



**The Heart of
Wine Country**

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The Village News

October - November 2019



From the Village President, Bob Getz

It's hard to believe it's October already and the kids are back in school. Quite a few road projects have been completed in the Village over the summer, including Lemon Creek, Second, and Center. They look great!

The Industrial Park Road is well underway and will be completed by the end of October. The utilities will go in after the road is finished. The utilities will be installed in a right-of-way along the side of the road. There will be a sidewalk along the north side of the road with future plans to loop it back to First Street and Hills Road.

Just a reminder that we do not pick up concrete or furniture. There are large trash pick ups available in April and October for these types of items. As for large limbs, you will need to dispose of those. We will only pick up brush.

I'd like to thank Village Clerk, Tina Martin, for applying for and receiving a park grant from the Michigan Township Participating Plan, to rebuild the play area and add new playground mulch. The work was completed by Starbucks Landscaping. It is a welcome improvement to the park.

New Face in the Village



**We would like to welcome
DPW employee,
Ric Hoffman, to the
Village of Baroda!**

A Message From the Baroda Township Fire Dept.

Are **YOU** or someone you know interested in helping your Community? The Baroda Fire Department is looking for some additional members to help provide services to Baroda Township and the Village of Baroda. We have many different opportunities to get involved with the department; from becoming a Volunteer Firefighter to being an Auxiliary Member. Volunteer Firefighters attend firefighting school and become State of Michigan certified; to respond to emergencies and calls for assistance in our Community. Auxiliary Members assist the fire department in many different ways, from supporting firefighters at emergency scenes to helping with non-urgent tasks and administrative projects around the fire station. To learn more about the Baroda Fire Department, please check out our Facebook Page or go to the Baroda Township Web Site. If you are interested in joining the Department, stop by the Baroda Township Hall to pick up an application. We look forward to helping you have the opportunity to give back the Baroda Community!



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A Special Thank You

A special “thank you” to Rick Moore, of CJ’s, for seeking out a very generous donation from Whirlpool Corporation, of a refrigerator for the Village Park Pavilion. Park renters have been very excited for this new addition to the park facilities. We greatly appreciate Rick’s efforts and are equally as thankful to Whirlpool Corporation for their generous contribution.

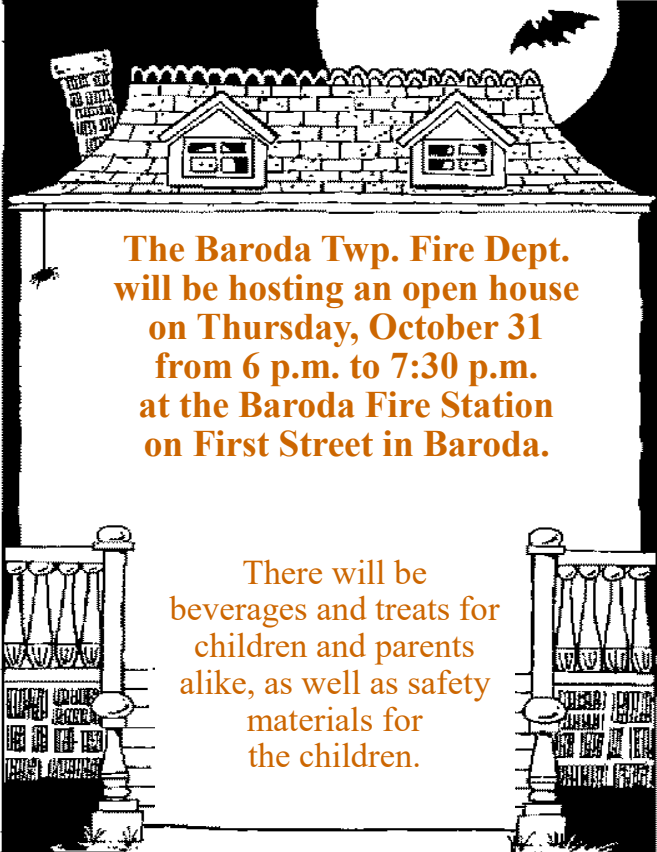


An additional “thank you” goes out to Starbuck’s Landscaping for all of their hard work in updating the Village Park playground area. Through a grant from the Michigan Township Participating Plan, the Village was able to make safety improvements to the playground, by making it all one play area. Starbuck’s Landscaping donated labor and time to complete the project. We greatly appreciate their support of our Village Park.



Trick or Treat Hours

Thursday, October 31
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.



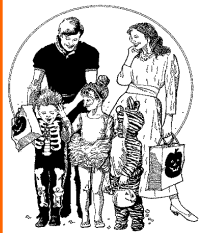
The Baroda Twp. Fire Dept. will be hosting an open house on Thursday, October 31 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Baroda Fire Station on First Street in Baroda.

There will be beverages and treats for children and parents alike, as well as safety materials for the children.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

As Halloween is not far away, it's time to remember some of the safety issues concerning Halloween. Parents should review these safety tips with their children:



- Make sure small children are accompanied by an adult.
- Trick or treaters should never carry pumpkins or other objects with a real flame or fire in them. Use artificial lighting.
- Costumes should be reflective, should not obscure the vision of the wearer, and not cause the wearer to trip and fall. Children should never carry sharp or unsafe props. Use fake props.
- Children should carry flashlights and have flashing lights or glow sticks attached to their costumes.
- Trick or treaters should obey all traffic rules, such as not walking in the street, walking against the flow of traffic and crossing the street at intersections, if possible.
- Do not accept candy or other food objects that do not have a protective covering or wrapper. *All* treats should be checked, regardless, before being consumed.
- Homeowners: If you wish to participate in Halloween, please have the front of your house well lit. Remove any obstacles that someone could fall over.
- Trick or treaters: respect the property of others. Do not damage or vandalize someone's property.



Baroda Happenings!

Fall Leaf Pick-Up

The Village Maintenance Department will pick up your leaves IF they are placed in a container that can be easily dumped or you may rake leaves to the edge of the street. Please separate your leaves and limbs into separate piles.

You may also use the green recycling bags to bag your leaves and set out for pick up with your Thursday trash. The bags are available for purchase at the Township Office for \$1 per bag. Please note that our Maintenance Department does not pick up the green recycling bags.

Remaining 2019 Baroda Events

Oct. 31	Trick or Treating
Dec. 8	Christmas In The Village

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

Mark your calendars for
“Christmas in the Village”
on December 8th, from 4-6:00 pm,
at the Baroda American Legion.
If you are interested in volunteering
for the event, please contact Kelly at
the Village Office (422-1779).

NOTARY SERVICE

The Village of Baroda now provides a Notary Service. If you are in need of this service, please call or stop by the Village Office during regular business hours and see Tina.



The 6th Annual Party on the Pavers was held Saturday, July 27th and was not only a fantastic time, but a huge success! Thank you to all who came out and got to enjoy the amazing food, wonderful drinks, and danced the night away with Dick Diamond and the Dusters! Pictures can be found on the BABA Facebook page! Please share any moments that you were able to capture.

Many thanks to the Party on the Pavers Committee and the awesome volunteers for all their hard work and dedication!

A special thank you also to our amazing Village Maintenance Crew and all who helped set up/tear down! We couldn't have done it without you!

THANK YOU to our SPONSORS!



BE COUNTED MICHIGAN 2020

THE 2020 CENSUS IS
CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO
BERRIEN COUNTY

Based on a statistical analysis of the 2010 census response rate,
we anticipate

 **80.9%**
RESPONSE RATE

A decline in response rate to 2020 census,
putting \$44M at risk in funding, annually



11,921

Households that will
require follow-up

In Berrien County, we anticipate the following challenges



**22.6% HOMES
UNDERSERVED
BY BROADBAND
TECHNOLOGY
SERVICES**



**13.1%
OF FAMILIES
FALL BELOW
POVERTY LEVEL**

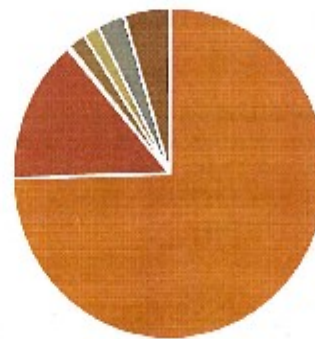
So, who's in Berrien County?



**12.6% OF HOUSEHOLDS
HAVE KIDS UNDER THE
AGE OF 10**



**17.8% OF HOUSEHOLDS
INCLUDE SENIORS 65+**



- White
- Black
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some other race
- Two or more races
- Hispanic

Data Sources: US Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates;
The George Washington University Institute of Policy's Counting for Dollars - Michigan;
Data Analysis by Kurt Matzgar;
Connect Michigan: connectednation.org/Michigan - https://connectednation.org/michigan/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2018/07/MLAvailabilityUnderserved_073118.pdf



BE COUNTED BERRIEN

Berrien County Fact Sheet

Berrien County Population 2010 Census	156,813
Estimated Berrien County Response Rate	80.9%
Undercount Risk Population	29,951
Potential annual impact in Berrien	\$14 million
Potential impact in Berrien County in 10-year census period	\$440 million
Census-Based funding in Michigan per person annually	\$1,800

Census data and elections

Census data determines how many seats your state gets in Congress. State and local officials use census data to draw boundaries for state and local legislative districts and school districts.

Hard-to-Count Populations

- People of color
- Immigrants
- Children under 5
- Low-income households
- Homeless individuals
- Highly mobile individuals – students and young people
- People with limited internet access

Who is counted in the Census?

Census forms are filled out by household. Everyone living at the address matters and everyone needs to be counted, including children.

How do I fill it out? You can respond online using the unique Census ID that will be mailed to you. If you don't have internet access, you can respond by phone or mail.

How is Census information used? Being counted helps communities create jobs, provide housing, fund K-12 education, prepare for emergencies and build schools, roads, hospitals and libraries

What questions will be asked on the Census?

The Census asks for less personal information than most social media profiles. Items like name, gender, age, birthday, race/ethnicity, relationship to head-of-household, owner or renter and phone number are asked. The Census will not ask about citizenship or immigration status.

What if the household identification code is lost or not available?

Each household will receive a unique ID code for completing the Census form. However, if the code is misplaced, a household resident may submit the information via Internet or phone using a complete physical address. The unique ID is accepted only once. The Census Bureau will validate the address if a code is not used.

Is information taken by the Census private?

The Census Bureau is committed to keeping your information confidential, private and secure. By law, individual-level census information cannot and will not be shared with any agency. Furthermore, cybersecurity measures have been put in place to keep your information safe, and any unlawful release of information is punishable by a \$250,000 fine and/or five years in prison.

April 1, 2020

March 20 to April 30, 2020

Official Census Count Day

Berrien County activity focus on completing the Census form

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