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Preferred Basic service - 78 channels \$53.95

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**BARNESVILLE
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102 Front St. North
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SECURE YOUR WIRELESS INTERNET!

If you're using your router to create a wireless connection within your home, be sure that you have a secure connection requiring a password. With the popularity of iPads we're seeing more people sitting in parked cars and tapping into unsecured wireless connections. Your unique IP address could be attached to all sorts of activity and websites. Not sure if your in-home wireless connection is secure? Call the Internet Help Desk at 354-2222 from 7 am to 10 pm Monday-Friday and 8 am to 5 pm on Saturdays.

CALLER ID "SPOOFING" NOTICE

Caller ID service is currently susceptible to fraud known as Caller ID "spoofing". The term Caller ID Spoofing refers to a practice whereby the calling party uses commonly available technology to falsify the number of the telephone line from which the call is made, the name of the calling party, or both as they appear on the called party's Caller ID screen. This practice has the potential for fraud and harm to the called party.

To protect yourself, do not take what the Caller ID screen displays for granted. If what the caller is saying does not seem legitimate, do not divulge personal information until you can verify the source, by hanging up and calling them back on a verified number (from a mailed statement or printed directory).

Currently, there is not a technological fix for this practice, but Congress is considering new legislation that will take action against these violators. If you would like more information on spoofing, visit www.fcc.gov, search "spoofing".

CITY HALL CLOSED NOV. 12, 22-23

City Hall will be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veteran's Day and on Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.



PeopleService INC.
Water & Wastewater Professionals

BARNESVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE

FLUSHING OF WATER MAINS OCT. 22 - NOV. 2

PeopleService will be flushing water mains from Oct. 22 -Nov. 2. This process may cause some temporary discoloration of your water. To remove the discoloration, turn on several faucets in or outside your home or business, and leave the water run until it clears. Questions, call Dan at (701) 893-8825 or Brandon at (701) 893-8699.

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Barnesville winter parking restrictions state that after a snowfall of two inches or more, vehicles parked on any city street, that is not otherwise posted, must be removed prior to 8 am on the day following the day that the street is first plowed. Vehicles may not be returned until after such street has been widened to its full width.

VALUABLE COUPON

FIREHALL MUNICIPAL LIQUORS

Front door parking at 104 Main Avenue West

10% OFF

TOTAL PURCHASE

Must have original coupon - no photocopies
Limit one coupon per household.

Coupon expires November 30, 2012

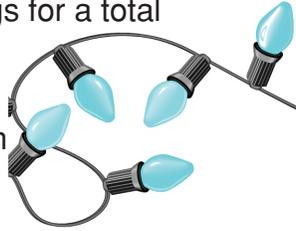
LED CHRISTMAS LIGHT REBATE

With the holidays just around the corner, now is a great time to replace your old incandescent holiday lights with ENERGY STAR qualified LED decorative lights, and **SAVE \$ 3.50 on each strand you purchase with LED Rebate.**

Rebate available for up to 6 strings for a total rebate of \$21.

LED decorative light strings:

- Consume 75% less energy than conventional light strings
- Can last up to 10 times longer
- Are more durable and shock-resistant
- Are cool to the touch, reducing the risk of fire



Go to www.brightenergysolutions.com to download the rebate form or stop by the Barnesville City Hall offices. All rebate forms must be postmarked within 30 days of purchase.

PLANNING COMMISSION OPENING

Are you interested in contributing your time and talent for the betterment of the City? The Planning Commission is looking for a new member. Call Mike Rietz at 354-2292 for info.

SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE WITH AUTO PAY

Customers are reminded that you can pay for your City utility bills using either auto withdrawal or auto credit card payments. You will continue to receive your monthly statement from the City, but you'll never have to write another check. Look for the application form on the back of your utility or phone bill. If you select the Auto Withdrawal, please include a voided check with your application.

TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

Lifeline and Link-up are federal and state assistance programs which reduce telephone bills for qualified low-income customers. Lifeline offers a monthly credit up to \$11.75 per month and the Link-up program reduces installation charges for qualified low income customers. You may qualify for these programs if you participate in SSI, Energy Assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Free School Lunch or if your household income is below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. For more info contact City Hall at 354-2292.



ENERGY SAVING IDEAS *from* BARNESVILLE MUNICIPAL POWER

Using less energy helps save you money as well as conserve our natural resources. Here are some energy saving tips that will help you **reduce your home heating costs** this winter!

1. Lower Your Thermostat

Set your thermostat as low as is comfortable. For every degree your thermostat is lowered, you save approximately 3% on your annual heating bill.

2. Block that Cold Air

Cover drafty windows from the inside with plastic sheeting. Install a door sweep or rolled up towels to block drafty doorways.



3. Keep Your Furnace Filter Clean

Dirty filters reduce airflow making your furnace work harder, and use more energy. Replace your furnace filter monthly during the heating season and you could reduce heating costs by 5%.

4. Install a programmable thermostat

This device can save as much as 20% on heating costs by automatically turning your heating system up or down to coincide with your daily routine.

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