

# KEEPING YOU CONNECTED



A Monthly Newsletter for our Utility Customers

• 24/7 [www.barnesvillemn.com](http://www.barnesvillemn.com) • June 2011

## Community Picnic

### An Evening at Blue Eagle Thursday, July 21

Don't miss the 18th Annual Barnesville Community Picnic on **Thursday, July 21!**

The Main Street Program's Promotions Committee has planned another fun-filled Community Picnic at Blue Eagle Lake.

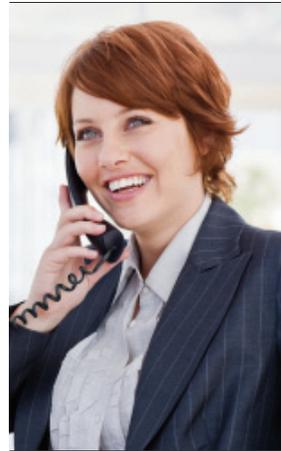
From 6:30-7:30 the picnic dinner will be served. Pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs and all the trimmings are being catered by Galaxie Sports Club. Good Samaritan Society is providing macaroni salad. Cost is \$6 for a pulled pork plate or \$4 for a hot dog plate.

Activities for all ages are planned from 7 – 9 pm. Inflatable games for the kids, music and dance games provided by Double A DJ and a Suz Dance team performance. Special guests include local fire department trucks, ambulance, Life Flight and police cars. Many of the community's non-profits will be selling treats of all kinds for that after dinner snack!

At 10:00 pm the fireworks begin! Bring your lawn chair or a blanket and find a great spot on the hill or anywhere throughout the park to watch the evening's highlight. Last year's show was fantastic and you won't want to miss it this year!

Plan to come on down and 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. We hope to see everyone on July 21<sup>st</sup>!



**CHECK OUT  
NEW VOICE MAIL!**

**FREE INSTALLATION  
SAVE \$22.50**

Savings includes all custom calling features through July 29!  
See enclosed brochure

### SPECIAL HOURS ON 4TH OF JULY

City Hall will be CLOSED on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. **Firehall Municipal Liquors will be OPEN on the 4th of July from 10 am to 2 pm.**

### FRONT STREET RECONSTRUCTION

The first 3 weeks of construction have gone very well. Barring major weather delays, the first phase of the project is on schedule to finish the first part of August.

Once work is complete in the downtown area, crews will begin working on the section from 7th Avenue to the Clay County line. For continual updates check out the City of Barnesville's Facebook page or at [www.barnesvillemn.com](http://www.barnesvillemn.com).

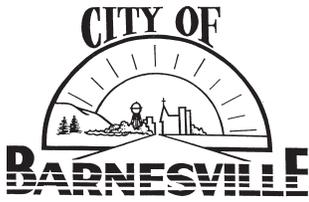
### IN MEMORY AND SYMPATHY

On June 13, Barnesville lost one of their most dedicated City employees, Public Works Director **Dave Riddering**, who was employed by the City since 1997. Our sympathies to Dave's family.

### ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT TOM!

After 24 years of service to the City of Barnesville, **Tom Olson** retired as the Telephone Superintendent on June 3. Thank you for your service to the City and its residents.

## SAVE UP TO \$50 IN ENERGY REBATES



Barnesville Municipal Power, in cooperation with Missouri River Energy Services is pleased to be able to offer our customers rebates for the purchase of energy efficient appliances through the **Bright Energy Solutions** program.

Complete information on the rebates is posted at [www.brightenergysolutions.com](http://www.brightenergysolutions.com).

Rebates are currently available for ceiling fans, clothes washers, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, room air conditioners, decorative string lights, heating & cooling systems and refrigerators. **Rebates range from \$10 to \$50!**

Customers are reminded that rebates must be submitted within 30 days of purchase.

## 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](http://www.barnesvillemn.com). If adult populations warrant spraying it will usually occur on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. Spraying is dependent on weather.

## MONDAY/TUESDAY GOLF SPECIAL

Looking for some fun in the sun? The Willow Creek Municipal Golf Course is once again running their Monday & Tuesday Special. **Play 18 holes, plus a cart for only \$25!** Holidays and Special Events are excluded. Why not invite your friends and relatives to Barnesville to enjoy a round of golf?

## MOST CITY FORMS NOW ONLINE

In an effort to provide better customer service, the City of Barnesville has placed all of their utility forms on the website at [www.barnesvillemn.com](http://www.barnesvillemn.com). Want to add DSL or cable service, change your long distance provider and much more? Just click on City Utilities under the "Moving to Barnesville" heading. Building permit applications are also online.



## 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.

### 5. Open Your Windows on Cool Nights

On cool days and nights, turn off your air conditioner and open your windows. Don't open windows when the temperature is warmer outside than inside.

### 6. Keep Air Conditioner Coils Clean

Keep the coils of your central air conditioner and/or window AC unit free of dust and dirt to increase efficiency and lifetime use.

### 7. Use Landscaping to Save Money

Well placed trees and shrubs, shading your home could reduce your air conditioning costs by 25 %.



**RECYCLING CENTER**  
**Tues. & Thurs. 12-8**  
**Saturday 8-Noon**

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED is a publication of:

**City of Barnesville**

102 Front Street North

Barnesville, Minnesota 56514

(218) 354-2292 or (800) 354-2292

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Open Thursday nights until 7:00 pm