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NEWS

Happy Holidays!



Bartlett Village Hall administrative offices will be closed for the holidays on Wednesday, 12/24 and Thursday, 12/25 and also on Wednesday, 12/31 and Thursday, 1/1. Village of Bartlett elected officials and staff wish you and yours a safe and a very happy holiday season.

Time to Vote



Bartlett is Aglow! Have you taken a stroll or a drive to admire your neighbors' holiday decorations? They are truly lighting up the village with the Merry & Bright spirit!

After you've taken in all the festive lights that have been entered in this year's holiday decorating contest, it is time to cast a vote for your favorite. Vote on the village website between 12/13 and 12/28. The top vote-getters will be announced the week of 12/29.

[Vote for your Favorite Holiday Decorations](#)

Buckle Up & Driver Sober



The holiday season is a time for joy, connection and celebration. To help make sure those celebrations don't end in tragedy, Bartlett Police Department is joining law enforcement agencies across Illinois in a major traffic safety effort.

From 12/12/2025 through 1/5/2026, officers will take part in the statewide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," "Drive High. Get a DUI" and "Click It or Ticket" campaigns. These enforcement efforts are supported by the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) statewide outreach media program, "It's Not a Game," which reminds motorists that driving is serious business.

The police department urges everyone to take the following steps to prevent impaired driving and reduce the severity of crashes:

- Plan ahead: Designate a sober driver, use public transportation or arrange for a ride-sharing service.
- Report dangers: If you spot an impaired driver, pull over safely and dial 911.
- Be a hero: Stop a friend from driving impaired by taking their keys and helping them get home safely.
- Buckle up: It's your best defense against impaired drivers and one of the simplest ways to save a life.
- Slow down and stay focused: Obey the speed limit and avoid distractions such as texting, scrolling or gaming while driving.

This campaign is made possible through federal highway safety funds administered by IDOT and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and is part of Illinois' "It's Not a Game" statewide media outreach program.

Looking Ahead to Restaurant Week



Get ready for Bartlett's second annual Restaurant Week! Dine at local eateries from February 2 through February 8, 2026, and take advantage of special offers and/or prix fixe menus at participating restaurants.

Be sure to check the Discover Bartlett and Village of Bartlett Facebook pages, as well as the village website for updates and more information as we get closer to February.

REMINDERS



The Bartlett Police Department, on behalf of Hanover Township, will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for children this holiday season with a drive-through toy drive.

Please drop off toys at the police department's sally port off of Oak Avenue on Saturday, 12/20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Groot will collect Christmas trees at no additional charge for a three-week period following the holidays, on Tuesday, 1/6, Tuesday 1/13, and Tuesday, 1/20.

Place your tree on the curb with garbage and recycling. If the tree is taller than 8 feet, please trim it to a size shorter than 8 feet.

All decorations must be removed. Do not place the tree in a plastic bag.

Garbage is not collected on New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving; Christmas. If one of these holidays falls on Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday, collection will be on Wednesday that week.

Meetings & Events

TUESDAY, 12/16 @ 7 p.m.
[Bartlett Village Board & Committee of the Whole Meetings](#)

THURSDAY, 12/25
[Bike & Run Plan Advisory Committee - cancelled](#)

Avoid these Popular Delivery Scams

Delivery scams and theft are particularly prevalent during the holidays when more packages are shipped. Scammers are hoping shoppers are busy or distracted and will act without thinking. Here are five popular delivery scams and five tips to avoid them:

1. Phishing messages posing as delivery companies

These scams arrive as emails or texts that look like official notices from USPS, UPS, FedEx, or other delivery services. They often contain a "tracking link" or claim that the carrier is having difficulty delivering your package. Clicking the link takes you to a fake site that asks for personal information or downloads malware onto your device.

2. Fake missed delivery notices

Scammers place a note on your door that claims they are having challenges delivering a package to

you. They ask you to call a phone number to reschedule your delivery, but it's a ruse to get your personal information.

3. False "package on hold" claims

Some victims report being told their package is being held at an airport, warehouse, or distribution center until they pay a fee.

4. Fake "incomplete address" messages

These messages typically claim your package can't be delivered due to an incomplete address. They urge you to click a link to "confirm" your information.

5. Package theft

Not all delivery scams happen online. Other delivery-related issues shoppers face involve package theft. Many consumers have had their packages stolen before they arrive home from work. Thieves snatch packages from doorsteps or lobbies of apartment or condo complexes. Criminals even follow delivery and postal trucks. When the truck leaves, the crooks move in and grab the parcels.

1. Take precautions to ensure a safe delivery: If you have a valuable or fragile item delivered to your home, purchase shipping insurance. In addition, always get tracking numbers for your purchases and check the shipping progress periodically.

2. Watch out for texts, calls, or emails about a missed delivery. Legitimate delivery services usually leave a "missed delivery" notice on your door. If you receive a missed delivery notice, examine the form carefully to make sure it is authentic, and only then follow their instructions. Keep track of what you've ordered to better understand what is coming and when. Don't click on links; go to the delivery carrier's website directly or log in and use the retailer's tracking tools.

3. Request a signature when ordering: Chances are this feature may come with a price tag, but it may be worth the extra fee, depending on the level of package theft in your area. Requesting a signature means that a delivery service won't be able to drop a package on your doorstep unless someone is around to sign for it.

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.

4. Don't leave packages sitting on your doorstep. Packages left sitting outside are particularly vulnerable to theft. To ensure safe delivery, have your package delivered to your workplace or a trusted friend or neighbor who will be home to accept delivery. Some delivery companies now have lockers where your packages can securely wait for you to pick them up using a one-time code to open the locker.

5. Open your delivery upon receipt to check for damage or signs of tampering. Contact the seller immediately if you believe something is wrong with the shipment or it's not what you ordered. Also, review the seller's return policy for damaged or unwanted items.

Information is from the Better Business Bureau website

Better Business Bureau

Your Questions Answered

Snowplowing Q & A



How does Public Works decide when to plow?

As soon as the snow forecast hits, Bartlett Public Works crews are already in motion. The stripes you first see on the pavement are PW's anti-icing pretreatment, a vital first step. This proactive material melts falling snow and, most importantly, prevents it from bonding with the road. This allows the plow blades to scrape right down to the pavement, making roads far safer and eliminating dangerous hard-packed layers.

Do you plow every street and in what order?

Bartlett streets are plowed in the following order: main streets, secondary collector streets, cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets. Priority is given to the most heavily traveled streets.

However not all streets in Bartlett fall under the village's jurisdiction. State, county and township roads are maintained and plowed by those agencies. Please see the [Street Jurisdiction Map](#) on the village website for more details.

Why does PW come back to clear curb to curb?

Blocking your driveway may be the result, but it is really not the intent of the plow drivers. While annoying, plowing all the way to the curb is essential to clear storm sewers and enable drainage when rain/melt is predicted. Leaving snow further out causes meltwater to run across the street and refreeze into dangerous ice patches.

Do you have any tips to help avoid the headache and backache when shoveling my driveway?

- * Clear about 10 feet of snow from the right side of your driveway, as you are facing it (this makes a pocket for plows to drop snow).
- * Pile the snow to the left of your driveway -- downstream of plowing operations.
- * DO NOT shovel snow into the street. It is a violation of village code, can cause ice patches and can potentially result in serious accidents.

What if a plow hits my mailbox?

If a plow causes damage via a direct strike, Public Works takes responsibility and will repair or replace it. However, if your mailbox is felled by the heavy force of thrown snow—the “windrow”—it is not covered. Mailboxes must be properly installed and sturdy enough to withstand that pressure; temporary posts are provided if an improperly installed box is damaged.

Does the village clear sidewalks?

The village clears snow from sidewalks surrounding public buildings and the commuter areas it maintains. The village does not clear neighborhood sidewalks.

Please be a snow angel and shovel your sidewalk so school children and pedestrians can walk with greater ease and safety. Also, please clear snow from around fire hydrants and storm sewers.

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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