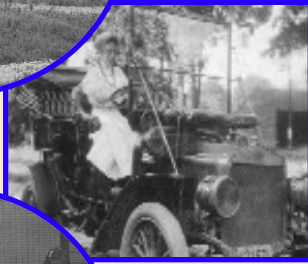


*Village of*  
**BARTLETT**

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***Strategic Plan 2008 - 2009***



# History

**1873** Luther Bartlett donates 40 acres of land for a railroad depot and a new town named Bartlett begins.

**1891** The Village of Bartlett is incorporated. John Carr serves as one of the Village's original trustees.

**1892** Residents approve the purchase of land for a municipal cemetery. Bartlett Cemetery is formally dedicated in October.

**1908** August Pottratz is the first resident in Bartlett to buy a car.

**1925** Bartlett residents begin giving up their backyard wells and pumps in favor of the Village's new public water system.

**1928** A new ordinance requires street numbers on all houses. North Avenue is designated the divider for north and south, Oak Avenue for east and west.

**1937** Trustees rally for the continuation of the high school in the community. Despite this effort, the high school is dissolved in 1941.



**1941** The Village Board forms a National Defense Council just before the United States enters World War II



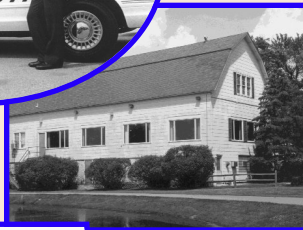
**1959** An extensive business licensing effort begins. Ordinances are issued regulating gas stations, dance studios, beauty parlors, ice cream shops, motels and more.



**1969** Betty Monroe is officially elected as the first female Village Clerk.



**1976** The 9-1-1 emergency response system is implemented in the Village.



**1978** Knowing the property might be turned into a high density subdivision, residents vote 1,129 to 301 to approve the purchase of Bartlett Hills Golf Course.



**1986** The Board of Trustees approves the establishment of a TIF district for downtown Bartlett.



**1991** Bartlett celebrates 100 years of incorporation with a festival, a parade and ball.



**2001** The grand opening of Brewster Creek Business Park, which will cover 670 acres when fully built out.



**2005** Bartlett dedicates its new Town Center fountain and first piece of public art.



**2005** Veterans and friends dedicate the flagpole at the site of Bartlett's future Veterans Memorial.



**2006** The new Village Hall is completed. The Board of Trustees, as well as the Village's other advisory boards and commissions resume meetings in the new Council Chambers in January 2006.



**2007** Metra's new downtown Bartlett station opens to riders on December 11. The 3,136 square foot Prairie Style inspired station is 15 times larger than Bartlett's original depot.



**2020** The projected population of the Village is 47,500. Bartlett's population has grown from 700 in the 1950s to a 2007 special census count of 41,402.

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## STRATEGIC GOALS & OBJECTIVES

### Create a community that fosters a sense of belonging

- ♦ Foster downtown development that serves as a community focal point.
- ♦ Develop an effective approach for more active involvement in promoting municipal authority and local control.
- ♦ Promote community identity and events.
- ♦ Encourage resident involvement.
- ♦ Continue efforts relative to senior housing and related senior services.
- ♦ Maintain & enhance communication.
- ♦ Facilitate intergovernmental relationships with other local taxing districts.

### Attract and retain a diverse business population

- ♦ Continue to develop Town Center in our downtown.
- ♦ Provide support to existing and new business community.
- ♦ Continue to address the development of the Brewster Creek Business Park.
- ♦ Continue to address business development of the Bluff City and Blue Heron business parks.
- ♦ Explore development potential of commercial area at Route 59 and Lake Street.

### Pursue formation of a new school district to ensure high quality education

- ♦ Continue efforts toward school district disconnection.

### Maintain and enhance the appearance of our community

- ♦ Promote residential, industrial and commercial property maintenance.

- ♦ Promote an inviting outdoor environment.
- ♦ Continue to provide for community land use planning.
- ♦ Implement the corridor plan for West Bartlett Road.

### Continue to provide high quality, responsive and cost effective Village services

- ♦ Focus on the development, motivation and recognition of municipal staff.
- ♦ Maintain a fiscally responsible government.
- ♦ Continue implementation of Phase Four of the Technology Plan, GIS.
- ♦ Encourage public transportation availability.
- ♦ Continue to provide and maintain infrastructure, facilities and services to keep pace with community growth.
- ♦ Maintain a safe community.
- ♦ Maintain emergency management efforts.
- ♦ Continue to work with the Bartlett Fire Protection District to facilitate implementation of their long and short term service goals.

### Evaluate and promote, where possible, environmentally friendly development, purchases, awareness and programs

- ♦ Continue Clean Air Counts efforts.
- ♦ Evaluate municipal purchases and practices for environment-friendly alternatives.



*Bartlett is a community all are proud to call home. We are a Village that values our past, cherishes our present and works together to thoughtfully plan for the future.*

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