

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED



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DID YOU GET A NEW I-PAD FOR CHRISTMAS?

If you're like thousands of households across the country, someone in your family probably got an I-Pad for Christmas. To maximize your fun, you want to have a wireless internet connection.

Did you know that with Barnesville Internet and Broadband you 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 I-Pad 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.

BIG CHANGES ARE COMING WITH YOUR CABLE SERVICE



If you're currently using a digital ready TV set to receive digital programming and you don't have a set-top box, please note that on **April 30, 2011** the digital signal will be scrambled and you will need a set-top box. Barnesville Cable TV subscribers may receive up to two free set-top boxes just by contacting City Hall. Beat the rush and pick yours up today!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Mayor Fred Dahnke, Barnesville City Council and all the City of Barnesville employees wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season!

UTILITY RATE CHANGES

Effective January 1, 2011; some of the City of Barnesville utility rates will be changing. Check the enclosed Utility Rate schedule for details.

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK

Earlier this month, the City of Barnesville launched their official City of Barnesville Facebook page, **City of Barnesville Minnesota**, which has been in the planning stages for a couple of months.

We encourage you to check it out and to click "like us". City officials plan to make Facebook an important part of our marketing strategy in 2011. This will both be an efficient way to communicate important information to our residents plus it will give prospective residents another perspective.

WELCOME NIKKI FROSLIE !

The City of Barnesville is pleased to welcome **Nikki Froslic** as a new part-time staff member at Firehall Municipal Liquors. For all your beverage needs stop by and see Nikki or our other staff !

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Hard working community volunteers are truly the lifeblood of the City of Barnesville.

Troy Weber has just joined the TEC Board. Troy is employed by the City of Moorhead as an Information Technology Specialist.

Nathan Gemar is the newest member of the Barnesville Planning Commission. Nathan is the Branch Manager of Enterprise Rent-A-Car which is located at the Hector International Airport.

Both Troy and Nathan are participants in the 2010-2011 Leadership Barnesville program and both have lived in Barnesville for 2 years.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL WINE GALA - FEBRUARY 5

Is the snow and cold getting you down? Mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Wine Tasting Gala on **Saturday, February 5** from 7:30-9:30, sponsored by the Barnesville Main Street Program.

Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 for a couple and are available at the Main Street office, Cenex, Tesoro or Galaxie.

Beverage Wholesalers will have different wines as well as beer for sampling and the Galaxie will also have these items available to purchase. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening.

All proceeds from the Wine Taster's Gala will go towards Barnesville beautification projects. Make plans to join your friends for a special night out. Come out to the Galaxie Sports Bar and enjoy some fun, conversation and support a great cause!



WE NEED TO READ YOUR METER!

Due to the deep snow, City residents are asked to make sure a pathway is clear to all meters. If the meter readers are unable to read your meters, your bills will be estimated in the winter months.

ENERGY SAVINGS INFO & IDEAS ARE A CLICK AWAY!



Barnesville Municipal Power, in cooperation with Missouri River Energy Services is pleased to be able to offer our customers a new **Bright Energy Solutions newsletter** packed with ideas on how to save money on your energy costs.

The newsletter also features informative articles. A recent newsletter had an interesting article on electric fireplaces. There is also an easy to use Energy Calculator and a Money Saving Quick Tips Feature, and access to a library of information.

All Barnesville Municipal Power customers can register to receive the Bright Energy Solutions newsletter by just going to www.myenergytips.com or my clicking on the News & Events button found on the City of Barnesville website.

ICE SKATING RINK NOW OPEN

The City's Ice Skating Rink is now open at the corner of 7th Avenue & 3rd Street SE. Hours are 3:30-9 Tuesday-Friday. On Saturday and Sunday hours are 12-9 (closed 1 hour for supper). The rink is closed on Mondays.

If the National Weather Service issues either a Wind Chill Advisory or a Weather Warning, the Ice Skating Warming House will be closed.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Barnesville residents are reminded about winter parking restrictions. 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. Your cooperation is appreciated by the Public Works crew.



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BARNESVILLE WATER UPDATE

Periodic maintenance on your home's interior plumbing is very important. Homeowners can alleviate potential costly repairs by checking the shut off valve at the service line in the house. This valve is necessary to segregate your interior plumbing from the city water main during any home plumbing repairs or water meter work.

Any broken or leaky valves should be replaced immediately by a qualified plumber.

Appointments to shut off water service lines to make any interior repairs can be made by calling City Hall 354-2292

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