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SPRING APPLIANCE TURN-IN TIME

Chances are that old working refrigerator or freezer in your garage or basement is running up your electric bill.....they can use 3 TIMES as much electricity as newer ones.

But now there's an easy solution. **We'll pick up your old working (cooling) appliance**

for FREE and you'll pick up a \$35 REWARD when you recycle it. We'll even haul them out of your basement or garage. Add a working air conditioner and get an extra \$ 25!

The recycling truck will be in Barnesville the week of May 20-24

CALL CITY HALL at 354-2292

by Friday, May 17 to schedule your FREE pickup. Leave unit plugged in for recycler.

There are no age restrictions, but appliances must be in working condition and must be a min. of 10 cubic feet in size. Customers must own the unit(s) being recycled. Room AC units will not be picked up without a fridge or freezer. Limit 2 large units per residential address plus one room AC unit. Other restrictions apply.

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 Questions? call Building Inspector Roland Holm at 354-7278 or on his cell phone at (218) 790-0240.



PeopleService INC.
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 underground water lines through our hydrants from April 22-May 3.

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.



**HELP US CELEBRATE
WATER WEEK
MAY 5-12, 2013**

RUN YOUR SUMP PUMP OUTSIDE!

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.

Even if you're enrolled in the sump pump waiver program, after April 1, all sump pumps **MUST** drain into the City's storm sewer system. The City Council will enforce this ordinance. Homeowners who 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.

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • March 11, 2013

This is a summary of the minutes. The complete minutes are available online at www.barnesvillemn.com or at City Hall.

Mayor Dahnke called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Mayor Dahnke and Council members Darin Allmaras, Betty Strom, Richard Sylvester, Cathy Enstad, Larry Davis, Jr. and Jason Rick

- 03-11-13-01** Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mrs. Strom to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the Clay County Fair Association request to have a fireworks display on July 13, 2013. Motion carried.
- 03-11-13-02** Motion by Mr. Allmaras and second by Mr. Rick to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- 03-11-13-03** Motion by Mrs. Strom and second by Mr. Davis to approve the board and commission reports as presented. Motion carried.
- 03-11-13-04** Motion by Mr. Rick and second by Mrs. Enstad to approve the \$5,000.00 donation to Lakes and Prairies Community Action, with the funds from the Council discretionary. Motion carried.
- 03-11-13-05** Motion by Mr. Rick and second by Mr. Allmaras to approve the Barnesville Commercial Park Expansion-Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$26,369.00. Council member Sylvester questioned which fund the monies would be from. City Administrator Mike Rietz stated the Street Department fund. Council member Strom questioned why KLJ Engineering was not involved with this Change Order. City Administrator Mike Rietz stated that Moore Engineering has been working on this project. Motion carried.
- 03-11-13-06** Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Allmaras to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2013-04, an electric rate increase. Motion carried.
- 03-11-13-07** Motion by Mr. Rick and second by Mrs. Strom to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2013-01, an ordinance to establish the rates and charges for broadband and internet service. Motion carried.
- 03-11-13-08** Motion by Mr. Allmaras and second by Mrs. Strom to approve the Summary Ordinance 2013-01. Motion carried.
- 03-11-13-09** Motion by Mr. Rick and second by Mrs. Strom to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2013-02, a rate increase for Cable TV. Motion carried.
- 03-11-13-10** Motion by Mrs. Enstad and second by Mrs. Strom to approve the Summary Ordinance 2013-02. Motion carried.
- 03-11-13-11** Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mrs. Enstad to proceed with Communications Consultants in the creation of the Fiber to the Home Map, cost not to exceed \$10,00.00. Council member Sylvester stated that he had questioned why KLJ Engineering was not consulted at the TEC Board meeting and was informed that Communication Consultants has worked with the City in the past, and he has no problems with Communications Consultants creating this map. Motion carried.
- 03-11-13-12** Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Rick to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried.

SUMMER LIQUOR STORE HOURS

Firehall Municipal Liquors will change to their summer hours on Monday, April 29.

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

When you looking for beverages for those summer activities, remember to shop local first and enjoy the convenient front door parking!

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.

PLANNING TO BUILD A FENCE ?

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 to the area 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.