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NEWS

Metra Holiday Train



Metra's holiday trains are back this December, with special runs scheduled, including on the Milwaukee District West line. The decorated trains also will be used in regular service throughout the month.

On the Metra Electric Line, your ticket will include a visit to a North Pole winter wonderland at Millennium Station, featuring treats, holiday music, face painting and other fun activities. On the other lines, your ticket includes a round-trip ride on a decorated train featuring holiday characters and treats.

“Our Holiday Trains have become an annual tradition for our riders and their families, and we are happy to be operating them again,” said Metra CEO/Executive Director Jim Derwinski. “It’s our way to spread a little holiday joy and thank our riders for making Metra part of their lives all year.”

Holiday trains are planned on the Metra lines and dates listed below. Click on the links to see the exact schedules for each train. The trains shaded in blue are the Holiday Trains - the Holiday Trains don't stop at every station and ticket holders can board at any station where the trains do stop.

- Dec. 6: **Milwaukee District West** and **BNSF lines**
- Dec. 13: **Metra Electric, Rock Island,** and **UP Northwest** lines
- Dec. 20: **Metra Electric Line**

Tickets for Metra’s Holiday trains will go on sale **at noon on Monday, 11/17** at shop.metra.com and are expected to sell out fast. Tickets cost \$10 each and must be purchased in advance. There is a limit of five tickets per purchase. All transactions are managed by PayPal, but you do not need a PayPal account. You must click on the "Pay with PayPal" button, but then you can choose between logging into your PayPal account or the "Pay With Debit or Credit Card" option.

All sales are final. Tickets are not refundable and cannot be exchanged for another Holiday Train.

Shop Small on Saturday, 11/29



Saturday, November 29, is Small Business Saturday – a day to celebrate and support small businesses and everything they do for their communities. Founded by American Express in 2010 and officially cosponsored by the Small Business Administration (SBA) since 2011, Small Business Saturday has become an important part of small businesses' busiest shopping season.

Small businesses need support more than ever these days! Please join the Village of Bartlett and organizations across the country in supporting local small businesses by shopping at a small business on 11/29 and throughout the holiday season.

Not only does shopping locally help you, it also helps everyone around you. Here's what you're supporting when you buy local.

1. Small businesses give back to the community
2. Local store owners create local jobs
3. Local owners buy local services themselves
4. Local establishments provide great customer service
5. Small businesses create a sense of community

To see where you can shop and dine locally in Bartlett, please visit the village website shopping & restaurant business directories.

Bartlett Businesses - Restaurants and Shopping

Buckle Up & Drive Sober

This Thanksgiving, Bartlett Police Department is joining the Illinois State Police and local partners to keep holiday travel safe. Its "Click It or Ticket" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled



Over” enforcement campaigns run from 11/21 to 12/2. Officers will be looking for seat-belt violations, speeding, distracted driving and impaired driving due to alcohol or drugs, including cannabis.

“Thanksgiving brings more vehicles, longer trips and more festivities,” said Bartlett Deputy Chief Rob Sweeney. “Seat belts remain one of the simplest and most effective ways to save your life in a crash. We’re asking every driver and passenger to buckle up, every trip, every time — and to make a plan for a sober ride before the celebrations begin. If you drink alcohol or use cannabis, don’t drive.”

Plan ahead with these tips:

- Before you go out, choose a sober driver or plan to use a taxi, public transit or a rideshare service (Uber, Lyft, etc.).
- If you host, offer alcohol-free beverages and help guests arrange sober transportation.
- If you’ve used cannabis, do not drive. Effects can be delayed and impair reaction time and judgment.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, pull over safely and call 911.
- Make sure everyone in the vehicle wears a seat belt. It’s your best defense against an impaired driver.

This Thanksgiving enforcement effort is supported by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and aligns with Illinois’ statewide “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over,” “Click It or Ticket” and “It’s Not a Game” campaigns.

Save the Date for the Cocoa Crawl



Saturday, December 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join a fun filled day of supporting local businesses and sampling cocoa beverages -- some hot, some cold and even some for those 21 years and older. Get your \$10 tickets today -- includes a souvenir mug for each paying adult (while supplies last*) and a

digital map to the participating vendor locations, where you can sip some sweet chocolaty goodness as you “crawl” along. Free for 16 and younger (no mug included).

The Cocoa Crawl's first stop of the day on Saturday, 12/13 is Bartlett Public Library, 800 S. Bartlett Road, where mugs can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mugs cannot be picked up before this time!

*Limited supply of Cocoa Crawl mugs are available and will be distributed on a first come, first served registration basis. One per paid reservation.

Cocoa Crawl
Registration

REMINDERS



Bartlett Village Hall administrative offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday from Thursday, 11/27 through Sunday, 11/30.

Village officials and staff wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving weekend.



Please remember that village ordinance prohibits depositing, raking, shoveling, plowing, blowing or dumping leaves, grass clippings, or branches onto any



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. 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.



Visit the Arts in Bartlett Holiday Pop Up Shops at 215 S. Main Street, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the select dates below to find a gallery loaded with affordable gifts &

public parkway, gutter or street. Leaves and lawn clippings can obstruct sewers and cause flooding. Large piles of leaves also can freeze once temperatures drop and become roadway hazards.

stocking stuffers hand-made by dozens of local artists and crafters. Find that unique item for someone wonderful on your list.

Small Business Saturday - 11/29
Deck the Halls Saturday - 12/6
Cocoa Crawl Saturday - 12/13

Meetings & Events

SATURDAY, 11/15 @ 9 a.m.
Harvest at the Hollow Craft & Vendor Fair

SATURDAY, 11/15 @ 10 a.m.
Cook County Justice Fair

TUESDAY, 11/18 @ 7 p.m.
Bartlett Village Board & Committee Meetings

THURSDAY, 11/20 @ 5 p.m.
Roaring Twenties - Ladies Night Out

SATURDAY, 11/29 @ 9 a.m.
Holiday Pop Up Boutique

TUESDAY, 12/2 @ 7 p.m.
Bartlett Village Board & Committee Meetings

THURSDAY, 12/4 @ 7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

SATURDAY, 12/6 @ 9 a.m.
Cookie Walk & Craft Fair

SATURDAY, 12/6 @ 9 a.m.
Holiday Pop Up Boutique

SATURDAY, 12/6 @ 4:30 p.m.
Merry & Bright - Lighting the Tree

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.

Text Message Scam Warning!

The Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) is warning taxpayers about a new nationwide text message scam targeting individuals with fraudulent messages that appear to come from state revenue or treasury agencies.

This latest phishing scheme involves unsolicited, urgent text messages claiming that a tax refund has been processed. Recipients are then asked to provide or verify their personal banking information under the threat of losing a state refund.

IDOR primarily communicates through official correspondence sent through the U.S. Postal Service or through *MyTax Illinois*, the department's secure and free online account management platform. Unsolicited messages that claim to be from IDOR and arrive by text, email, or social media, particularly those requesting personal or financial information, should be considered fraudulent and ignored. Taxpayers should avoid clicking on any links and delete any messages.

Taxpayers who have questions about their Illinois refunds, account balances, or any correspondence received should verify that information directly with IDOR at tax.illinois.gov or by calling 1-800-732-8866.

Illinois Department of
Revenue

Town Center Streetscape Nears Completion



The Bartlett Town Center streetscape project is moving ever nearer to completion. Following the final concrete pour for the sidewalk, pavement patching and placement of the outcropping rocks, the crew will do a test startup/winterization of the fountain during the week of 11/19.

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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