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The Village News

January - March 2017

From the Village President, Bob Getz



I hope everyone had a great holiday season and were able to spend time with family and friends. It's going to be a busy year in the Village.

The Village Planning Commission and Village Council will begin reviewing the ordinance book to update the Village ordinances. We will also be installing new water meters to replace our aging meters. We should be beginning the installations in May and continue through the summer. We will have more information on that later as we get closer to installation time. We will also be finishing up our master plan in order to position ourselves for an infrastructure grant to finish our streetscape on the south end of First Street and to build the industrial park road.

From the Treasurer's Desk—IT'S TAX TIME!!!

In past years, Village taxes had to be paid to Berrien County after September 14th. This is the first collection season that residents can pay their property taxes at the Village Office after the September due date. The Village can accept your property tax payments until February 28th. After February 28th, we have to turn any outstanding taxes over to Berrien County for collection.

Once the taxes go to the County, the interest rate on the outstanding balance goes from 1% to up to 18%. Save yourself some time and money and come visit us at the Village Office before February 28th.

Christmas in the Village

Thank you for a great 2016 celebration

**What another wonderful time at Christmas in the Village ...
a special thank you to the following:**

The Baroda Village Council for bringing this event to the community, and the Baroda Fire Department for hosting and being a huge part of this event every year!!



Bob & Chris Getz, Teri Freehling & Barbi Hammond for decorating!

Stacey Stubblefield for making the yummy treats.

Thank you to Milt Sluder and Patrick & Teri Freehling, for being Santa's helpers.

Thank you to the the Tolsma family for helping make Santa possible once again this year.

Thank you to Chemical Bank of Baroda & United Federal Credit Union of Stevensville for their financial contribution!



Wendie Shafer, The Baroda Queen & King Court and Alumni and friends for manning the kid's craft stations.

Thanks to Honor Credit Union of Stevensville for sponsoring the cookie decorating, and providing volunteers and for bringing their popcorn machine!



Cindy Schroeder and Patti Neal from St. John's Lutheran Church for leading our Christmas carols; Teri Freehling for the sound system.

Thank you to Round Barn Public House and St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church for making our supper possible!

Jim Small of Outdoor Kitchen for the wonderful snack cups - they were amazing as always!!!

Baroda Area Business Association for sponsoring Kniebes Farms and the sleigh rides!



Thanks to everyone that helped set up all the tables and chairs. Thank you to St. John's Youth Group, the Fire Department and everyone that helped to clean up afterwards.

We appreciate your help!

**Go to
Village of Baroda Facebook Page
to see all of the pictures!**

Call for volunteers

Do you have something that you are passionate about and looking for a way to make a difference or a way to get involved in all things Baroda? Whether you are a resident of the Village, the Township, or live in a different community; you can get involved ... and we need you!!

There are many things that we would love to be able to do, but we need your help to make it happen. Volunteerism is great for students to earn school credit, it's great for young people to have on their resume, and it teaches everyone to give of themselves and their time for the betterment of the community! Just a few hours a month is really all you need to make a difference!



So whether you want to help with an existing event, or have a great idea of your own, there is a way for you to get involved! Just a few that come to mind:



- Music in the Park
- Christmas in the Village
- Party on the Pavers
- The Village Park
- Gardening/weeding/trimming
- Clean up day
- Public art project

We would love to have our citizens get more involved, and would love to hear from you. Use your talents, hobbies, passions, etc.!

Stop by the municipal building and see Tina Boehm, and she will get you moving in the right direction! You can also call the office at 422-1779, or email at clerk@barodavillage.org



Baroda Happenings!

Pets in the Village

Just a reminder that dogs should be kept confined or restrained in the Village. Also, be kind to others and clean-up after your dog when you take them for walks or if they do their "job" in someone else's yard. Please make sure to keep your dog licensed and shots up to date.



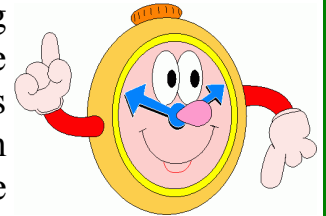
You should also consider your neighbors if you have a cat. Please keep your cat at home as your neighbor probably does not enjoy finding out that your cat has used their flower bed as a litter box.



Office Hours and Water Bills:

Just a reminder, the Village Office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

If you cannot make it to the office to pay your water bill during the posted office hours, you can always drop your payment in the drop box on the north side of the building; 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!



We cannot accept debit or credit cards, however we accept cash, check or money order. You can also set up online bill pay through your bank if you want to pay electronically.

2017 Baroda Events



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| April 1 | Cemetery Clean up |
| April 13 | Large Trash pick up |
| June 25 | Music In The Park |
| July 3 | Baroda Fireworks |
| July 23 | Music In The Park |
| July 29 | Support Our Troops Festival |
| Aug. 5 | Party On The Pavers |
| Aug. 20 | Michigan Wine Trail 1/2 Marathon |
| Aug. 27 | Music In The Park |
| Oct. 12 | Large Trash Pick up |
| Oct. 15 | Cemetery Clean up |
| Oct. 31 | Trick or Treating |
| Dec. 4 | Christmas In The Village |

Be sure to check the Community Calendar on our website for updates of events.

Park Reservations

Reservations for the Village Park for 2017 may be made by calling the Village Office at 422-1779.



There is no charge to village residents to reserve the park, however, there is a refundable \$20 key deposit required for each day. A \$25 rental fee will be charged to all non-Village residents. Keys must be picked up by Thursday prior to the date you have the park reserved and be returned by the following Monday.



If you want to reserve Hess Lake Park or the Fire Station Hall, you must call the Township Office at 422-2300.