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May 15, 2025

**NEWS**

**Newly Elected Officials Sworn Into Office**



The Village of Bartlett welcomed its newly elected and re-elected officials during the swearing in ceremony at the May 6 board meeting.

Dan Gunsteen, who served as a trustee during the previous four years, was sworn in as Village President. He picked up the baton from outgoing Village President Kevin Wallace, who did not seek a fourth term as mayor.

Trustees Joseph LaPorte and Stephanie Gandsey, as well as Village Clerk Lorna Giless were each re-elected to their seats. John Battermann is Bartlett's newest trustee.

LaPorte was initially appointed in 2022 to complete a four-year term and was elected in 2023 to a two-year term. This will be his first full four-year term, and he will chair the Finance Committee.

Gandsey was appointed in 2020 to complete a four-year term and was elected in 2021 to a four-year term. This will be her second full term, and she will chair the Community & Economic Development Committee.

New Trustee John Battermann is a 19-year Bartlett resident. He will chair the License & Ordinance Committee during his first full term.

Giless was first elected village clerk in 2009. Her current term will expire in 2029.

Board of Trustee elections are staggered, with three trustees elected every two years. The terms of Trustees Renee Suwanski, Ray Deyne and Adam Hopkins will expire in 2027.

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**Memorial Day Walk & Remembrance - May 26**



For more than three decades, Bartlett has honored its deceased veterans with a Memorial Day Walk and Remembrance. Please come and join this community commemoration on Monday, 5/26.

It begins at 10 a.m. at Bartlett Park, Oak and North Avenues, with an American Legion flag retirement ceremony. At 10:30 a.m. veterans, scouts, civic groups, bagpipers and residents line up for the walk to Bartlett Cemetery, which steps off at 11 a.m.

At the cemetery, the remembrance continues with a cannon salute and a brief program that will include a celebration of one of Bartlett's local heroes. Working from the Bartlett History Museum archives, this year's hero story will feature Lyle Baxmann.

Bartlett sent many of her sons to serve in WW II. One, Lyle Baxmann, did not return home. He died while in service to our country.

Second Lt. Lyle C. Baxmann was the bombardier on a B-17 "Flying Fortress" that collided with a P-47 south of Milligan on September 8, 1944. Lyle was survived by his parents, Conrad and Zelma (Schultz) Baxmann and his brother, Wayne, who was in the eighth grade at the time of the crash.

Baxmann was raised in Bartlett, attended Bartlett School and graduated from Elgin High School. At the time of his enlistment, he was employed in the editorial offices of the Chicago Sun newspaper.

In August of 1943, Pvt. Baxmann attended Wittenberg College in Springfield, Ohio, for a five-month program of instruction, where he took numerous courses, including elementary flying training. When he completed this training, he was classified to continue further training at the Flying Training Command in the specialties of a navigator, pilot or bombardier. In July of 1944, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. and bombardier navigator at Midland, Texas, and enjoyed several days furlough with his family in Bartlett before reporting to Lincoln, Nebraska.

A few days before his death he had written to his parents from Sioux City, Iowa, where he was then stationed, stating that he expected to be on a long practice flight in the near future. It appears that this was the flight to the Bruning Air Field where the intercept with the P-47 fighter plane resulted in a collision. These flights of the B-17

formations from Sioux City to the Bruning Army Air Field were routine mock aerial attacks taking place in preparation for combat for both the fighter planes and the bombers. During the course of the exercise a P-47 "Thunderbolt" attempted to end its mock attack by pulling up but underestimated the speed and collided with the left wing of the bomber, rupturing the fuel tank of the bomber, and both planes exploded.

Second Lt. Lyle C. Baxmann is buried in Lakewood Memorial Park in Elgin, where a military funeral was held with full honors. Although Lyle Baxmann's life was cut short, he accomplished much by the age of 19.

Come and help the village commemorate Lyle and all of Bartlett's local heroes at this year's Memorial Day Walk & Remembrance.

Bartlett Police Department will be providing traffic control assistance along North Avenue between N. Eastern Avenue and Oliver Street for the Memorial Day Walk. Motorists traveling in the area of the Memorial Day Walk might experience slight traffic delays

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## High Speed Home Internet - Metronet



Metronet has started construction of its 100% fiber optic network for internet and home phone services in Bartlett. Residents can expect to see construction teams in and around neighborhoods completing both aerial and underground work. Metronet team member uniforms and vehicles are clearly marked with the Metronet logo, making them easy to identify.

Metronet uses cutting-edge installation technology, while actively minimizing the impact on properties within the construction areas. In neighborhoods with utilities on overhead poles, Metronet will use that existing infrastructure. In areas with underground utilities, Metronet uses state-of-the-art horizontal underground drilling machines to bury the fiber cables.

Metronet has a website dedicated to all things construction related. Residents are encouraged to visit the Metronet construction website to access more information about the construction process, and to notify Metronet of any potential property concerns, such as the location of an underground sprinkler system or invisible dog fence. The website also contains brief and informative videos explaining Easements, What to Expect During Construction, and What to Expect During Installation. You can also call Metronet Customer Service, 866-292-5382.

[metronet.com/construction](http://metronet.com/construction)

## PD Fishing Derby - June 1



Join Bartlett Police for this free Catch & Release Fishing Derby on Sunday, 6/1, at Beaver Pond, Stearns Road just east of IL Route 59. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Raffles and prizes for kids. Bring your own gear. Limited bait provided. Age 10 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Age 16 and older must have a fishing license.

## REMINDERS



**Semi-Annual Brush  
Collection**

**No Need to Bundle**

The Village of Bartlett with contractor Trees "R" Us provides semi-annual brush pickup in the spring and fall that does NOT require bundling.

The Spring Semi-Annual Brush Collection for 2025 is scheduled for:

**Week of June 2 - 6 & June 9 - 13**



**PumpUpTheArt**

Village of Bartlett

**Applications are now open  
until August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025!**

The Village of Bartlett is excited to once again open registration for its "Pump Up the Art" program. Interested artists (residency not required) are invited to apply and paint designated fire hydrants within the corporate limits of Bartlett with fun and creative designs.

Place all non-bundled brush in the parkway, cut ends facing street, by 7 a.m. on the Monday morning of your area's assigned week (use the link below to see your area on the map). The pickup for your specific block may not occur until later in the week depending on how many households in each area are using this service. However, once the truck goes down a street they will NOT go back around a second time. Please DO NOT put brush piles under trees, next to fixtures, mailboxes or power poles, etc.

Because Trees "R" Us crews use a grappler, it is better if the branches are piled in a large pile and not spread along the parkway. Nothing should be cut shorter than 4 feet or the grappler can't grab it easily. The contractor is also able to take branches that have a larger diameter, as long as it is not a very large log or tree stump.

This is a supplemental program. Groot will still continue to pick up weekly bundled brush and bagged yard waste.

### Brush Collection Area Map

Applications are open now through August 1, 2025. This program aims to highlight artistic talent while adding colorful, inspiring artwork to Bartlett's public spaces.

Please use the link below to see more information or to apply. Happy painting!

### Pump Up the Art



Bartlett Village Hall administrative offices will be closed Monday, 5/26 for the Memorial Day holiday. Please join the village for the annual Memorial Day Walk & Remembrance, stepping off from Bartlett Park at 11 a.m.

Due to the holiday, Groot will collect trash and recycling on Wednesday, 5/28 instead of Tuesday, 5/27.

Village officials and staff wish you a safe holiday weekend.

## Meetings & Events

**TUESDAY, 5/20 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
[Artist Reception - Chiou, Ya Wen](#)

**TUESDAY, 5/20 @ 7 p.m.**  
[Village Board & Committee of the Whole Meetings](#)

**FRIDAY, 5/23 @ 6 p.m.**  
[Memorial Day Dinner](#)

**MONDAY, 5/26 @ 10 a.m.**  
[Memorial Day Walk & Remembrance](#)

**SUNDAY, 6/1 @ 9 a.m.**  
[Police Fishing Derby](#)

## Automated Tornado Siren System

DuPage Public Safety Communications (DU-COMM) officially launched its new Fulton automated tornado siren system on May 1, 2025. This upgrade marks a significant advancement in public safety technology for Bartlett and all the other communities served by DU-COMM.

The new automated system enables real-time activation of outdoor

warning sirens directly from the National Weather Service (NWS), ensuring faster, more consistent alerts during tornado warnings. The system is designed to reduce manual steps in activation, minimize response time, and enhance reliability...ultimately helping to save lives.

“The transition to automation enhances DU-COMM’s mission of providing efficient and timely emergency communications,” said Executive Director Jessica Robb. “By leveraging the Fulton system, we are strengthening our severe weather response and giving our communities the fastest possible warning when every second counts.”

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.

Key features of the new system include:

- Automated activation based on NWS tornado warnings
- Geographic targeting of sirens to affected areas
- Improved speed and accuracy of alerts
- Redundancy and monitoring capabilities to ensure system reliability

## Re-Use & Recycle!

### Hanover Township Garage Sale Fundraiser



The Hanover Township Youth and Family Services (YFS) Garage Sale Fundraiser is on Friday, 6/6 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and Saturday, 6/7 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at the Hanover Township Town Hall, 250 S. IL Route 59 in Bartlett. All proceeds from the Garage Sale will be used to help Youth & Family Services youth leaders attend a statewide leadership conference on July 13 to 17 at Eastern Illinois University.

Items for donation can be dropped off at Hanover Township Town Hall (250 S. IL Route 59, Bartlett). Acceptable items include housewares, games, home decor, appliances, furniture, and more.

**\*NO CLOTHING DONATIONS PLEASE!\***

Please email Juliana Moreno at [jmoreno@hanover-township.org](mailto:jmoreno@hanover-township.org) with questions on the fundraiser or regarding a potentially donated item.

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## Electronics, Recycling & Shredding Event



Wayne Township, 27W031 North Avenue, West Chicago, is holding its annual Electronics, Recycling & Shredding Event on Saturday, 6/7 from 9 to 11 a.m. Open to the public. Rain or shine. Drive thru.

Electronics: Accepting all things electronic such as computers, laptops, monitors, printers, circuit boards, servers, scanners, hard drives, projectors, cables/wires/power supplies, keyboards, mice, TVs, stereos, VCRs, power tools, appliances, gaming systems, cameras, exercise equipment, phones, microwaves, coffee makers, Christmas lights, metal and more!

Most electronic recycling is free but there is a cost for some items. Cash or check only. Check payable to "Midwest Computer Recycling"

- TVs: \$20/each
- Tube CRT monitors: \$10/each
- Microwaves: \$5/each
- Exercise equipment: \$5/per piece

**RECYCLE YOUR IPASS TRANSPONDER AT THIS EVENT!**

Document Shredding (documents collected at Wayne Township and shredded offsite):

- Paper is to be in plastic bags

- Residential papers only

Also Collecting:

- Tattered American Flags (no poles or sticks)
- Eyeglasses (no cases)
- Large Batteries (no household batteries)
- Textiles (clothes, shoes, belts, purses, towels, sheets, blankets, rags, etc. in any condition)

## 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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