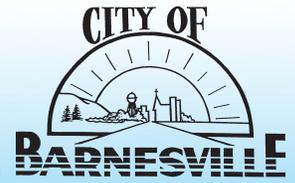


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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL MEETING

The City of Barnesville is partnering with the Barnesville School District to develop a Safe Routes to School Plan. Parents and interested residents are invited to a **Community Input Meeting** to share ideas and discuss possible infrastructure projects related to the plan. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 9 from 7-9 pm** in the High School Library. All are welcome!

WELCOME TROY PETERSEN!

The City of Barnesville is pleased to welcome **Troy Petersen** as the new full-time employee in the Public Works department.

COLD WEATHER IS OUR ENEMY....

With January just around the corner, the really cold weather will soon be here. When it gets cold people tend to turn up the heat in their houses, in addition to regular electric use. When everyone in town does this, the community's demand for power can reach a point that the City's wholesale cost for electricity increases dramatically. If this happens, we are forced to raise everyone's rates.

EVERYONE can help keep electric costs down by reducing electric consumption between 7-10 am and 4-9 pm. When possible, wash and dry clothes, and run the dishwasher during the day or when you go to bed. Working together will save us all money!

UTILITY RATE CHANGES

Effective January 1, 2013; some of the City of Barnesville utility rates are changing:

- Garbage decreases to \$14.82 month
- Sewer volume charges increase to \$4.64
- Water, Sewer and Stormwater replacement funds each increase to \$2.53 month
- HBO increases to \$14.75 per month
- Cinemax increases to \$9.25 per month
- HBO/Cinemax increases to \$23.50 month

These changes will be reflected on the utility bills which residents receive in January.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Mayor Fred Dahnke, Barnesville City Council and all the City of Barnesville employees wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season!

STAY OFF BLUE EAGLE LAKE!

Residents are reminded that the ice on Blue Eagle Lake is very thin due to aerators running all winter. For your own safety, all people and pets should stay off the lake until ice is off.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

City Hall: CLOSED Tuesday January 1 and Monday, Jan. 21 - Martin Luther King's Birthday
Liquor Store: OPEN Mon. Dec. 31: Noon - 9 pm
CLOSED Tuesday, January 1

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

The City has scheduled two dates to pick-up Christmas trees - **Friday, January 11 and Friday, January 25**. Residents should leave their trees in the same area as their garbage containers. No extra stickers or tags are needed.



BARNESVILLE WATER UPDATE

The typical home plumbing system has a water shut off valve between the floor and the meter. The valve's purpose is to shut water off while we replace water meters, or when service work is needed on your home's plumbing systems. A better valve is the Ball Valve.

One very common problem that we see is a mechanical failure of Gate Valves. When the valve fails, it not only can create a leaky water situation in the house, but many times the valve fails to shut the water off when needed. If you are a do-it-yourselfer working on plumbing, please install a ball valve!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE TOAST OF THE TOWN - FEBRUARY 2

Mark your calendar for the Toast of the Town on **Saturday, February 2** at the Galaxie Sports Bar from 7:30-9:30, sponsored by the Barnesville Main Street Program.

Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 for a couple and are available at the Main Street office, Cenex, Tesoro beginning in late January.

Formerly known as the Wine Gala, this fun and casual event will include wine and beer sampling, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction and door prizes.

All proceeds from Toast of the Town will go to Barnesville beautification projects.

Plan to join your friends for a special night out. Come out to the Galaxie Sports Bar and enjoy some fun and support a great cause!



SAVE TIME AND MONEY... ...AND NEVER HAVE A LATE UTILITY BILL!



Don't forget that the City of Barnesville offers Auto Withdrawl and Credit Card Payment for City of Barnesville Utility Bills. With these easy payment options you will continue to receive your monthly statement from the City, but you'll never need to write another check !!

Best of all, it's free and easy to sign up. The direct bill pay form is printed on the back of both the utility and telephone bill or just clip and return the form printed below.

Questions? Stop by City Hall or just give us a call at 354-2292

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ICE SKATING RINK INFORMATION

The City of Barnesville's Ice Skating Rink is located at the corner of 7th Avenue & 3rd Street SE. Public Works crews hope to flood the rink in time for Christmas vacation but this is all weather dependent. As soon as the rink is open, this info will be posted on the City's Facebook page and on City of Barnesville's website.

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