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An Evening at Blue Eagle Lake 22nd Annual Community Picnic Thursday, July 30

Please join us for a fun evening at Blue Eagle Lake for Barnesville's 22nd annual Community Picnic on **Thursday, July 30**.

The Main Street Promotions committee invites you to a delicious picnic dinner of pulled pork sandwiches, brats, hot dogs and all of the fixings from 6:30-7:30 pm, catered by the Galaxie Sports Bar.

Activities for all ages are planned from 6-10 pm. There will be free inflatable games for the kids and the rock climbing wall is back by popular demand! There will also be a DJ playing music and games for a night full of entertainment. Many local non-profits will be selling or giving away treats of all kinds.

Of course, the evening will conclude with the fabulous firework show starting at 10 pm.

You won't want to miss this fun evening at the park with your family and friends.

We are very lucky to live in such a wonderful community full of friends, neighbors and businesses that help to support each other.

Please plan to join us!!



HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT STARTING A BUSINESS?

Check out this great opportunity to win some cash to get it going!

"Spark Your Startup" Business Pitch Contest

YOU COULD WIN
\$10,000 Forgivable Loan
Cash Prizes up to \$1,000!

**Thursday, September 3
6:30-8:00 pm**

Deadline to enter is August 14

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barnesvillemn.com/businesspitch

SPECIAL 4TH OF JULY HOURS

- City Hall will be CLOSED on Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day
- **There WILL be garbage pick-up on July 4.**
- Firehall Municipal Liquors will be OPEN on the 4th of July from 10 am to 3 pm.

SWENSON RECEIVES APPA AWARD

Congratulations to **Guy Swenson**; telephone, electric, and cable manager for receiving an American Public Power Association **Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award** at their national conference held on June 9 in Minneapolis, MN.

This award recognizes managers of small utilities who have a very small staff and must assume multiple roles. The seven hats they must wear are: planning and design, administration, public relations, field supervision, accounting, human resources, and community leadership. Swenson is one of eight winners in 2015.

The American Public Power Association represents non-for-profit, community-owned utilities in 2,000 towns and cities across the United States.

The City of Barnesville is pleased to have Guy as part of the City's management team!



BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • May 11, 2015

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

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

05-11-15-01 Motion Sylvester, second Rick to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

05-11-15-02 Motion Davis, second Strom to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried

05-11-15-03 Motion Davis, second Rick to approve the petition for Annexation from Ed Gilbertson, the land south of 2nd Ave. SE as part of the next two phases of the Del Acres-Gilbertson Subdivision as presented. Motion carried.

05-11-15-04 Motion Sylvester, second Rick to approve the 2014 Audit report as presented. Motion carried.

05-11-15-05 Motion Sylvester, second Strom to allow students of Barnesville School District 146 to golf for free at certain times at Willow Creek Golf Course. Strom stated that she would like to see this re-evaluated at the end of the year. Council member Rick stated that he would like to have a report by the end of July.

05-11-15-06 Motion Davis, second Goedtko to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2015-07, an Ordinance to add paragraph K regarding dog and cat boarding in the home occupation section of the City Code. Motion carried.

05-11-15-07 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve the quote from Visu-Sewer, Inc. in the amount of \$11,172.00 for cleaning and televising sewer lines in the areas being proposed as part of the first reconstruction project. Motion carried.

05-11-15-08 Motion Davis, second Rick to approve the quote from Sellin Brothers for the installation of a backflow valve and gate valve at a cost of \$7,060.00 at DelAcres-Gilbertson Addition.

Council member Enstad arrived at 8:04 p.m.

Mr. Joel Paulsen with KLJ Engineering stated that the City is trying to correct a problem that we are aware of. City Administrator Mike Rietz stated that the developer is not interested in sharing the costs. Voted aye: Rick, Strom, Davis, and Enstad. Voted nay: Goedtko and Sylvester. Motion carried.

05-11-15-09 Motion Sylvester, second Rick to approve the West Central Minnesota Community Action Agency for the Single Family Rehabilitation Projects request to reduce the amount payable by 50% or \$6,250.00. Any monies received will go back into a pool to be used for other housing rehabilitation projects. Motion carried.

05-11-15-10 Motion Enstad, second Sylvester to authorize staff to request bids to tear down the old copper telephone and cable TV infrastructure. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.



Willow Creek Municipal Golf Course is once again running their Monday & Tuesday Special. **Play 18 holes, plus a cart for \$25!** Excludes Holidays and Special Events are excluded. Call the course at 493-4486 to reserve your tee time!

COUNCIL FILINGS OPEN JULY 28

Do you have an interest in being involved with City government? Maybe you're interested in running for Mayor or Barnesville City Council?

On November 3, 2015, voters will elect a Mayor, as well as council members for Wards 1, 2 and 3. Filing dates are July 28 through August 11. The cost to file is \$3. City Hall will remain open until 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 11 to accept filings. Questions? Contact City Clerk Jeri Reep at 354-2292.

2014 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE

The City of Barnesville's 2014 Consumer Confidence Report for drinking water is now available online at www.barnesvillemn.com.

A paper copy of this report is also available at Barnesville City Hall.

2015 UTILITY RATE BROCHURE

Enclosed you will find a copy of the 2015 City of Barnesville Utility Rate Brochure. While no rates are increasing at this time the brochure is a handy reference.

ENERGY STAR REBATES

Are you adding a new ceiling fan? Purchasing a dehumidifier for the summer? Adding a central air conditioner? Purchasing new appliances for your home or maybe adding a programmable thermostat? Don't forget that you may qualify for an Energy Star Rebate. For all the details go to www.brightenergysolutions.com.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING CHANGES

In the past, the City has generally sprayed for mosquitoes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. When weather conditions have forced us to cancel a spraying there may have only been one spraying that week.

To better serve our residents, this year Public Works will be closely monitoring the weather forecast and adjusting the spray dates accordingly with the goal to always spray 2 times each week.

If spraying will vary from Tuesday or Thursday we will post that information on Facebook and the City website by 12 noon.

Call City Hall at 354-2292 with questions!