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HALLOWEEN The Halloween pizza party and trick or treating was a great success! Thank you to the Community Activities Committee, BHV staff, and residents for providing a fun and safe event. A toy sword, Harry Potter wand, and a brown/pink headband were left at the Village Hall after the ride. Please call the Clerk's office to claim your items.

BHV ANNUAL ROAD CLOSURE **Wednesday, November 22, 2023 from 8-10AM.**
Roads will remain open for BHV residents and guests.

Barton Hills roads have been closed for a 2-3 hour period annually to preserve their private nature. Prior to 2010 the roads were closed as directed by the Barton Hills Maintenance Corporation. From 2010 to 2019 the roads were closed as directed by Barton Hills Village. From 2020 to the present, the roads are closed by BHV on behalf of BHMC as stated in the Road Maintenance Agreement, page 1, Section 1 Services, signed/dated August 17, 2020.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- Veteran's Day - observed on Friday November 10, 2023.
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday November 23, 2023.
- Day after Thanksgiving – Friday November 24, 2023.
- Christmas Eve - observed on Friday December 22, 2023.
- Christmas Day – Monday December 25, 2023.
- New Year's Eve - observed on Friday December 29, 2023.
- New Year's Day - Monday January 1, 2024.

The Village Hall offices will be closed those days and the staff will be available for emergency services only. For after-hours Village emergencies, please call (734) 263-7020.

Trash Collection Dates for January 2024 will be **Tuesday January 2, Tuesday January 16,** and **Monday January 29** (returning to 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING The Board of Trustees will meet at Walter Esch Hall on **Monday, November 13** at 6:00 PM .

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: 979311.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING The Planning Commission will meet at Walter Esch Hall on **Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00 PM**

FALL CLEAN UP Rake it or leave it...Here's what to do with your yardful of leaves...

Rake it! The BHV staff will pick up leaves for homeowners who rake their own leaves. Wait until just before collection day. **Please do not bag leaves for pick up.** Put them in piles along the driveway or roadway. Never rake them into or near storm drains, ditches, creeks or the river. Decaying leaves use up the water's oxygen, harming aquatic inhabitants.

Leave it! Mulch leaves by running over them with your lawn mower at next cutting. Leaves and grass clippings are the best fertilizer for your lawn.

- **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.

BHV WATER COMMITTEE At its meeting on Monday November 13, the Village Board of Trustees will consider raising the existing water rate of \$5.99 per 100 cubic feet (CCF) of water. (A CCF is 748 gallons). The Village Water Committee has recommended an increase to \$7.99 per CCF (or about 1 cent per gallon) to cover recent costs, some of which were unanticipated, to maintain and repair the Village water tower and well equipment. The rate increase also will help pay for the expected costs of replacing the ageing 4-inch water lines on Colliston, Corrie, and Hillspur Roads within the next several years.

The proposed rate of \$7.99 per CCF compares to Ann Arbor Township's current rate of \$8.48 per CCF. Other local municipalities charge variable CCF rates depending on volume of water used, and various fees in addition to a per-CCF rate, so it's not easy to compare our rates with our neighbors' rates. However, the Water Committee has put together a chart showing what a typical volume of water usage would cost per month across 12 neighboring municipalities, taking into account those rates and fees. It's available from our Deputy Clerk before the November 13 Board meeting, and copies will be available at the meeting.