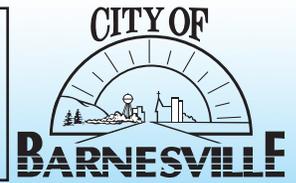


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## SPRING APPLIANCE TURN-IN TIME

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 June 2nd**

**CALL CITY HALL at 354-2292**

**by Friday, May 30 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 at [www.barnesvillemn.com](http://www.barnesvillemn.com) Questions? Call one of our Building Inspectors: Roland Holm at 354-7278 or (218) 790-0240 or Don Sakry at 354-2394 or (701) 371-6441.

## 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 fencing 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.

## NEW CABLE TV CHANNELS

Check our Facebook postings and website for info on the new channels coming very soon!

## 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 10, 2014**

This is a summary of the minutes. The complete minutes are available online at [www.barnesvillemn.com](http://www.barnesvillemn.com) or at City Hall.

Mayor Gene Prim called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present were Betty Strom, Richard Sylvester, Larry Davis, Jr, Don Goedtke, Jason Rick and Cathy Enstad.

03-10-14-01 Motion Davis, second Rick to approve the agenda as presented, with the discussion of the Old City Hall asbestos bids to the first item on the regular agenda. Motion carried.

03-10-14-02 Motion Sylvester, second Rick to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

03-10-14-03 Motion Davis, second Sylvester to approve the bid from VCI Environmental in the amount of \$35,550.00 to abate the asbestos in the former opera house space in the Old City Hall. Council member Sylvester stated that he would like to see this move forward now. Council member Enstad stated that she was concerned about the residents in town having to pay for this asbestos removal, and not being able to use the space. The following voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis and Sylvester. The following voted nay: Enstad. Motion carried.

03-10-14-04 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve the following resolution. A resolution providing for the sale of \$3,830,000 Communication Systems Revenue Bonds, Series 2014A. Motion carried.

03-10-14-05 Motion Davis, second Strom to authorize TEC Manger Guy Swenson to execute the NFL Network Early Renewal Agreement through the National Cable Television Cooperative. Motion carried.

03-10-14-06 Motion Rick, second Enstad to approve the upgrade of the Central Office computer, screens and printer per the quote from Digicom Technologies, not to exceed \$4,500.00. Motion carried.

03-10-14-07 Motion Enstad, second Strom to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2014-03, an Ordinance to establish electric rates and charges for residential and commercial electric services. Motion carried.

03-10-14-08 Motion Davis, second Strom to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

## 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 \$1.39.**

## WELCOME AMY FOSSE!

The City of Barnesville is pleased to welcome **Amy Fosse** as a new clerk at Firehall Municipal Liquors. Please welcome Amy when you're in the store picking up your summer beverages!

Firehall Municipal Liquors is conveniently located in downtown Barnesville. We're open:

Monday-Thursday 12 Noon - 9:00 pm  
Friday - Saturday 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

## 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.



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## BARNESVILLE WATER UPDATE

In recent weeks, PeopleService staff have been busy flushing the City's water hydrants in preparation for summer and increased water consumption.

With the Fiber to the Premises project taking place this summer, our staff will be coordinating our water meter replacement programs with the contractors who will be installing the fiber.

As always, if residents ever have any questions concerning water quality, contact PeopleService Dan Lubbesmeyer at 701.893.8825.

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