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BHV Board of Trustees Meeting May 12, 2025

The Board of Trustees will meet at Village Hall on Monday, May 12, 2025 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 meeting ID: 837 2352 7998 Passcode: 710921 or click the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83723527998?pwd=fHWG0pzR4b0FrnulmOCq30gXROIAw.1>

The Board of Trustees agenda is posted on the website by Friday prior to the Monday meeting. Meeting minutes for all boards are also posted on the website.

WE HAVE MOVED TO QUARTERLY WATER BILLING! The first quarterly water bills have been mailed out and include usage for Q1 2025, as well as Nov & Dec 2024. We're pleased to announce a new online bill payment option which offers a convenient and secure way to manage your payments. Please see your bill for more information.

HOW DO I PAY ONLINE? Scan the QR Code on your bill to get to BSA online, where you can search by your last name or property address, and then create an account. Our online payment system accepts all major credit cards and can also accept ACH payments. There is a service fee to pay online. Please pay your water bill by May 15, 2025 to avoid additional fees.

Trash Collection Change

Regular trash collection will take place on Tuesday, May 27th, as the Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

SAVE THE DATE! Please join us on Sunday, June 8th from 6:15-7:45 PM on the Barton Hills Village Green outside the Village Hall. An Ice Cream Truck will be here from 6:30-7:30 PM. Please bring sufficient cash to cover your own purchased treats.

NO MOW MAY No Mow May was introduced in 2022 as a national conservation campaign to boost the number of plants visited by endangered pollinators (bees,

butterflies, moths) by not mowing lawns in May. Ann Arbor replaced No Mow May with "Pollinator-Aware Yard care," which emphasizes year-round pollinator survival actions. It is estimated that 90% of wild plants rely on pollinators. Pollinators-Aware Yard Care supports minimizing threats to pollinators by reducing the use of herbicides and reducing habitat loss from lawn mowing and tree clearing. (Ann Arbor provides a good resource for more information under Pollinator-Aware Yard Care). Rewilding also encourages judicious lawn watering, reducing your water bill and saving our precious water supply. By supporting Pollinator-Aware Yard Care actions you'll spend less time, money and energy manicuring your lawn while helping the effects of Climate Change. Reduced lawn mowing frequency has direct and indirect benefits to pollinator species including increased availability of floral resources, reduced emissions (and noise!) from fossil fuel powered lawn equipment, and improved soil infiltration from reduced soil compaction.

By the way, now is the height of bird migrations north, mostly occurring at night. Please consider turning off outdoor lights for the next few days. An excellent resource for seeing the migration pattern is <https://dashboard.birdcast.info/region/US-MI161>. Wednesday night through Thursday morning 327,000 birds crossed Washtenaw County! By the way, now is the height of bird migrations north, mostly occurring at night. Please consider turning off outdoor lights for the next few days. An excellent resource for seeing the migration pattern is <https://dashboard.birdcast.info/region/US-MI161>. Wednesday night through Thursday morning 327,000 birds crossed Washtenaw County!

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. Please dispose of your pet waste bags properly!

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.

If you will be away from home for an extended time, you may request a "house watch" from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office:
<https://www.washtenaw.org/1743/Property-Watch>.

THE DREADED GARLIC MUSTARD Early spring is prime season for helping control garlic mustard. This aggressive, invasive plant spreads quickly through woodlots, outcompeting understory plants including tree seedlings. Tiny seeds are easily scattered and remain viable in soil for up to five years. Garlic mustard produces compounds that can limit seed germination in other species. Pulling the rosettes now will diminish the number of seeds that will come later in the summer. Start with small patches that can be eliminated to control the spread.



In late February, the Social Activities Committee organized a volunteer opportunity with Food Gatherers, the group that collects expired food donated by area merchants and redistributes it to people who need it in Washtenaw County. Several BHV families met at Food Gatherers. We learned how to sort through food to either save for Washtenaw families to eat, or, to compost, if it's become inedible.

Food insecurity has been rising in Washtenaw County in recent years. Thousands of people in our county deal with hunger on a daily basis. In addition, food waste is a primary driver of climate change. Wasted food causes an estimated 58% of methane emissions from municipal landfills.

According to our volunteer coordinator at Food Gatherers, we saved 683 pounds of food, about 600 meals for people in the county. The discarded food, 300 pounds, was composted in an aerobic process. A thousand pounds of food, if wasted and not composted, over 30 years, would create about 380 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, the equivalent of burning about 2.5 rail cars of coal.

Our volunteer effort got good food to people who need it and also prevented a significant amount of greenhouse gas emissions. We had an enjoyable two hours of getting to know BHV neighbors better and learning about food security efforts in our community.

Events

May

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Recycle Pick Up

May

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Trash Pick Up & Hazardous Waste Pick Up

May

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Board of Trustees Meeting
6:00 PM Village Hall

May

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Recycle Pick Up

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Memorial Day
Office will be closed.

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Trash Pick Up

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Recycle Pick Up

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