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NEWS

Join the Stroll

Stroll to North Pole



This year, Bartlett's Merry & Bright Holiday Tree Lighting, starts at **4:30 p.m. on Saturday, 12/6**, with a "stroll" from the Metra lot on E. Oneida Avenue, north along Oak Avenue, to Bartlett Park. Bundle up the family and find your perfect spot along the route to watch the fun or join in the procession. Jingle bells will be provided to parade participants while supplies last!

Once at Bartlett Park, you can enjoy a full schedule of holiday magic, from Santa lighting the tree to a laser light show that will officially kickoff Merry & Bright in Bartlett.

4:30 p.m. - Everyone is invited to assemble in the METRA lot on Oneida & Eastern for a "Stroll to the North Pole," which will step off at 4:45 p.m.

5 p.m. - Santa and "strollers" will arrive at Bartlett Park, where Santa will head to the gazebo to light the tree first thing.

5 to 6 p.m. - Enjoy carols and music from the South Elgin High School choir and a DJ.

5 to 7 p.m. - Meet and greet Wicked's Glinda & Elphaba, as well as Jack Skellington & Sally from the Nightmare Before Christmas (special performance at 6 p.m.).

5:20 to 7:20 p.m. - Take a ride in the horse-drawn wagon or stop by one of the food trucks for a bite to eat.

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - After Santa lights the tree, he will head to the Log Cabin to see children and hear their special wishes. Bring your camera to take photos of your little ones. Also, help the Lions help those less fortunate by bringing a non-perishable food item for the Hanover Township Food Pantry.

6 to 6:30 p.m. - Test your knowledge during Holiday Trivia hosted by Friends of the Library.

6:30 p.m. - Come to the gazebo for a special story time with Bartlett Public Library staff.

7 p.m. - A 10 to 15-minute end-of-the-night Laser Light Show will officially kickoff Merry & Bright in Bartlett!

...and Register for the Cocoa Crawl

On **Saturday, 12/13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, join a fun filled day of supporting local businesses and sampling cocoa and other holiday beverages -- some hot, some cold and even some for those 21 years and older. Get your \$10 tickets at business.bartlettareachamber.com/events. Ticket 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).

Meet Mrs. Claus

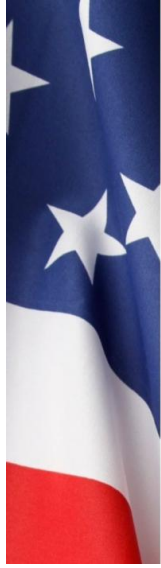


You are invited to Bartlett Hills Golf Club, 800 W Oneida Avenue, on Sunday, 12/14 for Breakfast with Mrs. Claus. Enjoy an All-You-Can-Eat Holiday Buffet with a tea and hot cocoa station. Adults - \$25; Kids - \$15. Admission is free for children age 2 and younger.

- * Have your photo take with Mrs. Claus
- * Decorate a Personalized Holiday Cookie Kit
- * Holiday Pictures by the Fireplace

Reservations Only. Please call 630-213-3103 to reserve your seating: Every half hour, starting at 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

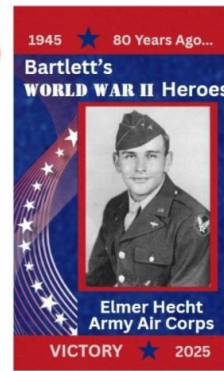
Honoring Bartlett Veterans



Village of Bartlett



VETERANS ON MAIN Banner Program



2025 Banner

On behalf of the Village of Bartlett, the Bartlett History Museum is collecting and archiving information about military service members, living or deceased, who call or have called Bartlett home.

This information will be considered for inclusion in the "Veterans on Main" recognition program, which features banners of Bartlett service members proudly displayed on Main Street.

Please submit your information using the "Veterans on Main" application link below. There is no cost to the veteran or family member applicant for a banner. Veterans must have lived in Bartlett in the past or be living in Bartlett currently.

[Veterans on Main banner application](#)

New Groot Rates

At the start of 2025, the village's contract with Groot Industries for refuse, recycling and yard waste collection was extended for a five-year period and will expire on December 31, 2029. The agreement included a no price increase for the first year, with seniors receiving a freeze for two years.

Starting January 1, 2026, rates increase incrementally by 3.5% annually as shown below. Yard waste stickers will remain \$2 for the life of the contract.

Single Family Curbside:

- 1/1/2026 through 12/31/26 \$23.05
- 1/1/2027 through 12/31/27 \$23.86
- 1/1/2028 through 12/31/28 \$24.69
- 1/1/2029 through 12/31/29 \$25.56

Multi-Family Curbside:

- 1/1/2026 through 12/31/26 \$20.74
- 1/1/2027 through 12/31/27 \$21.47
- 1/1/2028 through 12/31/28 \$22.22
- 1/1/2029 through 12/31/29 \$23.00

Multi-Family Centralized:

- 1/1/2026 through 12/31/26 \$15.85
- 1/1/2027 through 12/31/27 \$16.40

1/1/2028 through 12/31/28 \$16.97

1/1/2029 through 12/31/29 \$17.57

Per Sticker Yard Waste Rate: 1/1/2025 through 12/31/29 \$2.

Senior citizens, age 65 and older, are eligible to receive a 10% discount off their monthly service rate. Please contact Groot, 847-429-7370, to learn more about the senior discount.

REMINDERS



If you are hurrying to rake up the last of the fall leaves, Groot has given you a short reprieve. The seasonal leaf collection has been extended until Tuesday, 12/9. Put leaves in generic yard waste bags (no sticker required for leaves) and set them at the curb on collection day.



The Village of Bartlett will be collecting broken or unwanted holiday lights for recycling in partnership with Elgin Recycling. The holiday light recycling program is available through January 31.

You can drop off lights at the first floor multi-purpose room, just outside the council chambers in village hall, 228 S. Main Street, during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lights Accepted: Italian mini-lights, traditional C7 & C9 lights, rope and LED lights. Extension cords also accepted.

Please do not put lawn ornaments or other holiday decorations in the light recycling bins.



The Bartlett Depot Museum, 100 W. Railroad Avenue, is now closed for the winter season. It will reopen and resume regular hours starting on Tuesday, 2/3/2026 at 11 a.m. Thank you to everyone that visited the museum this year, from area residents to those that live out of state!

Meetings & Events

Safe Toys & Gifts Month

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

THURSDAY, 12/4 - cancelled
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

MONDAY, 12/8 @ 6 p.m.
Community & Economic Affairs Commission

SATURDAY, 12/13 @ 9 a.m.
Holiday Pop Up Boutique

SATURDAY, 12/13 @ 11 a.m.
Merry & Bright Cocoa Crawl

When it comes to toys and gifts, it is critical to remember to consider the safety and age range of the toys.

Prevent Blindness America has declared December as Safe Toys and Gifts Awareness Month. The group encourages everyone to consider if the toys they wish to give suit the age and individual skills and abilities of the individual child who will receive it, especially for infants and children younger than age three.

This holiday season (and beyond), please consider the following guidelines for choosing safe toys for all ages:

- Inspect all toys before purchasing. Avoid those that shoot or include parts that fly off. The toy should have no sharp edges or points and should be sturdy enough to withstand impact without breaking, being crushed, or being pulled apart easily.
- When purchasing toys for children with special needs try to: Choose toys that may appeal to different senses such as sound, movement, and texture; consider interactive toys to allow the child to play with others; and think about the size of the toy and the position a child would need to be in to play with it.
- Be diligent about inspecting toys your child has received. Check them for age, skill level, and developmental appropriateness before allowing your child to play with the toy.
- Look for labels that assure you the toys have passed a safety inspection – “ATSM” means the toy has met the American Society for Testing and Materials standards.
- Gifts of sports equipment should always be accompanied by protective gear (give a helmet with the skateboard)
- Keep kids safe from lead in toys by: Educating yourself about lead exposure from toys, symptoms of lead poisoning, and what kinds of toys have been recalled; being aware that old toys may be more likely to contain lead in the paint; having your children wash their hands frequently and calling your doctor if you suspect your child has been exposed to lead.

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.

- Do NOT give toys with small parts (including magnets and "button" batteries which can cause serious injury or death if ingested) to young children as they tend to put things in their mouths, increasing the risk of choking. If the piece can fit inside a toilet paper roll, it is not appropriate for kids younger than age three.
- Do NOT give toys with ropes and cords or heating elements.
- Do NOT give crayons and markers unless they are labeled "nontoxic."

This information is from the American Public Health Association website

Bartlett Hills Golf Course News

Winter Golf - Indoors & Out



The Course is Open

Don't hang up your clubs yet! Bartlett Hills Golf Club is committed to keeping the course open all winter long, assuming weather and turf conditions are suitable for play. Golf staff monitor conditions daily, and on those crisp, clear days, they are ready for you. Just remember that winter rules apply, and players must adhere to course restrictions to protect the greens. For tee time availability and course conditions, call the Pro Shop directly at 630-837-2741.

The Simulator is Ready

Want to keep your swing sharp no matter what the snow is doing outside? Head over to the clubhouse, where you'll find the state-of-the-art golf simulator. It's the perfect way to play a famous course or just hit a few buckets indoors. Call the Pro Shop at 630-837-2741 to reserve your spot on the simulator today.

Gift Cards are Available

Struggling for a last-minute gift idea? A Pro Shop Gift Card is the perfect stocking stuffer for the golfer in your life! They can be used for merchandise, green fees, or even time on the golf simulator. Any \$50 gift card purchase comes with a 100-year Celebration Ornament (while supplies last). Gift cards can be purchased at the pro shop during the following holiday hours:

- Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Sunday: 9 a.m. - noon

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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