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CABLE RATES TO INCREASE DUE TO NEW LOCAL CONTRACTS

Per federal laws, every 3 years Barnesville Cable TV is required to negotiate a new contract with local networks to retransmit their signals. In Barnesville we sign contracts with WDAY, KXJB and KVLV so our local cable customers are able to enjoy these channels.

As your local cable provider, it is very important to us that we continue to provide quality programming at affordable prices. Unfortunately, under current federal laws, which benefit the big media broadcast companies, we have no leverage to negotiate. Identical situations have arisen with cable operators across the country.

Based on our negotiations over the past 30 days, Barnesville Cable must pay a significantly increased fee per month, per subscriber to continue carrying their channels on our line-up.

We reluctantly must pass on our increased costs to our subscribers. **Effective January 1, basic cable service will increase to \$18.95 and the cost of Preferred Basic to \$53.95.** While the cost of several national channels is increasing, most of this increase is due to the additional \$3.00 per subscriber per month Barnesville Cable will be forced to pay to WDAY, KVLV and KXJB.

Please be assured that Barnesville Cable will continue to keep cable rates as low as possible with local 24/7 customer service. Thank you for your continued patronage.

SPECIAL CITY HOLIDAY HOURS

City Hall: CLOSED December 26 & January 2
Liquor Store: Dec. 24 10-3; Dec. 31 10-10

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

The City's Truth in Taxation hearing will be **Monday, Dec. 12 at 7 pm** in the City Council Chambers. The 2012 final budget will be adopted along with the 2012 tax levy.

"MIRACLE ON FRONT STREET"

Check out the back page for details on "Miracle on Front Street" Holiday activities!

NEW EMT CLASS NOW FORMING

Looking for a way to serve your community and make some extra money? Barnesville Ambulance will be holding EMT classes starting soon. Class nights are flexible. Call Jon



today at 354-2299 to learn more about this exciting opportunity - there is a great need for people to take call during weekdays.

WELCOME CAROL AND TRAVIS!

The City of Barnesville is pleased to welcome **Carol Vancura** as a new meter reader and **Travis Olson** as a new Public Works worker. Please welcome them as you meet them.

BARNESVILLE WATER UPDATE



The City is continuing their water meter replacement program and we are asking all residents to please allow the PeopleService employees access to your water meter.

Water Meters have many benefits:

- More efficient fire protection through increasing the water pressure in the mains.
 - More accurate customer billing for water based on the exact cost of providing the water.
 - More equitable water rate adjustments
 - Increased efficiency of the entire system
- Questions? Call PeopleService staff member Dan Lubbesmeyer at 701.893.8825.