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## NEWS

**Bartlett Bittersweet Facility Nominated for National  
APWA Project of the Year**



The American Public Works Association (APWA) Chicago Metro Chapter recognized Bartlett's Bittersweet Water Reclamation Facility improvements with the Project of the Year award in the Environment - \$25 to \$75 Million category at the 2025 APWA Chapter Awards luncheon on March 14. This project is now in the running for the national APWA Project of the Year.

The Bittersweet Water Reclamation Facility, built in 1971, required significant upgrades to address aging infrastructure, convoluted processes, and maintenance issues. With a 3.7 MGD (million gallon per day) average and 15 MGD peak capacity, the facility aimed to improve environmental sustainability, enhance effluent quality, increase wet-weather capacity to 20.5 MGD, and reduce energy use through automation and efficiency.

Key upgrades included replacing outdated grit removal and tertiary sand filters with advanced systems, converting aeration tanks for biological nutrient removal, and introducing UV disinfection for forward and excess flow discharges. Aging second-stage treatment components were demolished, and existing structures were repurposed to optimize operations and reduce costs. To improve public aesthetics, native prairie mix was used to produce a neighborhood-friendly site.

The new improvements provide approximately a 25% reduction in energy use with the elimination of the intermediate pumping station and the replacement of blowers with high-efficiency screw blowers. This results in electrical cost savings, and the village is expected to receive a \$224,000 grant through the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program.

The \$35 million project, financed through low-interest loans and grants, reduced process complexity by 40%, making it a model for nutrient removal using S2EBPR/RAS fermentation technology—one of Illinois' first implementations. Strand Associates, Inc. was the project consultant and the contractor was Joseph J. Henderson & Son, Inc.

The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management, administration, and implementation of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor, who work together to complete public works projects.

Awards are given in four divisions and five categories. The four divisions are: projects less than \$5 million; projects of \$5 million, but less than \$25 million; projects of \$25 million to \$75 million; and projects more than \$75 million. The five categories are: structures, transportation, historical restoration/preservation, environment, and disaster or emergency construction repair.

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# Early Voting for Consolidated Election



For the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election, in-person early voting is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 17 in suburban Cook County, DuPage County and Kane County. Voters can view early voting locations, key dates, deadlines, and other information regarding the 2025 Consolidated Election by visiting their county clerk's website.

[Cook County IL - Elections Home page](#)

[DuPage County IL - Elections Home page](#)

[Kane County IL - Elections Home page](#)

Consolidated elections are held in odd-numbered years. Offices that voters will cast ballots for during consolidated elections include:

- municipal officers, such as mayors/village presidents and trustees
- commissioners of park districts
- trustees of public library districts
- township officers
- elected members of school boards and community college district boards
- forest preserve district commissioners
- fire protection district trustees

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## Hydrant Flushing Starts on 3/31



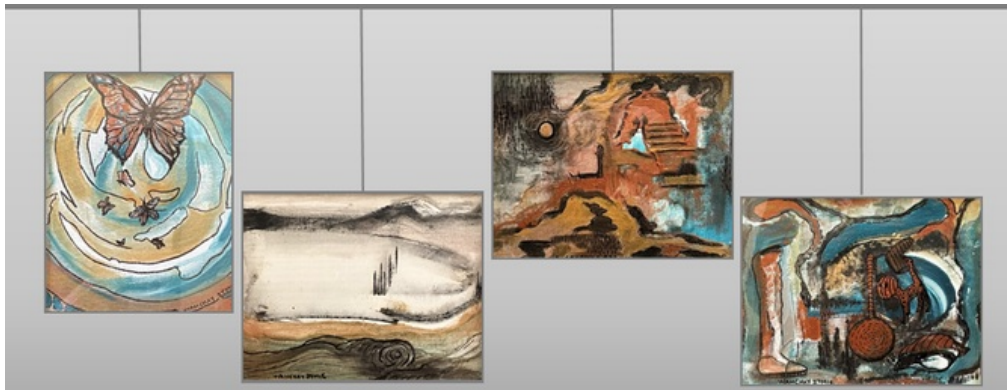
It's time for Bartlett Public Works to flush all fire hydrants. This process removes iron deposits from the water mains and ensures that hydrants are working correctly. It may cause temporary water discoloration, so please check for discolored water before doing any laundry during the dates your neighborhood will be flushed.

Flushing will start on Monday, 3/31/25 and go on for three weeks. The first week is 3/31/25 to 4/4/25, the second week is 4/7/25 to 4/11/25, the third week is 4/14/25 to 4/18/25. The last day of flushing is 4/18/25.

Please use the interactive map link to see when hydrant flushing is scheduled for your area.

[Hydrant Flushing Map](#)

## Artist Reception at Village Hall Gallery



"Postcards from the Universe" exhibit is now on display at the Bartlett Village Hall, 2nd floor gallery. Please join Arts in Bartlett for an artist reception at the gallery on Tuesday, 3/18 at 6:30 p.m.

Artist Wanchay Chanthadouangsy Itmis is a local artist currently living in Elgin. She is originally from Laos, a small Southeast Asian country, and has traveled the world extensively in search of clues to life's biggest and smallest questions.

Wanchay's art draws from abstract expressionism, impressionism and nature landscapes and attempts to converge the faint memories of travel, dreamy other worlds and previous life existences onto paper and canvas.

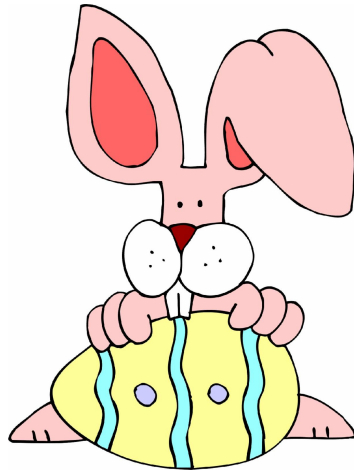
"Postcards from the Universe" explores ephemeral moments of time that inevitably dissipate into irreconcilable recollections and showcases Wanchay's paintings, printmaking and charcoal drawings during her emergence as a visual artist and pursuit of an Associate in Fine Arts from Elgin Community College.

Wanchay has previously shown at St. Charles Fine Arts Festival, Rockford Greenwich Village Art Festival, Dreamhall in Elgin, SideStreet Studios of Elgin, Chicago art gallery showcases, Skyway Intercollegiate Competition and secured a 1st Place in the 2D art category of the 2023-2024 Elgin Community College Art Showcase.

Her painting "Bandirma at Dusk" was recently acquired by Elgin Community College and is currently on proud display in the ECC president's office.

Art lovers also can visit the gallery and see the exhibit during regular village hall business hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

## REMINDERS



Join Bartlett Woman's Club for the 47th annual Bunny Lunch on Saturday, 4/12. Doors open at 11 a.m. and pizza lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$12 per person (limited seating; reservations and payment required in advance for every child, regardless of age, and every adult). Included in the ticket price: face painting, balloon animals, live bunnies, gift bag and raffle ticket for each child. Bunny will be available for pictures, so bring your camera. Please scan the QR code below to register or for more info or questions, email [judywags2@yahoo.com](mailto:judywags2@yahoo.com).

Scan to Register



The Bartlett Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt will take place on fields 4, 5 & 6 by the Bartlett Community Center on Saturday, 4/19 at 1:30 p.m. There will be 5,500 eggs for the children to find.



It's St. Patrick's weekend, bringing with it parades, parties, green beer and more. To remind motorists of the dangers of impaired driving and to help keep streets safe, Bartlett Police Department is teaming up with the Illinois State Police and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for a stepped-up traffic safety campaign through Tuesday, 3/18.

In addition to looking for alcohol- and cannabis-impaired drivers, the police department will be stepping up seat belt enforcement, particularly at night when seat belt usage rates are lowest. Speeding, distracted driving and all traffic laws will be strictly enforced.

Whether you're attending a party, hosting friends or going out to a bar, keep safety at the forefront of your day and night. When it's time to leave, make sure your designated driver is sober.

Other important tips:

- Drunk or high, it doesn't matter. It is never okay to drive impaired. Designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact law enforcement.
- Have a friend who is about to drive impaired? Take the keys away and plan to get your friend home safely.
- Always buckle up!

The St. Patrick's Day enforcement campaign is funded by federal traffic

## Meetings & Events

**TUESDAY, 3/18 @ 6 p.m.**  
Village Board & Committee of the Whole Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, 3/19 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
Tri-Village Garden Club Meeting

**THURSDAY, 3/20 @ 7 p.m.**  
Galway Gals Irish Music

**WEDNESDAY, 3/26 @ 11:30 a.m.**  
Job Fair

## Metra Seeks Input on Renaming Commuter Lines



Metra has launched a survey to ask riders what they think about potentially renaming lines to make the system easier to understand for new and occasional riders.

The effort is spurred in part by the operation of the Union Pacific North, Northwest, and West lines transitioning to Metra. Union Pacific Railroad owns those lines and has historically operated them with its own employees, but UP no longer wants to run passenger trains. Metra has been hiring many of UP's workers, and this spring will begin to directly run the service; "Union Pacific" will be phased out of the line names.

Renaming the three UP lines presents Metra with an opportunity to reconsider all its line names, which follow no logical or consistent pattern. Many are named after freight railroads that used to or still operate the service, while some are named for directions, how trains are powered or their location in a historic corridor. On maps, signs, and timetables, each line uses a different color.

The result can be confusing for new users, and for those who have limited proficiency with English. For example, two lines have "Milwaukee" in their names because they were once part of the Milwaukee Road, but they do not go to that city.

**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.**

The survey asks riders to choose between three options:

- Retaining all the current names and colors except for the three UP lines
- Using a single color for all lines and labeling all lines with an “M” for Metra paired with a number. For instance, M1, M2, M3, etc.
- Using a single color for lines that share a downtown station, and labeling them with a letter to indicate the direction they go from downtown paired with a number. For instance, the three lines that use Ogilvie would be the same color, and would be labeled N1 (for the UP North), N4 (for the UP Northwest) and W2 (for the UP West)

Metra believes developing clear and consistent line names may make the system easier to understand and encourage infrequent and first-time riders to ride more often. Research indicates that 7 out of 10 customers ride once a month or less, while 4 out of 10 ride only once a year.

Metra is in the early stages of a larger systemwide signage and wayfinding project, which will replace a variety of wayfinding, identification, and informational signs that have been installed over the years with redesigned signs that have a common appearance and use common language. It makes practical and economic sense to also consider changing the line names as part of this effort.

The effort will be in the design stage this year into 2026, transitioning to the manufacture/installation phase later in 2026. Metra hopes to complete the rollout of the new signs by early 2029.

The survey can be found at [metra.com/LineNames](https://metra.com/LineNames) or by using the link below.

**[Metra Line Name Survey](#)**

# Turning to Business

## Thank You & Farewell



The Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce and Bartlett friends helped send off Peggy O'Hare and **O'Hare's Pub** as the pub closed its doors for the last time on March 11. Many thanks for your long-time commitment to the community and for the smiles and good times that you always brought to village residents. Best wishes!

Midway Landing Bowling Alley, 399 Bartlett Plaza, is now open under new management as Midway Sports Bar. Stop in, seven days a week, for food and fun.

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## Happy Anniversary



**Second Chances**, a lifestyle brand offering furniture, seasonal and everyday home decor, fashion, jewelry and gifts, is marking 10 years in business this March. You are invited to join the celebration during a Spring Open House at the Bartlett Showroom.

When: Saturday, 3/15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 3/16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Second Chances Curated Living - Bartlett Showroom, 336 S Main Street, lower level at the Main Street Plaza. Parking available at street level.

There will be discounts and giveaways throughout the weekend.

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## Now Open



Congratulations to **Art of Brows Beauty Salon** in downtown Bartlett on its recent ribbon-cutting and grand opening. Come visit at 346 S. Main Street and experience a

wide range of beauty services, from expertly crafted eyebrow threading and tinting to enhancing your gaze with eyelash extensions and lash lifts. The salon caters to every detail of your beauty routine. For more information, call 331-200-5021 or visit [www.artofbrowssalon.com](http://www.artofbrowssalon.com).

## 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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