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NEWS

Bartlett Appoints New Police Chief



Village President Daniel Gunsteen with the board of trustees appointed Ryan Conway chief of police for the Village of Bartlett at the June 17 meeting. Chief Conway is scheduled to be officially sworn in to head the department on July 1. He will fill the vacancy left by Geoffrey Pretkelis' retirement.

Conway comes to Bartlett from the City of Wheaton where he most recently served as the deputy chief of operations. He started with the Wheaton Police Department in 2004 and served as a patrol division sergeant from 2014 to 2018 and as an operations division lieutenant from 2018 to 2020. He was then promoted to support division lieutenant in 2020 and to deputy chief in 2022.

Conway's new position with the Village of Bartlett brings him full circle in his law enforcement journey. In 2004, before he began his tenure in Wheaton, Conway was an intern with the Bartlett Police Department.

"That early experience left a lasting impression on me and played a pivotal role in shaping the foundation of my career. The opportunity to now serve as chief of police in a community that helped launch my path is both meaningful and deeply personal," said Conway.

He further explained his decision to accept this offer, "I was drawn to Bartlett because of its strong sense of community, dedication to public safety, and the shared values reflected in the Bartlett Way. I look forward to leading a team of committed professionals as we work together to build trust, strengthen partnerships, and enhance the quality of life for everyone who lives, works and visits Bartlett."

Bartlett's new police chief holds a B.S. in law enforcement/justice administration from Western Illinois University and an M.S. in criminal/social justice from Lewis University. In 2024, Conway earned certification in criminal justice education from the University of Virginia and graduated from the 289th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Noting the importance of this appointment, Village President Gunsteen described the rigorous selection process, "I wanted to ensure we got it right. We reviewed more than 27 applicants and interviewed eight final candidates. After our conversations with Ryan, I felt confident we had found the right leader for the future of our police department. Chief Conway's dedication to community focused policing and excellence in law enforcement makes him a tremendous asset for Bartlett."

CMAP Helps to Advance the Future of Downtown Bartlett



The Village of Bartlett is one of 30 communities across northeastern Illinois getting a boost from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) through its annual technical assistance program to invest in local plans for safer streets, stronger infrastructure, and more inclusive growth. CMAP's support helps communities build capacity, plan strategically, and access funding to turn ideas into action.

Bartlett was selected from a highly competitive pool of more than 80 applications submitted by 72 communities. The NEXT Grant awarded to the village is primarily intended to support implementation of Bartlett's Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Plan. CMAP staff will work with the Village of Bartlett to help organize implementation efforts, prioritize planned improvements, promote economic prosperity, and develop and carry out a clear action plan.

A team of developers from the Urban Land Institute will tour the downtown area with village staff and Mayor Dan Gunsteen. They will review and evaluate the plan, then reconvene for further analysis and discussion. Following that, they will review their findings along with feedback from the village and provide guidance on possible amendments and implementation strategies.

The goal of creating developments in close proximity to public transit options is to use transit resources effectively, reduce congestion, and give a boost to the local economy. TOD plans promote walking and an active lifestyle, by encouraging quality streetscape and buildings in a compact layout.

Planning for new development around the Bartlett Metra station will help expand Metra ridership, attract new visitors, and investment to downtown. Locally, making transit options and the downtown more attractive will help to bring new customers to existing businesses, as well as attract new shopping, restaurant, and employment options to the area. Regionally, the increase in transit ridership helps to alleviate traffic congestion, reduce the need for new roadways, and reduce air pollution.

Since its launch in 2012, CMAP's technical assistance program has supported more than 300 planning efforts throughout the region. These projects help communities identify solutions, leverage resources, and advance plans that contribute to a stronger, more connected northeastern Illinois.

Bartlett TOD Plan

Grand Opening - Miga's Bakery



Something sweet has come to town! Miga's Bakery, 225 S. Main Street, is your new local spot for handcrafted pastries, fresh coffee, and flavors you'll fall in love with.

Reasons Why You'll Love Miga's Bakery:

- Warm, welcoming atmosphere
 - Hand-rolled cachitos, soft and buttery
 - Delicious mini lunches – perfect for a light bite
 - Fresh coffee brewed just the way you like
 - And a few surprises you'll want to come back for
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Touch-a-Truck & Kids IDs



See! Touch! Explore! Honk! Open for all ages - emergency vehicles, construction trucks and more. Free Kids ID station by Illinois State Police.

Join Bartlett Police Department for this family friendly event on Saturday, 7/12 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the north Metra lot, 201 E. Oneida Avenue.

REMINDERS



Enjoy music and fun on the lawn at Bartlett Public Library District. Summer Family Concerts on the Lawn are sponsored by Friends of the Bartlett Library. Feel free to use one of the available chairs or bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, and your favorite people for an evening of great tunes, community vibes, and summer memories in the making.

Saddle Shoe Sisters on Wednesday, 7/23 at 7 p.m.

Rain Location: Meeting Room



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.

Get ready for a toe-tapping, heartwarming trip down memory lane! The Saddle Shoe Sisters bring the golden age of music to life, celebrating the vocal groups of the 1940s–1960s. Dressed in retro fashion - complete with their signature saddle shoes — these talented performers will charm and delight you with their harmonies and nostalgic flair. Registration Required.

Big Sky Ensemble on Wednesday, 8/13 at 7 p.m.

Rain Location: Meeting Room

Big Sky Ensemble plays American Roots Music with an eclectic approach. Combining elements of Bluegrass, Classical and American Roots Music, they create an enchanting listening experience for audiences throughout the Midwest. Registration Required.

[Bartlett Public Library website](#)

Bartlett 4th of July Festival



Looking for affordable things to do in the area with your family or on your own? Start your exploration by picking up the 2025-2026 Passport to Adventure booklet at the Bartlett History Museum, 228 S. Main Street; Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue; Arts in Bartlett, 215 S. Main Street or at the Bartlett Nature Center, 2054 W. Stearns Road.

The free passport lists 68 museums, natures centers, historic structures and more, just waiting to be discovered in Kane and DuPage Counties.

Bartlett's Summer Challenge - Make this Hardware Yours! The Bartlett resident who visits the most sites between 5/1/2025 and 8/31/2025, will be awarded the Mayor's Medallion. You must register your total site count either at Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street or at the Depot Museum. The last day to register your site count is 9/20/2025. Questions - email prohleder@bartlettil.gov.

Meetings & Events

TUESDAY, 7/1 @ 7 p.m.
[Village Board & Committee of the Whole Meeting](#)

THURSDAY, 7/3 @ 3 p.m.
[4th of July Festival](#)

THURSDAY, 7/3 @ 7 p.m.
[Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting](#)

Fireworks Safety Info

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

SATURDAY, 7/12 @ 9 a.m.
Touch-a-Truck & Kids IDs

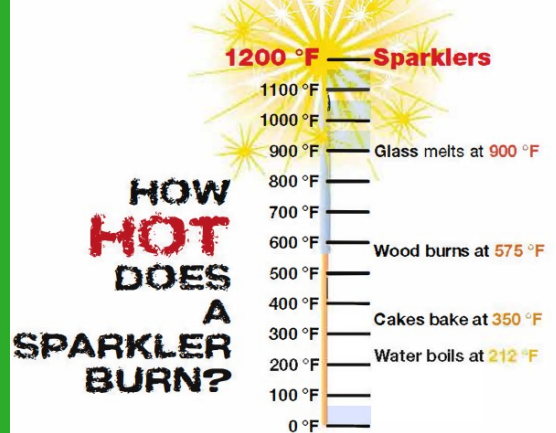
MONDAY, 7/14 @ 1 p.m.
Economic Development Commission Meeting

TUESDAY, 7/15 @ 6:30 p.m.
Artist Reception - Sister City Exhibit

TUESDAY, 7/15 @ 7 p.m.
Village Board & Committee of the Whole Meeting

TUESDAY, 7/15 @ 7 p.m.
The History of Sherlock Holmes

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.



It is important to know that fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show.

FACTS

- More than 31,000 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- Burns account for 38% of 7,400 injuries treated in emergency rooms during the month around July 4.
- Children younger than 15 years old accounted for 28% of the estimated fireworks injuries.
- Sparklers account for 29% of fireworks injuries for children under the age of 5 treated in emergency rooms in the month around July 4.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

- Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler.
- Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
- Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector.
- Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
- Make a patriotic craft with the family.
- Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2022 Fireworks Annual Report and National Fire Protection Association

PW Project Updates

Downtown Streetscape Improvements

6/26/2025:

- Sidewalk was installed in front of More Brewing, State Farm, McClure Chiropractic, and Valcon. Bricks will be installed the week of 6/30/2025 prior to the parade on July 5th.
- Landscaping in Location 2 (along Railroad Avenue adjacent to the Metra commuter station) will also begin next week.

Devon Excess Flow Force Main & Lift Station

6/26/2025:

- On Wednesday, 6/25/2025, a project milestone took place as contractor Martam installed the restrictor back into the pipe leading to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Lift Station. This work came just in time to meet the deadline for reinstallation set by the MWRD.
- Testing of the gravity line crossing Devon Ave is still tentatively scheduled for mid-July with final pavement restoration to follow.
- Emptying and demolition of the existing excess flow facility buildings also began the week of 6/23/2025 and will continue the week of 6/30/2025.

2025 Various Streets Resurfacing Project

6/26/2025:

- Curb line structure adjustments are planned to be completed by the end of this week(6/23/2025) and the remaining curb will be poured on Saturday, 6/28/2025/Monday, 6/30/2025.
- Oro Stone Landscaping continues placing topsoil and erosion control blanket. This work will continue over the next couple of weeks.
- Milling of the existing pavement is scheduled to begin Monday, 7/7/2025. Please use caution when traveling through the work zone.

2025 General Maintenance - Sidewalk Cutting

6/26/2025:

- Hard Rock Concrete Cutters are currently in Country Place, north of Newport Lane. Upon finishing, they will continue on to Amherst Drive, Ridings East, Bravo Point, and Charter Oaks neighborhoods as budget allows.
- The tentative completion date for this project is 7/3/2025.

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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