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Property Tax Bills Village property taxes are now due and collectable through September 16th. On September 17th, any unpaid taxes will incur a one time 4% penalty and begin accruing a .5% monthly interest rate. Homeowners can mail in their taxes or drop them off at Village Hall. If you have any questions, please call or email our Assistant Treasurer 734-222-5209 / assistanttreasurer@bartonhillsvillage.org.

Thank You Senator Shink and Representative Conlin! Senator Sue Shink and Representative Jennifer Conlin, in collaboration with Representative Carrie Rheingans, secured a \$500,000 earmark to improve (not reconfigure) the Barton Dr exit on M-14. Funds become available in October, at which point MDOT will commence with project planning / contracting. This has been a significant action item for Village residents and we thank our elected officials for their support and efforts!

Save the date! Tuesday, July 23, 7:00-8:00 PM at the Village Hall: Susan Bryan and Lisa Bradshaw, Washtenaw County Rain Garden Coordinators, will come to Barton Hills to provide information and advice on planting a rain garden. Anyone can plant a rain garden! Rain gardens capture storm water runoff before it pollutes our local rivers and provide beautiful gardens throughout the growing season.

They'll talk about the benefits of Rain Gardens and how to build and plant one at your own home. Rain gardens are beneficial and practical solutions to prevent basement and yard flooding. Recent torrential downpours of rain emphasize the importance of capturing rainwater to prevent runoff.

About the Speakers Susan Bryan and Lisa Bradshaw are Master Rain Gardeners and provide advice around Washtenaw County on rain garden placement and plant selection. Bring your questions and tap their expertise about your own yard!

BHV ELECTION Five seats on the nine-member BHV Board of Trustees will be up for election this November. Candidates for the four-year terms must:

- be registered voters in Barton Hills Village,
- submit nominating petitions with the signatures of at least 20 but not more than 30 registered voters in Barton Hills Village, and
- obtain nominating petitions and other information from Ann Arbor Township office. Please note that the Ann Arbor Township office administers all elections for BHV residents.

The deadline to file candidate nominating petitions is **4:00 PM, Tuesday July 23, 2024**. Petitions are available now, and the Township staff greatly appreciates it when paperwork is submitted well before the deadline.

Safety While Walking One of the many joys of living in the Village are quiet walks through our neighborhood. As walkers, bikers, and drivers all share the road, please remember to always wear bright clothing - preferably reflective - so that others have the best chance of seeing you well in-advance.

Recycling Staff maintains two brown bins in front of the green recycle containers at the maintenance garage. These bins are to assist residents in cleaning out any trash from their recycling brought to us (which we greatly appreciate). Please do not bring other trash to these containers or leave trash sitting outside. This has prevented residents from using them for the intended purpose and has caused a mess the last several weekends.

Meet Zorro and Whiskers During trash collection, staff discovered two stowaways at a residence near you. If having trouble with racoons in your trash, we have some tips to help!

--Racoons use their sense of smell to find trash. Harsh scents such as vinegar, ammonia and hot pepper water around the trash could deter them.

--Keeping your trash can clean is an important protective measure. Not only will the scent of dirty trash lure racoons, but a dirty can will also attract insects which are another food source.

--The most reliable prevention method is making your trash harder to access or knock over.

Keep your trash inside until the morning of collection and never leave your trash can lid open. Use straps, bungies, or even a rock on your lid to make your trash difficult to obtain.

