

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Monday, March 13, 2023 6:00 PM Walter Esch Hall, 199 Barton Shore Dr.

Barton Hills Village Annual Meeting The agenda includes:

--Public Budget Hearing. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 will be the subject of this hearing.**

Residents may comment on the proposed budget at the Public Budget Hearing, or in writing to Barton Hills Village by mail to 199 Barton Shore Drive, Ann Arbor MI 48105, or email to bhvclerk@bartonhillsvillage.org

Barton Hills Maintenance Corporation Annual Meeting (immediately following the BHV meeting)

The agenda includes:

- President's Annual Report
- Proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2023-2024
- Public comment and other regular business

BHMC Shareholders will receive Annual Meeting information in a separate mailing.

Barton Hills Village Zoning Board of Appeals The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet briefly in between the BHV and BHMC annual meetings.

Zoom for the March 13 meetings:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85347082286?pwd=cWJOWnIrSCs3VWtKQWloaFd3Zy9QQT09>
Meeting ID: 853 4708 2286 Passcode: 300451 Dial +1 646 931 3860

BHMC 100th ANNIVERSARY OLMSTEAD EVENT**Olmsted: Designing America - Barton Hills Village in Ann Arbor Michigan**

Barton Hills Maintenance Corporation is celebrating the 100th anniversary of incorporation by sponsoring an event focused on Frederick Law Olmsted, whose firm designed the Barton Hills community. April 29, 2023 – 3-4:30 p.m. Ann Arbor District Library 3435 Fifth Avenue.

Join us in discussion with historian and filmmaker Laurence Cotton, originator of and consulting producer to the PBS special “Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing America.” Mr. Cotton will present on the remarkable life and career of the Renaissance-man Frederick Law Olmsted and the firm’s work in master planning Barton Hills Village. Olmsted was known as a writer, philosopher, social reformer, advocate for the preservation of natural scenery, and creator of some of the most beautiful public and private parks and gardens in all of North America, including Central Park, New York City; Biltmore Estate, Asheville, North Carolina; Mount Royal, Montreal, Canada; and the Grounds of the U.S. Capitol and the White House.

As a landscape historian, Laurence Cotton is active with the Olmsted Network, and regularly travels across North America presenting his PBS film and popular talk about the Olmsted legacy—father, two sons, and Olmsted Brothers landscape architecture firm.

CLIMATE RESILIENCE SUBCOMMITTEE Climate Corner: Food Waste and Climate

Did you know that most households discard a lot of what they buy at the grocery store?

Tackling food waste is an important way to address the climate emergency, because the greenhouse gas emissions from food production and storage add up to a lot of climate change. In fact, it is estimated that 26% of the world’s greenhouse gas emissions come from food. We need to produce and eat food. But let’s make it count!

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Climate Corner Continued

Agriculture, itself, is an important driver of climate change. More food waste occurs at farms, restaurants and in our homes. Systemically, it is estimated that 30 to 40% of our food supply is wasted. According to the [USDA](#), reasons include problems during producing, transporting, storing and retailing that result in food loss.

There are things we can do both individually and collectively.

Individual Household:

Watch what you are buying: Buy less than what you think your household may use.

Eat lower on the food chain: You can reduce the climate impact of your diet by favoring plant-based options. Many people are opting for meatless Mondays or other small ways. Of course, again, eat what you buy.

Be inspired by what you have: Sweep the fridge every so often to use up all your food before buying more. There are websites that will find recipes to make with ingredients you already have: check out [supercook.com](#) and others.

Consider composting scraps: More on this next month.

Donate to Food Gatherers: Food insecurity remains a challenge for our community.

Restaurants and food waste: Be mindful of ordering too much. Take leftovers home. Learn more about Ann Arbor's [zero waste takeout container program](#).

A bigger view:

As a planet we will need to consider systemic changes to our food system as climate change increases its impact on daily life. You can learn more at these websites: [Project Drawdown](#), [Our World in Data](#), [Ugly Produce is Beautiful](#), and [USDA](#). If you are interested, you can find ways to support projects that intend to reduce the impact of food and agriculture on our climate.

WHAT IS ZONING AND WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

Zoning is a set of ordinances that local communities use to regulate land use. Zoning helps to protect the local environment and keeps property values stable. The zoning ordinances in BH Village are similar to other communities but are more protective of the unique character of the Village with its expansive front yards and natural settings with large lots and setbacks that preserve privacy. The zoning ordinances were approved by all residents. Many residents have bought a home in BHV because of its unique character. Zoning is one way that we have all agreed to try to protect this special environment.

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Zoning Continued

Zoning affects what a property owner is allowed to do with their property. While there are many limits to what complies with BHV zoning, the provisions that surprise owners most often are the setback requirements. In the Village, "setbacks" are larger than in most other communities. Our ordinance specifies 20 foot side yard setbacks and 35 foot front yard setbacks. No structures are allowed inside these setbacks. There can be exceptions with compelling reasons. Exceptions are made by appeal for a "variance" from the ordinance with the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The conditions specified in the ordinance under which the ZBA can grant a variance, however, are quite restrictive. Owners should consult section 10.04 of the ordinance before appealing for a variance. A copy of the ordinance is available on the Village website at <https://bartonhillsvillage.org/ordinances/>

The Village Clerk, Jan Esch (734-222-5209), and the Village Zoning Administrator, Dennis Capozza (734-249-9215) can help to assure that your project will comply with the zoning ordinance. If you are planning any change to your property, do not hesitate to call Jan and/or Dennis as early in the conception stage as possible. They can help you save both time and money with bringing your project to completion.

STORM AFTERMATH UPDATE

The recent ice storm and snowstorm were doozies! Thank you for your patience as the maintenance crew continues with the cleanup. If you would like wood chips please call the office ASAP! There is an abundance in the Village!



Only 13 days till Spring!!