

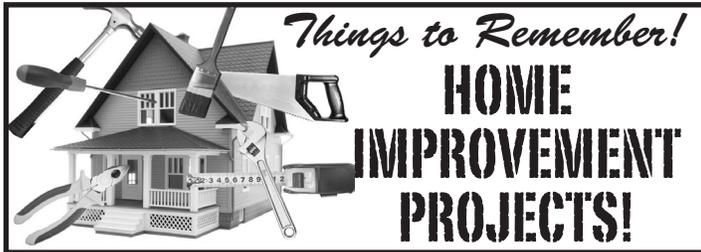
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A Monthly Newsletter for our Utility Customers

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SWITCHING TO NATURAL GAS?

If you're planning to change your furnace or water heater to natural gas, the city requires the contractor to obtain a Gas Piping Permit (\$26), in addition, the new gas lines from the meter to the appliance must be tested for leaks. When you choose to use a flexible and shielded gas line, a bonding wire must be installed by an electrician.



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.

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.

You must obtain a permit before starting work. Just applying does not meet requirements.

Permits are issued for a 6 month period. For larger projects, like homes, we will automatically extend your permit. In the case of small remodeling projects, roofing, decks, siding, etc. the 6 month limit applies.

Building permit apps are available at City Hall and at www.barnesvillemn.com. **Questions?** Call our Building Official Sid Fossan at 218.689.7539.

HANDRAILS ARE NEEDED!

Safety first! An uninterrupted handrail is required on at least one side of all stairs in a dwelling or stairs attached to an exterior deck.

PLANNING TO BUILD A FENCE ?

There are a few rules when it comes to fences.

- ✓ Fences, including any underground footings must be located entirely on your property.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ All posts used in the construction of fencing shall be faced inward to the area being fenced.
- ✓ The maximum fence height along rear and side property lines is 6 feet.
- ✓ Fences located in required front yards shall not exceed 36" in height except fences that are at least 75% open may be 48 inches.
- ✓ Always call 811 at least 48 hours before you start your fence project to have underground utility lines located. It could save your life.

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • March 11, 2019

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

Acting Mayor Field called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council members Don Goedtke, David Brown, Scott Bauer, Tonya Stokka, Dawn Stuvland and Brad Field. Absent was Mayor Prim

03-11-19-01 Motion Goedtke second Stokka to approve the agenda as presented, and to remove the discussion of the Petition for Improvements at 108 5th Street SE. Motion carried.

03-11-19-02 Motion Stuvland, second Brown to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

03-11-19-03 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to accept the concept of the agreement with the City of Moorhead for municipal prosecution services. Motion carried.

03-11-19-04 Motion Stokka, second Field to enter into a purchase agreement contingent on successful proposal for the property at 908 Front Street South. Motion carried.

03-11-19-05 Motion Field, second Goedtke to approve the Master Service Agreement with Moore Engineering. Council member Stokka stated that she would recuse herself from the vote due to a conflict of interest. Voting aye: Goedtke, Stuvland, Field, Bauer, and Brown. Motion carried.

03-11-19-06 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to approve the Resolution authorizing the adoption of the Wastewater Collection System and Treatment System Improvements Facility Plan. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Field, Bauer and Brown. Motion carried.

03-11-19-07 Motion Field, second Stokka to approve the First Amendment to the Distribution System Operations and Maintenance Agreement, changing the response time to 30 minutes. Motion carried.

03-11-19-08 Motion Stokka, second Brown to authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to purchase the 2014 ALTEC 45 ft. bucket with a jib and winch mounted on a 2014 Dodge 5500, diesel 4 x 2 chassis for \$104,900.00 plus taxes and fees. Motion carried.

Acting Mayor Field adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

24 HOUR BATTERY BACKUP AVAILABLE

If you are a Barnesville resident who receives telephone, internet or Cable TV from the City of Barnesville, should there be a power outage, the fiber termination system which we provided has a battery backup unit, ensuring that primary phone service, including 911 continues for 8-16 hours. Note that internet and Cable TV service will stop in the case of a power outage.

The City of Barnesville is now providing the option for a 24 hour battery backup unit. These are available at City Hall and can be purchased at our cost. Call 354.2292 for more information.

SUMMER FIREHALL LIQUOR HOURS

Our Summer Hours start on **Wednesday, May 1!**

Monday - Wednesday	11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Thursday - Saturday	10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday	11:00 am - 4:00 pm

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.

Questions contact City Hall at 354-2292



N/W/S

BARNESVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE

FLUSHING OF WATER MAINS MAY 27 - JUNE 7

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 Charlie at 218.531.3383 or Mike 218.234.3660.

APRIL 15 HARDNESS: 25

THANK YOU DAVID BROWN!

Barnesville Ward 2 Councilman **David Brown** has resigned to take a job in Indiana. We thank David for his service since May 2017!

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