

# KEEPING YOU CONNECTED



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## CALL BEFORE YOU



# CALL 811 or 800-252-1166

Before you plant that tree, dig that trench, or build that new garage on your property this season, call Gopher State One-Call.

### Here's how One-Call notification works:

- Mark the borders of your excavation site with white stakes or white spray paint.
- Be prepared to give the One-Call operator your name, your phone number, your address, the location of your dig site, the type of work you plan to do, and the start date & time of your dig.
- **Call 800-252-1166 or just 811.** Gopher State One-Call operators answer calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Weekends and holidays are for emergencies only.
- Utility companies have 48 hours to locate their underground facilities, and digging must begin within 96 hours after calling Gopher State One Call so plan your work accordingly.



PeopleService<sup>INC.</sup>  
Water & Wastewater Professionals

## BARNESVILLE WATER UPDATE

Barnesville's annual summer high water consumption is coming soon. To alleviate colored water inconveniences caused from higher flows, PeopleService will be flushing settled iron and manganese elements from our underground water lines through our hydrants from April 16-27.

While lab testing of water quality is done on a daily basis, every spring we thoroughly clean the filtration plant and related distribution, in addition to system checks of plant plumbing systems and supplies inventory.

Running your faucets for a few minutes should clear away any iron or manganese color.

Questions? Call PeopleService representative Dan Lubbesmeyer at 701.893.8825.

## GARBAGE RATE INCREASE

Effective May 1, 2012 the monthly garbage rate for residential customers will increase by 28¢ to \$15.06 permonth.



## RUNNING YOUR SUMP PUMP INTO THE SANITARY SEWER IS AGAINST THE LAW !

Not only is discharging your sump pump into the sanitary sewer illegal, but it endangers your neighbors! The sanitary sewer lines, as well as the City's treatment facilities are unable to handle the volume of water that comes from sump pumps, particularly in the case of heavy rain. The result can be raw sewage backing up in homes.

All sump pumps MUST drain outside into the City's storm sewer system. The City Council will enforce this ordinance.

Homeowners who fail or refuse to follow the sump pump ordinance are subject to a \$100 a month fine.

For questions or more info, contact City Hall at 354-2292



## SUMMER LIQUOR STORE HOURS

Firehall Municipal Liquors will change to their summer hours on Tuesday, May 1.

Monday - Wednesday 10:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

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## FOX BUSINESS NETWORK IS HERE!

Barnesville Cable TV customers will notice a few changes to their cable line-up in the last few weeks. Be sure that you reprogram your remote control so you receive all the new channels!

- **HSN - Home Shopping Network - Channel 95**  
Previously can on channel 9 This will be available to both analog and digital customers
- **KCPM - Channel 9** - This channel includes some Minneapolis-St. Paul programming.
- **FOX Business Network- Channel 67**  
Every news story has a business angle. Whether its a natural disaster, domestic crisis, or an international event, Fox Business Network provides you with the business news behind the story and how it affects your life.

Barnesville HD Service channel will also enjoy **Fox Business Network HD - Channel 267**

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## NEED HELP PAYING ENERGY BILLS?

Are you struggling to make ends meet? The Minnesota Energy Assistance Program helps homeowners and renters pay their energy bills. Homeowners may also get assistance with furnace repair or replacement. Grants range from \$100 to \$1,400 depending on family size, last 3 months income and fuel consumption.

To get assistance call (800) 657-3710 or go to [www.staywarm.mn.gov](http://www.staywarm.mn.gov).

## HELP KEEP OUR PARKS BEAUTIFUL

We need to remember to take steps to clean up after our dogs so that other residents can enjoy the walking path around Blue Eagle Lake and other public spaces in town.

**To make your clean-up job just a little easier, a package of 100 Pooch Pouches is available in the pet supply aisle at Barnesville Grocery for only \$1.29.**

## PROJECTS AROUND THE HOUSE ? REMEMBER THE BUILDING PERMIT

Don't forget that building permits are required for many projects including sheds over 120 square feet, decks, siding, garages, shingling projects, window replacements, remodeling and additions. Building permits are not required for flat concrete work or fences.

Building permit applications are available at City Hall and on the City of Barnesville website at [www.barnesvillemn.com](http://www.barnesvillemn.com) Questions? call Building Inspector Roland Holm at 354-7278 or on his cell phone at (218) 790-0240.

## PLANNING TO BUILD A FENCE ?

Are you thinking about building a fence this Spring? Barnesville residents are reminded that there are a few rules when it comes to fences.

1. Fences, including any underground footings must be located entirely on your property.
2. Many lots have utility easements. Fences may NOT be erected on a utility easement. If you're uncertain whether your lot has a utility easement, call Zoning Administrator Mike Rietz at 354-2292.
3. All posts used in the construction of fences shall be faced inward toward the property being fenced.
3. The maximum fence height along rear and side property lines is 6 feet.
4. Fences located in required front yards shall not exceed 36" in height except fences that are at least 75% open may be 48 inches.
5. Always call 811 before you start your fence project to have underground utility lines located. A little extra time could save your life.

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