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**SAVE TIME
AND MONEY...
...AND NEVER
HAVE A LATE
UTILITY BILL!**



The City of Barnesville is now offering Auto Withdrawal and Credit Card Payment for City of Barnesville Utility Bills. With these new easy payment options you will continue to receive your monthly statement from the City, but you'll never need to write another check !!

Best of all, it's free and easy to sign up. Just stop by or call City Hall to pick up an application form. If you select the Auto Withdrawl option, you will need to include a voided check along with your completed application form.

Questions? Stop by City Hall or just give us a call at 354-2292

BARNESVILLE STREETSCAPE PROJECT



Downtown Front Street will have a whole new look after the reconstruction project is completed next summer. Take advantage of the opportunity to purchase a personalized paver or brick to be embedded in the new sidewalk or purchase a bench in honor or memory of someone special. For more info call Main Street at 354-2479 or go to the Main Street page of the City's website.

WELCOME JODY STETZ!

The City of Barnesville is pleased to welcome **Jody Stetz** as the new meter reader. You may see Jody walking through your yard or trudging through the snow banks! Please give Jody a warm welcome as you meet her.

DON'T MISS FALL GOLF SPECIALS

Golf all you want at Willow Creek Golf Course now through the close of the season for only \$75 or only \$25 per day, per person!

**Special pricing
for a limited time**

Limit 12 bulbs per customer.



savings with a twist

Because CFLs use less power to create the same amount of light, use the chart below to determine the correct wattage for your needs.

ENERGY STAR® qualified light bulbs:

- Use up to 75 percent less energy
- Last up to 10 times longer
- Save an average of \$30 in energy costs over their lifetime
- Produce 75 percent less heat
- Help the environment by saving energy

Incandescent bulb	CFL equivalent	Lifetime savings
40 watt	9-11 watt	\$15-\$20
60 watt	13-17 watt	\$25-\$30
75 watt	18-20 watt	\$30-\$35
100 watt	23-26 watt	\$40-\$45
150 watt	32-42 watt	\$60-\$70

Call (888) 476-9548 to locate a participating retailer near you!

SEASONAL SUMP PUMP WAIVER

Barnesville residents are reminded that sump pump drain discharge into the sanitary sewer is prohibited from April 1 to October 31.

ONLY IF property owners apply for a waiver through City Hall are they allowed to discharge sump pumps into the sanitary sewer from November 1 to March 31.

Under the waiver requirements, the property owner agrees to pay an annual waiver fee of \$ 50 as established by Resolution of the City Council, which will be billed at \$4.17 per month. This allows the discharge to go into the sanitary sewer during the winter months.

Per City Ordinance, on April 1, the sump pump must once again be discharged outside. Any Barnesville area plumber can assist homeowners with the necessary plumbing changes to meet the City's requirements.

Residents are reminded that per Barnesville City Code, non-compliance with the Sump Pump Ordinance is subject to a \$100 month penalty.

In addition, care should be taken so sump pump hose discharge may not produce icing problems on city sidewalks or streets.

For more information or to apply for a waiver, call or stop by City Hall during business hours.

FALL LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULED

With summer behind us, it won't be long and the leaves will be falling from the trees! Fuchs Sanitation, in cooperation with the City has scheduled two special leaf pick-ups. The first on October 22nd and the second on October 29.

Leaves should be placed in clear garbage bags at the normal pick-up sites.

Residents may also dispose of their leaves in the special dumpster north of the Recycling Center or in the compost pile at the Burn Site located near the Public Works shop.

CLAY COUNTY RECYCLING GUIDE

In addition to the City's Recycling Center, Clay County offers residents a variety of options to recycle everything from appliances & electronic waste to tires; oil filters and used motor oil and much more. All of the details are in the Clay County Recycling Guide. Go to the Barnesville website and click on Garbage and Recycling.



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BARNESVILLE WATER UPDATE

WATER SOFTENER TIPS

Hard water has a high mineral content from mineral deposits in the soil, mainly calcium and magnesium. Iron and manganese is also present in the groundwater, but is almost completely removed at the treatment plant. Soft water has a low mineral content.

For purposes of water softener settings; Barnesville water is 57.2 ppm in the water mains. This is an average of various sites tested for a particular day, but this can be a starting point for your home water system. The range is:

Soft: 0-60 mg/L

Moderately hard: 61-120 mg/L

Hard: 121-180 mg/L

Very hard: >181 mg/L

Barnesville water is in the higher range of soft water at the tap. Where softening is practiced it is often recommended to soften only the water sent to domestic hot water systems so as to prevent or delay inefficiencies and damage due to scale formation in water heaters. Another reason for this is to avoid adding sodium or potassium from the softener to cold water that is used for human consumption while still providing softening for hot water used in washing and bathing.

It is best to refer to your owner's manual specifically for the home water treatment settings for your particular softening unit.

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