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BHV TAX INVOICES Annual property tax invoices were mailed to BHV residents on July 1, 2021. If you have not received your invoice, please contact the Clerk's office. Payments will be received until September 14, 2021. After that date, penalty and interest will be added.

BHMC ASSESSMENTS Annual shareholder assessment invoices will be distributed August 2. Invoices will be mailed unless email delivery is requested. To receive your invoice by email, send an email to contact@thebhmc.org no later than July 29, 2021. Note that the BHMC assessment increase is offset by a similar decrease in BHV taxes.

GYPSY MOTH UPDATE Three residents responded to last month's question about the presence of gypsy moth in BHV. This is good, because it tends to indicate that the invasive pest is not widespread in our area.

Discovered in Michigan in the 1950's, gypsy moth caterpillars feed on leaves of deciduous trees, and large infestations can cause serious damage. Some BHV residents may remember the 1997-98 infestation that resulted in a county-wide spray. However, the introduction of a fungus that only targets gypsy moths, as well as a naturally occurring caterpillar-specific virus, have been effective in reducing the cyclic infestations.

If you see any gypsy moth caterpillars, or their fuzzy brown egg cases on tree trunks, drowning them in soapy water is an easy response. (The moths are difficult to identify/catch so don't worry about them.) The busy season for gypsy moth is mostly over, but do keep an eye out. More helpful information is available from Ann Arbor City and Washtenaw County websites: https://www.a2gov.org/departments/forestry/Pages/Gypsy-Moth.aspx

https://www.washtenawcd.org/gypsy-moths.html

BARTON POND RAIN GAUGE Want to know how much it has rained? Check out the *Ann Arbor City rain gauge at Barton Pond* (https://www3.a2gov.org/RainGauges/). This summer's rainfall has varied widely, so please monitor your sprinkler systems accordingly. When rainfall isn't enough, water lightly to provide an inch or less/week and mow high (3-4"), letting moisture-rich cuttings fall back into the grass to add nutrients and minimize grub/disease problems. Thanks for using water resources wisely!



Washtenaw County Clean-Up Day

Saturday August 14, 2021 9AM - 1PM

Eastern Michigan University

Parking lot across from Rynearson Stadium 799 N. Hewitt Rd., Ypsilanti

Acceptable Materials

Appliances (refrigerator, dryer, a/c unit, dehumidifier, etc.) **Bulky Household Waste** (furniture, mattresses, scrap wood, etc.)

No concrete, asphalt, bricks, or shingles

Electronics (TVs, computers, entertainment/communication devices, etc.)

Household Hazardous Waste (paint, pesticides,

cleaning supplies, oil, etc.)

No materials in larger than 6 gallon containers No oxygen or refrigerant tanks

TWO OXYGETT OF TETTIGETATIC LATIKS

Containers will not be returned

Recyclable Materials (glass, paper, plastic, cardboard)

Separate cardboard from other materials Cleaned of food debris and dry

Foam Packaging and Containers

Cleaned of food debris, no packing peanuts

Scrap Metal

Tires On or off rims, no semi or agricultural tires, limit of 10 tires



Please consider a **minimum donation of \$15.00** to help support this effort. Checks payable to Washtenaw County.

Bring 4 tires for free. We suggest a donation of \$5 for each additional tire for labor costs, Limit of 10 tires.

Bring 1 TV, computer, or appliance for free. We suggest a donation of \$10 for each additional item.

Long wait times are expected. All vehicles in line by 1PM will be served. Please only bring materials you can unload yourself in 20 minutes or less.

This event is for Washtenaw County residents only. We can't accept materials from businesses, government agencies, non-profits, or other organizations. Contact us for referrals to manage non-residential waste.

Covid-19 Safety

- ✓ Follow CDC guidelines for masks
- Remain in your vehicle except to unload in lots 1 and 4 (see map)













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Tire disposal partly funded by the EGLE Scrap Tire CleanUp Grant