

## BARTLETT PARK DISTRICT

# SPOTLIGHT

MAY 1, 2024 - APRIL 30, 2025



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## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2025-2026

### MISSION STATEMENT

*We create fun...by providing the finest in Parks, Programs, and Recreational Facilities for our community.*

### VISION STATEMENT

*We strive to create lasting memories for our community by enthusiastically responding to and serving their recreational and leisure needs.*

### CORE VALUES

*Our Core Values guide our organization in everything we do. They represent who we are and what we believe.*

### DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIPS/PARTNERSHIPS

- Partnered with Indigo of Bartlett for Bingo prizes
- Partnered with Bartlett Lions Clubs for Preschool Hearing & Vision Screenings
- Access to Fishing Award 15 fishing rods/reels, tackle and accessories
- Sponsorship Park Partner Program
- "Stuff the Bag" partner opportunity for craft shows and Ladies Night Out
- Nature Center partnerships with:
  - US Fish & Wildlife
  - Illinois Department of Natural Resources
  - DuPage County Forest Preserve
  - Girl Scouts of Northern and Cheyenne Council
  - Boy Scouts Three Fires Council

### AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS

- Aquatic staff awarded the ELITE 4-Star Aquatic Safety Award for 2024 by StarGuard
- Natalie Reed earned Certified Pool Operator and Certified Park and Recreation Professional
- Villa Olivia received the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DECO) Grant \$15,000 for a snow gun
- Ross Weymouth received his CPSI (Certified Playground Safety Inspector) certification
- 60th Anniversary Park in the Park
- Cydnie Babicz & Andrew Wenz received their Certified Park & Recreation Professional Credential

### CIVIC & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Support Community Groups - Lion's Club, American Legion, Bartlett Raiders, Bartlett Woman's Club, and Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce
- Police Department: National Night Out
- Supporter of the Merry & Bright Village Wide Event
- Worked with local Youth Sport Organizations: 7 groups, 59 teams, 877 participants including baseball, soccer & football.
- Participated in Fire Department and Police Department Open House

### NEW PROGRAMS

- Family Float Night at Splash Central
- Bartlett Aquatic Center Passholder Appreciation Night
- Fencing for youth and adults
- Expanded Youth Dance Program
- Competitive Dance Team
- Basketball Skills Program
- Adult Theatre Production
- Introduced a Fall Fun Fest
- Astronomy program
- Puzzle Palooza: Adult Edition
- Intro to Preschool Program
- Newbie Pickleball League

## RENOVATIONS & IMPROVEMENTS

### Bartlett Aquatic Center

- New all gender changing rooms at BAC and new interior paint in bathhouse
- New filter system replacement for main pool

### LIFECENTER

- Upgraded lighting system in LIFECENTER Health & Fitness Club to LED and painted the ceiling
- New strength equipment
- Keyless lock system in women's locker room
- New equipment, fans and blinds in fitness studio

### Apple Orchard Golf Course/Clubhouse

- New outdoor patio furniture
- New logo sign on Clubhouse building
- Replaced HVAC unit

### Bartlett Community Center

- Parking lot improvements
- Upgraded the hallway in Preschool Wing with new the flooring and paint
- New chairs for gymnasium
- New tables, chairs & shelves for preschool
- Oak Room Stage lighting replacement to LED
- Basketball court refinished and nine pickleball court lines add at BCC gymnasium
- Installed a giant photo chair

### Villa Olivia

- Updated entry way, lighting, bar stools, and ceiling tiles of sapphire room
- Purchased 8 golf carts
- Seal coated parking lot
- Replacement of 3 new windows (2 in Crystal Room, 1 in Emerald Room)
- New playground and Park Improvements at Schoppe and Firefighter's Park
- New Playground at Rotary Park
- Apple Orchard Community Park- OSLAD Grant
- Rita K. Fletcher Park - (2) new pickleball courts & basketball court improvements
- Ballfield Renovation on Apple Orchard Community Park Field #1
- New lightning Detection System at Koehler Fields
- New trail connection at Peregrine Park
- Replaced roof on Jim Jensen Shelter
- New HVAC replacement at Administration Building
- Electronic message board replacement at Stearns & Bartlett
- Carpet Replacement Nature Center Auditorium
- New volleyball standards at Schrade Gym



## OTHER

- Planted 23 new park-a-memory trees at variety of parks
- Reintroduced Navi Gator the mascot to lead everyone to fun
- Installed giant chair at Bartlett Community Center
- 12 Jr. Naturalists volunteered over 1,407 hours at the nature center summer camp
- Preschool fundraisers provided funding for classroom equipment & educational products.
- Wishmas Tree to support Nature Center animals
- Preschool participated in State Senator Seth Lewis's "Valentines for Seniors" card drive
- Bartlett Nature Center igloo
- Rita K. Fletcher Executive Director retired
- Kevin Romejko introduced as the new Executive Director
- Commissioner Theodore J. Lewis retired from the park board after 42 years

## UPCOMING PROJECTS/ NEW PROGRAMS FOR 25-26

- New oven range and counters for Oak Room Kitchen
- New lockers at Bartlett Aquatic Center bathhouse
- Upgrades at LIFECENTER with additional equipment, commercial ceiling fans, and window blind replacement
- Interior improvements at Villa Olivia
- Sunrise Park renovation OSLAD Grant
- Blue Heron Splashpad repairs & new fencing
- Parking lot repairs at Bartlett Community Center and the Park Maintenance Facility
- Purchasing 8 golf carts at Villa Olivia
- Rough mower purchase
- BCC - LIFECENTER rooftop unit replacement and rooftop unit repairs
- Electric basketball hoop system at BCC
- Scoreboard replacement at BCC
- Bartlett Park District main website redesign
- Comprehensive Master & Strategic Plans
- Nature Center open houses
- Nature Center farmers market and indoor market
- Adult Cup in Hand Kickball
- Youth Pickleball League
- Adult Theatre
- Youth Theatre Camp
- Medieval Times Teen Trip
- Discovery Day Camp
- Lazy River 5K at the Bartlett Aquatic Center
- Murder Mystery Dinner at Villa Olivia