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A Monthly Newsletter for City of Barnesville Municipal Utility Customers

June 2009



16th Annual An Evening at Blue Eagle Park Community Picnic

Mark your calendars for the 16th Annual Community Picnic on **Thursday, July 16th from 6:30 to 10:30 pm** at Blue Eagle Park.

Our theme this year will be red, white and blue. Since the celebration is so close to the 4th of July, what better way than to wear your country's favorite colors to celebrate!

Starting at 6:30 there will be a picnic supper of pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, macaroni salad, chips, hotdogs and lemonade! In addition, many non-profit organizations will be on hand selling pop, water, popcorn and ice cream floats throughout the evening.

For the kids, there will be inflatable games and it's free for the kids to jump and bounce all night! Plus, check out the local fire department trucks, ambulance and police cars!

Starting at about 9:00 until the fireworks start, enjoy the movie "Grease" co-sponsored by Barnesville Genex.

This sounds great right? But what would the Community Picnic be without fireworks over Blue Eagle Lake. At 10:30 we will have a wonderful presentation of fireworks over the lake. Blue Eagle Park is the perfect place to bring your lawn chair or a blanket and find a great spot on the hill or anywhere throughout the park. Last year's show was fantastic and you won't want to miss it this year!

The Main Street Program would like to thank the City of Barnesville, Barnesville Booster Club, Lion's Club, and the Thursday Nite Lions for their donations. Without their help and sponsorship the Community Picnic would not be the fun and low cost family fun event that it is!

Plan to enjoy an evening at the park with your family and friends. We are very lucky to live in such a wonderful community full of friends, neighbors and businesses that help to support each other. See you on July 16th!

FIREHALL LIQUOR STORE HOURS

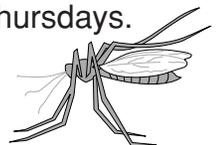
On Saturday, July 4, Firehall Municipal Liquors will be open 10 am to 2 pm. Beginning on July 1, the store will extend their hours until 9:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

SWIMMING POOL PERMITS

The International Building Code, which has been adopted by the City Council requires a building permit for all swimming pools which are 24 inches or deeper, both permanent and temporary. For more info call Roland Holm at 354-7278.

SUMMER MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Throughout the summer, Public Works will be spraying for mosquitos. Planned spraying will be announced on local TV stations, Channel 12 and on the City's website at www.barnesvillemn.com. If adult populations warrant spraying it will usually occur on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. Spraying is dependent on weather.



LEADERSHIP BARNESVILLE

Applications are now being accepted. Sessions start in Sept. For info call Karen at 354-2145.



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BARNESVILLE WATER UPDATE

HYDRANT FLUSHING: JULY 20-31

Minnesota's annual high water consumption will be coming up in late July through August.

To alleviate colored water inconveniences, we will be vigorously flushing iron and manganese from our underground water lines through our hydrants again this year.

This summer's flushing will begin on July 20 and run through July 31. We understand that time seems lengthy, but we usually need to follow-up in non-loop mains, low velocity areas, and corroded pipe sections. This also allows us to consistently backwash the treatment plant so disrupted water mains are fed vigorously with clean water. We will again be flushing in October before winter phase of water treatment.

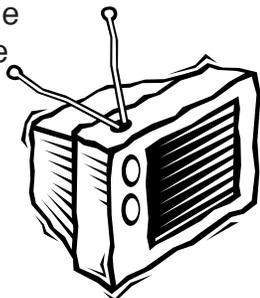
If you experience water quality concerns, the faster you alert us, the more likely we can solve the problem. Call City Hall at **354-2292**, the Water Treatment Plant at **354-2264**, or send an e-mail to water@bvillemn.net.

CABLE TV RATE INCREASE

Barnesville Cable makes every effort to minimize costs and increase your service choices. The cost of doing business continues to rise driven by programming costs.

Effective July 1, the monthly cost of Preferred Cable service will increase by \$ 2 to \$ 45.95. HBO, Cinemax or those with the HBO/Cinemax combo will see a 25 cent per month increase.

On September 1, Barnesville Cable subscribers can enjoy five new channels - Chiller, Science Channel, Planet Green, the BIO Channel and History International. At the same time there will be 6 new channels to the High Definition (HD) line-up.



COOL SUMMER ENERGY SAVING IDEAS

**from Barnesville
Municipal Power**

1. Use a Programmable Thermostat

Save as much as 12% on cooling costs by automatically turning your cooling system up or down.

2. Change your air conditioner filter

Clean or replace your central air conditioner filter monthly during the cooling season to improve efficiency and the life of your AC.

3. Use Ceiling Fans

The most efficient ceiling fans cost as little as 30¢ a month if used 8 hours a day. Moving air feels cooler.

4. Raise Your Thermostat Setting

You can save approximately \$100 in a summer by just raising your thermostat's temperature from 72 to 78.

NEW Central Air Conditioning Incentive

A \$3.00 per month credit is available to all customers that allow their central air conditioner to be controlled by the city's load management system. This credit is available for the months of June through September. Call City Hall at 354-2292 for all the details.

DIGITAL TV TRANSITION UPDATE

On June 12, 2009, television programming changed from analog to digital broadcasting. Analog TV's will need a converter box to receive over-the-air broadcasts such as local network channels. For more info about the digital TV transition, go online to www.dtv.gov or www.dtv2009.gov or call 1-888-DTV-2009 for information about subsidized coupons for digital-to-analog converter boxes.

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