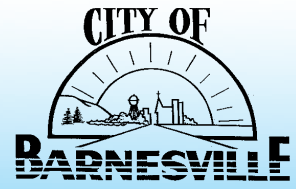


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## PUBLIC POWER WEEK

OCTOBER 4-10, 2020  
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*Stop by City Hall*  
OCTOBER 4-10  
**FOR A FREE LED LIGHT BULB**  
Limit three per household

About 12% of the energy you use in your home goes to lighting. Replace your incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs. LED bulbs will last up to 6 times longer and average \$25 in lifetime savings!

**Watch your kid's backpacks for Frontline Hero Coloring Contest for kids in grades 1-3. Kids can win up to \$25 in Barnesville Bucks!**

## PLAN AHEAD - ABSENTEE VOTING!

If you want to vote by absentee ballot in the Presidential Election on Tuesday, November 3, there are **two options**: 1) complete an application for an absentee ballot. Applications are available on the Minnesota Secretary of State website, the City of Barnesville website or at City Hall. The completed application form needs to be returned to the Clay County Auditor's Office, PO Box 280, Moorhead, MN 56560; 2) In-person absentee voting will be offered at the Clay County Courthouse on Saturday, October 31 from 10 am - 3 pm and on Monday, November 2 from 8 am - 5 pm.

Voting absentee for the General Election will eliminate the need to go to the voting site on election day. It is an option to avoid crowds at the polling site. When you vote by absentee you can track the status of your ballot and confirm that it was received and counted.

**Voters will be encouraged to wear masks at the voting site.**

If you have any questions about voting, please contact City Clerk Jeri Reep at City Hall, 354-2292.

## CITY HALL IS OPEN COLUMBUS DAY

City Hall will be open on Monday, October 12

## FALL LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULED

Fuchs Sanitation, in cooperation with the City has scheduled two special leaf pick-ups.

The first on **Friday, October 16th** and the second on **Friday, October 23rd**.

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

Residents may also dispose of leaves - no bags - at the compost pile at the Burn Site, located near the Public Works shop.



## HOME-BASED BUSINESS OWNER?

Are you a home-based business owner who lives in Barnesville and whose business suffered a financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

The City of Barnesville just launched a **NEW Relief Grant Program** for you! Check out the details at [barnesvillemn.com](http://barnesvillemn.com) or call the EDA office at 354.2145. Applications are due on Thursday, October 8.

## GET YOUR E-MAIL WHEN YOU'RE GONE!

All Barnesville Internet customers have **FREE** access to Webmail services, available anywhere that you have internet access, simply by going to [www.bvillemn.net](http://www.bvillemn.net) and click on Webmail Access on the left side. You will need to enter your entire e-mail address and e-mail password, then you can read, write and respond to all your e-mails. Forgotten your password or just need help? Call the Internet Help Desk at 354-2222.

Going south? To utilize Webmail, you will need to put your phone and internet service on winter hold, which is a \$15 month charge. For more info call City Hall at 354-2292.

**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting • August 10, 2020**

Via Teleconference as authorized by  
Minn. Stat. 13D.021, subd. 1(4)

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 Rick called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council members Scott Bauer, Tonya Stokka, Dawn Stuvland, Alyssa Bergman, Don Goedtke, and Brad Field

08-10-20-01 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the agenda, with the following additions: approval of the charitable gambling permit for the Assumption Church, approval of Change Order #4 for the Wastewater Treatment Facility, and approval of the architect proposal for Old City Hall. Motion carried.

08-10-20-02 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

08-10-20-03 Motion Bergman, second Goedtke to approve the School Resource Officer contract with the School District 146, until December 31, 2020. Motion carried.

08-10-20-04 Motion Stokka, second Bauer to approve the naming of the trail in Blue Eagle Park the Dave Riddering Trail. Motion carried.

08-10-20-05 Motion Field, second Bergman to approve the request from the School District 146 to build a Crow's Nest in George Dahm Park. Motion carried.

08-10-20-06 Motion Bauer, second Stokka to approve Change Order #4 for the Del Acres Gilbertson Addition in the amount of \$6,475.00. Motion carried.

08-10-20-07 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve Change Order No. 4 for the Wastewater Treatment System Improvements. Motion carried.

08-10-20-08 Motion Field, second Bergman to approve the resolution increasing the cable rates. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Berman and Field. The following were absent: none. Motion carried.

08-10-20-09 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to accept the proposal from YHR Partners in the amount of \$23,000.00 for the Old City Hall Opera House Architectural plans. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Emergency Meeting • August 25, 2020**

Via Teleconference as authorized by  
Minn. Stat. 13D.021, subd. 1(4)

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 Rick called this emergency council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members present were Council members Scott Bauer, Dawn Stuvland, Tonya Stokka, Alyssa Bergman, and Brad Field. Absent: Don Goedtke

08-25-20-01 Motion Stokka, second Field to approve Change Order No. 5 on the Wastewater Lagoon Rehab Project. Voted aye: Stokka, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman, and Field. Those voted nay: none. Absent: Goedtke. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

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**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.

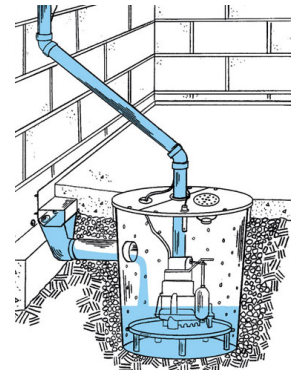
**ONLY IF property owners apply for a waiver through City Hall are they allowed to discharge sump pumps into the sanitary sewer from November 1 to March 31.**

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.

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

Care should be taken so the discharge doesn't cause icing problems on sidewalks or streets. For more info or to apply for a waiver, call City Hall at 354.2292.



**N/W/S**   
**WATER MAIN**  
**FLUSHING**  
**SEPT. 28 - OCT. 9**

PeopleService will be flushing water mains Sept. 28 - Oct. 9 **The flushing will occur generally between 6 am - 8 pm.** This may cause some temporary discoloration of your water. To remove the discoloration, just turn on several faucets in or outside your home or business, and leave the water run until it clears.

Flushing is required by the state to clean out any sediment from the mains prior to the winter.

Water questions? Call **Charlie Revering** at (218) 531-3383.

**WATER HARDNESS READING SEPT. 2020**

The September 17, 2020 hardness reading taken by North West Services is **31**.

# WHAT KIND OF BUSINESSES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN BARNESVILLE?

The Barnesville Economic Development Authority (EDA) is actively involved in recruiting both retail and commercial businesses to locate here. A common question asked by people who are thinking about starting a business in Barnesville is, "What kind of businesses do you need in Barnesville?"



So, we want you to tell us....**What kind of businesses does Barnesville need?** The real key to your answer is what kind of businesses would you patronize? For a business to succeed it needs customers.

*What businesses would you like to see on the corner south of Dollar General or in vacant downtown buildings?*

**Know someone we should contact to start a specific business....please write name/phone on back!**

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