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A Monthly Newsletter for our Utility Customers

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CALL BEFORE YOU



## CALL 811 or 800-252-1166

Before you plant that tree, dig that trench, or build that new garage on your property this season, call Gopher State One-Call.

**Here's how One-Call notification works:**

- Mark the borders of your excavation site with white stakes or white spray paint.
- Be prepared to give the One-Call operator your name, your phone number, your address, the location of your dig site, the type of work you plan to do, and the start date & time of your dig.
- **Call 800-252-1166 or just 811.** Gopher State One-Call operators answer calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Weekends and holidays are for emergencies only.
- Utility companies have 48 hours to locate their underground facilities, and digging must begin within 96 hours after calling Gopher State One Call so plan your work accordingly.

## METER READINGS ARE CHANGING

In June of this year, the City is switching to a new billing software. When that happens, your electric bill will reflect **recent** usage, rather than usage from 60 days previous! To reach that goal, we have been adjusting the number of actual days in the meter reading which is why some of the recent bills have been for more than a 30 day period. We apologize for the inconvenience but we're certain you will like the more timely bills!

## SUMMER LIQUOR STORE HOURS

Start at Firehall Liquors on Monday, May 1

Monday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Beginning on **Sunday, July 2** Firehall Liquors will be open from **11:00 am to 4:00 pm!!**



*PeopleService* INC.  
Water & Wastewater Professionals

## BARNESVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE

### FLUSHING OF WATER MAINS MAY 15 - 31

PeopleService will be flushing water mains from May 15-31. This process may cause some temporary discoloration of your water. To remove the discoloration, turn on several faucets in or outside your home or business, and leave the water run until it clears. Any questions, call Mike Kurkowski, PeopleService, at (701) 893-8825.

## APRIL 2017 WATER HARDNESS

For optimum water quality, residents should adjust their water softeners using Barnesville's current water hardness reading:

**APRIL HARDNESS: 29.5**



## COMMUNITY GARDEN BEING PLANNED!

The City of Barnesville is excited to announce that through a partnership with Midwest Bank, our first ever Community Garden will be available in May for your planting needs! To hear more, join us for an informational meeting on **Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 pm** in the 2nd floor meeting room at Wells Fargo or contact Emily or Kara at Midwest Bank - 354.2704!

**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting • March 13, 2017**

Mayor 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., and Brad Field. Absent was Council Member Dawn Stuvland.

- 03-13-17-01 Motion Rick, second Davis to approve the agenda, with the addition of the KLJ Engineering contract amendment. Motion carried.
- 03-13-17-02 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried
- 03-13-17-03 Motion Davis, second Goedtke to approve the resignation of Ward 2 council member Dawn Stuvland. Motion carried.
- 03-13-17-04 Motion Goedtke, second Davis to extend the assessment charges in the amount of \$10,400.00 to the November regular meeting for the property at 101 4th Street NW. Motion carried.
- 03-13-17-05 Motion Davis, second Field to assess the property maintenance fines at 508 6th Street NW in the amount of \$4,400.00. Motion carried.
- 03-13-17-06 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve a resolution providing for the issuance and sale of \$675,000 General Obligation equipment certificates, Series 2017A, and levying a tax for the payment thereof. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, and Field. Voted naye: none. Motion carried.
- 03-13-17-07 Motion Davis, second Goedtke to approve the purchase of radios for the Ambulance department from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$76,611.20. Motion carried.
- 03-13-17-08 Motion Davis, second Rick to add the following to the snow emergency routes: 4th Ave NE from 5th Street NE to 13th Street NE, and one block of 11th Street NE. Motion carried.
- 03-13-17-09 Motion Goedtke, second Rick to approve the paving of the parking lot at Friendship Park for an estimated cost of \$2,000.00. Motion carried.
- 03-13-17-10 Motion Field, second Rick to approve the KLJ Engineering amendment for a three-year term. Motion carried.
- 03-13-17-11 Motion Rick, second Goedtke to approve the new spec home incentive program for the Del Acres Gilbertson 2nd Addition. Motion carried.
- 03-13-17-12 Motion Davis, second Strom to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2017-02, an Ordinance regarding refuse collection fees. Motion carried.
- 03-13-17-13 Motion Davis, second Goedtke to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2017-01, an Ordinance on Solar Energy Systems. Motion carried.
- 03-13-17-14 Motion Strom, second Rick to approve the Summary Ordinance 2017-01. Motion carried.
- 03-13-17-15 Motion Strom, second Field to approve the FOX Networks and FOX News Agreements and to authorize staff to execute the agreements. Motion carried.
- 03-13-17-16 Motion Rick, second Field to approve a resolution setting the 2017 Cable TV rates. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis and Field. Voted naye: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

## **DON'T FORGET THE BUILDING PERMIT**

Building permits are required for many projects including sheds over 120 square feet, decks, siding, garages, shingling projects, window replacements, remodeling and additions. Permits are not required for flat concrete work or fences.

Building permit apps are available at City Hall and at [www.barnesvillemn.com](http://www.barnesvillemn.com). **Questions?** Call our Building Inspector Sid Fossan at 218.689.7539.

## **PLANNING TO BUILD A FENCE ?**

Barnesville residents are reminded that there are a few rules when it comes to fences.

1. Fences, including any underground footings must be located entirely on your property.
2. Many lots have utility easements. Fences may NOT be erected on a utility easement. If you're uncertain whether your lot has a utility easement, call Zoning Administrator Mike Rietz at 354-2292.
3. All posts used in the construction of fencing shall be faced inward to the area being fenced.
3. The maximum fence height along rear and side property lines is 6 feet.
4. Fences located in required front yards shall not exceed 36" in height except fences that are at least 75% open may be 48 inches.
5. Always call 811 at least 48 hours before you start your fence project to have underground utility lines located. A little extra time could save your life.

## **WE DO NOT SELL YOUR DATA**

Rest easy.....Barnesville Internet & Broadband has not and will never sell your browsing data - just another good reason to stick with your *FAST* hometown internet provider!

## **RUNNING YOUR SUMP PUMP INTO THE SANITARY SEWER IS AGAINST BARNESVILLE'S ORDINANCE!**

Not only is discharging your sump pump into the sanitary sewer illegal, but it endangers your neighbors! The sanitary sewer lines, as well as the City's treatment facilities are unable to handle the volume of water that comes from sump pumps, particularly in the case of heavy rain. The result can be raw sewage backing up in homes.

***All sump pumps MUST drain outside into the City's storm sewer system.***

The City Council will enforce this ordinance. Homeowners who fail or refuse to follow the sump pump ordinance are subject to a \$100 a month fine.

For questions or more info, contact City Hall at 354-2292