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**BARTON HILLS VILLAGE TRUSTEE MEETING** The Board of Trustees will meet at Walter Esch Hall on Monday, April 8th 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 homepage at bartonhillsvillage.org (the video icon). Passcode is 828587.

**THINKING OF SPRING** Anyone who proposes to construct, alter any portion of the exterior of, or move a building or structure, shall obtain a certificate of zoning compliance from the Zoning Administrator.

Project Review is required for all new construction, exterior alteration of existing structures, and landscape projects in Barton Hills Village. This includes:

- fences;
- retaining walls greater than 18” high;
- accessory buildings (garage, garden shed, trash enclosure, gazebo, etc);
- excavation other than common household gardening/ground care;
- playground equipment, stairways/patio enclosures, outdoor swimming/landscape pools;
- exterior lighting, generators, parking areas, solar/wind energy structures, satellite antennas.

**No construction or cutting of trees may commence until all approvals are completed!**

The Project Review Process helps ensures the continuation of the high quality standards desired in our community as well as compliance with applicable law. It involves the following steps:

**PreProject Conference:** Contact Deputy Clerk to explain what you’d like to do. Clerk will provide information and guidance for the project review process.

**Barton Hills Village Zoning Review:** Submit a zoning application and necessary additional information, including the \$75 application fee. The project will be reviewed by the BHV Zoning Administrator who issues the zoning compliance certificate. The zoning application form and the BHV Zoning Ordinance are posted on the BHV website.

**Barton Hills Maintenance Corporation Architectural Review:** When zoning

compliance has been approved, BHMC reviews the project for architectural and aesthetic components. The BHMC booklet Architectural Guidelines is posted on the BHMC website.

**Ann Arbor Township Review:** When BHV zoning and BHMC architectural approvals are completed, the project moves to the oversight of the Ann Arbor Township Building Inspector, who contracts with BHV to provide permit and inspection services. Ann Arbor Township also administers their Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Ordinance which is applicable in Barton Hills Village.

**ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS** The improper functioning of on-site sewage disposal systems can cause the pollution or impairment of ground and surface water quality, which can result in adverse effects on aquatic wildlife and affect the ability to use those ground and surface waters for public or private water supply. Periodic pumping and inspections of on-site sewage disposal systems can help prevent the improper functioning of such systems, thereby protecting and enhancing the public health, safety, and welfare.

Every owner of property in the Barton Hills Village that has an on-site sewage disposal system (OSDS) shall comply with the following requirements as stated in Village Code:

- At least once every four years, the septic tank(s) in the OSDS shall be emptied of accumulated waste. Written documentation of this work shall be filed with the Village Clerk within ten days of work completion.
- Chapter 8 of the Village Code is intended to establish minimum standards, but compliance with the standards in this Chapter does not ensure that an OSDS will remain functional and in good working order. Rather, it establishes minimum standards which should be adequate in most cases, but may not be adequate in all cases.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE** On the first Monday of each month from April - November, Village staff collects secure and leak-free hazardous materials from residents' homes. On collection days, place such materials next to (not inside) your normal household waste receptacle no later than 7:30am.

Do not bring hazardous materials to the Village maintenance area; such materials must be properly disposed of, and the Village does not have appropriate storage containers. Residents can also schedule hazardous material disposal at the Washtenaw County Home Toxics Center on Zeeb Road. Visit [their website](#) for information.

**PET WASTE** Taking a walk in our beautiful community can easily be ruined by the presence of pet waste on the sides of the roads or in neighbors' yards. Pet waste also washes into the drains and down to the pond where it supports weed/algae growth. Please be a responsible pet owner and bag your waste for proper disposal.