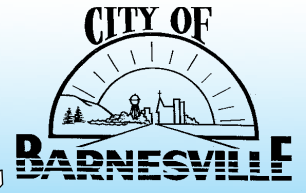


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NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

At the January 8, 2018 City Council meeting, two new Council members will take their Oath of office. In Ward 1, **Scott Bauer** will replace JR Davis and in Ward 3, **Tonya Stokka** will replace Jason Rick. We thank **JR Davis** and **Jason Rick** for their service to the community.

Contact information for City Council members is included on the back of the 2018 Calendar that is enclosed in this utility bill mailing.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

City Hall: CLOSED Monday, January 1 and Monday, Jan. 15 - Martin Luther King's Birthday
Liquor Store: OPEN Sun. Dec. 31, 11 am - 4 pm
CLOSED Monday, January 1

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

The City has scheduled two dates to pick-up Christmas trees - **Friday, January 5 and Friday, January 19.** Residents should leave their trees in the same area as their garbage containers. No extra stickers or tags are needed.



UTILITY RATE CHANGES

Effective January 1, 2018; some of the City of Barnesville utility rates are changing:

- Sewer volume charges increase to \$5.38
- Water usage charge increase to \$2.94
- Water, Sewer, Stormwater replacement funds each increase to \$2.94 month.

These changes will be reflected on the utility bills which residents receive in February.

Also on the February utility bills garbage service will increase to \$17.65 per month; while the senior rate will increase to \$16.37.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Mayor Gene Prim, Barnesville City Council and all the City of Barnesville employees wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season!

STAY OFF BLUE EAGLE LAKE!

Residents are reminded that the ice on Blue Eagle Lake is very thin due to aerators running all winter. While you can ice fish on the lake, for your own safety, look for the areas where thin ice signs are posted and avoid those spots.

TREE TRIMMING OPPORTUNITY!

Carr's Tree Service has a contract with the City to trim tree branches growing close to City's utility lines throughout town.

Work will be done between now and January 12. Most of the trees are accessible from streets or alleys. Carr's will try to inform homeowners prior to trimming.

Since Carr's will be working in Barnesville, this is an opportunity for residents to hire Carr's to trim or remove trees from their property at a better rate. If you're interested in getting a price, call 888.470.3355. Any fees associated with that work would be the responsibility of the customer.

ICE SKATING RINK

The Barnesville Ice Skating Rink located at the corner of 3rd Street and 7th Avenue SE will open the first or second week in January.

Hours will be Saturdays and Sundays from Noon-9 pm and Tuesday-Friday 3-9 pm. Check the City of Barnesville Facebook page and website for updates on the opening date for the rink.

This year skaters will notice that Barnesville Municipal Power has installed brand new LED lights at the rink. This energy efficient lights will provide better security for the kids who are skating.

The City is pleased to have made this improvement!



BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • November 13, 2017

This is a summary of the minutes. The complete minutes are available online at www.barnesvillemn.com or at City Hall.

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

11-13-17-01 Motion Davis, second Strom to approve the agenda as presented, with the additions of the appointment of Paula Dobmeier to the HRA Board of Commissioners and approval of the Barnesville Fire Dept. gambling permit for January 26, 2018. Motion carried.

11-13-17-02 Motion Rick, second Goedtke to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried

11-13-17-03 Motion Davis, second Rick to open the public hearing on property maintenance assessments at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried.

11-13-17-04 Motion Davis, second Rick to close the public hearing on the property maintenance assessments at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried.

11-13-17-05 Motion Davis, second Rick to certify the charges to the County Auditor for the 2017 property maintenance assessments. Motion carried.

11-13-17-06 Motion Goedtke, second Brown to table the property maintenance violation at 508 6th Street NW until the December regular council meeting. Motion carried.

11-13-17-07 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve the proposed Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried.

11-13-17-08 Motion Davis, second Rick to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2017-07, amending Chapter 4-01, Sec. 3-0101-3-0103, and regarding Building Permit fees. Motion carried.

11-13-17-09 Motion Goedtke, second Brown to approve to match the Park Board's fundraising in the amount of \$100,000.00, up to a maximum of \$130,000.00. Motion carried.

11-13-17-10 Motion by Davis, second Goedtke to approve the Election resolution. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, Brown and Field. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.

11-13-17-11 Motion Field, second Rick to approve the transfer of the drain tile that was installed by the EDA in the Del Acres Gilbertson 2nd Addition to the City. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

CHILLER CHANNEL ENDS DEC 31

The Chiller channel, channel 82 on the Barnesville Cable TV system will go black on December 31. At this time no replacement is being planned for that channel.

WE NEED TO READ YOUR METER!

As the winter progresses and the snow continues to pile up, City residents are asked to make sure a pathway is clear to all meters. If the meter readers are unable to read your meters, your bills will be estimated in the winter months.

Thank you for helping make this cold job a little more pleasant!



RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!

Don't know what to do with those old or non-working holiday lights? Making the switch to energy efficient LED holiday lights? Recycle your old lights with our unique holiday light recycling program!

Recycle Your Holidays™ is a one-of-a-kind statewide holiday light recycling program. Clay County is partnering with Heartland Industries to bring "Recycle Your Holidays" to Clay County. Clay County residents can drop-off their unwanted light strands at the Barnesville Recycling Center.

If you have questions about the program please call or email Shannon Thompson, Clay County Environmental Programs, 218.299.7329 or Shannon.thompson@co.clay.mn.us.



BARNESVILLE WATER UPDATE

PeopleService INC.
Water & Wastewater Professionals

TOILETS ARE NOT TRASH CANS!

In recent months, PeopleService staff have been finding an increased amounts of "materials" including **rags** in the City's sewer system.

Some items may be labeled "flushable" but are should NOT be flushed as they do not break down in the sanitary sewer system. As these items accumulate within the sewer pipes, they restrict the flow and eventually cause blockages. This leads to sanitary sewer backups and/or overflows, which are harmful to the environment and costly for both homeowners and the city.

THE ONLY ITEMS YOU SHOULD FLUSH DOWN THE TOILET: Bodily wastes & toilet paper!

Do not flush the following items:

- Baby wipes/diapers
- Rags & towels
- Tampon applicators
- Kleenex
- Cotton swabs
- Syringes
- Kitty litter
- Aquarium gravel
- Sponges
- Sanitary napkins
- Cigarette butts
- Hair
- Oils and grease
- Unused medications

If we all work together we can make sure our sewer system stays in good working order!

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