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Mayor William B. Judge Establishes Homelessness Task Force

Barberton, OH (October 20, 2023) – Barberton Mayor William B. Judge and his Administration are pleased to announce the establishment of a Homelessness Task Force. The Homelessness Task Force is comprised of multiple organizations which exist to address the needs of the homeless, including food, shelter, clothing, and assistance with mental health and addiction services.

The Homelessness Task Force consists of a number of outreach-based organizations, including the Summit County ADM Board, Summit County Continuum of Care, Community Support Services, Axess Pointe, Coleman Health Services, and local non-profits including the Main Street Barberton, Salvation Army, and Common Threads Closet. City safety forces and the Barberton Municipal Courts are also involved with the task force. The task force was established to foster communicative relationships between those organizations and government agencies that work directly with the homeless population in Barberton, as well as to promote resources and wrap around services, making them readily available to those individuals.

“The Homelessness Task Force will be a critical component in continuing to address the homeless in Barberton,” stated Mayor Judge. “Homelessness is a complex issue with multiple facets to address. The entities involved with our task force are involved with the homelessness issue from different perspectives. Collaborating with entities that provide outreach-based services to this population as well as working with our courts and safety forces will ensure that resources and wrap-around services are available for those in need.”

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