



Newsletter of The Greater Bartlett Council of Neighborhood Associations

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To our Bartlett Neighbors,

You would think the School Year was over as our adrenalin has now subsided following the elections, but we are just beginning. There is so much still going on in preparation for the Bartlett Municipal School System to become a reality. One milestone is now history. We just concluded the election of our School Board Members. Following is a very talented group of professionals, and we look forward to working with them to build an excellent school system in Bartlett.

Please join us in offering congratulations to our newly elected Bartlett School Board members:

Position 1 - Jeff Norris

Position 2 - Erin Berry

Position 3 - Shirley Jackson

Position 4 - Bryan Woodruff

Position 5 - David Cook

We offer them our thanks for the hours they have already committed for the benefit of Bartlett children and families — as activists, as members of the Bartlett Education Advisory Committee, and as candidates — and for the role they will play in the months and years ahead.

Congratulations also to Alderman-elect Paula Sedgwick, and to the other candidates who offered themselves up in this election. Bobby Simmons and Jack Young were re-elected. They ran unopposed.

Many residents of Shelby County seem to be unaware of which schools constitute the present SCS system, and which ones would wind up in a given Municipal School District, should suburban residents pass referenda establishing MSD's.

THE PRESENT SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

There are 52 schools in the present SCS system. They are distributed geographically as follows:

Arlington has 4 (2 elementary, 1 middle, and 1 high); Collierville has 8 (5E, 2M, 1H); Germantown also has 8 (4E, 2M, 2H); Lakeland has 1 (E); Millington has 5 (3E, 1M, 1H); and Bartlett has the most (11). We have 6 elementary schools (Altruria, Bartlett, Bon Lin, Ellendale, Oak, and Rivercrest); 4 middle schools (Appling, Bon Lin, Elmore Park, and Shadowlawn); and of course Bartlett High School.

In addition, there are 15 schools in the unincorporated areas of Shelby County. 13 of these are in the Memphis annexation area, while two (Bolton High School and Barret's Chapel Elementary) are in the northeast part of the County, which is not in the reserve area of any municipality.

GBC Christmas Party at the Davies Plantation, December 16 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This event is always a great way to network with other Bartlett residents and share in good food and good conversation. Come and participate in this Holiday Event. ALL elected officials are welcome to attend, as is the Mayor and Mrs. Keith McDonald.

GBC BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS – Volunteers are needed:

Our current GBC Executive Board Members have been at the helm since it's inception. It is time for new faces. Please consider volunteering for any of the positions that interest you. As of January, 2013, the President of the GBC position will be OPEN. Other positions include: Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Your involvement is greatly appreciated.

Our Council is working very hard to provide Bartlett citizens a mechanism to increase communication and collaboration throughout our fine city. Please check out the reverse side of this letter for other important information. **If you are no longer the point of contact for your association, please pass this letter to that individual. If you have topics/programs you want to see presented, please pass those recommendations to our Secretary, Paola High pqhigh@att.net.**

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GBC Meetings For 2012

August 21st
October 16th
December 11th

Current Slate Of GBC Officers

President, Pete Martin
Vice President, Henry Boyd
Treasurer, Dan Melancon
Secretary, Paola High

Don't Pollute our Storm Sewers

The City of Bartlett can be heavily fined for water pollution that can be tracked directly to our storm sewers. If you are aware of persons dumping materials please contact, Don Fent, Bartlett City Storm water Coordinator, 901-385-6499.

Loose Leaf Collection Season Nov 1 thru March 31

Please consider mulching your leaves to return nutrients to your lawn. Do not place leaves in drainage ditches, gutters, or on the street pavement. A special Yard Waste Container may be purchased for \$50. Carts and bagged leaves will be collected on your scheduled pick-up day. Call 385-5586 for more information.

Emergency Response Training

The Bartlett Fire Department continues to train citizens in basic skills (CERT) required in the case of a local civic emergency, e.g. earthquake. For more information regarding the next class, contact Laura Jenkins, 385-5536, bartlettcert@cityofbartlett.org.

Become A Friend Of The Bartlett Library

The Friends of the Bartlett Public Library promote and enhance the Bartlett Library facilities and services through advocacy, volunteer service, fund raising, and encourage literacy, learning and reading. Dues are \$10 per year. For more information, call Gay Cain at 386-8968.

Local Scout Troup Will Accept Old US Flags

Ever wonder how to properly dispose of your old US Flag? Well it should be destroyed by fire in a solemn ceremony. Scout Troop 335 accepts old flags and will destroy them in a burning ceremony. The troop meets at Immanuel Lutheran School on Monday nights between 6:30 and 8:30 PM. The school/church is located between summer and Whitten on Raleigh-LaGrange Rd, just east of where Shelby Oaks drive comes in. Just drop by with your old flags.

Family Funds Donation

Bartlett residents can help needy neighbors by adding a donation to their monthly water bill. The Bartlett Family Assistance Commission uses these donations to assist neighbors in need. You can find an application online in the City of Bartlett Winter Summer 2011 Brochure or stop by City Hall.

Buy Bartlett

Let's keep Bartlett dollars in Bartlett, increase retail sales, and provide job security for local businesses!

Upcoming Bartlett Events

**Saturday, December 8,
Bartlett Christmas Parade
4:00pm**

"Bartlett Cares" Holiday Food Drive, November 27 thru January 9, 2013.

For more information contact, Loryn at 385-6444

"Last holiday season, we began the tradition of the "Bartlett Cares" holiday food drive to benefit the Mid-South Food Bank and I was so delighted with the generosity of Bartlett's citizens. More and more, our citizens are being tested with a struggling economy but even in the face of adversity, we come together to be good neighbors to each other and those in surrounding communities. As we enter a new holiday season, I ask you once again to reach out to your fellow man and help us fill a dire need at the Mid-South Food Bank. Together, we can make a difference. I know Bartlett Cares!" Mayor A. Keith McDonald

Donations can be made at all Bartlett Fire Stations, City Hall, Bartlett Library, Singleton Community Center and BRC. The goal is to collect 54,000lbs of food (one can per Citizen).

If you would like to receive this letter electronically, please contact GBC Secretary Paola High by email, pqhigh@att.net