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A Monthly Newsletter for our Utility Customers

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DOWNTOWN FRONT STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO START MAY 31!

After literally years of planning, the Front Street Reconstruction Project is set to begin on May 31. The first phase of the project will run from Main Avenue to 7th Avenue South, with the second phase of the project going from 7th Avenue South to the Clay county line.

Barnesville residents will receive a special mailing in the next few days with important parking information, special promotions and more info about the project costs.

Watch your mail for a special envelope marked **IMPORTANT FRONT STREET INFORMATION.**

Once construction begins, residents can stay abreast on the project through the City's website or our Facebook page. "Like us" on Facebook and you will be notified of all new postings.

WELCOME RANDI TROWBRIDGE!

The City of Barnesville is pleased to welcome **Randi Trowbridge** as a new clerk at Firehall Municipal Liquors. Please welcome Randi when you're picking up your summer beverages!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| May 30 | City Hall closed for Memorial Day |
| June 1 | Blue Eagle Lake Swimming Beach Opens: 11:00 - 7:00 daily; when there are swimming lessons; 1:00-7:00 |
| June 13 | Potato Days "Party at the Nest" RedHawks Game |
| June 21 | Main Street Golf Tournament |
| July 21 | Community Picnic @ Blue Eagle |

SUMMER WATERING ORDINANCE

Water restrictions are in effect **from June 1st to September 1st.** During these months, no lawns shall be watered or cars washed between 10 am and 7 pm. The ordinance is designed to conserve our valuable water resources and to help the City's water plant operate at its best.

Starting on June 1, if your address ends in an odd number, you may water your lawn or wash cars on **odd numbered days** (the 1st, 3rd, 5th days of the month etc.) **from 7 pm to 10 am.** If the last digit of your address is an even number, you can water or wash cars on **even-numbered days** (2nd, 4th, 6th etc.) **from 7 pm to 10 am.**

If you have a newly seeded or sodded lawn, it may be watered **daily** between 7 pm and 10 a.m. for up to six weeks after the sod is installed or the seeds have germinated. Gardens, flowers, trees and shrubs may be watered with the use of a garden hose with an adjustable nozzle without restriction.

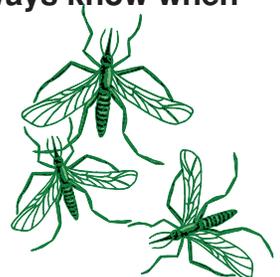
Violators will be subject to a \$25 fine for each day of violation. Copies of the complete Water Ordinance are available at City Hall offices.



SUMMER MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Throughout the summer, Public Works will be spraying for mosquitos. Planned spraying will be announced on local TV stations, Channel 12, on the City's website at www.barnesvillemn.com and on the City's Facebook page. **"Like us" on our Facebook page and you'll always know when we will be spraying!**

If adult counts warrant spraying it will usually occur on Tuesday and/or Thursdays beginning around 9 pm. Spraying is always dependent on weather.



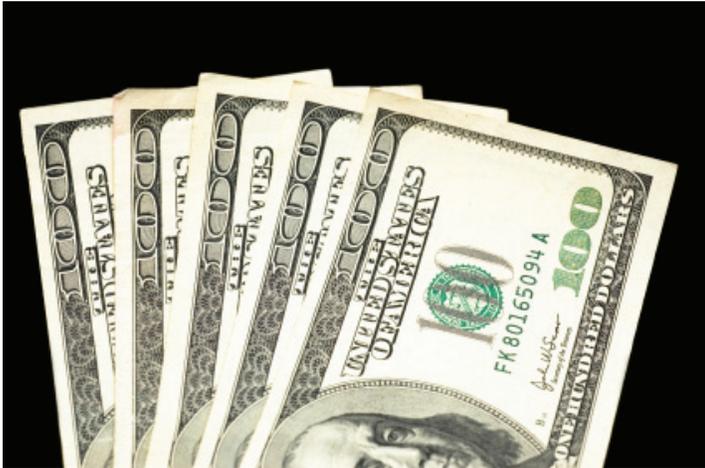


PeopleService INC.
Water & Wastewater Professionals

BARNESVILLE WATER UPDATE

PeopleService personnel will begin jetting the sanitary sewers in the next couple of weeks. Residents should monitor basement floor drains as well as plumbing drains throughout their homes. Frequently the equipment used for jetting sewers will create a vacuum in the main and pull back the water you have in your 'J Trap' resulting in sewer gas smells in your home.

If you do experience sewer gas odor, simply pour 3-4 cups of water into the drain. Questions? Dan at 701.893.8825 or Brandon 701.893.8699



NEW \$500 UTILITY INCENTIVE

The City of Barnesville, in cooperation with the Barnesville EDA, is pleased to announce a new \$500 Utility Incentive for the purchase of existing homes located within the Barnesville city limits.

The offer is valid for purchase agreements that are signed between May 22 and September 15. Upon closing the new owner will receive a \$500 credit on their utility bill.

Some restrictions apply. Contact the EDA office at 354-2145 for all the details.

LEADERSHIP BARNESVILLE

Applications are now being accepted for the 2011-2012 Leadership Barnesville program. Contact Karen Lauer at 354-2145 for more info.

CLAY CO. OFFERS VULNERABLE POPULATION REGISTRY

At risk or vulnerable populations are often those who live independently or with the help of a caregiver, and yet may need additional assistance in the event of a disaster, especially in the area of transportation.

Those populations include, but are not limited to: those with a disability, frail or have significant health issues, social or behavioral challenges; elderly with no family assistance or the homeless.

The Vulnerable Population Registry has been designed to assist public health and other emergency workers to better plan for future disasters. Registering should not be considered a guarantee that you will be placed on a priority list for emergency responders; however it will make us aware of your individual situation and help us to be better prepared to assist you.

If you may need assistance during a disaster, or know of someone who may, register with Clay County Public Health by calling (218) 299-5220 or at www.co.clay.mn.us.

ARE YOU DOING YARD CLEAN-UP?

City residents are reminded that the City has a couple of convenient options to assist residents with yard clean-up.

For grass clippings, there is a green roll-off located near the recycling center. This option is accessible 24/7.

Grass clipping, yard waste and brush may also be taken to the City's burn pile located south of the City shop on Highway 9 west.

VOICE MAIL IS COMING SOON!

Watch next month's newsletter for info on the City's new Voice Mail feature!

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