



Bartletter

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From Village Hall to your Home

*Happy
Holidays*



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Your Property Tax Dollars

Property tax is the largest single tax in Illinois, providing a major source of revenue for more than 6,000 taxing districts in the state.

Every person and business in Illinois is affected by property taxes in one way or another.

Owners of real property (like a house, land, commercial or industrial buildings) pay property taxes directly. People who do not own property usually pay the tax indirectly through rent.

Anyone who attends public school, drives on roads or streets, uses the local library, has police and fire protection, or uses a local park or forest preserve is receiving services paid for, at least in part, by property taxes.

If you look at the tax bill for your Bartlett property, you will see a list of the different taxing districts that provide public services within the Village. Each government body has a separately elected board that levies taxes against your property in Bartlett and sets its own tax rate. When you pay your tax bill, the money is divided accordingly and forwarded directly to each taxing district.

Bartlett's Village Board will vote on the 2017 proposed property tax levy at its December 19 meeting and it will then be filed with the counties by the end of this year. The Village's final 2017 property tax rates for Cook, DuPage and Kane counties will be determined in spring of 2018, when the counties determine EAVs (equalized assessed values) for the 2017 tax levy. However, the Village anticipates that the 2017 tax rates for both Cook and DuPage counties will decrease slightly from the prior year's rate.

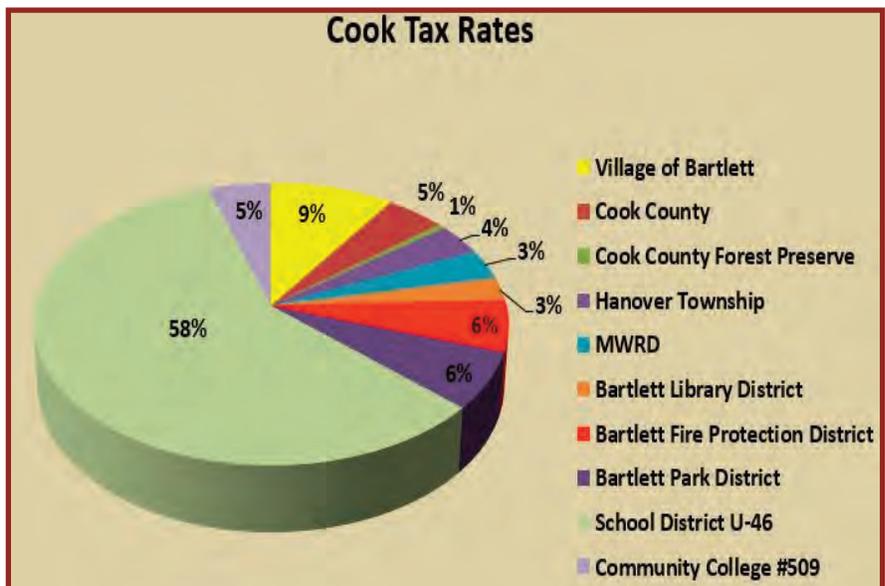
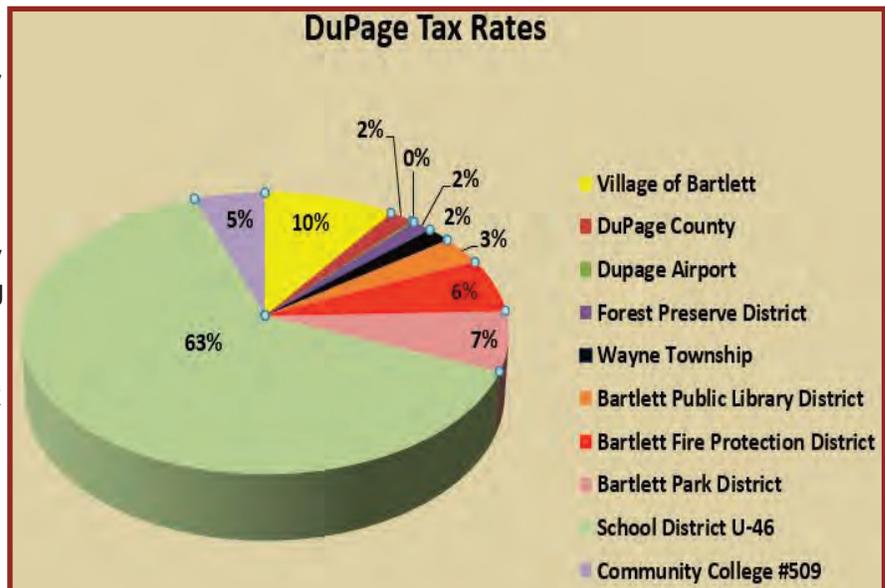
The Village currently receives just 10% of your total DuPage County property tax bill and just 9% of your Cook County bill. Other taxing districts that receive the remaining 90% of these tax dollars include the school district, park district, library district, fire protection district, community college district, township, county, etc.

The largest share of Illinois

property tax dollars goes to school districts; in Bartlett, 63% of your property taxes go to School District U46 if you live in DuPage County and 58% go to U46 if you live in Cook County.

In addition to property taxes, the Village receives revenue from income and sales tax collected by the state and shared with municipalities; from local license and permit fees; from direct charges for services such as your water and sewer service; by borrowing for capital projects; and from earned interest on assets.

Taken together, all of these revenues are used to pay for the services provided in the Village, including Public Safety (the police department); Public Works (streets, water and sewer); capital projects; and general government, including administration, community development, building, finance, professional services and insurance.



A Minute with the Mayor

Have you noticed during the past several years, that Bartlett Police Department has been able to mount significant traffic safety campaigns around major holidays?

When the 4th of July, Halloween, New Year's and other holidays roll around, the Village has been able to put more officers on the street to target intoxicated drivers and enforce seat belt laws, all thanks to traffic safety grants awarded to the Village by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The Police Department has been awarded IDOT grants totaling \$17,918 in the current fiscal year alone and \$341,636 since 2008. The state funds provided by these grants pay for the many additional patrol hours that result in safer driving throughout our community.

IDOT traffic safety grants are just a small part of the Village's efforts to secure grant funding for Village services and programs. Another example is the \$75,000 Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways grant that Bartlett received for the design engineering of a bike path project on West Bartlett Road near Devon Avenue.

Poor drainage from stormwater in this area has caused severe water damage to the existing bike path there. The county grant provides funds for engineers to analyze the drainage patterns along this stretch of W. Bartlett Road, develop drainage and/or grade improvements and design a new bike path that can replace the deteriorated path that is currently in place.

Cook County found this project to align with its "Long Range Transportation Plan, in that it prioritizes transit and other alternatives, and maintains and modernizes existing infrastructure."

The Village recently requested civil engineering proposals for the bike path design work,

which will be completed by fall of next year.

Let me offer one more example of how grant funding is helping to stretch the Village budget while benefiting the community.

The Village has been chosen by the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) for a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) zoning code update to assist with the implementation of its recently completed TOD plan, which itself was completed with funding and assistance from the RTA Community Planning Program.

According to Michael Horsting, guest blogger on the RTA website, "By revising its zoning regulations for the TOD area to promote mixed-use, transit-supportive buildings, the Village will encourage the style of development recommended in its TOD plan. The plan's recommendations include the revitalization of older downtown retail properties...the improvement of traffic and pedestrian connectivity...and increasing the downtown residential population by focusing on new housing development to fuel commercial growth."

Although property taxes, fees and bond issues will always be the main sources of revenue for day to day municipal operations, routine services and capital projects, public grants can provide the extra dollars that help our Village move forward with special projects and community improvements that might otherwise be kept on the back burner.



Kevin Wallace

Did You Know?

...that Bartlett has recouped more than \$328,000 during the last three years by selling used vehicles and equipment through online auctions, such as EBay and Obenauf.

Money from the auction of police and public works vehicles that are being retired from service generally is added back to the Village's vehicle replacement fund and helps offset some of the cost of future purchases. Dollars regained from the sale of used computer or office equipment, public works tools or used furniture provides a small, albeit additional stream of income for the central services fund and general fund.

The amount of money recouped during any one fiscal year varies by the number of items sold but by recapturing funds in this way, the Village ensures that every municipal dollar counts.

New Waste Hauler Contract Starts January 1

The Village Board has approved a 5-year contract with new waste hauler Groot Industries that will add services and save residents money. In addition to the current collection of refuse, yard waste, leaves and recycling, Groot will collect electronics for recycling and provide weekly brush pickup from April through November. The new 2018 single family home rate will be \$19.35 per month, a savings of \$52.44 per year; the 2018 multi-family unit rate will be \$17.51 per month, an annual savings of \$46.08.



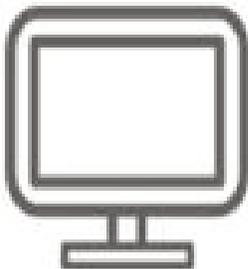
*No change to the current refuse service. Groot provides refuse cart. Once per week unlimited collection on Tuesday. Collection of white goods, such as refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, dryers, etc. Annual holiday tree collection.

*No change to the current recycling service. Groot provides recycling cart. Once per week unlimited recycling collection on Tuesday. Paper, plastic, glass, metal cans accepted.



*No change to the current leaf collection service. Free unlimited fall leaf collection during October and November. Place leaves in generic yard waste bags, no sticker required for leaves.

*Yard waste collected April through November. Residents can use generic yard waste bags with Groot stickers applied. Stickers can be purchased in local retail stores, at Village Hall or by mail from Groot for \$2.50. Any leftover Republic Services labeled yard bags can be used through the 2018 season.



*NEW Unlimited weekly recycling of electronics. No stickers needed. Notify Groot in advance of placing electronics at the curb, so the correct e-cycling truck can be dispatched.

*NEW Groot's weekly brush pickup from April through November will replace Bartlett Public Works twice a month brush collection. Brush must be bundled in 2 feet by 2 feet by 4 foot long bundles.





**“Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on; ‘Twas not given for thee
alone, Pass it on; Let it travel down
the years, Let it wipe another’s
tears, Till in Heaven the deed
appears, Pass it on.”**
~ Henry Burton, 1840-1930,
clergyman, writer

Character Counts! in Bartlett

December 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	<p align="center">Down at the Depot The Bartlett Depot Museum will be closed from December 1 to February 2 for annual maintenance. Mark your calendar for Saturday, 2/3 and join the Depot Museum staff when they reopen for the monthly “First Saturday Free Family Craft!”</p>				<p>Santa at 5 pm & 7 pm tree lighting at Bartlett Park</p>	<p>1 2 Fr. Christmas at Village Hall, 9 am to noon</p>
3	4	5 Woman’s Club Xmas Party Village Bd 7 pm	6	7 ZBA 7 pm	8 Pk Dist Holiday Shopping, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. @ Community Ctr	9
10 Swim w/Santa, Splash Central, 1 to 3 pm	11 Hist Society 7 pm @Library EDC 7 pm	12	13	14 Plan Comm 7 pm	15	16
17	18	19 Village Bd 7 pm	20	21 WINTER BEGINS	22	23 Living Nativity @Poplar Creek Church
24 Living Nativity @Poplar Creek Church	25 CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29	30 Pre-New Year’s Eve Party, 2pm @Nature Center
31						NO Drug Dropoff due to holidays

Village Hall will be closed 12/23 through 12/26 and 12/30 through 1/2. Village of Bartlett officials and staff wish you a wonderful holiday season and a very happy New Year.



**“Right actions in the future are the
 best apologies for bad actions
 in the past.”**
 ~ Tryon Edwards, 19th century
 American theologian

Character Counts! in Bartlett

January 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4	5	6
	Holiday Tree Collection Place your tree on the curb with your regular garbage and recycling. All ornaments and tinsel must be removed from the tree. Do not place the tree in a plastic bag.			Village Bd 7 pm ZBA 7 pm		
7 Special Olympics, 9:30 am at Bartlett Hills	8 Hist Society 7 pm @Library	9 Woman's Club 7pm @Log Cabin	10	11 Plan Comm 7 pm	12	13
14	15 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY	16 Village Bd 7 pm	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Drug Dropoff @Village Hall 9 am to noon
28	29	30	31			

POLICE BEAT



Overnight Parking & Vacation Watch

Starting January 1, the Bartlett Police Department is offering residents the convenient option to request overnight parking and vacation watches online at www.frontlinepss.com/bartlett. Simply click the submit button and enter your information into Frontline Public Safety Solutions.

Residents may still request overnight parking and vacation watches by calling the police non-emergency number, 630-837-0846.

2017 Juvenile Officer of the Year



Officer Gina Walsh is shown center with students from Eastview Middle School. Also shown, on the left, is Officer Victoria Anderson.

Bartlett Police Officer Gina Walsh has received the DuPage Juvenile Officer Association's 2017 Juvenile Officer of the Year Award.

Walsh is currently assigned as the Eastview Middle School resource officer. During the past year, she served as a positive role model by implementing a service-over-self program to teach middle school students the value of volunteering and working together to make a difference in other people's lives. Through this program, students worked together at Feed My Starving Children to package meals for children in Haiti and Kenya. They made Valentine's Day cards and played bingo with residents at the local senior citizen facilities. They also sent letters to troops serving overseas, made blankets for the Linus Project and collected

20 pounds of aluminum soda can tabs to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House.

Walsh also teaches Project Alert at the middle school, which is designed to educate 7th and 8th grade students how to make good decisions regarding bullying, alcohol and drugs. After school, she volunteers at the cooking club program that she created several years ago to help build positive police relationships with the middle school students. The program teaches students how to be responsible, follow directions and the importance of helping out at home.

Holiday Safety

The Bartlett Police Department offers these tips to help keep you safe this holiday season.

- ~Immediately report suspicious or criminal activity by dialing 9-1-1.
- ~Make arrangements to pick up packages delivered to your residence quickly to reduce delivery thefts.
- ~Check on your elderly neighbors during cold temperatures
- ~Do not leave your valuables unattended while shopping.
- ~Lock your vehicle doors and remove gifts and personal belongings from your vehicle.
- ~Do not leave your vehicle running unattended with the keys in the ignition.
- ~Check devices for credit card readers by pulling on the reader before inserting your credit card.
- ~Avoid falling for scams on false websites or emails requesting personal or credit card information to confirm purchases or regarding an undeliverable package. Try to confirm all requests directly with the company.



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Bartlett Museum's Online Collection



A new year means a new calendar, and Bartlett businesses have always been eager to supply their customers with them. In 1951, Ernie Jacobson, local Standard Oil agent, sent his customers this practical desk calendar, which included his contact information (gift of J Perkins).

Ever wonder what else the Bartlett History Museum collects in order to preserve the Village's rich history? The answer is hundreds and hundreds of images, objects, ephemera and books! This

large collection is housed at Bartlett Village Hall using archival practices to best preserve it for use in the museum's exhibitions, educational programming and social media posts.

The museum has begun putting its collection online to be accessible anytime and anywhere. Check it out by visiting bartlettmuseums.pastperfectonline.com. Choose what catches your eye or search for something specific using keywords. Click on the individual record to open it and find a picture and information on the item, such as age, size, use, etc., and a brief additive about its Bartlett connection. You are encouraged to share your findings with your family and friends using email or the social media tabs.

This online offering represents just a fraction of what is in the museum's collection. New items are being added online weekly so continue to visit often to experience Bartlett's past.

The museum actively seeks objects and images that focus on Bartlett. If you would like to donate and help continue to build the collection, please contact Director Pam Rohleder at prohleder@vbartlett.org.



Help Keep Bartlett's Water Safe

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires every public water supplier to have a comprehensive "cross connection control program" to protect its water supply. A "cross-connection," as defined by the EPA, is any actual or potential connection between the public water supply (the consumer's water system) and a contamination or pollution source.

Some examples of cross connections include fire protection systems, boiler systems, lawn irrigation systems, swimming pool filling systems, water features, carbonated soda dispensers, etc. Such cross-connections can jeopardize the cleanliness and potability of the public water system if a backflow event should occur. Devices called backflow preventers are required in any plumbing situation that is considered a cross connection. These devices help keep the cross connection separate from the potable water system at all times, preventing potential contamination.

One requirement of the IEPA is to survey all water customers every two years. The purpose of this survey is to identify all existing cross connections and ensure that proper backflow

devices are in place to prevent potential contamination. The survey will be mailed out to all Bartlett water customers in January 2018.

Please complete and return the short survey form immediately after you receive it, via an online form, fax, e-mail or by traditional mail. The contractor hired to implement and oversee the Village's program is Aqua Backflow of Elgin, Illinois. Aqua Backflow specializes in cross connection control management and all surveys should be returned to it, not the Village of Bartlett. If you have or require backflow protection, you may be notified for compliance (testing, repairs, or installation). Aqua Backflow can be reached at 847-742-2296 or info@AquaBackflow.com with any questions.

Bartlett's cross connection control program is designed to safeguard public health. Please cooperate with this program, its enforcement and any requests for information that come from Aqua Backflow or Village of Bartlett staff. If you have any questions about the program or the survey, you can reach Tom Ruzicka, water department supervisor, at 630-837-0811.

BARTLETT BRIEFS

LIVING NATIVITY

Poplar Creek Church, 300 E. Schick Road, is hosting its annual, FREE Living Nativity on Saturday, 12/23 from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Sunday, 12/24 from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. and again from 6:15 to 7 p.m. Live actors and animals set a nativity and you also can enjoy complimentary sweet and warm drinks indoors.

PRE-NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Bartlett Park District invites you to ring in the New Year with a fun, family-friendly event at **Bartlett Nature Center**, 2054 W. Stearns Road, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 12/30. You can dance, play games and take a nature hike during this pre-New Year's celebration. Hot chocolate and popcorn provided. Dress for the weather. \$5 per person; children younger than 14 must be accompanied by paying adult.

SPECIAL OLYMPIC GAMES

Special Olympics Illinois Northeastern Area will hold its 2018 District Winter Games at Bartlett Hills Golf Club on Sunday, 1/7. Opening ceremonies are at 9:30 a.m.

WINTERFEST

Experience the prairie in winter courtesy of the **Bartlett Park District**. Adopt-A-Husky and its team of sled dogs will be at the Bartlett Nature Center, 2054 W. Stearns Road, in James

"Pate" Philip State Park on Saturday, 2/10, noon to 4 p.m. Come watch the huskies run the mile trail and learn about the history of dog sledding. Other outdoor activities during Winterfest include snow shoeing and snow painting. There will be an Iditarod slideshow and other indoor activities. To ensure a safe and fun environment, please leave your own dogs at home. This event is FREE; no advance registration required. For more details, call 847-608-3100 or visit bartlettnaturecenter.org. This event is held in partnership with Adopt-A-Husky.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The **Bartlett Woman's Club** annual college scholarship is available after January 8 for any high school senior (boy or girl) who resides in Bartlett. Applications, due April 1, are at the guidance offices at all U-46 high schools. Seniors at other schools can call Ruth Beckner, 630-837-8125.

VETERANS WELCOME

Bartlett American Legion Post 1212 meets every third Wednesday of the month, Bartlett Park Log Cabin, North & Oak Street, at 7 p.m. Looking for veterans who are interested in serving their community and country and helping other veterans and their families in need. All veterans are welcome.

Please submit information for the February/March Bartletter to: Gabrielle Infusino, Village Hall, 228 S. Main St., Bartlett, IL 60103 or ginfusino@vbartlett.org by Friday, December 15.



Recycle Your Holiday Lights

The Village of Bartlett will be collecting holiday lights that are broken or that you no longer need. Collected lights will be recycled properly with the assistance of the Elgin Recycling Center.

The holiday light recycling program will be available through March 1. 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 through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

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



EXPRESS YOURSELF

To e-mail a question or comment to any one of the Village departments, please visit our website and click on "Contact Us" on the homepage. You may also contact the Village by regular mail at: Village of Bartlett, 228 S. Main Street, Bartlett, IL 60103

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Snow? Plows are Ready!

Freezing temperatures, snow and ice are the winter norm for this area, and Bartlett Public Works salt trucks and snowplows are ready.

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.

Parking on Village streets is prohibited after 2 inches of snow has fallen to allow plows to completely clear the roadways. It's a good idea to wait until after the final pass of the plow to shovel the end of your driveway.

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.

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. Call Public Works, 630-837-0811, if you have any snow removal questions.



Bartlett Phone Directory

Police Service Number	911
Administrative Number	630-837-0846
TDD Service for Hearing Impaired	
Emergency/Non-emergency	911
Fire Emergency Number	911
Non-Emergency	630-837-3701
Bartlett Village Hall	630-837-0800
Bartlett Public Works	630-837-0811
Bartlett Hills Golf Course	630-837-2741
Bartlett Public Library	630-837-2855
Bartlett Park District	630-540-4800
Bartlett Aquatic Center	630-372-7665
Bartlett Post Office	800-275-8777
Bartlett Chamber of Commerce	630-830-0324
School District U-46	847-888-5000
Hanover Township Assessor's Office	630-837-0301
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