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A Monthly Newsletter for City of Barnesville Municipal Utility Customers

October 2009



WELCOME! CITY ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL RIETZ

The City of Barnesville is pleased to welcome Michael Rietz as the new City Administrator. Michael officially began his duties on October 19. Mike has over 10 years of city management experience. Most recently Mike was the City Manager in Castle Hills, Texas. Please welcome Mike to the community when you meet him.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in contributing your time and talent for the betterment of the City? We need your help! There is one seat open on the **Planning Commission**.

Planning Commission members oversee the City's zoning ordinance and help to provide sound planning for Barnesville's future through the use of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Commission meets the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. For more info, contact Karen Lauer at 354-2145.

GOLF COURSE IS CLOSED

The Willow Creek Municipal Golf Course closed for the season on October 22. Thanks to everyone who supported the course over the summer. We'll see you in the spring!

BLUE EAGLE LAKE UPGRADES

You may have noticed the addition of new lily pads and bullrushes to Blue Eagle Lake over the summer to enhance the fish habitat. Watch for more changes in the year ahead!

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Whether surfing the net or sending e-mails, you'll be saving even more time with our new faster DSL speeds with no price increase!

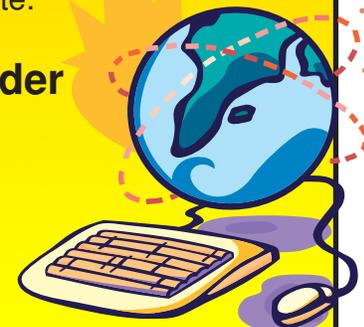
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BARNESVILLE WATER UPDATE

Our water supply reservoir and water tower cleaning/inspection was completed at the beginning of the month. We did experience some loss of supply pressure when pumps were alternated, but on the whole we had a great observation of these large storage tanks when empty to help us make maintenance decisions.

Sanitary sewers jet cleaning will be done October 19-23. There should be no disruption to sanitary service during this procedure.

Water main and hydrant flushing will occur the weeks of October 26 to November 6. Please allow for some water discoloration as the water mains are 'scrubbed' with a high velocity of water.

If you have any questions or concerns please call Dan Lubbesmeyer at (701) 893-8825 or Brandon Anderson at (701) 893-8699.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Barnesville residents are reminded about winter parking restrictions. After a snowfall of two inches, or more, vehicles parked on any city street, that is not otherwise posted, must be removed prior to 8 am on the day following the day that the street is first plowed. Vehicles may not be returned until after such street has been widened to its full width.

TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

Lifeline and Link-up are federal and state assistance programs which reduce telephone bills for qualified low-income customers. Lifeline offers a monthly credit up to \$10/month and the Link-up program reduces installation charges for qualified low income customers. You may qualify for these programs if you participate in SSI, Energy Assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Free School Lunch or if your household income is below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. For more info contact City Hall at 354-2292.



ENERGY SAVING IDEAS from **BARNESVILLE MUNICIPAL POWER**

Using less energy helps save you money as well as conserve our natural resources. Here are some energy saving tips that will help you **reduce your home heating costs** this winter!

1. Lower Your Thermostat

Set your thermostat as low as is comfortable. For every degree your thermostat is lowered, you save approximately 3% on your annual heating bill.

2. Block that Cold Air

Cover drafty windows from the inside with plastic sheeting. Install a door sweep or rolled up towels to block drafty doorways.



3. Keep Your Furnace Filter Clean

Dirty filters reduce airflow making your furnace work harder, and use more energy. Replace your furnace filter monthly during the heating season and you could reduce heating costs by 5%.

4. Install a programmable thermostat

This device can save as much as 20% on heating costs by automatically turning your heating system up or down to coincide with your daily routine.

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