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BHMC NEWS BHMC Election Day is Tuesday October 3, 2023 at 7pm. Shareholders may:

1. Vote in person by bringing their completed ballot to Walter Esch Hall, 199 Barton Shore Drive, on Election Day between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, OR
2. Vote any time before Election Day by returning their completed ballot to BHMC Secretary by email (contact@thebhmc.org).

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 (via Zoom). The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3. Please contact contact@thebhmc.org for the Zoom link.

HYDRANT FLUSHING BHV staff conducts flushing on the **Tuesday before the first Friday of every month between the hours of 9am-4pm**. BHV staff will conduct flushing on Tuesday October 3. 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.

COMING UP **Board of Trustees Meeting** Monday October 9 6:00 PM Walter Esch Hall

Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday October 10 6:00 PM Walter Esch Hall

For BHV Trustees meetings, public comment 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. Passcode: 080209.

FALL PICNIC The 2023 BHV Fall Picnic on September 18 was another successful showing with over 100 neighbors joining for BBQ by [Foodies](#) and Live Music by [The Four Roses](#). The lemon muffin / hot cider stand coordinated and manned by some of the younger members of the Village was a hit and raised over \$60 which was donated to the Ann Arbor Humane Society. The field was teeming with kids, indicative of new families moving into the Village.

The BHV Activities Committee will continue to host the picnic on the third Sunday of September in a similar BYO format with a food truck serving main dishes for purchase and neighbors who are welcome to bring dessert or a salad to share. Please save the date for next year's picnic on Sunday September 15, 2024 (5-8pm).

2023 BHV TRICK OR TREATING SIGN UP! Barton Hills Village Community Activities Committee is hosting its annual neighborhood Trick or Treating Pizza Party and Trolley ride on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 5-8pm and we have a few new tricks up our sleeves this year! Please click on [this link](#) for details and to complete the registration so we know how many participants to expect for the evening.

FINAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION BHV collects household hazardous waste (HHW--fertilizer, cleaning products, paint, etc.) on the first Monday trash collection day of each month, April – November, and takes these items directly to the Washtenaw County Home Toxins Collection Center. The final days for hazardous waste collection are October 2 and November 6.

HHW items put out with the trash after November will not be picked up, and may **NOT** be brought to the maintenance area, as there is no safe place to store the items. Please visit <https://www.washtenaw.org/287/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Disposal> for information on dropping off household hazardous waste at a HHW facility.

CLIMATE CORNER Climate change and climate disaster are real. How can we prepare? Climate Resilience means “the ability to prepare and plan for, absorb, recover from, and more successfully adapt to adverse events.”

What is the Village doing to promote Climate Resilience?

- Employee houses are being updated (from pre WWII conditions) with more insulation and new windows. Old oil furnaces are being replaced with high-efficiency gas furnaces and high-efficiency heat pumps.
- The water tower is being updated with a new generator to ensure a continuous water supply in a power outage.
- Tree clearing near power lines.
- A lecture series, “Do you have a plan?” will begin in October providing information on steps to climate disaster preparedness.

ALERT - OAK WILT Oak Wilt has been identified in Bird Park directly across Barton Pond from the Village. The Ann Arbor Forester has not discovered additional areas of infestation. He has recommended for further information, the website <https://www.michiganoakwilt.org/oak-wilt-101>. Oak Wilt primarily infects red oak trees. White oak trees are resistant, but not immune.

Quick Guide - red oak trees have pointy leaves and white oak trees rounded leaves (Figure 1). The first sign is when the leaves turn yellow, or brown accompanied by a rapid leaf drop (Figure 2). Death of the tree occurs within 3 – 6 months. The fungus spreads through the tree's root system. Efforts should be made to control the spread of the fungus. Do not prune infected oaks between April 15 and July 15. Do not move firewood: oak wilt is broadly spread by the movement of infected wood. Please notify the Village office if you think your trees may be infected.

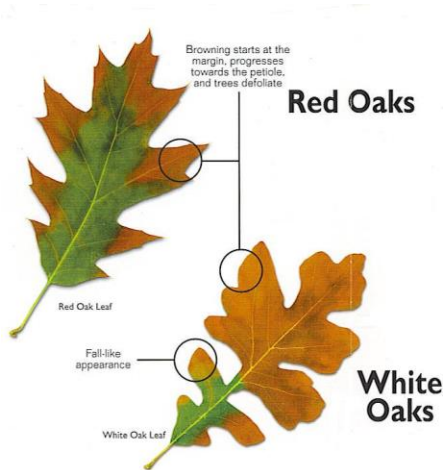


Figure 1



Figure 2

DEER ALERT! Lyme disease is spread by the deer tick. We have had four Village residents with Lyme disease. In Washtenaw County, the incidence of Lyme disease tripled between 2020 and 2021, and in 2022 reached a 10-year high. Lyme disease can also infect household pets who are allowed outside. If you walk in the woods, underbrush, or your yard be sure and check for ticks when you return home.

Watch out for Deer! They are more active in September/October and are likely to be crossing our roads. Last year, Michigan experienced 58,000 deer/auto collisions.

WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office will be celebrating 200 years of service at their Community Open House on Saturday, October 7, 2023 12:00pm - 3:00pm, 2201 Hogback Road, Ann Arbor MI 48105.

There will be lots of great activities for the family to enjoy! They'll have storytime with Sheriff Clayton, tours of the Hall of History, a bounce house and obstacle course, light refreshments and more!