



# Trending NOW



January 15, 2025

## NEWS

You belong in Bartlett for the first annual Restaurant Week!

From February 2 through February 8, 2025, dine at local eateries for a variety of delicious cuisines, including Mexican, Italian, Indian, Irish and Venezuelan. Plus, some of the best sushi in the area.

It's a perfect opportunity to try that place you have always been meaning to go to or revisit one of your Bartlett favorites. Dine often and take advantage of the specials participating restaurants will offer, such as a prix fixe menu or great discounts.

**BARTLETT  
RESTAURANT  
WEEK**



**FEBRUARY 2 - 8**



For a list of participating restaurants and more information, visit:

**Belong in Bartlett Restaurant  
Week webpage**

## **2024 - A Look Back at a Busy Year!**



- After many years of planning, designing, and construction, the Bittersweet Water Reclamation Facility renovations were completed. The cherry on top -- the project received the Project of the Year award in the Environment - \$25 to \$75 Million category from the American Public Works Association Fox Valley Branch.
- The painting of the Schick Road water tower and the large, water main replacement project on North and Oak avenues were both completed.
- Bartlett held its first Public Works Open House in October, and it was very well attended.

- Work began on the engineering for the bike path under IL Route 59 at W. Bartlett Road. Bartlett received a \$150,000 grant from Cook County for the engineering for this underpass.
- Bartlett Police Department received the 2023-24 Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge First Place Award in the municipal police category for departments with 51-65 officers. This prestigious award recognizes efforts to address three key traffic safety priorities: occupant protection, speeding, and impaired driving. The program encourages police agencies to establish comprehensive goals, develop effective traffic safety initiatives, share best practices, and highlight Illinois' top-performing traffic safety programs.
- The police department received multiple grants throughout the year, including \$28,245 from IDOT for the Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). The department also received a \$3,465 grant through the bulletproof vest partnership program with the Bureau of Justice and the police body camera grant for \$106,000 from the Illinois Standards and Training Board.
- The irrigation system installation at Bartlett Hills Golf Club was completed ahead of schedule. The new system delivers exceptional playing conditions for golfers.
- The grounds department at Bartlett Hills introduced more native grass areas around the golf course to enhance ecological balance, reduce water usage and lower maintenance costs.
- Bartlett Hills received the "Best of the Knot" for the 7th year in a row along with the "Hall of Fame" award for the 5th time, putting it in the top 1% of wedding venues nationwide.
- The village received its 31st Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association.
- The village initiated a new waste hauler contract featuring no rate increase in the first year, no rate hike for seniors for two years and yard waste stickers will remain at \$2 through 2029.
- Bartlett also took on its first branding initiative in more than 15 years, selecting A5 and launching a new campaign this past summer. The Belong in Bartlett slogan has really taken off and has been complimented by radio, internet and tv ads.
- Last February, residents were lined up around the building for the much-anticipated grand opening of Aldi at the Streets of Bartlett. The strategic plan goals of getting a second grocery store and attracting businesses to invest in downtown Bartlett were accomplished thanks to the efforts of the village board, the planning & zoning commission, and village staff.
- The village board adopted a redevelopment plan and established the Lake Street Corridor TIF District on September 3, 2024.
- The planning and development services department continues to permit and inspect the Grasslands built by D.R. Horton residential development at IL Route 59 and W. Bartlett Road. The development includes duplexes, ranch homes, traditional single family homes and townhomes.
- The building division issued a record setting 86 permits on August 6. The previous record for number of permits issued in a single day was 67 in 2022!

- Rana worked with planning and development services to build a \$20 million 375,000 square foot building in the Cook County portion of Brewster Creek Business Park. It is the company's third building in Bartlett.
- A build-out permit was issued to fill 65,000 square feet of 475 Miles Parkway for Borgofino – an American division of an Italian food company. As recently as October 2023, the company was looking to build a facility in Vineland, New Jersey but opted to locate in the newly constructed spec building in Blue Heron Business Park.
- The Village of Bartlett received an Honorable Mention from the League of American Bicyclists. A report card will be provided to give the village key steps to obtain certification status as a Bicycle Friendly Community.
- In May, the Bartlett History Museum and the village arborist partnered to present, "Breaking Bud, A Walking Tour of Bartlett's History Through its Trees." The participants' reviews all said the tour was "great" and most importantly everyone agreed they learned new historical and tree facts.

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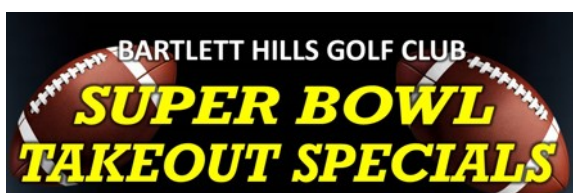
## Bartlett Hills Centennial



In 2026, Bartlett Hills Golf Club will celebrate its centennial. The Bartlett History Museum is seeking donations of images, logo apparel, trophies and especially memories pertaining to the club for its upcoming exhibit.

Please contact Museum Director Pam Rohleder, [prohleder@bartlett.il.gov](mailto:prohleder@bartlett.il.gov) if you have memories or memorabilia that you would like to share.

## REMINDERS



Bartlett Hills Golf Club is offering some quick & delicious takeout options that will mean less work and more fun for your Super Bowl Sunday!

### **HOT & READY TO GO**

Pickup Sunday, 2/9 from noon to 5 p.m.

- Wings (2 lbs) \$30 - boneless or traditional, with choice of sauce
- Chicken Tenders (2 lbs) \$25 - with choice of sauce
- Pizza (16-inch pub style) - meat lovers \$28; supreme \$28; cheese \$24; pepperoni, sausage \$26
- Waffle Fries (4 lbs) \$30 - served with ranch

### **TAKE & BAKE AT HOME**

Pickup 2/8 or 2/9 from noon to 5 p.m.

- Italian Beef \$50 - 2 lbs of beef with buns, gravy, sweet and hot peppers
- Italian Sausage \$50 - 2 lbs of sausage in marinara with buns, peppers and onions
- BBQ Meatballs (50 count) \$20
- Cocktail Franks (50 count) \$22
- Cook Your Own Pizza \$24 for Cheese - \$2 per each additional topping: pepperoni, sausage, onions, peppers, mushrooms, olives, Italian beef, garlic, buffalo chicken

Place your order by Friday, 2/7. A \$10% additional tax applied. Call 630-213-3103 or email [Evan@bartletthills.com](mailto:Evan@bartletthills.com).



The Bartlett Depot Museum reopens for the 2025 season on Saturday, 2/1. Hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. Please note, the museum will be closed Saturday, 2/15 for Presidents' Day weekend.

The First Saturday Free Children's Craft offers a different craft every month. No registration is required, but supplies are limited. Drop in anytime between 9 a.m. and noon.

On Saturday, 2/1, children are invited to celebrate Lunar New Year, the Year of the Snake, by learning about the holiday and creating a "stained glass" snake to display. In March, the return of spring, kiddos will paint a 3-D wooden butterfly.

The Bartlett Depot Museum is located at 100 W. Railroad Avenue, with free admission and free parking across the street in the municipal lot. In addition to exhibits, there are lots of hands-on activities to help you learn about the village's rich railroad heritage.

All Aboard for History!

## **Meetings & Events**

**WEDNESDAY, 1/15 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**Tri-Village Garden Club Meeting**

**TUESDAY, 1/21 @ 7 p.m.**  
**Village Board & Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**SATURDAY, 1/25 @ 10 a.m.**  
**Preschool Open House**

## **New State Laws for 2025**

**A new year means hundreds of new laws on the books. Here are a few noteworthy ones:**

**~ Minimum wage increase: the minimum wage increased to \$15 per hour for non-tipped employees and \$9 per hour for tipped employees.**

**~ Salary transparency: employers with 15 or more employees must include salary and benefit information**

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.

in job postings.

~ Digital driver's licenses: the secretary of state can begin creating a process to issue digital driver's licenses.

~ Affordable epiPens: twin-packs of epinephrine injectors are capped at \$60.

~ Hearing aids: insurers must cover medically prescribed hearing aids and services for all ages.

~ Fentanyl test strips: law enforcement, fire departments, and health care facilities must have fentanyl test strips on hand and offer them to the public for free.

~ Gym memberships: gym memberships can now be canceled online or via email if those options were used to join the contract.

~ Towed Vehicle Fees: vehicles that are stolen and later towed will not incur storage fees if recovered within seven days, and owners can retrieve essential items, like medical devices and textbooks.

~ Mini shampoo bottles: mini shampoo bottles, mouthwash and other toiletries offered at hotels will be banned starting July 1, 2025, for hotels with more than 50 rooms. Smaller hotels have until 2026 to comply. Hotels will now transition to refillable containers instead of the small travel-size bottles.

~ Yielding to emergency vehicles: requires that drivers who are approaching an emergency scene or a stopped emergency vehicle, or a construction zone, must make a lane change to yield the right of way if it is possible. If not, the driver must reduce speed.

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2025*

**Congratulations!**

**Public Works Earns Two APWA Awards**



A round of applause to Bartlett's Public Works Department, which was recognized with two American Public Works Association (APWA) local chapter awards.

The Bittersweet Water Reclamation Facility improvements won Project of the Year in the Environment - \$25 to \$75 Million category from the Suburban Branch.

Streets Supervisor Mike Warmus won Professional Manager of the Year – Right-of-Ways from the Fox Valley Branch.

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## **Hanover Township awarded \$600,000 state grant**

Hanover Township has received a \$600,000 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to develop eight acres of green space on its Tiknis Campus in Bartlett.

Adjacent to the township's town hall at 250 S. IL Route 59 in Bartlett, proposed improvements to the property include the installation of an asphalt and boardwalk trail, an outdoor classroom, gazebo, a discovery dock on the property's wetland, and fitness station. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2025.

According to Hanover Township Supervisor Brian McGuire, since 2009, the township has created nearly 50 acres of open space for the enjoyment of residents. Additional township green spaces include Runzel Reserve, located north of the Senior Center along IL Route 59 in Bartlett as well as at reserves in Elgin, Streamwood and unincorporated Hoffman Estates.

Established by the Illinois General Assembly in 1986, OSLAD helps communities fund land acquisition and development for parks and outdoor recreation projects. Since its establishment, OSLAD has awarded \$640 million for park and green space projects throughout Illinois.

Hanover Township serves over 100,000 residents in portions of the Cook County communities of Streamwood, Elgin, Bartlett, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, and Schaumburg.

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