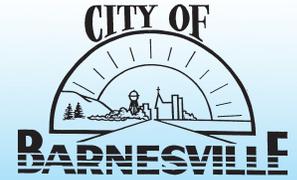


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CALLER ID "SPOOFING" NOTICE

Caller ID service is currently susceptible to fraud known as Caller ID "spoofing". The term Called ID Spoofing refers to a practice whereby the calling party uses commonly available technology to falsify the number of the telephone line from which the call is made, the name of the calling party, or both as they appear on the called party's Caller ID screen. This practice has the potential for fraud and harm to the called party.

To protect yourself, do not take what the Caller ID screen displays for granted. If what the caller is saying does not seem legitimate, do not divulge personal information until you can verify the source, by hanging up and calling them back on a verified number (from a mailed statement or printed directory).

Currently, there is not a technological fix for this practice, but Congress is considering new legislation that will take action against these violators. If you would like more information on spoofing, visit www.fcc.gov, search "spoofing".

GOLF COURSE IS CLOSED

The Willow Creek Municipal Golf Course closed for the season on October 24. Thanks to everyone who supported the course over the summer. We'll see you in the spring!

CITY HALL CLOSED ON NOV. 25-26

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

WINTER LIQUOR STORE HOURS

Firehall Municipal Liquors will change to their winter hours on Monday, November 1.

Monday - Thursday 12:00 Noon - 9:00 pm

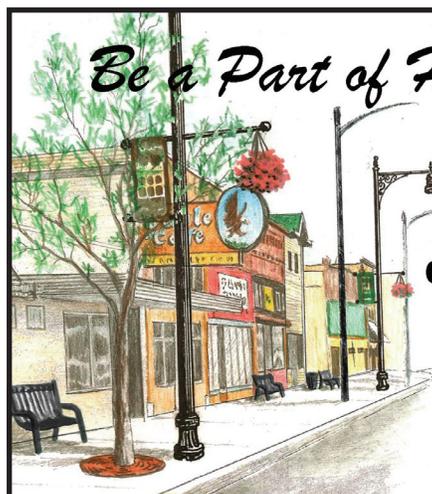
Friday - Saturday 10:00 am - 10:00 pm



PeopleService INC.
Water & Wastewater Professionals

BARNESVILLE WATER UPDATE

PeopleService will be flushing the water mains and beginning the winterization of fire hydrants from Oct. 25 through Nov. 5. This process may cause temporary discoloration. If this occurs, please turn on several faucets in your building until the water clears. This procedure prevents existing iron & manganese in the water lines from settling over winter months, and protects the hydrant from damaging freezing temperatures. If you have any questions or concerns, call Dan at 701.893.8825 or Brandon at 701.893.8699.



Be a Part of History

**Sponsor
a Bench
or Pavers**

LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE HOLIDAY GIFT?

Look no further than the Barnesville Main Street Program! In addition to the street, water & sewer mains being replaced as part of the Front Street Reconstruction next year, the sidewalk area will also be getting a facelift complete with personalized pavers bricks, and benches. Why not purchase one of these items in honor or memory of someone special? **Personalized gift cards are now available.** Stop by the Main Street office to view actual samples or call 354-2479 for more info.

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.

MOSQUITO CONTROL FEE

The Mosquito Control Fee will increase from \$1.50 per month to \$2.00 per month beginning with the bill which is dated November 25 and due on December 15. The fee will be charged to both residential and commercial accounts. The City of Barnesville is committed to aggressive mosquito control so citizens may enjoy outdoor activities.

DON'T FORGET TO ROUND-UP !

City of Barnesville utility customers are reminded and encouraged to round-up their utility payment checks to the nearest dollar. The extra pennies go to the Barnesville Area Community Fund to provide scholarships to Barnesville graduates, grants to local non-profits, assistance to families in need, loans to local businesses and assistance to various school programs.

UP TO THE MINUTE INFORMATION

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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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