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EARTH DAY ALERT! This Sunday, April 21st, the Climate Resilience and Social Committees will celebrate Earth Day on the Village Green from 3:00PM-4:00PM. The Earth Day 2024 focus is on reducing plastic use. Plastics are a major contributor to Climate Change. Child friendly activities and information on plastic alternatives will be provided. Please join us for the information and fun!

VILLAGE STAFF UPDATES Congratulations to our New Superintendent - Derek Reeves. Effective April 1st, our Assistant Superintendent - Derek Reeves - has been promoted into the role of Superintendent. Derek has been a member of the maintenance team for three years, earning a promotion to Assistant Superintendent a year ago. Derek earned a BA, is a Certified Drinking Water Operator with the State of Michigan, an experienced manager, and a veteran.

Joe Hnatow, our previous Superintendent, remains a highly valued member of the Village's maintenance team. With this adjustment, Joe will have more time to focus on his family, and is glad to be part our maintenance team. We thank Joe for his ongoing commitment to the Village, professionalizing the services provided to residents, and upgrading the safety and effectiveness of our infrastructure.

Welcome Tanner Keilman to the Village Maintenance Team. Tanner joined the team on April 1st. Previously, Tanner served on the public works team in Pinckney and for the University of Michigan. Tanner's a veteran and is married with two young children. When you have a chance, please introduce yourself and welcome Tanner to the Village.

COMING UP The Board of Trustees will meet at Walter Esch Hall on Monday, May 13th at 6:00PM.

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).

REQUESTS FOR RESIDENT SERVICES If you have a service request or need, please reach out to the Deputy Clerk at (734) 222-5209 / bhvclerk@bartonhillsvillage.org. The Village team will respond to your request as soon as possible, and create a work order, if needed.

PUBLIC SAFETY, EMS, AND SECURITY Call 911 for EMS, a crime, fire, suspicious car/vehicle, road safety violations, or alarms. The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department provides public safety services, and the Ann Arbor Township Fire Department addresses

medical and fire emergencies. For non-emergency issues, you can contact the Sheriff at (734) 971- 8400, and the Fire Department at (734) 741-5900.

VILLAGE-CENTRIC EMERGENCIES For Village-centric emergencies during Village Office hours, contact the Deputy Clerk at (734) 222-5209. After hours, call the Village's on-call line at (734) 263-7020.

What is a "Village-centric emergency"? Examples include water main breaks, road obstructions, or noise violations of our Village ordinances. If there is a downed power line, first contact DTE at (800) 477-4747. Only after you've notified DTE should you then contact the Village so our staff can put up safety barriers until the DTE team arrives.

SPRING IS HERE! We know when Spring has sprung because the landscapers arrive in our beautiful Village. Landscapers can use power equipment (such as leaf blowers and bobcats) between 8AM-6PM; homeowners can personally use such equipment from 8AM-10PM. We thank you for respecting these hours so all of us can enjoy peaceful Spring evenings.

And, please remember that any detritus created by your gardeners/landscapers needs to be removed by them. Lawn detritus created by homeowners will be removed by Village staff - please refer to the [Resident Guidebook](#) for specific guidelines.

TRY A NATIVE PLANT OR TWO IN YOUR GARDEN... Native plants have deep, "thirsty" roots that help retain water on your site and filter out the pollutants in runoff. They help stabilize soils and prevent erosion. Try just one in your garden this summer!

- For shady areas -- wild geranium is a great choice -- nice flower, foliage stays around all year, pretty fall color.
- For sunnier spots -- penstemon digitalis (beardstongue) in well-draining soil -- it is relatively short, has a good season of bloom time in early summer, and keeps its foliage. OR swamp milkweed for wetter gardens areas -- fairly tall so not usually a 'front of the border' plant. For more information and native plant resources, go to www.hrwc.org

