



Week in Review

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Students Treated to Flow of Info from the Water Plant

Water Treatment Plant Manager Tony Martinez and Operator Donavon Moore visited Gause Academy last week to talk to students about Water Treatment (from source to their tap). Students had previously brought in samples of their water from home,



and they tested their water for some parameters. The two staffers also outlined the steps to become an Operator from entry level to a Class A Water Treatment Plant Operator.



100+ Volunteers Pitch in to Keep Bartow Beautiful

Bartow's Solid Waste Department and Keep Polk County Beautiful hosted another successful Great American Clean-Up Event this past Saturday.

There were 103 volunteers who collected over 120 bags of litter, 20 tires and one grapple truck load from behind Walmart weighing in at five tons. Volunteers received a tee-shirt and tickets to Bok Tower Gardens and were treated to lunch at Mary Holland Park after the event, with Solid Waste Manager Michael Davis manning the grill.

Library Hosts Free Comic Book Day

This Saturday, May 3, from 10am until 4pm, head over to the Bartow Public Library at 2150 S. Broadway Ave., to celebrate Free Comic Book Day!

Come dressed in costume and spend the day doing fun, comic-based activities, including Jedi training, games, crafts, trivia, and more!

Free Comic Books available while supplies last.



Bartow Bash Registration Open

Registration for 2025 Bartow Bash Summer Camp is now open. The Camp, for kids in K through 5th grades, runs from Monday through Friday from June 2 - July 25.

Doors open daily at 7:30am and camp pick-up is at 5:30pm. Pay \$65 a week for each child and CHOOSE your location - either Polk Street Community Center or Carver Recreation Center. The price includes food, field trips, and new friends!

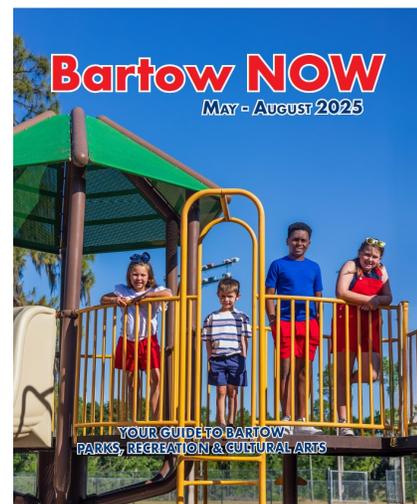
The list of field trip includes:

- June 12 - Skyzone
- June 17 - Dinosaur World
- June 26 - Elev8 Fun-Indoor Adventure Park
- July 3 - Florida Children's Museum
- July 8 and 10 - The AGB Museum of Art
- July 17- Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament
- July 24 - Island H2O Waterpark
- plus Field Trips to the Bartow Library EVERY WEDNESDAY

Register your child online at bartowrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program.

Bartow Now is Hot Off the Press

The print version of the new issue of *Bartow Now* is due to hit the streets tomorrow. But you can take a sneak peek at the [May - August 2025 edition online now](#). Don't miss out on all that Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts has to offer this summer, including the Bartow Public Library's Summer Reading Program and all the events associated with it.





Renovations Loading...

Carver Recreation Center is getting an upgrade in the Multipurpose room and kitchen areas. New floors are being placed in both areas and the kitchen will be getting new cabinets and countertops. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of May.

Application Period for Organization Funding Now Open

The City of Bartow is accepting Organization Funding requests for Fiscal Year 2025 - '26 from nonprofits, tax exempt entities and community-based organizations.

Applicants must offer a service that augments one provided by the City or provide a necessary service that the City does not currently offer. To be considered for funding, both Nonprofit Organizations and Community Partners must submit an application.



A training session will be held at 10am on Tuesday, May 13 at City Hall, 450 N Wilson Ave., to answer any questions related to the application process and provide guidance on the presentation process.

Completed applications and supporting documentation **MUST** be submitted by June 16. Note that submission of applications does not guarantee funding.

More information and a link to the application are available here.



A First Friday Feel...

This photo depicts a special moment from a recent Friday Fest with Officer Duane Paul and a young man who expressed a desire to be a police officer one day.

Best in the Biz?

Can we do it again? Help the Bartow Golf Course retain the title of "Best Golf Course," by once again nominating our hometown course in *The Ledger's* Central Florida Community Choice Awards. **Cast your vote here.**



Squeeze in a Trip Downtown

Trying to Squeeze a lunch break into your day? Don't forget that the City of Bartow's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) makes it easier for workers in Bartow to access the many restaurants and shops within the CRA downtown district during their lunch hour.

Last year, the Agency commissioned the Citrus Connection to operate a free SQUEEZE shuttle from 10:30am until 2:30pm Monday through Friday. The eight-seat golf cart shuttle circulates through the areas around Main St. every 10 minutes, with stops on Church, Main and Polk Streets, as well as Wilson and Mill Avenues, Boulevard Street and South Broadway.

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