

### The Heart of Wine Country

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# The Village News

October - December 2016

# From the Village President, Bob Getz

The combined public workshop with Baroda Village Council & Planning Commission, Baroda Township Board and Planning Commission, and Baroda Area Business Association was a huge success. We had over 30 people in attendance. It was basically a brainstorming session with many great ideas for future projects for both the Village and Township. Wightman & Associates and Chuck Eckenstahler are in the process of incorporating all of the projects from the Village and Township into a community master plan.

That plan will then enable the Village to apply for a grant to continue the streetscape south to Menser Drive and construct Menser Drive through the Industrial Park to Hills Road. It will also extend the sewer and water lines through the park. The rough draft of the document will be done by mid-November for the Village and Township to review and make changes. A public hearing for public comments will be scheduled for sometime in mid-December.

On another note... we WILL be having our food drive again this year. We will begin taking donations November 1st. The drive will continue through Friday, December 16th. If you are a family in need, or know someone that is, please contact Tina at the Village Office.

Also, if you would like to make a monetary donation, or food donation, you can send or bring them in to the Village office anytime. Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season.



### 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 lighted. Remove any obstacles that someone could fall over.
- Trick or treaters: respect the property of others. Do not damage or vandalize someone's 'property.



Seasons Greetings

Join the Village of Baroda in helping Baroda families in need with our annual Food Drive.

Please consider bringing non-perishable food items (monetary donation) to the Baroda Municipal Building by 4 p.m. on December 15th.

Make the difference in the lives of needy families in our community.

For more information, please contact our Clerk, Tina Boehm at 422-1779.





# CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE Sunday, December 4, 2016 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Baroda Township Hall in Downtown



Santa Claus



Light supper



Crafts for the Kids



Treats & Hot Cocoa



Christmas Carols





Sleigh rides by Kniebes Farms (weather permitting) Face Painting by Funny Face Face Painting

# **Baroda Happenings!**

## Fall Leaf Pick-Up

The Village Maintenance Department will pick up your leaves <u>IF</u> 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 2016 Baroda Events



Oct. 15-20Cemetery Clean upOct. 31Trick or TreatingDec. 4Christmas In The Village

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

## **Holiday Office Closings**

The Village Office will be closed November 24 & 25 in observance of



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the Thanksgiving holiday; December 23 and 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday and will reopen on Tuesday, December 27.

The office will also be closed on Monday, January 2 in observance of New Year's Day and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Wishing you all a happy and joyous Christmas and New

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## **Snow Removal In The Village**



Our Street Department does a great job of keeping the snow plowed during the winter months, but we need your help!

There is no parking on the Village Streets from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. so that the plows can maneuver through the streets. They are often plowing by 4:00 a.m. The Village Ordinance states that your vehicle may be impounded and towed away if you do not have it moved out of the way.

Also, a reminder that you are responsible for snow removal on sidewalks in front of your home or business. Please do not push snow from your personal driveway into the streets.

Keep up the great work guys!