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NEWS

Residents Can Now Text 9-1-1 in an Emergency



DuPage Public Safety Communications (Du-Comm) now accepts emergency texts from those who need immediate help but can't safely call. If you're in the Village of Bartlett and use Verizon, AT&T, Dish Wireless or T-Mobile, you can text your exact location and emergency details to 911 and a dispatcher will respond.

Calling 911 is still the fastest and preferred method. But texting is available for:

- Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability
- Persons suffering a medical emergency that prevents them from speaking
- Situations where it is not safe to place a voice call to 911

How to Text 911:

- Enter the numbers "911" in the "To" or "Recipient" field.
- Know your location – include your exact address or location.
- Text what you need – police, fire, or medical assistance.
- Be clear – no abbreviations, emojis, photos, or videos.
- Stay calm – answer dispatcher questions and follow instructions.

A 911 dispatcher will reply to your text when it is received. If Text to 911 is not available for any reason, you should receive an automatic "bounce-back" message from your wireless carrier stating that Text to 911 is not available and advising you to make a voice call to 911.

Texting 911 is for emergencies only. Misuse is illegal. Dispatch cannot receive pictures or videos sent via text at this time. Do not text and drive.

For more information on DuPage County Text-to-911, visit the DuPage County Text to 911 website.

Text to 9-1-1

Downtown Streetscape Improvements are Underway



Earlier this month, the Village of Bartlett began a large streetscape renovation project in its downtown. This project focuses on enhancing key areas by creating a connected series of attractive and comfortable pedestrian spaces.

The scope of the project includes the areas south of the railroad tracks from the Bartlett Depot Museum to Town Center. Planned improvements include new sidewalks, native landscaping, hardscaping, seating, and a new water feature in Town Center. This water feature, a raised fountain, waterfall, and stream, is an interpretation of Brewster Creek and Winding Creek that once flowed through downtown. This project honors Bartlett's past and recognizes the natural resources of the area.

Due to the streetscape improvements currently happening around the Depot Museum, it will be closed until April 30. On that date construction progress will be reevaluated and a reopening date will be announced.

The village has a page dedicated to this project on its website. To learn more, visit the project webpage.

[Downtown Streetscape Improvements](#)

[Retiring Police Chief Pretkelis Honored](#)



Congratulations to Chief of Police Geoffrey Pretkelis on his retirement from the Bartlett Police Department. At the April 1 meeting, the Village of Bartlett Board issued a proclamation honoring his 28-plus years of dedicated service to the Bartlett community.

Pretkelis joined the Bartlett Police Department in 1996. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2006 and appointed to the ranks of commander in 2016, deputy chief in 2017, and chief of police on August 8, 2022.

During his more than 28 years with the department, Geoff served in many different capacities, including patrol officer, school resource officer, patrol sergeant, public service bureau sergeant, and deputy chief of support services.

Chief Pretkelis always added an extra caring touch to the many successful community based policing programs in the department, such as the Police Department Open House, the award-winning National Night Out celebrations, and the CALEA accreditation process, and he elevated them to the next level.

The Bartlett community offers Chief Pretkelis deep gratitude for his years of service, and wishes him a future filled with joy, health, and the kind of happiness that can only come from knowing he has made a lasting impact.

Although Geoff leaves big shoes to fill, the Village of Bartlett is seeking an experienced, visionary leader to serve as its next chief of police. This is a unique opportunity to lead a dedicated team and make a lasting impact on public safety and community engagement in a vibrant, diverse, and family-friendly community.

To see the job posting, visit the Employment Opportunities page on the village website.

[Employment Opportunities - Chief of Police](#)

Happy 20th Anniversary Senior Center!



Building and maintaining a senior center for Hanover Township residents started to come to fruition when a 2002 tax referendum was passed. Ground was broken for the center on September 20, 2003. Mike Kelly, who was the Hanover Township supervisor at that time, led elected officials and others in the ceremonial dirt turning. The Bartlett History Museum collected one of the shovels used, a program and one of the yellow plastic hard hats worn by attendees for its archives.

During construction, a Senior Center Time Capsule Committee was established to place and preserve township history within the walls of the building. Nancy Gher, then director of the former Hoosier Grove Schoolhouse Museum and Pam Rohleder, director of the Village of Bartlett Museums, along with township seniors, were asked to submit objects, images and written memories to be considered for inclusion. After the choices were selected, the items were placed in the capsule which is located in the vestibule of the center on the north wall.

The \$3 million, 14,000-square-foot facility at 240 S. IL Route 59 in Bartlett, offers a large lunchroom along with additional rooms for exercise, crafts, computers and more. It was dedicated 20 years ago, on April 2, 2005, with a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception.

To learn more about the services and activities offered at the Hanover Township Senior Center, visit the township website.

**Hanover Township Senior
Center**

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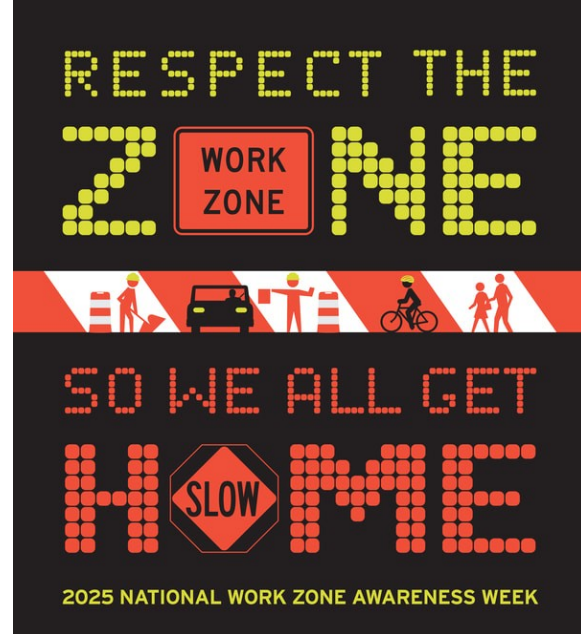
The Bartlett Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt will take place starting at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, 4/19 on Fields 4, 5 & 6 by the Bartlett Community Center, 700 S. Bartlett Road. There will be 5,500 eggs for the children to find.



You still have time to order a parkway tree for spring planting. All orders and payments must be received by April 25.

Bartlett's Parkway Tree Replacement program provides the opportunity for residents to select and purchase a parkway tree, with the village sharing 50 percent of the cost.

All trees available for order are 2 inches in diameter. The cost, for residents, is \$100 per tree. This price includes tree planting, a one-time mulching, and a one-year warranty. Limited quantities of each species are available, and all orders are filled on a first-come, first served basis.



Spring is here and that means roadway work zones have sprung up across the landscape as ubiquitously as daffodils.

As drivers take to the roads for vacations, errands and everyday commuting, it's all the more important to focus on their actions behind the wheel. That's the point of **National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW)** – to remind drivers to watch for work zones to protect roadway workers as well as their own lives and those of their passengers.

NWZAW got its start in 1997 when a group of Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) employees wanted to dedicate a week to raise awareness of work zone safety among all district employees ahead of the busy roadway work season. The next year, VDOT presented the idea for a national awareness campaign to the American Traffic Safety Services Association (**ATSSA**), which, in turn, approached the Federal Highway Administration (**FHWA**) and the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (**AASHTO**). The groups finalized plans and launched the first national kickoff event in 2000.

This year, NWZAW is April 21-25 with the theme of "Respect the Zone – So We All Get Home."

Statistics from the **National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse** show

You are only eligible to purchase a tree if your property has an available planting space, as found on the interactive tree map on the village website. Planting is only done in the parkway, not on private property, and must be spaced 30 to 40 feet from other trees. Other restrictions, such as proximity to driveways, intersections, street lights, hydrants, underground utilities, etc. may occur. Final planting locations will be determined by the village. Visit the Parkway Tree webpage to see available species and to place an order.

[Parkway Tree Replacement Program](#)

the vast majority of people killed in work zones are motorists, passengers and pedestrians. The most recent statistics show there were 821 fatal crashes in work zones resulting in 891 deaths in 2022. In 2022, 94 roadway workers suffered fatal injuries at their work site from all causes, according to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Pay attention as you approach a roadway work zone, remove distractions and slow your vehicle. Getting safely through a work zone could save your life and that of your passengers.

[Learn more, visit ATSSA.com](#)

Meetings & Events

TUESDAY, 4/15 @ 7 p.m.
[Village Board & Committee of the Whole Meeting](#)

THURSDAY, 4/17 @ 7 p.m.
[Pre-Civil War Quilts](#)

SATURDAY, 4/19 @ 1:30 p.m.
[Lions Easter Egg Hunt](#)

SUNDAY, 4/27 @ 8 a.m.
[Lions Pancake Breakfast](#)

SUNDAY, 4/27 @ 9 a.m.
[Police Department Open House](#)

April is Safe Digging Month



You've seen the flags...

RED - electric
ORANGE - communications
YELLOW - gas, oil, or petroleum
BLUE - potable water
PURPLE - reclaimed water, irrigation
WHITE - proposed excavation
GREEN - sewer
PINK - temporary survey

...but do you know why they are there and why they are important?

April marks Safe Digging Month in Illinois, reminding homeowners and professional excavators to contact **JULIE** before every digging project this spring, regardless of the size

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.

or depth. Putting up a fence, installing a mailbox post, building a deck or patio and planting trees and shrubs are all examples of projects that require a notification to JULIE first. This is a free service.

Striking a buried utility line can cause injury, repair costs, penalties and inconvenient outages. Here are five important steps before putting a shovel in the ground:

1. Pre-mark the dig site with white paint or flags
2. Go to the JULIE website or call 8-1-1 anytime to submit your locate request
3. Wait the required amount of time (at least 3 days)
4. Respect the marks
5. Dig with care

JULIE's agents are available to receive and process requests 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A free, self-service option to submit a request is available online at the JULIE website.

Nationwide, more than 49.3 million Americans will put themselves, their families and their communities at risk by not contacting their local 811 Center before digging. As Illinois' FREE notification service to prevent underground utility line damages, JULIE is dedicated to keeping homeowners, landscapers, contractors, professional excavators...and the entire community...safe.

For DIY project tips and information about the process, visit the JULIE website:

www.JULIEBeforeYouDig.com

Community Spirit!

Become a Sponsor or Volunteer



Since 1992, the Bartlett 4th of July Festival has been organized, managed, promoted, and orchestrated by a large group of community minded volunteers. This is the premier summer festival in Bartlett and the surrounding area. Approximately 15,000 people attend the multi-day celebration.

This year's 4-day festival (July 3 to July 6) is the 34th annual celebration organized, managed and funded by volunteer Bartlett residents as the Bartlett Fourth of July Committee, NFP with the support of valued partners: Village of Bartlett, Bartlett Park District and the Bartlett Fire Protection District. Taxpayers money is limited to a village contribution towards the fireworks, public works providing site electrical generators and a temporary traffic signal and the police department providing police protection. Park district employees assist with site preparation, site maintenance during the fest and post-fest site remediation. The fire district provides emergency medical services during the fest and various safety inspections.

All revenues generated at the fest are used to pay the expenses for the fest the following year. As a sponsor, you now have an opportunity to get your name out in front of those attending the festival and support this community event. All sponsorship dollars will be used to help ensure the ongoing improvement and success of the fest for residents and the community. Many sponsorship levels are available.

In addition, The Bartlett Fourth of July Committee, NFP is always looking for volunteer members to help with the fest.

For information, contact the committee:

TEXT: 630-830-4018

EMAIL: bartlett4thsponsors@gmail.com

FACEBOOK: [facebook.com/bartlett4thofjuly/](https://www.facebook.com/bartlett4thofjuly/)

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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