



# Trending NOW



June 15, 2025

## NEWS

### Happy Father's Day



Since the date of this issue of Trending Now coincides with Father's Day this year, the village would be remiss not to wish all Bartlett fathers, dads, pops, daddies, poppas,

stepfathers, grandfathers and father figures a very, very Happy Father's Day!

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## Have a Listen!

**DRIVING IT HOME WITH PATTI VASQUEZ  
FEATURING TRUSTEE GANDSEY**



**WCPT  
820<sup>AM</sup>** 

**WE  
BELONG  
IN BARTLETT**

Did you miss Bartlett Trustee Stephanie Gandsey on Driving it Home with Patti Vasquez - WCPT 820 AM earlier this month? Listen to the full chat with Trustee Gandsey and Assistant Village Administrator Scott Skrycki. From opportunities at a new Lake Street TIF district to a growing and vibrant downtown to upcoming community events for the whole family, you'll hear why everyone Belongs in Bartlett.

**Driving it Home with Patti Vasquez  
Interview**

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**BARTLETT**  
*4th of July*  
**FESTIVAL**

The all-volunteer Bartlett Fourth of July Committee invites you to celebrate at Apple Orchard Park, at the corner of Stearns & S. Bartlett roads. The Bartlett 4th of July Festival includes a carnival with rides and games, food, beverages, FREE entertainment, a parade, bingo, fireworks, and a great sense of community pride.

There is no charge to enjoy the Bartlett festival. The festival, including bands and fireworks, is funded through the carnival, food and beverage purchases. Please help fund the event by purchasing.

**THURSDAY, 7/3 from 3 to 11 p.m.**

Special Needs Carnival noon - 2 p.m.

Private event - requires registration

Carnival 3 - 10 p.m.

Food, Beer 3 - 11 p.m.

Bingo 3 - 9 p.m.

**Bands**

David's House 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Almost Taylor 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Anthem 9 - 11 p.m.

**FRIDAY, 7/4 from noon to 11 p.m.**

Carnival, Food, Beer\* noon - 11 p.m.

Bingo 5 - 11 p.m.

**Bands**

OnSet noon - 1:30 p.m.

Jukeboxx Mafia 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Voyage 4 - 5:30 p.m.

GooRoos 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Libido Disco Circus 8 - 11:00 p.m.

Skydivers 8 - 8:15 p.m.

Fireworks 9:15 - 9:45 p.m.

\*Beer tent closes at 9 p.m. & reopens after fireworks

**SATURDAY, 7/5 from noon to 11 p.m.**

Parade 10 a.m. - noon

Carnival noon - 10 p.m.

Food & Beer noon - 11 p.m.  
Bingo 3 - 11 p.m.

**Bands**

Sam Savage noon - 1:30 p.m.  
Karen Hart Band 2 - 3:30 p.m.  
Cheap Foreign Cars 4 - 6 p.m.  
Freebyrd 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Smokin' Gunz 9 - 11 p.m.

**SUNDAY, 7/6 from noon to 9 p.m.**

Carnival, Food, Beer noon - 9 p.m.  
Bingo 3 - 9 p.m.

**Bands**

Jade 50's noon - 1:30 p.m.  
Sealed With a Kiss 2 - 4 p.m.  
Modern Day Romeos 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
7th Heaven 7 - 9 p.m.

This schedule is subject to change. Visit the Bartlett 4th of July Committee website for updates. No pets, guns, or outside alcohol are allowed on the festival grounds.

[Bartlett 4th of July Committee website](#)

## Congratulations Madame President



The Village of Bartlett is proud of Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, who was sworn in as president of the Illinois City/County Management Association (ILCMA) during the Summer Conference earlier this month.

ILCMA was founded in 1953 to support and improve municipal and county management and strengthen local government in Illinois. The association's 850-plus members are professionals who share the common interest of promoting effective local government.

"Many managers that I have admired throughout my career have held this position, and I hope to serve ILCMA as well as those who came before me," said Schumacher.

Paula's colleagues and friends in the Village of Bartlett know that ILCMA is in good hands.

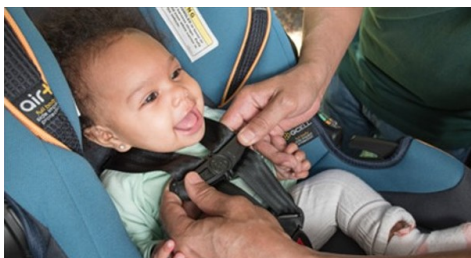
## REMINDERS



The administrative offices at Bartlett Village Hall will be closed Friday, 7/4 for the Independence Day holiday. Have a fun, but safe holiday!

Also, the Bartlett Depot Museum will be closed Saturday, 7/5, due to the Fourth of July parade.

The Bartlett Fourth of July Committee invites you to celebrate at Apple Orchard Park from Thursday, 7/3 through Sunday, 7/6.



Need help with your child's car seat? Bartlett residents can take advantage of the police department's FREE child safety seat installation program.

Certified community service officers will walk you through proper installation, ensuring your precious cargo rides safely. Appointments available Monday through



The Mayor is Now Accepting Applications!

The Village of Bartlett is currently seeking applicants for open positions on the Economic Development Commission and the Planning & Zoning Commission.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve the community and help shape the future of Bartlett, please see more information and link to the application on the boards & commissions page of the village website. We look forward to hearing from you!

### Village Boards & Commissions



You may have noticed Bartlett Public Works (PW) crews working in front yards throughout the village. They are checking the BBOX or Buffalo Box.

The BBOX is a vertical access pipe that

Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 630-837-0846 to schedule.

provides the village with a convenient and accessible shut off point for the water supply to the property. It is located near the sidewalk and is used for repairs, maintenance or emergencies.

Over the years, these BBOXes can get damaged or buried. PW is finding them, making sure they work and then painting them blue and getting them GPS located. If one of these shut-off valves is broken, PW will excavate down to replace it.

This project will help public works be more efficient in case of emergencies, such as a water leak inside your home when the inside valves does not operate.

## Meetings & Events

**TUESDAY, 6/17 @ 7 p.m.**  
Village Board & Committee of the Whole Meeting

**SATURDAY, 6/21 @ 9 a.m.**  
Authors in the Park

**SATURDAY, 6/21 @ 10 a.m.**  
Dog Walker Watch Summer Social

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

**THURSDAY, 7/3 @ 3 p.m.**  
4th of July Festival

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Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

**FRIDAY 7/4 @ noon**  
4th of July Festival

**SATURDAY, 7/5 @ 10 a.m.**  
4th of July Parade

**SATURDAY, 7/5 @ noon**  
4th of July Festival

**SUNDAY 7/6 @ noon**  
4th of July Festival

See More Meetings & Events on the

## Unplug Illinois with the Bartlett Park District

Unplug Illinois is a campaign created by the Illinois Park and Recreation Association that encourages people to unplug from their electronic devices and plug into play, creativity, friendship, adventure and family.

Bartlett Park District has scheduled FREE Summer Events to help you, your family and friends UNPLUG!

**PACK THE PARK EVENTS**  
Tuesday, 6/17 from 6 to 8 p.m.  
@ Riley's Run Park, 650 Lambert Lane

Monday, 7/21 from 6 to 8 p.m.  
@ Schoppe Park, 300 E. Taylor Avenue

Thursday, 8/21 from 6 to 8 p.m.  
@ Rita K. Fletcher Park, 696 W. Stearns Road

Pack the Park events include FREE family fun with giant outdoor yard games, activities, giveaways, mouthwatering popsicles, and your opportunity to receive an "Exclusive Collectible Sticker," at each event, part of the 2025 Bartlett Park District Sticker Series.

**FREE MOVIE UNDER THE STARS**

Website Calendar. Please know that meeting agendas are not posted to the website until they are finalized, generally the week before the meeting date.

Friday, 8/15 at 7:45 p.m.

@ Bartlett Community Park, 620 W. Stearns Road

Enjoy the movie Parent Trap under the stars. Bring your own chair, blanket, or cushions to enjoy this special night.

## Turning to Business

### Midway Sports Bar Belongs in Bartlett



Congratulations to the Rafidia family, who celebrated the official ribbon cutting and grand opening of Midway Sports Bar with the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce and village officials on Wednesday, 6/11.

Located at 399 Bartlett Plaza in the Streets of Bartlett shopping center, Midway is your go-to spot for fun, food and entertainment. With 30-plus TVs, bowling, billiards, slot machines, darts, and a full kitchen, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

## 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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