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## **2023 BHV TRICK OR TREATING SIGN UP!**

**FINAL CHANCE TO RSVP BY END OF DAY TODAY!**

The 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. Please click on [this link](#) for details and to complete the registration **TODAY!**

**VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS** The Village Hall will be closed on Friday October 20 and Monday October 23. For questions that require an immediate response, please call Superintendent Joe Hnatow at (734) 263-9378 **between 7:30AM-4:00PM**. For after-hours Village emergencies, please call (734) 263-7020.

**WATER METER READINGS** It's time for annual billing! Water meter readings in each home are recorded in October, for billing in November (every year). If you haven't already done so, please email [bhvclerk@bartonhillsvillage.org](mailto:bhvclerk@bartonhillsvillage.org) a photo of the dial numbers on your meter with the date/time stamp of the photo, along with your name/address. If your home has a smart water meter, please disregard as we can obtain your reading online.

If you need to have a BHV Staff member come inside to read your meter, please email [bhvclerk@bartonhillsvillage.org](mailto:bhvclerk@bartonhillsvillage.org) so we can schedule as soon as possible.

**FALL CLEAN UP** It's that time of year! Those beautiful leaves are starting to fall.

The BHV staff will pick up leaves for homeowners who rake their own leaves. Services and individuals who are hired to rake leaves are expected to haul away whatever debris they gather.

- Please **do not bag leaves** for pick up. Put them in piles along the driveway or roadway.
- **Separate out sticks/branches from the leaf pile.** These will clog up the leaf vacuum.
- The staff will pick up leaves/sticks/brush **as time permits**. Pick up will not occur on trash and recycle collection days.
- Remove leaves from catch basins and roadside drains to keep water off the roadways.
- Drive cautiously with an eye out for lawn service vehicles and workers on the side of the road.

**SNOW PLOWING** BHV is contracted by the BHMC to plow the snow from BHMC-owned roads in the Village. Village staff will salt the roads in-advance of heavy snowfall, and then plow the roads so that they can be safely traversed. BHV is also contracted by the BHMC to plow the snow from residents' driveways under the following circumstances:

- The homeowner is either a BHMC Shareholder or a non-Shareholder who has paid their assessment; and,
- The snow event is over; and,
- Roads within Village limits have been cleared and made safe for vehicles; and,
- At least 3" or more of snow covering covers the majority of the resident's driveway.

Once the roads are cleared and safe for vehicle use, Village staff will work as quickly as is safely possible to plow residents' driveways. We ask for your understanding and patience during these times. The staff works very hard on snow removal, frequently without sleep for long stretches of time, and we appreciate residents' courtesy and support.

If your driveway is impeded (downed trees, electrical wires, vehicles in the way, etc.), your driveway will not be plowed. Once you've corrected the impediment, the Village crew will attempt to plow your drive on the next available workday.

If you find that the driveway plowing service is not aligned with your needs, we encourage you to hire a company that can better suit your situation.

This information, and more, can be found in the BHV Services Guidebook for Residents. Please visit the Village website [bartonhillsvillage.org](http://bartonhillsvillage.org).

Residents are encouraged to use environmentally friendly de-icing products to minimize salt run off. Increased levels of salt and other de-icers are harmful to vegetation and aquatic life, especially as it runs through storm drains and ditches into the river. Use as little as needed to get the job done and remove visible de-icer from dry pavement that is no longer working and will be washed away. Avoid de-icers all together by shoveling early and often, which is healthier for both the environment and the shoveler.