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## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING** **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Monday, July 8, 2024 6:00 PM**  
**Walter Esch Hall**

The **Zoning Board of Appeals** will meet to review an application for a variance for construction of a landscape/retaining wall in the side setback at 200 Barton North Drive. The **Board of Trustees** will meet immediately after the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

Public comment for either/both public hearings 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 via [Zoom \(View only link\)](#). Passcode: 883222.

**WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT** The annual Water Consumer Confidence Report for calendar year 2023 is attached to this Bulletin. It includes important information on:

- where your water comes from
- what your water is tested/treated for
- how the water system is maintained
- how you as a resident can help to protect and conserve this essential resource.

Please contact the BHV Clerk's Office if you have questions or comments about the report.

**PROTECT CLEAN WATER** When possible, avoid using toxic household cleaners and chemicals. Also, remember that cleaners, chemicals, oil, paint, and other home toxics should never be poured down a sink, into a storm drain or onto the ground. To keep them out of our water supply, dispose of them at a county collection site. Learn more at [hrwc.org/hometoxics](http://hrwc.org/hometoxics).

**OFFICES CLOSED JULY 4TH** The Village Hall offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The staff will be available for emergency services only. For after-hours Village emergencies, please call (734) 263-7020.

**\*\*Recycle collection will take place on Friday, July 5\*\***



# 2023 Water Quality Report for Barton Hills Village

WSSN: 00430

This report covers the drinking water quality for Barton Hills Village for the 2023 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2023. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

BHV water comes from two groundwater well sites, with two primary and one back-up well, each a least 90 feet deep, to service the village's 145 customers. The wells draw from aquifers extending to the north and northeast of BHV. The State performed an assessment of our source water in 2003 to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source is Data from all BHV wells indicate that the groundwater is obtained from confined aquifers, and the geologic sensitivity for a confined aquifer is characterized as "low." For more information about the Source Water Assessment report, contact the BHV Clerk's Office (734-222-5209, [bhvclerk@bartonhillsvillage.org](mailto:bhvclerk@bartonhillsvillage.org)).

There are no significant sources of contamination included in our water supply. A Wellhead Protection Plan, first approved by the State of Michigan in April 1997 with an update approved in December 2013, identifies BHV water sources, possible risks of contamination, and strategies to ensure the future safety of the water supply. The complete Wellhead Protection Plan is available from the BHV Clerk's office (734-222-5209, [bhvclerk@bartonhillsvillage.org](mailto:bhvclerk@bartonhillsvillage.org)), and online at <http://www.bartonhillsvillage.org>.

**Contaminants and their presence in water:** Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

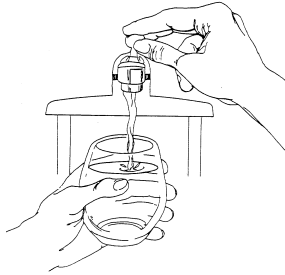
**Vulnerability of sub-populations:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. EPA/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

**Sources of drinking water:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

**Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and

can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.



In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

## Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2023 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2023. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

### Terms and abbreviations used below:

- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- N/A: Not applicable
- ND: not detectable at testing limit
- ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter
- ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

1 Monitoring Data for Regulated Contaminants

Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0	4	3-4	2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.25	0.17-0.25	2023	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge of metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.39	0.32-0.39	2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium <sup>1</sup> (ppm)	N/A	N/A	23	20-23	2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	10	10-14	2022	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine <sup>2</sup> (ppm)	4	4	0.49	0.32-0.49	Monthly	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Coliform	TT	N/A	N/A	N/A	Monthly	No	Naturally present in the environment

<sup>1</sup> Sodium is not a regulated contaminant.

<sup>2</sup> The chlorine “Level Detected” was calculated using a running annual average.

Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water <sup>2</sup>	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	2	Not detected	0-4	2023	None	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.9	0.0-1.7	2021	1	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

**Information about lead:** If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Barton Hills Village is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line, it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**Information about copper:** Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

**Additional Information for Arsenic:** While your drinking water meets the U.S. EPA standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The U.S. EPA standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The U.S. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2023.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at the Village Hall, 199 Barton Shore Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105. This report will not be sent to you.

**How can I get involved?:** We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. The Barton Hills Village Board of Trustees meeting on the 2nd Monday each month at the Village Hall, 199 Barton Shore Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105. The 2024 meeting dates are posted on the Village website, <http://www.bartonhillsvillage.org>. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Superintendent Derek Reeves, Barton Hills Village, 199 Barton Shore Drive, 734-222-5209, [superintendent@bartonhillsvillage.org](mailto:superintendent@bartonhillsvillage.org), <http://www.bartonhillsvillage.org>. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. EPA at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>.

**Water Conservation Tips:** Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference - try one today and soon it will become second nature.

- Take short showers - a 5 minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.

- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill!
- Visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense) for more information.

**Source Water Protection Tips:** Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways:

- Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides - they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.
- Pick up after your pets.
- If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources or consider connecting to a public water system.
- Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center.
- Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or wellhead protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are no active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's Adopt Your Watershed to locate groups in your community, or visit the Watershed Information Network's How to Start a Watershed Team.
- Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a message next to the street drain reminding people "Dump No Waste - Drains to River" or "Protect Your Water." Produce and distribute a flyer for households to remind residents that storm drains dump directly into your local water body.