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WATCH TOURNAMENTS - CHANNEL 12

Once again this year, Barnesville Cable TV is pleased to provide live coverage of High School Sports Tournaments on Channel 12. The list tournament coverage dates.

Girls Hockey.....February 22-23

Boys Hockey.....March 6-9

Girls Basketball.....March 14-16

Boys Basketball.....March 21-23

The live feed will begin a few minutes before the games and end at the conclusion of the games.

2013 PHONE BOOK CORRECTIONS

Elaine Kava 1102 4th Ave. NE 354-7140

SAVE \$10 ON SEASON GOLF PASSES

Believe it or not, golf season is just around the corner. Purchase your season membership between now and **April 15** and you will save \$10.

A 2013 Season Pass for a husband and wife is only \$ 350, an adult membership is only \$ 250, immediate family living in the same household is \$ 390 and students are \$ 85. Stop by City Hall during regular business hours to purchase your discounted pass - **hurry discount ends April 15!**

DOWNLOAD OUR NEW MOBILE APP



The City of Barnesville is proud to be the first City in the region to have a mobile application.

Keep up to date on Barnesville news and events as well as what's happening at the school.

Download the free app at either iTunes or Google Play today!

BUSINESS Showcase!

MAIN STREET'S SHOWCASE 2013 SET FOR SATURDAY MARCH 23

Make your plans now to attend Showcase 2013 on **Saturday, March 23** at Barnesville High School from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Plan to spend the day taking in 45 booths, entertainment and the food court. The City of Barnesville booth will feature tips on conserving energy and info on Bright Energy Solutions rebates. Be sure to stop by the booth and pick-up your **Free CFL lightbulb** and other surprises.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

The Barnesville Planning Commission is pleased to welcome two new members to their board, **Jaime Gott** and **Rick Hamman**. Rick has 20+ years of experience in construction and architecture. Jamie has 12+ years of experience in building/planning. Thanks to **Mike Detloff** and **Nathan Gemar** for their service on the board.

RESIDENTIAL PHONE RATE INCREASE

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has mandated that all telcos across the nation, including Barnesville Municipal Telephone increase their local service rate for residential customers to \$14.00. The local service rate for business customers will not increase.

Currently residential customers pay \$10.00 per month. The \$4.00 per month increase will be effective on June 1, 2013.

If you have trouble paying your telephone bill, you may qualify for the federal Lifeline program and Minnesota's TAP (Telephone Assistance Plan). For more information, call City Hall at 354-2292.

NEW TAX REBATES AVAILABLE FOR MAJOR HOME REMODELING PROJECTS

Effective January 1, 2013 Barnesville homeowners can take advantage of a new rebate program for major remodeling projects. If a homeowner makes improvements to their home which increase their assessed property value by \$25,000 or more, they can apply for a rebate of increase in property tax for two years.

Please note that updates or improvements such as new flooring, mechanical systems, lighting or basement remodeling may not measurably increase your property value. Substantial kitchen or bathroom renovations or additions to existing structures are some of the improvements that may significantly increase property value.

For more information, contact the EDA office at 354-2145.

MINNESOTA WHISKEY AVAILABLE!

Firehall Municipal Liquors is now stocking White Water Whiskey, made in Osakis, MN; which is located near Alexandria. Stop by and check out this new Minnesota made product.



PeopleService INC.
Water & Wastewater Professionals

BARNESVILLE WATER UPDATE

Now is the time to be checking your roof to make sure you don't have snow and ice build-up over your sewer stack, which in turn can cause sewer gas to enter your home. If your stacks are open and you detect sewer gas odor in your home, call PeopleService so we can determine if there are problems with the sewer main.

During the winter months you will frequently see our staff checking manholes in the middle of the streets. Worker safety is always our number one concern.

With the high snow piles, watch for our trucks with the flashing lights and orange cones. Our staff will be wearing reflective gear. Please reduce your speeds in these areas and stay clear of the work areas as much as possible.

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting • January 14, 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

01-14-13-01 Motion by Mr. Allmaras and second by Mr. Davis to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

01-14-13-02 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mrs. Strom to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council member Sylvester asked the location of the lot merge request for Donald Krauth. Mr. Sylvester stated that in the investment report from Ehlers, no return report is included. Motion carried.

01-14-13-03 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Rick to approve the board and commission reports as presented. Motion carried.

01-14-13-04 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mrs. Strom to authorize Ohnstad Twichell to re-codify our City Code and update the Code when necessary. Motion carried.

01-14-13-05 Motion by Mr. Sylvester and second by Mrs. Enstad to authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between KSTC-TV, LLC and Barnesville Cable TV for the rebroadcast of the 2013 High School tournaments. Motion carried.

01-14-13-06 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Rick to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried.

GOING WIRELESS IS EASY!

To maximize your iPad or tablet, you want to have a wireless internet connection.

Barnesville Internet & Broadband customers can have in-house wireless at no additional charge.

The router located within your home which the City uses to provide your broadband service can be easily changed to wireless, all you have to do is call City Hall at 354-2292.

Once this change is made, your tablet will be connected to the internet wirelessly. This wireless connection will also work with any PC that has a wireless card or a wireless laptop.

With your new wireless connection, be sure to change your security settings so that folks outside your home can't connect into your wireless network.

Questions? Just call or stop by City Hall.

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