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BOARD OF TRUSTEES At the recent Annual Meeting, the 2023-24 BHV budget was adopted by the Trustees. The Board also previously adopted an Impeded Access policy for the maintenance department. Please make sure that the BHV crew can easily access trash cans and water meters, as well as driveways for snow plowing.

<u>BHMC</u> At their Annual Meeting the BHMC Directors noted that they are studying several potential projects and welcome community input. If you would like to comment on the fence along Barton Shore Drive leading to the Lower Entrance (whether it should remain/be replaced with another design/some other option), please join the BHMC at a special meeting on Thursday April 6, 2023 at 7:00 on zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7749549491?pwd=OFUrQloxYjI1MlVQUEljd1hncWZ6Zz09 Meeting ID: 774 954 9491. Passcode: 1234 One tap mobile <u>+13052241968</u>,,7749549491#,,,,*1234# US

If you can't attend the meeting or wish to comment on other possible projects (street signs, pool/tennis court area) please email the Board at contact@thebhmc.org.

<u>COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SURVEY</u> Watch your email for the annual survey from the BHV Community Activities Committee. This is an opportunity to provide input regarding social events for the coming year. Activities already on the calendar include:

Earth Day April 22	
End of School Ice Cream Social June 4	

Fall Picnic September 17 Halloween October 28 Holiday Caroling December 10

Also, <u>Olmsted: Designing America - Barton Hills Village in Ann Arbor Michigan</u> 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 Ave.

Dave & Jan Esch Retirement Party Sunday June 11 Details to come.

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STORM AFTERMATH UPDATE Thank you for your patience as the maintenance crew continues with the cleanup from the recent ice and snow storms. If you would like wood chips please call the Clerk's Office. There will be an abundance of chips for a while yet.

When cutting up limbs and brush for the maintenance crew to pick up, please <u>don't</u> cut the wood into short pieces. Anything under 5 inches in diameter can be put in the chipper, but the material needs to be more than 4 - 12 feet in length to be chipped safely. It is also helpful to pile limbs with the larger ends all facing the same direction, closest to the road where it will be easier for the crew to pick up.

EMPLOYEE UPDATE/POLICIES The Maintenance staff is organized and hard at work. Please note the following policies regarding the staff.

--Employees work Monday-Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Please do not call them after hours. --For emergencies, including security issues and medical needs, call 911. The employees are not trained to handle these important issues the way professional responders are.

RECYCLING SURVEY The Environment Committee will be sending a follow up survey regarding the pilot program for home collection of recyclable materials. Even if you signed up earlier to be part of the pilot, please return the survey, which will have more specific information about how the program will work. In the meantime, the recycle bins are still available in their usual place in the maintenance area. Please note: there is one bin for glass and plastics, and one bin for paper items. Do not put corrugated cardboard in any bin (even if the sign on the bin says it's OK). Cardboard can be left just inside of the salt storage building where it will be out of the rain. BHV recycles corrugated cardboard separately.

THINKING OF SPRING Please keep in mind that most outdoor projects require a BHV zoning compliance certificate. Besides exterior changes to your house, this includes:

--fences and retaining walls greater than 18" high

- --accessory buildings (garage, garden shed, trash enclosure, gazebo, etc)
- --excavation other than common household gardening/ground care

--playground equipment, stairways/patio enclosures, outdoor swimming/landscape pools --exterior lighting, generators, parking areas, solar/wind energy structures, satellite antennas Contact the Clerk's Office to ask about your project so you can get off to a good start.