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NEWS

Streetscape Project Update



Work crews continue to make good progress on the downtown streetscape improvements. This project focuses on enhancing key areas in downtown Bartlett 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 Bartlett Town Center. Planned improvements include new sidewalks, native landscaping, hardscaping, seating, and a new water feature in Town Center.

Since the end of June, sidewalk was installed in front of More Brewing, State Farm, McClure Chiropractic and Valcon. Trees, bushes and outcropping in the area around the Bartlett Depot Museum and the Metra commuter station is complete. The remaining landscaping in these two areas and across the street, on the south side of Railroad Avenue, will take place later in the year when the weather is more favorable.

Underground utility work in the Town Center location is currently underway, and work in this area will progress over the next couple of months.

School Bus Safety



Monday, 8/11 is the first day of classes for U-46 and many other area students. Drivers are reminded to obey school speed zone signs, refrain from using their cell phones and pay extra attention to students walking to and from school.

Stop for School Buses

When you see a school bus slowing down or stopping, it's not just the bus that you need to have your eyes on – but the surrounding area too. Children wait at least several feet away from a bus and often cross the street when they're boarding or getting off the bus. This is why you must stop for school buses and not attempt to pass.

Illegal school bus passing poses a significant threat to children and others on the road. In every state, it is illegal for you to pass a school bus while the stop-arm is extended and the red lights are flashing.

Understanding School Bus Lights

Learn the school bus laws in your state and always follow them, as well as the flashing lights that school bus drivers use to alert you.

- Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. You should slow down and prepare to stop your vehicle.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. You must stop your car and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving, before you can start driving again.

Bus Stop Safety

Parents, it's important to talk to your children, about bus stop safety. Here are some tips:

Your child should arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus arrives. Ahead of the new school year, visit the bus stop and show your child where to wait for the bus, at least ten feet — five giant steps — away from the curb. Remind your child that the bus stop is not a place to run or play.

When the school bus arrives, your child should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, the door opens, and the driver says it's okay to get on or off. Your child should use the handrails to avoid falling.

Always use caution around the bus. Your child should never walk behind a school bus. If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, tell them to walk on a sidewalk or along the side of the street to a place at least ten feet — five giant steps — in front of

the bus before crossing. Your child should also make eye contact with the bus driver before crossing to make sure the driver can see that they're crossing to avoid the danger zone. If your child drops something near the school bus, like a phone or book, the safest thing is for your child to tell the bus driver right away. Your child should not try to pick up the item, because the driver might not be able to see them.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - School Bus Safety

Dunk the Principal!



Think you've got what it takes? Step right up and dunk your principal in the tank! One good throw and it's SPLASH time! Bring your aim, bring your friends — and make a big splash at this year's National Night Out!

Several District U46 principals from Bartlett schools have volunteered to brave the dunk tank water and join in the fun just before school starts. The dunk tank schedule is:

- 5 to 5:30 p.m. Principal Ginnan from Eastview Middle School
- 5:30 to 6 p.m. Principal Brodeur from Bartlett High School
- 6 to 6:30 p.m. Principal Crespo from Centennial Elementary School
- 6:30 to 7 p.m. Assistant Principal Matheson from Centennial Elementary School
- 7 to 7:30 p.m. Principal Olsem from Hawk Hollow Middle School

See you at National Night Out Picnic in the Park on Tuesday, 8/5 at Bartlett Park.

REMINDERS



Arts in Bartlett invites you to Bartlett Park, 102 N. Eastern Avenue on Saturday, 9/6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for an event for pets and their well-behaved humans.

The Arts in Bartlett Pet Event is your opportunity to meet 20-plus area rescue organizations – saving all manner of creatures from dogs to lizards – shop 20-plus pet-related vendors and watch animal demos.

Food and fall-related treats available for purchase. Free to attend.

Save the dates for another unforgettable Oktoberfest at Leiseberg Park, 325 E. Devon Avenue on Friday, 9/26 and Saturday, 9/27.

Hosted by the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bartlett Rotary Club, and the Bartlett Lions Club, this year's Oktoberfest will feature live bands, family activities, and, of course, brats, pretzels and beer and wine selections.

Visit the Bartlett Oktoberfest website for more details, event updates and the full activity and entertainment schedule.

Sponsor opportunities available - to become a sponsor, please contact Donna Weir, 630-988-9516 or davedonna5810@att.net.

Bartlett Oktoberfest

Meetings & Events

FRIDAY, 8/1 @ 5 p.m.
NNO Family Fun Night & Twilight Pool Party

SATURDAY, 8/2 @ 3 p.m.
NNO Block Parties & Lighting Competition

SUNDAY, 8/3 @ 1 p.m.
NNO Putt, Chip & Drive Crime Out Family Golf Event

TUESDAY, 8/5 @ 5 p.m.
NNO Picnic in the Park

WEDNESDAY, 8/6 @ 7 p.m.
Hive Talkin'

Keep Pets Safe from the Heat

The "dog days of summer" is a phrase used to describe the hot and humid days of summer. It can be traced back thousands of years to the days of the Roman Empire. It refers to the dates from July 3 through August 11, which is 20 days prior and 20 days after the star Sirius rises and falls in conjunction with the sun. Sirius was known as the "Dog Star," because it is the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (Large Dog).

The dangerous heat and humidity of these "dog days" can be harmful to

THURSDAY, 8/7 @ 7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

FRIDAY, 8/8 @ 4 p.m. and
SATURDAY, 8/9 @ 11 a.m.
Smoke & Irons Music Festival

SUNDAY, 8/10 @ 8 a.m.
Hoods & Horsepower Car Show

MONDAY, 8/11 @ 1 p.m.
Economic Development Commission Meeting

TUESDAY, 8/12 @ 7 p.m.
Don't Forget! - The Science of Memory

WEDNESDAY, 8/13 @ 7 p.m.
Concert on the Lawn

FRIDAY, 8/15 @ 7:45 p.m.
Movie Under the Stars

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.

not only humans, but human's best friend and other animals as well.

Pets, just like humans, are susceptible to heat illness - make sure to keep your animals hydrated! For dogs, a good general guideline is that a healthy dog should drink between 1/2 and 1 ounce of water per pound of body weight each day under normal conditions. Of course, any pet will need more water on hot and humid days.

Hot asphalt or cement can easily burn an animal's paws, so try to minimize walking your pet during the hottest part of the day. Not sure how hot the asphalt is? Place the back of your hand on the asphalt - if it's too hot for you, it's too hot for them.

As mentioned, animals can suffer from heat illness. A few signs of heat illness in pets are rapid or irregular heart rate, excessive drooling, lethargy, refusal to eat, or excessive panting.

Panting is a normal cooling mechanism for a dog, but a very bad sign for a cat. Be aware of excessive panting in dogs. If you notice any of these signs of heat illness remove your pet from the heated environment and get it into a cooler space. Apply cool towels to the pet, remove the towels, wring out the warm water, re-wet and reapply.

Last but not least, NEVER leave a pet unattended inside a vehicle. The temperature inside a vehicle can rise very quickly and is just as dangerous for pets as it is for people. Rolling down the windows is not a safe alternative.

Keep these things in mind and have a safe and fun-filled dog days of summer.

Information from the National Weather Service website

Turning to Business

Now Open



Beauty Empire Salon and Spa Suites, 989 S. Route 59, recently celebrated its ribbon-cutting. This new Bartlett business offers a comprehensive suite of beauty and wellness services.

The salon and spa prioritizes exceptional client experiences, emphasizing well-being and self-care. Services include advanced skin care solutions like facials, microdermabrasion, acne treatments, and anti-aging therapies. The staff also provide extensive body treatments, spa therapies for relaxation and stress relief, makeup and beauty consultations, lash extensions, and business mindset mentoring trainings.

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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