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OFFICE HOURS The Village Hall new office hours are 9:00AM – 4:00PM, Monday-Friday.

BHV BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING The BHV Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Esch Hall. The meeting will include public hearings for a wall permit and solar installation at 525 Hillspur Road.

Public comment for either/both public hearings may be submitted in writing to Barton Hills Village prior to the meeting, or in person during the meeting. The public may attend in person or watch live on Zoom (view only!). The Zoom link is [available here](#) and also posted on the Village website at bartonhillsvillage.org. Meeting ID: 831 2071 1048 Passcode: 664145

PAYMENTS DUE BHV tax bills and BHMC shareholder assessments are both **due by Thursday September 14, 2023** before penalty/interest charges are added. Payments can be mailed to 199 Barton Shore Drive, dropped off at Walter Esch Hall during business hours, or left in the secure drop box by the front door of Walter Esch Hall.

FALL PICNIC Meet and Reconnect with your neighbors at the annual picnic on Sunday, September 17, 2023 5-8 PM @ The Village Green

Returning this year: Live Music provided by The Four Roses! New this year: Food Truck!

Please bring a salad or dessert to share & BYOB. Lemonade & water will be provided, along with lawn games. Add to the fun by bringing more lawn games!

Chef Sheldon of Foodies will be onsite with a variety of traditional BBQ fare for purchase from their food truck. Choices available for both kids & adults. (Cash, Venmo, credit cards accepted).

Kindly RSVP to the Deputy Clerk by September 12th by emailing bhvclerk@bartonhillsvillage.org or call the Village Office at (734) 222-5209.

BHMC NEWS BHMC Election - Call For Candidates! There are 4 seats to be filled on the nine-member Board of Directors (four-year terms) in October 3rd Election.

Shareholders who wish to run for office must submit a request in writing to contact@thebhmc.org by 10:00 AM on Monday September 18, 2023. Candidates may also submit an optional statement of interest of not more than 500 words that will be included with the ballot.

BHMC Monthly Meetings: All residents are welcome to attend the BHMC's monthly Board meetings at 6:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12th (due to the Labor Day Holiday).

For details about the BHMC election and BHMC monthly meetings, please contact the BHMC Secretary, Brian Hanley, at beukeb@gmail.com.

HYDRANT FLUSHING BHV staff conducts flushing on the **Tuesday before the first Friday of every month between the hours of 9am-4pm**. Valve exercising will also be conducted on the same dates from 8am-4pm. The dates will be provided in an easy-to-follow document, which includes trash and recycle collection as well. Flushing has been updated from 3 hydrants a month to 6 hydrants which will be evenly distributed throughout the Village. The hydrants flushed will vary each month so that every hydrant will be tested and flushed throughout the year.

Hydrant flushing is a controlled action to ensure proper waterflow for firefighters, residents, and businesses. Hydrant flushing also clears out sediments and minerals from the water main. Water discoloration is one of the most common consequences of flushing, as minerals in the water main stir up while they are flushed out. **In the event of discolored water, turn on a hose or faucet for 5 – 15 minutes to clear out your waterline.** If your water does not clear up, or it's discolored on a date not around the normal flushing period, please contact the Deputy Clerk. Periodically, a water line may need to be flushed in a hurry when not scheduled. Water main breaks are also a cause of discolored water.

Alert: On August 23, MDOT announced its final recommendation to close the EB Barton Drive ramps on M-14 sometime between 2024-26 without having first secured funding for a long-term solution. Public comment is welcome through September 13!

MDOT leadership says that if the community does not support these recommendations, they will come up with alternative ideas.

If you signed the BHV petition, a comment was submitted on your behalf using the language in the petition that you signed. No further action on your part is required.

If you have not signed the BHV petition, visit <https://m14-bartonpel.com/> and use the “Connect With Us” section at the bottom of the page to tell MDOT:

1. Retain the EB Barton Dr ramps.
2. Mitigate crashes by an MDOT-estimated 45% over 5 years across the interchange by implementing the short-term recommendations found in MDOT’s 2021 Road Safety Audit at a cost of ~\$486k, adjusted for inflation.
3. Eliminate the \$45 million dual roundabout as a long-term solution.

Why is it necessary to make our voices heard? Closing the EB Barton Drive ramps without funding for a long-term solution would profoundly and negatively impact our community, our residents’ quality of life, and our local streets. Even an MDOT leader is concerned, saying he was worried that – if MDOT closed the ramps without having first secured funding for a long-term solution – funders might not provide it because they might mistakenly think the problem got solved!

Every day, 43,000 vehicles use this interchange; >10,000 (23%) of that use the Barton Dr ramps daily. Plus, MDOT estimates 345 crashes (44.7% of the total) could be mitigated across the interchange over 5 years by implementing 17 cost-effective improvements. Examples of MDOT’s cost-effective safety improvement recommendations include:

- \$937 each for “Thru Traffic Stay Left” and “Stop Ahead” signs.
- \$1,239 to paint merge arrows when ramps go from 2 to 1 lane.
- \$2,894 for more chevrons to delineate curves.
- \$11,577 for a flashing 15-mph sign at the EB Barton Drive exit ramp.
- \$28,941 for lighting ramps at night.
- \$75,248 to clear trees and brush from the sides of the interchange and its ramps.

MDOT’s Final PEL Report can be found at:

https://m14-bartonpel.com/images/M14Barton_FinalPel_Dec2022.pdf

(The PEL study kicked off in December 2022, that’s the reason for the date in the file name.)

MDOT’s press release dated August 23 can be found at:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/news-outreach/pressreleases/2023/08/23/mdot-requests-public-input-aug-23-sept-13-for-m-14-barton-drive-pel-study-in-washtenaw-county>

Both MDOT and BHV representatives made presentations on this issue at the August 21 Ann Arbor Township Board of Trustees meeting. The video recording is available on the BHV Google drive through the following link. The presentations start at 1:55:20 and end at 2:53:58.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rmxRvwDxgajBUCMFMm6E0HidD1X8mWhN/view?usp=sharing>

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact BHV Trustee Carla Smith at 734-604-6275 / carlasmith48105@gmail.com.

Thank You, the Barton Hills Village Board of Trustees