

# KEEPING YOU CONNECTED



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## CELEBRATING PUBLIC POWER WEEK!



About 12% of the energy you use in your home goes to lighting. You can cut your lighting costs by replacing your incandescent bulbs with CFL bulbs. CFL bulbs will last up to 6 times longer and average \$25 in lifetime savings!

## SEASONAL SUMP PUMP WAIVER

Barnesville residents are reminded that sump pump drain discharge into the sanitary sewer is prohibited from April 1 to October 31.

**ONLY IF property owners apply for a waiver through City Hall are they allowed to discharge sump pumps into the sanitary sewer from November 1 to March 31.**

Under the waiver requirements, the property owner agrees to pay an annual waiver fee of \$ 50 as established by Resolution of the City Council, which will be billed at \$4.17 per month. This allows the discharge to go into the sanitary sewer during the winter months.

Per City Ordinance, on April 1, the sump pump must once again be discharged outside.

Residents are reminded that per Barnesville City Code, non-compliance with the Sump Pump Ordinance is subject to a \$100 month penalty.

Care should be taken so the discharge doesn't cause icing problems on sidewalks or streets. For more info or to apply for a waiver, call or stop by City Hall during business hours.

## NEW LIQUOR STORE HOURS

Firehall Municipal Liquors will change to their fall hours on Monday, September 29.

**Monday - Wednesday** 12:00 Noon - 9:00 pm

**Thursday - Saturday** 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

## CITY HALL IS OPEN COLUMBUS DAY

City Hall will be open on Monday, October 13

## FALL LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULED

With summer behind us, it won't be long and the leaves will be falling from the trees! Fuchs Sanitation, in cooperation with the City has scheduled two special leaf pick-ups.

The first on **Friday, October 24th** and the second on **Friday, October 31.**

Leaves should be placed in clear garbage bags at the normal pick-up sites.

Residents may also dispose of their leaves at the compost pile at the Burn Site located near the Public Works shop.



## NEW CABLE TV CHANNEL!

Southern Education Conference College Sports or SEC has been added to the Barnesville Cable TV digital line-up on **Channel 69.**

Our contract with Disney-ESPN required this channel to be added.

## WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!

The City of Barnesville is pleased to welcome several new employees to our team.

**Kayt Frost** has started as the new Part-time EMT for Barnesville Ambulance.

**Janis Rice** has been hired as the City's new Animal Control Officer. Lost or Found animals? You can call Janis at 354-2281, 7 days a week!

Please help us to welcome these folks!

The full version of all Barnesville City Council agendas and minutes, back to 2002 is available on the City of Barnesville website at [www.barnesvillemn.com](http://www.barnesvillemn.com). A summary of minutes from the previous meeting is published in the monthly City newsletter which is mailed out with the utility billing.

**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting • August 11, 2014**

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

08-11-14-01 Motion Rick, second Sylvester to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the appointment of the City Code Official. Motion carried.

08-11-14-02 Motion Rick, second Davis to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

08-11-14-03 Motion Sylvester, second Rick to table the removal of trees in the alley at 306 11th Street SE and look into vacating a portion of the alley. Motion carried.

08-11-14-03 Motion Goedtke, second Davis to approve the building inspector contract with Lakes Country Service Coop. Motion carried.

08-11-14-04 Motion Sylvester, second Goedtke to authorize staff to purchase office furniture for the meeting room of Old City Hall, not to exceed \$8,000.00, for 25 chairs and 13 tables. Motion carried.

08-11-14-05 Motion Sylvester, second Enstad to approve the increase of \$0.50 per hour to Travis Olson hourly wage. Motion carried.

08-11-14-06 Motion Sylvester, second Goedtke to approve the \$5,000.00 transfer to the 2014 EDA budget. Council member Rick stated that the money would be from the reserves, and paid back. Council member Enstad agreed with Mr. Rick. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis and Sylvester. Voted nay: Enstad. Motion carried.

08-11-14-07 Motion Rick, second Sylvester to approve a resolution ordering preparation of assessment and setting hearing on proposed assessments for the Infrastructure Improvement project 2013-1. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, Sylvester and Enstad. Motion carried.

08-11-14-08 Motion Sylvester, second Rick to approve a resolution to set the date of the public hearing for the Infrastructure Improvement project 2013-1. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, Sylvester and Enstad. Motion carried.

08-11-14-10 Motion Rick, second Davis to approve the agreement with DMT to allow construction in the 6th Ave. NE right-of-way. Motion carried.

08-11-14-11 Motion Enstad, second Rick to appoint City Administrator Michael Rietz as the Code Official for the Property Maintenance Code. Motion carried.

08-11-14-12 Motion Sylvester, second Enstad to approve payment in the amount of \$163,207.27 to Arvig Construction for work completed in zone 5 of the City. Motion carried.

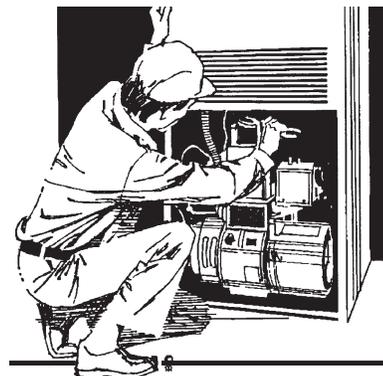
08-11-14-13 Motion Rick, second Enstad to authorize staff to sign the renewal contract with the Sportsman Channel for a three year contract. Motion carried.

08-11-14-14 Motion Sylvester, second Enstad to authorize staff to sign the ESPN/Disney agreement. Motion carried.

08-11-14-15 Motion Rick, second Goedtke to approve the following resolution, a resolution calling for the modifications on the TIF 1-3. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, Sylvester and Enstad. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

**WINTER IS JUST  
AROUND THE  
CORNER....SAVE  
BIG \$\$\$ WITH  
DUAL FUEL !**



Converting your heating system to a Dual Fuel system is easier and more affordable than you might think. In many cases, it is as simple as adding an electric plenum heater to your existing propane or fuel oil furnace.

**With Barnesville Municipal Power's Dual Fuel rates at only 4.7¢ per kwh, it's like you're buying \$1.01 propane or \$1.52 fuel oil.**

The City also offers various incentives to add dual fuel to your home.

Weather predictions call for below average temperatures this winter. Talk to your plumbing and heating contractor or City Hall to take steps today to start saving on those heating bills!

## **GET YOUR E-MAIL WHEN YOU'RE GONE !**

Residents who use the City of Barnesville for their internet service are reminded that it's easy to get your e-mails when you're out of town or gone for the winter!

All Barnesville Internet customers have FREE access to Webmail services, available anywhere that you have internet access, simply by going to [www.bvillemn.net](http://www.bvillemn.net) and click on Webmail Access on the left side. You will need to enter your entire e-mail address and e-mail password, then you can read, write and respond to all your e-mails. Forgotten your password or just need help? Call the Internet Help Desk at 354-2222.

Residents that go south for the winter are reminded that to utilize Webmail, you will need to put your phone service on winter hold, which is a \$10 per month charge; and also your internet service on winter hold, which is \$5 per month charge. For more info call City Hall at 354-2292.

**Tired of writing checks every month to pay your City utility bills? Online Bill Pay is here!  
Just go to [www.barnesvillemn.com](http://www.barnesvillemn.com) and sign-up today. Paying bills has never been easier!**