discover Bartlett page on Facebook, where you will find updates throughout the year as new businesses and events come to town!

Spring is Bike Season!

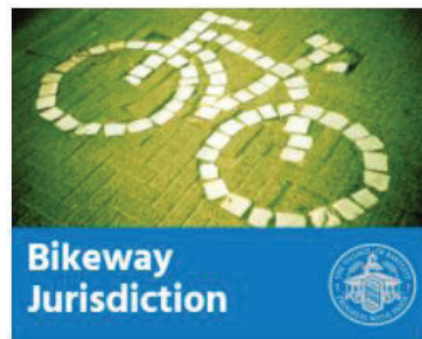


It's time to start planning your spring bike trips around town using the newly revamped Bartlett Bikeways interactive map, maps.vbartlett.org/BikewayApp, found on the village website map hub page, opendata-bartlett.hub.arcgis.com.

By clicking on a proposed route (dashed lines) on the bikeways map you can see the proposed paths and why they are shown as proposed on the map.

On the maps page, under ready-to-print maps, there is a copy of the bikeways map you can print for yourself.

If you have not visited the Bartlett Map Hub on the village website, you should definitely take a look. The village uses geographic data to help maintain infrastructure and enhance public awareness of village services, activities, funding and more. The map hub provides an immersive experience for residents through a collection of interactive and ready-to-print maps maintained by the village GIS staff. Below are some examples of featured & more interactive maps found on the page.



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“To leave the world better than you found it, sometimes you have to pick up other people’s trash.”

~ Bill Nye, American mechanical engineer, science communicator and television presenter.



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 ZBA 7 pm	2	3
4	5	6 Village Bd 7pm	7	8 Plan Comm 7 pm	9	10
11	12 EDC 7 pm	13	14	15	16	17 VFW Auxiliary FUNDrive, 10am to noon, Streets of Bartlett
18	19	20 Village Bd 7pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Mid-Century Cuisine, 7pm via Zoom	30	

May 2021

“If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.”

~ Roald Dahl,
British novelist & short-story writer



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 Open Mic, 6:30 pm @Bartlett Na- ture Center
2	3	4 Village Bd 7pm	5 History Museum Lunch & Learn, noon via Zoom	6 ZBA 7 pm	7	8
9	10 EDC 7 pm	11	12	13 Plan Comm 7 pm	14	15
16	17	18 Village Bd 7pm	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day Remembrance, 11:30 am @Bartlett Cemetery				Village Hall is closed Saturday, 5/29 thru Monday, 5/31 for the Memorial Day holiday.	

Brush & Yard Waste Collection Starts in April

Yard Waste - Yard rakings, grass clippings, small twigs, garden material, such as flowers, vines, weeds, and garden fruit and vegetables are considered yard waste, which is collected by Groot Industries, weekly, April through November, along with your regular garbage and recycling. Residents can use generic yard waste bags with Groot stickers applied. Stickers can be purchased in local retail stores -- Ace Hardware, Jewel and Walgreen's at Rt. 59 & Stearns Road -- and at Village Hall or by mail from Groot for \$3.25.

Brush Collection - Groot also will begin its seasonal brush collection in April and will continue brush pickups through November. * the waste hauler collects an unlimited amount of bundled brush, with no yard waste sticker required; * brush must be bundled in 2-foot by 2-foot by 4-foot long bundles, no heavier than 50 pounds, and must be tied with biodegradable twine, available at the local Home Depot and Ace Hardware; * brush is collected weekly on the same day as your regular garbage/recycling pick-up.

Groot WILL NOT collect your home's brush pile if it is not bundled correctly. The waste hauler will leave a tag detailing the issue. Any brush piles left on the parkway for a period of time may receive written notice from the Village.

If you have any questions regarding brush or yard waste collection, please contact Groot at 847-429-7370.

For residents who do not want to bundle their own brush, there is a list of contractors on the village brush collection webpage who will collect your brush for a fee. Please know that the village board continues to consider additional options for brush collection.



Did You Know?

... on April 22 every year, Earth Day is celebrated to mark the birthday in 1970 of the modern environmental movement. Today, EARTHDAY.ORG works with more than 75,000 partners in 190-plus countries in a global effort to drive positive action for our planet.

If you feel that every day should be Earth Day, visit www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/ on the EARTHDAY.ORG website to see 51 actions and tips to make a difference, every day of the year. Here is a small sample:

4. Enjoy spending time outside? Support the Great Global Cleanup and pick up trash while enjoying your outdoor activities.

25. Change your paper bills to online billing. You'll be saving trees and the fuel it takes to deliver your bills by truck.

30. Help protect pollinators by pledging to go pesticide-free!

42. Buy local food to reduce the distance from farm to fork, or

44. Try growing your own organic garden!

45. Use a reusable water bottle to make a big impact on your plastic consumption:



Dig In! A Lunch & Learn: Bartlett Cemetery and Memorial Day

Enjoy your lunch and learn some Bartlett history too. Bartlett Cemetery, established in 1892, is the site where the village remembers veterans who served and who are buried there.

Join the Bartlett History Museum at noon on Tuesday, 5/5, to learn the history of the cemetery, Memorial Day remembrances held there and more. To register for this free Zoom event email Pam at prohleder@vbartlett.org.

Remember Jell-O salads and cheese sprayed out of a can? When every pantry held Velveeta and all the kids wanted to drink Tang?

The Bartlett History Museum presents historian and author Leslie Goddard, who will take a nostalgic look at the food innovations and marketing approaches that transformed how America ate at midcentury. Using classic cookbooks, advertisements and family magazines, this program will explore how society and technology shaped food trends in the United States from the 1940s through the 1960s.

To register for this free Zoom event on Thursday, 4/29, starting at 7 p.m., email Pam at prohleder@vbartlett.org.



Mom's Day Craft

Kiddos can show mom how special she is with a beautiful flower bouquet they make themselves. No green thumb required and it will last forever!

Families are invited to pick up a free Mom's Day craft kit from the red tote by the door of the Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue, beginning Monday, 5/3 at 10 a.m. Kits are limited in quantity (available until gone) and suitable for ages 5 and older.



Open 24/7 Online!

Village of Bartlett Museums

Can't get enough Bartlett history? The online collection is open day and night waiting to be discovered!

Currently there are more than 1,700 Bartlett images, objects and archival items online with more being added weekly. Visit bartlettmuseums.pastperfectonline.com, and search by keyword, name, etc.

This image was found when "April" was entered in the keyword search.

It was April 6, 1974 and crowds gathered just west of the old depot for the christening of the brand new "Village of Bartlett" engine. It was the first of 13 new diesel engines purchased for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad, which is Metra today. The engine was paid for with grant money from the Northwest Suburban Mass Transit District, of which Bartlett was a member.



BARTLETT BRIEFS

FUNDRIVE TO BENEFIT VFW

VFW Auxiliary to Bartlett Post 11018 is holding a Savers FUNDrive on Saturday, 4/17, from 10 a.m. to noon at Streets of Bartlett, Devon & Main Street. Look for the blue VFW tent. Collecting soft items only, such as clothing, textiles (towels, sheets, blankets, etc.) accessories (shoes, hats, purses, belts, etc.) and soft toys. Please bring items in tied 13-gallon kitchen trash bags. If possible, please email quantity of bags by 4/8 to: bartlettvfwaux@gmail.com. Tax receipts will be given.

CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK

Join **Bartlett Park District** from 2 to 3 p.m., 4/19 to 4/23, for a weeklong celebration of Earth Day. Come to the Bartlett Nature Center, 2054 W. Stearns Road, and use your creativity to craft with park district staff. Parents need to participate with their child. There is a \$5 per date fee. Registration required.



OPEN MIC NIGHT

Longing for a chance to stand in the spotlight and share your musical gifts? Join **Bartlett Park District** on Saturday, 5/1 for Open Mic Night in the theater at Bartlett Nature Center, 2054 W. Stearns Road. Professional lights, sound system and theater seating await you. Singers and musicians are welcome. All ages can participate in this family-friendly night out.

Due to space and set up time, no bands please (acoustic ensembles welcome). Sign in is in person, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the night of the event. Singing order is based on sign in order.

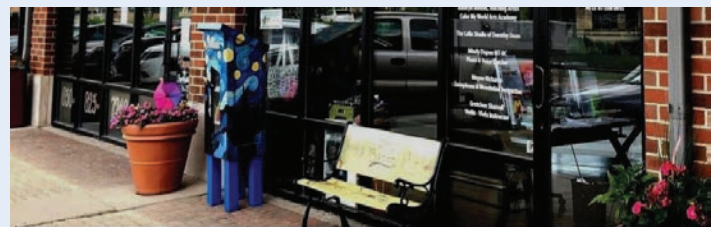
BARTLETT AQUATIC CENTER

Bartlett Park District's aquatic center is scheduled to be open for the 2021 season, starting Saturday, 5/29 through Monday, 9/6. Check the Bartlett Park District website for up-to-date information, bartlettparks.org.

NEW ARTS IN BARTLETT WEBSITE

Arts in Bartlett is excited to introduce a new up to date website, www.artsinbartlett.org, with information on upcoming activities, a gallery for current exhibits and artwork, a membership page where you can join or renew for 2021, a list of music and art teachers and more! The new website address has a red ART icon that you will see in the search engine. You may see the old website with Super Slogan come up so be sure you click on the right one!

In addition, Arts in Bartlett's old default email art@artsinbartlett.org connected to the old website is no longer in operation. Please start using artsinbartlett@gmail.com.



Building Community Through the Arts

Please submit information for the June/July Bartletter to: **Gabrielle Infusino, Village Hall, 228 S. Main St., Bartlett, IL 60103** or ginfusino@vbartlett.org by Friday, April 30.

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Hydrant Flushing

It's time for Bartlett Public Works to flush all fire hydrants. This process removes iron deposits from the water mains and ensures that hydrants are working correctly.



The flushing may cause temporary water discoloration. Please check for discolored water before doing any laundry during the dates the hydrants in your area are being flushed.

2021 FLUSHING DATES

The week of 4/5 to 4/9: south of Stearns Road

The week of 4/12 to 4/16 and the week of 4/19 to 4/23: north of Stearns Road

For more details about the flushing schedule, visit the maps page on the village website, maps.vbartlett.org/HydrantFlush.

Contact Us

GO REQUEST: Do you need to report a pothole or a streetlight that is out, voice another concern, ask a quick question or offer a compliment? Use Bartlett's GOREquest system to contact the Village 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. Access the GOREquest system on your smartphone or other electronic device for free by



searching "GOREquest" in the Apple app store or on Google Play. You can also access it using the "Stay Connected" link on the homepage of the Village website. GOREquest ensures that your issue is directed to the right person, in the right department and it provides you with a tracking number for easy follow-up. It also lets you search a Q&A database, subscribe to eNews, connects you directly to the Village website and more.

CALL: Village Hall Main Office, 630-837-0800
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Bartlett Village Hall Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon