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# Trending NOW



October 15, 2025

## NEWS

**Halloween Fest & Parade**



**10 a.m. Costume Parade steps off from Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street  
10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Trick/Trunk-or-Treat from downtown Bartlett to The Streets of  
Bartlett shopping center**

Visit your favorite business, grab treats, avoid tricks and walk thru the Haunted Hallway at Town Center. Fun for the whole family! To learn more and get an event map of participating businesses/organizations, visit the Arts in Bartlett website:

**Arts in Bartlett Halloween Fun  
Fest**

**New Bike Lane on North Avenue**



North Avenue has been resurfaced and now has a great new addition -- a brand new bike lane between Eastern Avenue and S. Prospect Avenue.

This resurfacing of North Avenue to Lake Street was in coordination with the Village of Streamwood and with the Illinois Department of Transportation as a partner. The project received 75% federal funding and the remaining 25% was locally funded.

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## Skip the Trip to the Police Department



Bartlett's new Online Police Reporting System is now live. It is a convenient way to report non-emergency incidents that don't require an immediate police response. For emergencies or crimes in progress, always call 9-1-1.

Online reports require the same identifying information (such as name, address, phone number, and date of birth) that would be provided when filing in person, as well as a valid email address and phone number to allow for follow-up notifications. Please note that copies of online reports are not automatically provided; to obtain one, a request must be submitted through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Online reporting is not appropriate in situations where the reporting person is requesting the presence of a police officer, when items of evidentiary value need to be processed or collected, or when a crime is in progress.

Use online police reporting for:

- Burglary to Motor Vehicle
- Civil Matter or Matter of Record
- Criminal Damage to Property or Vehicle
- Harassment or Harassment by Electronic Communications
- Identity Theft
- Lost or Stolen Property
- Nuisances
- Private Property Crash or Accidental Damage to Vehicle
- Theft
- Trespass to Vehicle

[File a Police Report](#)



This past May, the Village of Bartlett and its Sister City Miaoli City, Taiwan celebrated 15 years of friendship with an evening of music, dance, laughter and a simple gift exchange. Bartlett Mayor Dan Gunsteen accepted a beautiful painting by Taiwanese artist Chiou, Ya Wen.

On behalf of Miaoli City, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) Director General Dennis Yen-Feng Lei was presented a wooden plaque featuring Illinois' state tree, the white oak leaf, representing the strength and resilience of our community. Alongside it is a branch of the tung tree, so important in Hakka culture and a symbol of Miaoli's natural beauty and deep-rooted traditions.

Earlier this month Daisy Fifer and Eric Chiou of Arts in Bartlett and Midwest Hakka Association closed the circle on the gift exchange, when they went back to Taiwan for a Hakka Conference. Eric brought the artwork from Bartlett as a piece of his luggage, and then he and Daisy visited Miaoli Village and presented the gift to Miaoli Mayor Wen-Chung Yu. Mayor Yu was very pleased to receive this memorable gift.

Since 2010, Arts in Bartlett has worked to deepen cultural understanding between the Hakka and Bartlett communities. This partnership has blossomed, thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Village of Bartlett, Arts in Bartlett, the Midwest Hakka Association, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago. It truly takes a village to achieve such success.

**Here are some Highlights from the Past 15 Years:**

● **March 5, 2010:**

Sister City Proclamation signed at Miaoli City Hall by Mayor Bin Kwan Chiu and Rita Lopienski, president of Arts in Bartlett. The event featured performances by the Bartlett International Chorus and the Chicago Hakka Chorus.

● **2015 – 5th Anniversary:**

Under the leadership of Eric Chiou, President of the Midwest Hakka Association, artist Tong Yao donated an oil painting of Taiwan's highest mountain. It is now displayed in the Bartlett Sister City Gallery at village hall.

● **October 2016:**

Mayor Kevin Wallace led a delegation to visit Miaoli, Kaohsiung, and Pingtung. He was a guest speaker at the "Global Hakka Cultural Promoting Initiative and Its Local Impact" conference.

● **March 5, 2020 – 10th Anniversary Celebration:**

A joint concert at Bartlett High School featured Hakka folk songs performed by the Bartlett High School Chorus and the Chicago Hakka Chorus.

● **August 2020 – COVID-19 Relief:**

A generous donation of 10,000 masks was made to the Village of Bartlett by Miaoli City, coordinated by Kevin Lin, President of the Midwest Hakka Association.

● **May 13, 2025 – 15th Anniversary Celebration:**

The National Taiwan University of Sport showcased Taiwan's vibrant energy through an elegant performance at Bartlett High School. The program also included performances of "Hakka Spirit" by the Bartlett Community Chorus and the Chicago Hakka Chorus, conducted by Andrew Viveros.

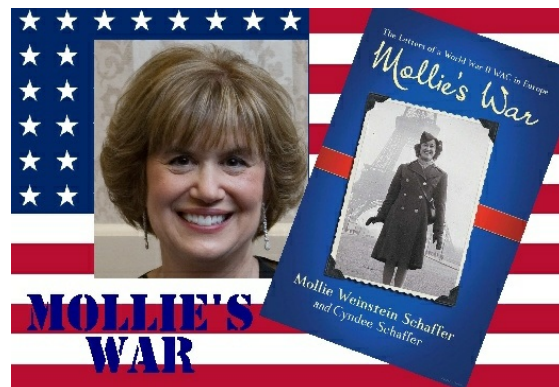
● **June–July 2025:**

Hakka artist Ya Wen Chiou of Taiwan exhibited her artwork at Bartlett Village Hall's Art Gallery. She donated a piece to the Village, which was reciprocated with a handcrafted wooden piece of artwork for Miaoli City.

"This enduring Sister City relationship stands as a testament to the power of cultural exchange, music, and community engagement. Here's to many more years of friendship between the Village of Bartlett and Miaoli City!"

Thank you Mei Lin for sharing this wonderful retrospective of Bartlett and its Sister City.

## REMINDERS



Bartlett has set Halloween trick-or-treat hours for 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday, 10/31. Please remember to turn on your porch light if you will be passing out Halloween candy.

Parents are encouraged to accompany children, to stay in their immediate neighborhoods and only go to homes where the porch light is on.

Trick-or-treaters should always walk on the sidewalk. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic. Drivers are reminded to be extra cautious and watch for kids crossing roads.

**Costume Safety:** Wear a costume that fits; avoid overly long or baggy costumes to prevent trips and falls. Use reflective tape as a trim for costumes and outerwear to help others see you in lower light. Use non-allergenic makeup instead of masks, and keep wigs and hats well off the face. Wearing a brightly colored costume and carrying a flashlight or glow stick also can help brighten the walk for trick-or-treaters.

**Safe Pumpkin Carving:** Leave pumpkin carving to the adults. Child helpers can grab a spoon and scoop out the inside or use a marker to trace the design. When your jack-o-lantern masterpiece is ready, use battery-operated lights or glow sticks rather than open-flame candles. If you opt for candles, keep them away from curtains, decorations and other combustibles.

Finally, children are reminded to bring their Halloween candy home and to have an adult examine all treats before eating.

The Bartlett History Museum invites you to attend "The Journey of Mollie's War: WACs and WW II" on Wednesday, 11/5 at 7 p.m. in Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street.

Presenter Cyndee Schaffer is co-author with her mother of the award-winning "Mollie's War," based on the letters that her mother sent home to family while serving in the Women's Army Corps (WAC), stationed in Europe during WW II. Schaffer will detail her mother's experience from basic training in 1943 to seeing the Statue of Liberty in the midst of darkness, when she returned home in November 1945.

Doors open for refreshments at 6:30 p.m. with a museum pre-program at 6:40 p.m., and Schaffer's program at 7 p.m.

Registration is required for this free event. Please email [prohleder@bartlett.il.gov](mailto:prohleder@bartlett.il.gov) with your name, phone number and number of attendees.



The Village of Bartlett will be hosting its annual Pumpking Smash composting event from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, 11/1 at the Metra Parking Lot, 138 E. Bartlett Avenue. SCARCE, a nonprofit organization committed to keeping "stuff" out of the landfill by reusing or recycling, first brought this event to DuPage County in 2014!

Residents can bring their pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns for composting in order to return nutrients back to the soil and lower methane gas production in landfills. Regular or decorated pumpkins are allowed, but please remove yarn, stickers or any plastic items before composting.

SCARCE  
Website

## Meetings & Events

**TUESDAY, 10/21 @ 7 p.m.**  
Bartlett Village Board & Committee Meetings

**WEDNESDAY, 10/22 @ 10 a.m.**  
Mobile DMV

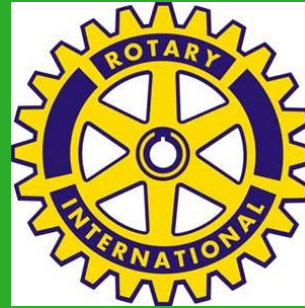
**FRIDAY, 10/24 @ 6 p.m.**  
Vegas Nights Casino Night Fundraiser

**SATURDAY, 10/25 @ 9 a.m.**  
SCARCE Repair Fair

**SATURDAY, 10/25 @ 10 a.m.**  
Halloween Fun Fest 2.0 & Parade

**SATURDAY, 11/1 @ 9 a.m.**  
Pumpkin Smash 2025

## Seeking Nominees for Service Award



The Rotary Club of Bartlett is seeking nominations of persons in the community for the 2025 Ralph Tovar Community Service Award. There are many amazing volunteers in the village who could and should be recognized and honored for their long-term commitment to Bartlett.

The late Ralph Tovar, village resident and Bartlett Rotarian of more than 35 years was a true representative of this. Tovar's dedicated volunteer efforts made a lasting difference in the Bartlett community.

The Rotary Club needs your help identifying and nominating similarly devoted, passionate and valuable community volunteers whose efforts have resulted in building the spirit of the Bartlett community. If you know of such an individual who volunteers and has been involved in continuous community service endeavors of a substantial nature and duration, let the club know by completing and returning a nomination form.

Nominations must be received by October 29, 2025. Please send or deliver a completed form to: Ralph Tovar Community Service Award 2025 Committee, PO BOX 8381, Bartlett, Illinois 60103, Attn: Carolyn Wessel, Committee Chairperson.

Attach a written summary of the nominee's Bartlett community service activities and any other supporting letters, statements or documentation to support your nomination. Use the Bartlett Rotary

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.

Club link below for the full nomination form.

The award recognition will include a public ceremony with presentation of a recognition plaque and a \$500 contribution to the charity of the award recipient's choice. The recipient of the Ralph Tovar Award will be announced at the Village of Bartlett's Area Chamber of Commerce/Rotary Luncheon in December of 2025.

Help the organization's efforts by nominating a candidate for the annual Ralph Tovar Community Service Award today!

Rotary Club of  
Bartlett

## Community Spirit

### BARTLETT WOMEN'S CLUB PRESENTS THE FOURTH ANNUAL POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER



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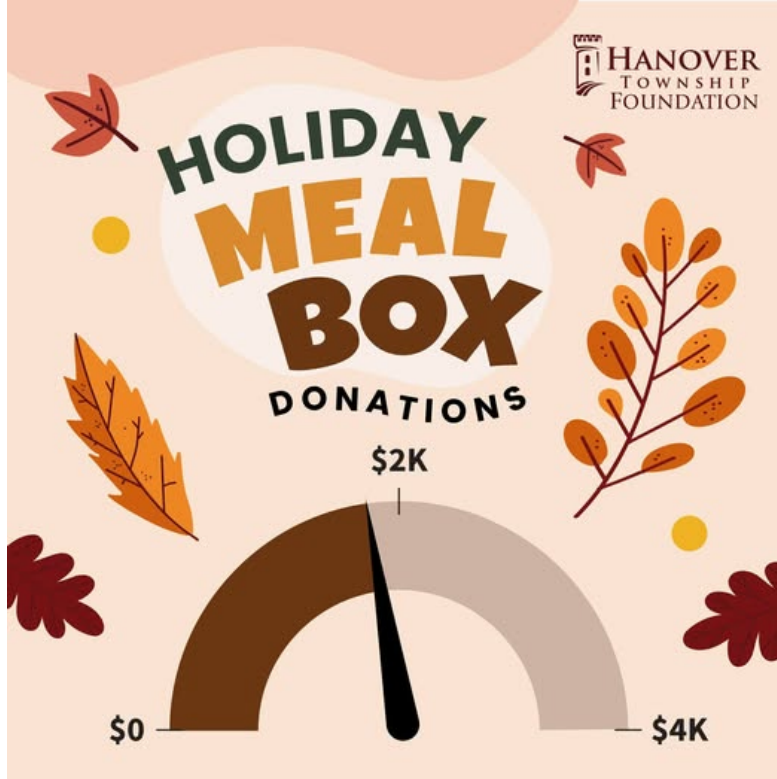
Support the Bartlett Woman's Club 4th annual Poinsettia Fundraiser. Proceeds will benefit the club's scholarship fund and the Bartlett community.

Poinsettias are available in red or white. Medium plants (5 to 7 flowers) are \$22 each; large plants (7 to 9 flowers) are \$30 each.

Last day for orders is Friday, 11/14/2025. Pickup your order on Tuesday, 12/2/2025 2025 between noon and 2 p.m. at the Bartlett Park Log Cabin, 102 N. Eastern Avenue.

Please use the link below to access the order form. For additional information or questions, please e-mail [annrohde1@yahoo.com](mailto:annrohde1@yahoo.com).

Bartlett Woman's Club Poinsettia Order  
Form



Sponsor a holiday meal box! Last year, Hanover Township distributed 575 Thanksgiving meals for families in portions of Bartlett, Elgin, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Streamwood, and Schaumburg.

A \$23 donation covers the cost of a meal box for a family of four and includes a turkey, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, a beverage, dessert and a side dish.

Help the township reach its online goal of \$4,000 with a donation to the Hanover Township Foundation!

[Hanover Township Donation Link](#)

## Save the Date!



Bartlett Lions Club is hosting its Fall Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, 11/8, at the Bartlett Fire Barn, 218 S. Main Street.

Cost for the all-you-can-eat



Come shop the Hawk Hollow Middle School (235 Jacaranda Drive) "Harvest at the Hollow" craft and vendor fair on Saturday, 11/15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be door prizes, raffle and food trucks offering delicious bites for purchase.

pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and juice: adults, \$10 and children age 6 to 12, \$6. Up to three children age 5 and younger are free with each paid adult.

Raffles, a 50/50 Split the Pot and free low vision screening for children ages 6 months to 15 years will be available at the breakfast. For more information, visit [www.bartlettlions.org](http://www.bartlettlions.org) or email [bartlettlionsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:bartlettlionsclub@yahoo.com).



**Bartlett Hills Golf Club**  
**800 W. Oneida Avenue**  
**Thursday, 11/20 from 5 to 9 p.m.**

Tickets are: \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. For tickets, call 630-213-3103 or email [Evan@bartletthills.com](mailto:Evan@bartletthills.com).

Tickets include fashion show with the Closet Boutique, raffles, hors d'oeuvres, shopping with local vendors. DJ entertainment with All-Pro Music. Wine & cheese tasting. Free raffle ticket with each donation to local food pantry.

## 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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