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## **An Evening at Blue Eagle Lake 23rd Annual Community Picnic Thursday, July 28**

Please join us for a fun evening at Blue Eagle Lake for Barnesville's 23rd Annual Community Picnic on **Thursday, July 28**.

The Main Street Promotions committee invites you and your family to a delicious picnic dinner of pulled pork sandwiches, brats, hot dogs and all of the fixings from **6:30-7:30 pm**, catered by the Eagle Cafe.

Activities for all ages are planned from 6-10 pm. There will be free inflatable games for the kids as well as other games back by popular demand! A night full of entertainment will include a DJ playing music and games, and the crowning of the 2016 Miss Barnesville and Princess Blue Eagle. Many local non-profits will be selling or giving away treats of all kinds.

Of course, the evening will conclude with the fabulous firework show starting once the sun goes down around 10 pm.

You won't want to miss this fun evening at the park with your family and friends.

We are very lucky to live in such a wonderful community full of friends, neighbors and businesses that help to support each other. Please plan to join us!!



## **SPECIAL 4TH OF JULY HOURS**

- City Hall will be **CLOSED** on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.
- Firehall Municipal Liquors will be **OPEN** July 4th from 10 am - 2 pm.

## **WI-FI AT WAGNER CAMPGROUND!**

We know that many of you have friends and family who come and stay at the Wagner Park Campground. Over the years, we have had many requests from folks for WiFi access when at the campground. The system is now up and running. Campers will be able to purchase Wi-Fi service on their computer or hand held devices using their credit card. Options are one hour, one day, one week or one month. For more info, call City Hall at 354.2292.



## **JUSTICE NETWORK IS ADDED**

Barnesville Cable TV has added the Justice Network on **channel 106**. The Justice Network is a new first-of-its-kind multicast television network devoted to entertaining viewers and making communities safer. Check it out!

## **LOOKING TO BUY OR BUILD A HOME?**

The Barnesville EDA, in cooperation with the City of Barnesville, has several incentives when you build a new home!

Pull a building permit before December 31, 2016 and you will receive a 2 year Property Tax Rebate AND will be eligible for the Free Utility Incentive, with a value of up to \$1,500!

If you buy an existing home within the city limits on or before November 1; you are eligible for a \$500 Utility Credit.

Contact the EDA office at 354.2145 for info.

**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting • May 9, 2015**

This is a summary of the minutes. The complete minutes are available online at [www.barnesvillemn.com](http://www.barnesvillemn.com) or at City Hall.

Mayor Gene Prim called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council members Jason Rick, Don Goedtke, Betty Strom, Larry Davis, Jr., Dawn Stuvland and Brad Field

05-09-16-01 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

05-09-16-02 Motion Strom, second Rick to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

05-09-16-03 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve the Resolution accepting offer on the sale of \$1,260,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2016A, providing for their issuance and levying a tax for the payment thereof. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, Stuvland, and Field. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.

05-09-16-04 Motion Davis, second Stuvland to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2016-05, regarding yard and lot requirements, and regarding manufactured homes. Motion carried.

05-09-16-05 Motion Davis, second Strom to approve the summary Ordinance 2016-05. Motion carried.

05-09-16-06 Motion Strom, second Stuvland to approve the preliminary plat for the Townhomes on Third Subdivision. Motion carried.

05-09-16-07 Motion Strom, second Rick to approve the final plat for the Townhomes on Third Subdivision project. Motion carried.

05-06-16-08 Motion Goedtke, second Stuvland to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2016-03, regulating the conduct of Peddlers, Solicitors, Transient Merchants, and Mobile Food Vendors and setting license fees within the City of Barnesville. Motion carried.

05-09-16-09 Motion Stuvland, second Davis to approve the summary Ordinance 2016-03. Motion carried.

05-09-16-10 Motion Field, second Goedtke to pay for the upfront fees from Xcel Energy in the amount of \$17,120.00 to extend natural gas into the Del Acres Gilbertson 2nd Addition. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

## **MUNICIPALLY OWNED UTILITIES: EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE**

One of the many benefits of municipally owned utilities is FAST and friendly service from people you know! When you have a question, simply call or stop by City Hall. When you have a problem with your electric, water, sewer, phone, internet or cable TV service; you simply call City Hall. A real person will answer the phone, note your concern and before you know it, someone will be there to fix the problem.

Service with a smile from people you know.  
Barnesville Municipal Utilities!

## **ENERGY STAR REBATES**

Are you adding a new ceiling fan? Purchasing a dehumidifier for the summer? Adding a central air conditioner? Purchasing new appliances for your home or maybe adding a programmable thermostat? Don't forget that you may qualify for an Energy Star Rebate. For all the details go to [www.brightenergysolutions.com](http://www.brightenergysolutions.com).

## **MOSQUITO SPRAYING**

Once traps show that spraying is needed, Public Works will spray 2 days a week; usually Tuesday & Thursday, weather permitting. Like us on Facebook or check our website for updates.



## **TECHNOLOGY INSIGHTS** with Guy Swenson, City of Barnesville TEC Manager

### ***What is a digital footprint?***

A digital footprint is the path you leave behind as you navigate and use the internet. Everything you do online - from your social media posts or Skype calls, to sending emails and searching the web - is part of your digital history. Here are a number of ways your digital footprint is created:

- **Online shopping and websites.** When you shop online, retailers can track your movement from one site to the next by following cookies you leave behind on their website. This is why you may see advertisements for products you previously looked at on a different website later.

- **Social media.** Tweets, Facebook statuses, blog comments, etc. all leave a record. That's why it's important to manage what you're posting online. Even if you delete it, people still may be able to find

the content.

- **Tablets, mobile phones and laptops.** Websites build a list of devices you've used to visit that site. Information is continually being collected about your online habits.

The internet is a convenient, fast way to stay connected, shop, find entertainment and news. It's also a giant database that captures your personal information and habits, which is why it's important to be mindful of where you visit and what you're leaving behind. Remember, nothing gets deleted from the Internet, meaning it can be tracked and potentially seen by others, even years later.

For this reason, we recommend that if you are using a Wi-Fi connection, you never use your credit card to make a purchase - it's just too easy for that information to fall into the wrong hands.