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ANNUAL MEETINGS

Monday, March 11, 2024 6:00 PM Walter Esch Hall, 199 Barton Shore Dr.

Barton Hills Village Annual Meeting A public budget hearing will be held on March 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Walter Esch Hall, 199 Barton Shore Drive. A copy of the proposed budget will be on file and available to the public at the Clerk's Office, 199 Barton Shore Drive, after March 4, 2024.

Residents may comment on the proposed budget at the Public Budget Hearing, or in writing to Barton Hills Village by mail to 199 Barton Shore Drive, Ann Arbor MI 48105, or email to bhvclerk@bartonhillsvillage.org.

Annual Committee reports will be emailed to all residents next week.

Barton Hills Maintenance Corporation Annual Meeting (immediately following the
BHVC meeting)

BHMC Shareholders will receive Annual Meeting information in a separate mailing.

Fire Chief Visits Barton Hills to Improve Home Safety Last week, at the invitation of our Climate Resilience sub-Committee, Ann Arbor Township Fire Chief Mark Nicholai provided an informative public presentation on fire risks and fire safety for Barton Hills residents. Convened at the Village Hall, Chief Nicholai shared much information and gave residents the opportunity to ask questions.

AATWP's Fire Department has two fire stations from which it provides fire and rescue services over 17.2 sq. miles - including Barton Hills Village. Our firefighters respond to about 12,000 calls annually, including: Fire, Rescue, EMS, Haz-Mat, Inspections, and Investigations. Chief Nicholai accomplishes this with six full-time fire officers, and 30 paid on-call firefighters.

Chief Nicholai offered three specific steps to help the Fire Department help us in times of emergency:

- 1) Ensure that your address number is visible and readable from the street at night. If you install a metal, reflective-painted sign at the street, make sure each digit is at least 4.5" high and that the sign is visible for vehicles approaching from either direction.
- 2) Ensure your driveway has a clear width of at least 20', and a minimum 13.5' height clearance. Any less, and the trucks may be challenged in getting to your home.

- 3) Consider installing a Knox Box Company's system, which is a locked box with your house key inside. Upon alerting the AATWP Fire Department that you have one, in an emergency situation their master key could access the box and more rapidly enter your home. Chief Nicholai noted that, while these boxes are not required, they do obviate the need for the team to gain entry by breaking windows and doors.

To help us all prevent fire emergencies, Chief Nicholai recommended that we:

- 1) Clear our roofs and decks of leaf litter.
- 2) Keep combustible debris out of our eaves and vents.
- 3) Create a 20' clearance space around our homes of all combustible detritus. For example, firewood and propane tanks should be stored more than 20' from a home, and dead wood and leaves need to be removed.

Our Township Fire Department offers a service to all residents - they are willing to come to our homes and let us know if there is adequate space for emergency vehicles to get close. To make an appointment, simply call (734) 741-5900. Plus, use the same number to explore becoming a paid on-call firefighter with the AATWP. Chief Nicholai said that it would be highly beneficial if Barton Hills had a resident who could get trained and join the on-call team.

This was an extremely informative presentation, as well a great way to get to know neighbors. We urge all residents to keep their eyes on the Barton Bulletin for our next community event on Monday, April 22.

Call 911 for any emergency, or in the event of any suspicious person(s), alarms, or crime.

REQUESTS FOR SERVICES All calls for service requests and information **need to go through the Village Hall**. This can be done by contacting the Deputy Clerk at (734) 222-5209 / bhvclerk@bartonhillsvillage.org. We will respond as soon as possible and create a work order if needed.

Is Your Water Softener Regenerating at the Proper Interval? We encourage all residents to check the frequency of their water softener's regeneration schedule. Regeneration is a setting you determine, based upon the number of gallons of water you and your family typically use. The frequency can range from every few days up to 14 days. Water softeners should not be regenerating daily, nor should they be running constantly. Water softeners that run inefficiently cost you more in water use bills and wastes water coming from the aquifer that supplies all our water. If you have any questions about whether or not your water softener is running efficiently, contact your chosen vendor to have it checked out.



Only 19 days till Spring!!