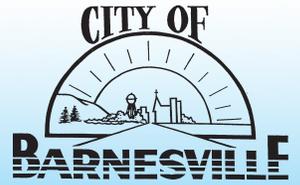


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NOTICE OF PRICE INCREASE

Effective April 1, 2012, your local phone service rate will increase by 50¢ per month. This will change your current local telephone service rate from \$9.50 to \$10.00 per month.

Under the terms and regulations that govern Barnesville Municipal Telephone, Minnesota customers may request an investigation regarding the rate increase by filing a petition with the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

If 500 of 5% (whichever is fewer) of the affected customers file a petition within 45 days of this notice, the department will investigate the increase. See January telephone bill for details.



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BARNESVILLE WATER UPDATE

Today's modern water towers present many challenges including mold, mildew, peeling paint, pollution oxidation and plain old rust. The design of a water tank lends itself to a fungus problem, where mildew builds up under the bowl.

Here in Barnesville, you may have noticed a darkening of the lower half of the tower. Always cloaked in shadow, and almost always moist, the perfect environment for fungus is born. Water towers normally have a huge amount of condensation on them, especially in the summer. The exterior of the tank is warmed by the sun and the water inside hovers around 55 degrees, add airborne dust and dirt particles and there you have the mold/mildew cocktail. The mildew continues to grow because the curve of the tank blocks the sun and the underside never dries out.

Our Barnesville water tower is scheduled for an inspection and exterior mildew cleaning this year as soon as the weather permits.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED FEBRUARY 20

Barnesville City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of President's Day.

NEW CABLE LINE-UP CARD ENCLOSED

Enclosed you will find an updated Barnesville Cable line-up card. Not a subscriber? For less than \$1.80 a day you and your entire family can enjoy **75 CHANNELS** of great entertainment value.

Check out the complete channel listing and call today to subscribe!

For your convenience, additional copies of the Cable Channel line-up cards for all your televisions are available at City Hall.



Care For Your **PET** NOW IS THE TIME TO LICENSE PETS!

A reminder to all pet owners that **all dogs and cats owned within the Barnesville city limits MUST be licensed each and every January 1.** If you have not done so already, please stop in at the Barnesville City Hall, the Police Department or Barnesville Animal Care Clinic to purchase a license.

License fees range from \$5 to \$10 with proof of current vaccinations.

Remember that having a current pet license will help Animal Control personnel locate the owner of a lost pet.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

Miranda Huesman is the newest member of the Barnesville Park Board. Miranda is married to Mark. Miranda is a stay-at-home Mom to 4 active kids who enjoy the Barnesville Parks!

BECOME A MAIN STREET MEMBER !

The 2012 Main Street Membership Drive is now underway! If you have been a member of Main Street please support the program again.

If you're interested in becoming a member, give us a call at 354-2479.

Without the financial support of our local businesses, organizations and residents, events, such as those listed below would not be possible. Membership starts at only \$15.



UPCOMING MAIN STREET EVENTS

Toast of the Town	Saturday, February 11
Showcase 2012	Saturday, March 24
Rummage Sales	Fri. May 4 & Sat. May 5
Golf Tournament	Tuesday, June 19
Community Picnic	Thursday, July 19



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STOP UNWANTED TELEMARKETING

2003 legislation allowed for the establishment and enforcement of a national Do-Not-Call Registry giving consumers a choice regarding telemarketing calls. **If your number is listed on the registry, all commercial telemarketers, except for businesses with whom you have an existing relationship or certain non-profit and political organizations, can not call you.**

Consumers may register their residential telephone number, including wireless numbers, on the national Do-Not-Call Registry at no cost, either by telephone or via the Internet. To register by telephone, call **1-(888)382-1222**. For TTY, call **1-(866) 290-4236**. You must call from the telephone number that you wish to register. You may also register, or obtain additional information, via the Internet at www.donotcall.gov.

Inclusion of your telephone number on the national Do-Not-Call Registry will be effective 31 days after registration.

Prior to Feb. 2008, your registration was only valid for 5 years. **If you registered several years ago, we recommend registering again.** If you register your number now, your number will remain permanently on the list. You also can remove your name from the list at any time.

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