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*Bartlett*  
ILLINOIS

# Trending NOW



January 30, 2026

## NEWS

**And the Winner Is!**



Congratulations to V & V Paesano for winning all three categories for favorite pizza in Bartlett:

Best Cheese - **V&V**  
Best Specialty - **V&V**  
Best Overall - **V&V**

Voting on the village website was open throughout the month of January, and 3,531 votes were cast. A big thank you to all of the pizzerias who signed on for this challenge, and everyone who voted.

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## Save the Date! Driving Forces - Women & Automobiles



March is Women's History Month. To celebrate this and the U.S. Numbered Highway System centennial in 2026, the Bartlett History Museum is hosting "Driving Forces: 100+ Years of Women Influencing, Buying, Designing & Driving Automobiles."

The program by Barbara Barrett highlights women's pivotal, often overlooked roles in the auto world. Topics include early pioneers like Bertha Benz, inventors of safety

features and modern consumers who drive majority purchasing decisions that influence design and practicality.

One of the village's early auto pioneers was Jeannie Pottratz, pictured above. The first automobile, a Buick, came to Bartlett in 1908. It was owned by Jeannie and her husband August Pottratz.

The Driving Forces presentation will be on Wednesday, 3/11 at Bartlett Village Hall, 228 S. Main Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments, with a 6:45 p.m. pre-program by the museum.

Barrett's program begins at 7 p.m. Registration required. Email your name, phone number and attendees to [rkoeehler@bartlett.il.gov](mailto:rkoeehler@bartlett.il.gov).

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## Bartlett Community Garden



The Village of Bartlett provides gardeners with the opportunity to participate in a community garden experience and enjoy a common space, where they can share a hobby with fellow community members.

This idea for a Bartlett Community Garden started in early 2023, at the village's strategic planning meeting. The 2026 planting season will be the third year for the Bartlett Community Garden, which is located at Koehler Field.

Midwest Compost generously donated 38 yards of compost, which was tilled into the garden. The Village of Bartlett prepares the garden plots for planting, identifies each plot with a number and makes water accessible to gardeners. Most plots measure 4 feet by 12 feet with some raised beds available for seniors age 65-plus and those who need an accommodation for accessibility purposes. All beds are rented out for a nominal fee on a first come, first served basis. Gardening is permitted between dawn and dusk during the gardening season.

[More Community Garden Info](#)

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## Restaurant Week - 2/2 through 2/8



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.

More than two dozen Bartlett restaurants are already signed up to participate. Whether you are craving fast casual or something more upscale, ethnic cuisine or an all-American burger or sandwich, one of the participating eateries is sure to satisfy your taste buds.

View the interactive map on the village website to see a list of all participating restaurants and their restaurant week offerings:

[Bartlett Restaurant Week](#)

## REMINDERS



The 2026 General Primary Election in Illinois is on Tuesday, 3/17/2026. Here are some key dates for Illinois voters.

**February 5, 2026:** First day to vote early or by mail.

**February 17, 2026:** Last day for regular (paper) voter registration.

**February 18, 2026:** First day of grace period for in-person voter registration and voting at election authority and early voting sites; continues through Election Day.



Bartlett Village Hall administrative offices will be closed Monday, 2/16 for the Presidents Day holiday. However, the Bartlett Connect mobile app gives you access to village hall 24/7. Make service requests, sign up for push notifications, and link to the village website, where you can pay water bills, apply for permits, search information and more.

**March 1, 2026:** Last day for online voter registration. Grace period registration is still available at election authority and early voting sites.

**March 12, 2026:** Last day for election authority to receive vote by mail applications.

**March 17, 2026:** Primary Election Day! Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

General Election Day is November 3, 2026.

[Bartlett website - Voter Information](#)

**From the Farmers' Almanac - Groundhog Day 2026** falls on a Monday, February 2, 2026 (always occurs on February 2). On this day, townsfolk in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, gather in Gobbler's Knob to watch as an unsuspecting furry marmot is plucked from his burrow to predict the weather for the rest of the winter.

If Phil does see his shadow (meaning the sun is shining), winter will not end early, and we'll have another 6 weeks of it.

If Phil doesn't see his shadow (cloudy) we'll have an early spring.

Bartlett Connect is available for free in the Apple and Google Play online stores.



Without REAL ID, travelers face TSA's \$45 penalty just to pass through airport security. Starting February 1, travelers without a REAL ID or passport will have to pay TSA \$45 for a trip and \$90 if their trip lasts more than 10 days.

To help you avoid the fee, the Illinois Secretary of State is making it easier than ever to get your REAL ID:

- **Where do I go?** Visit the [REAL ID walk-in Supercenter](#) in Chicago, extended through the end of 2026, or apply at [full-service DMVs](#) throughout the state.
- **What documents do I need?** Review our [REAL ID checklist](#) or contact our call center helpline at (800) 252-8980.

## Meetings & Events

**TUESDAY, 2/3 @ 7 p.m.**  
[Bartlett Village Board & Committee Meetings](#)

**THURSDAY, 2/5 @ 7 p.m.**  
[Planning & Zoning Commission](#)

**SATURDAY, 2/7 @ 9 a.m.**  
[1st Saturday Children's Craft](#)

**MONDAY, 2/9 @ 6 p.m.**  
[Community & Economic Affairs Commission](#)

**WEDNESDAY, 2/18 @ 10 a.m.**  
[American Red Cross Blood Drive](#)

## Submit Your Application

The Village of Bartlett appreciates the many residents who volunteer their time to serve on its many advisory boards and commissions. You help serve the community and help shape the future of Bartlett.

Currently, the village is seeking applicants for open positions on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

The Planning & Zoning Commission meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in Bartlett Village Hall. It hears and decides appeals from and reviews any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the zoning administrator. In addition, the commissioners hear petitions for comprehensive plan amendments, variations, text amendments, map

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.

amendments/rezonings, special use permits, site plan reviews, PUD plans, and subdivision plats, and make recommendations to the village board.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission or any of the village commissions or boards, please complete an application on the village website. If there are no positions currently available, the village will keep your application on file and contact you when there is a future opening.

Village Boards & Commissions

## Stay Connected

### Take Control of Your Water Usage



The Village of Bartlett has launched a new consumer water portal to help you take control of your water usage. Access your water consumption data 24/7 from any device with internet access and learn more about your water use habits and gain peace of mind.

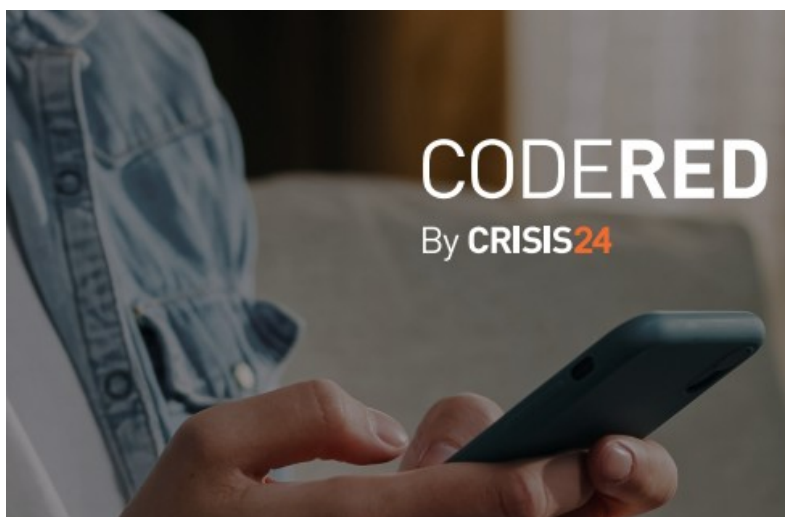
With your water consumption data at your fingertips, you can find answers to questions about your account without having to call or visit the village. In addition, the Village of Bartlett Consumer Water Portal offers the following benefits.

- View and manage your water usage 24/7 with an intuitive dashboard featuring charts and graphs
- Access easily from any desktop, laptop, tablet, or mobile device
- Monitor multiple properties from one account
- Manage multiple meters to get a better understanding of your water usage
- Set out-of-town alerts to monitor consumption and detect potential leaks
- Create water threshold alerts to set a water budget, help save water, and eliminate bill surprises

Activate your Village of Bartlett portal account today using the link below. Have your water bill handy. You will need your account number and either your full name or street address.

[bartlett.il.my360-app.com](http://bartlett.il.my360-app.com)

## Register for CodeRED



**What is CodeRED?** CodeRED by Crisis24 is an emergency notification system to help keep you and your family safe in the event of an emergency. Alerts are sent by the Village of Bartlett by telephone, cell phone, SMS, email, and more.

**When Will You Be Notified?** CodeRED will be used for emergency situations or to share important information. Floods, criminal activity, evacuation, missing persons are just a few examples of the types of alerts you might receive.

**What You Need to Know:**

- Alerts are location-based. You'll only get alerts if you're in the affected area - no spam, just relevant info.
- You choose what you get. Pick the types of alerts you want - from community news to emergency warnings.
- Only trusted officials send alerts. Messages come directly from authorized local public safety teams.
- The mobile app is free. Download the CodeRED app from the App Store or Google Play.
- Turn on GPS for real-time alerts. The app can send alerts based on your exact location wherever you go.

**Did you know it's free to register for CodeRED?** It's an important yet easy step that helps ensure your family remains informed and prepared for any emergencies in your area. If your contact information is not in the database — or outdated — you will not receive alerts.

Never miss an alert! Sign up for or re-enroll with CodeRED by Crisis24 using the link below or by downloading the CodeRED Mobile Alert app.

[Sign Up for CodeRED by Crisis24](#)

# 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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