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HELP US CELEBRATE WATER WEEK

The goal of Water Week is to promote the importance of Water and Water conservation. More than 1 billion people - about one in six people in the world - do not have access to clean and safe drinking water.

In celebration of Water Week, PeopleService, the City's water and wastewater operators will be hosting a number of special activities. In addition to talking with elementary students about the importance of water in our lives, adults can also be involved in Water Week events:

Thursday, May 6 @ 6:30 pm - Take part in a guided 30 minute tour of the Water Treatment Plant, just north of the City's water tower.

May 2-8 - Go to the City's website at www.barnesvillemn.com to register to WIN one of six water conservation kits valued at \$ 30.

ALWAYS CALL BEFORE YOU DIG



One free, easy call gets your utility lines marked AND helps protect you from injury and expense.

Safe Digging Is No Accident: Always Call 811 Before You Dig

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Common Ground Alliance

MAKE THE MOVE **TODAY** TO THE DIGITAL DIFFERENCE!

Now's the time to join the 100 plus Barnesville Cable TV customers who have made the move to Digital service AT NO EXTRA COST !

Digital service provides a picture that is up to 50 times, crisper, clearer and sharper than your analog service. All you need is a Standard Definition (SD) Set-top Box....best of all, every Barnesville Cable subscriber to 2 SD boxes **at no charge**. If you want to upgrade to HD, you can opt for one free HD box, with a \$ 9.99 per month equipment charge.

Don't want a box sitting next to your TV? Ask us about locating your box remotely.

CHECK OUT THESE DIGITAL BENEFITS:

- **Channel 88** - thisTV features older feature length movies and local sports is only available on digital
- **Information button** - no scrolling
- **Interactive Program Guide**

Are you receiving digital signals without a box? Digital signals will be scrambled on April 1, 2011, get your box now!

CALL 354-2292





RUNNING YOUR SUMP PUMP INTO THE SANITARY SEWER IS AGAINST THE LAW !

Not only is discharging your sump pump into the sanitary sewer illegal, but it endangers your neighbors! The sanitary sewer lines, as well as the City's treatment facilities are unable to handle the volume of water that comes from sump pumps, particularly in the case of heavy rain. The result can be raw sewage backing up in homes.

All sump pumps MUST drain outside into the City's storm sewer system. The City Council will enforce this ordinance. Homeowners who fail or refuse to follow the sump pump ordinance are subject to a \$100 a month fine.



For questions or more info, contact City Hall at 354-2292

PROJECTS AROUND THE HOUSE ? REMEMBER THE BUILDING PERMIT

Summer is the time for those home improvement projects. Don't forget that building permits are required for many projects including sheds over 120 square feet, decks, siding, garages, shingling projects, window replacements, remodeling and additions. Building permits are not required for flat concrete work or fences.

Pick up building permit applications at City Hall. For questions call Residential Building Inspector Roland Holm at (218) 790-0240.

2010 PHONE BOOK CORRECTIONS

Lewis, Sharon	
214 5th Street SE	354-7265
Ostlund, Ole & Doris	
402 7th Street NE	354-2490

HELP KEEP OUR PARKS BEAUTIFUL

We all realize that while our furry friends need exercise after the cold winter months, as pet owners we need to remember to take steps to clean up after our dogs so that other residents can enjoy the walking path around Blue Eagle Lake and other public spaces throughout the community.

To make your clean-up job just a little easier, a package of 100 Pooch Pouches is available in the pet supply aisle at Barnesville Grocery for only \$1.29.

PLANNING TO BUILD A FENCE ?

Barnesville residents are reminded that there are a few rules when it comes to fences.

1. Fences, including any underground footings must be located entirely on your property.
2. Many lots have utility easements. Fences may not be erected on a utility easement without first obtaining a Conditional Use Permit. If you're uncertain whether your lot has a utility easement, call Zoning Administrator Mike Rietz at 354-2145.
3. All posts used in the construction of fences shall be faced inward toward the property being fenced.
3. The maximum fence height along rear and side property lines is 6 feet.
4. Fences located in required front yards shall not exceed 36" in height except fences that are at least 75% open may be 48 inches.
5. Always call 811 before you start your fence project to have underground utility lines located. A little extra time could save your life.

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