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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

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THE "PERFECT" CHRISTMAS GIFT!



The perfect Christmas gift that is sure to be used is a Gift Card which can be used at either **Firehall Liquors** OR **Willow Creek Golf Course**. The cards, which are rechargeable, are available at Firehall Liquors. Great stocking idea as well!

DECEMBER 31 REBATE DEADLINE

Residents are reminded that December 31 is the deadline to submit rebate forms for purchases made during 2021. Forms and rebate details are available online at brightenergysolutions.com or barnesvillemn.com or at City Hall.

SPECIAL CITY HOLIDAY HOURS

Garbage Collection: Garbage will be picked up on Friday, December 24 and 31 as normal.

City Hall: CLOSED Friday, Dec. 24 & Dec. 31

Liquor Store: Closed Sun. Dec. 5 for inventory
OPEN Friday, Dec. 24: 10-3; Closed Dec. 25,
OPEN Friday, Dec. 31: 10 am - 10 pm;
Closed Saturday, January 1

We expect to be **MOVING sometime in December watch for updates on Facebook & Record-Review



WE NEED YOUR OPINION!



PLEASE TAKE 2 MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE

**BARNESVILLE
PARKS SURVEY**



WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/BVILLEPARKSURVEY

CALLER ID "SPOOFING" NOTICE

Caller ID service is currently susceptible to fraud known as Caller ID "spoofing". The term Caller ID Spoofing is a practice where the calling party uses commonly available technology to falsify the number of the telephone line from which the call is made, the name of the calling party, or both as they appear on the called party's Caller ID screen. This practice has the potential for fraud and harm to the called party.

To protect yourself, don't trust the Caller ID screen displays. If what the caller is saying does not seem legitimate, do not divulge personal information until you can verify the source, by hanging up and calling them back on a verified number (from mailed statement/printed directory).

Questions? www.fcc.gov, search "spoofing".

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

The City's Truth in Taxation hearing will be **Monday, Dec. 13 at 7 pm** in the City Council Chambers. The 2022 final budget will be adopted along with the 2022 tax levy.



CITY OF BARNESVILLE

**WATER HARDNESS
NOVEMBER 17, 2021**

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BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • October 11, 2021

Regular City Council Meetings are held the second Monday of every month beginning at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers located at the rear of City Hall. The public are welcome. The agenda is posted on the City's website and Facebook page.

These are summaries of the minutes. The complete minutes are available online at www.barnesvillemn.com or at City Hall.

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

10-11-21-01 Motion Stuvland, second Goedke to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of the discussion of handicap parking at 308 5th Ave. SE. Motion carried.

10-11-21-02 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

10-11-21-03 Motion Stokka, second Bauer to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2021-04, relating to rules and definitions, moved buildings, and accessory structures in residential districts. Motion carried.

10-11-21-04 Motion Stokka, second Bauer to approve the Summary Ordinance 2021-04. Motion carried.

10-11-21-05 Motion Goedke, second Stokka to approve the new proposal for a building and rezoning of the property from C-2, to a R-2 Residential district at 403 Front Street North for Chris and Michelle Hoppe., and approve the variance. Voting aye: Stokka, Goedtk, Bauer, and Field. Voting nay: Stuvland and Bergman. Motion carried.

10-11-21-06 Motion Goedtk, second Field to allow Chris and Michelle Hoppe to start construction on their building, prior to the 2nd

reading of the re-zoning amendment. Motion carried.

10-11-21-07 Motion Bauer, second Bergman to approve the Variance, with the conditions set forth in the variance, for the new Firehall Liquor Store. Motion carried.

10-11-21-08 Motion Stokka, second Goedtk to approve the placement of stop signs at the intersection of 5th Ave. and 3rd Street SE. Motion carried.

10-11-21-09 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to return to Stage 1 for water restrictions. Motion carried.

10-11-21-10 Motion Bauer, second Stokka to set the Commercial Condo assessments at 3% for a term of 15 years. Motion carried.

10-11-21-11 Motion Bauer, second Bergman to approve the resolution declaring cost to be assessed, and ordering preparation of proposed assessment. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtk, Stuvland, Bauer,

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting • October 4, 2021

Mayor Rick called this special meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at Stoneridge Software, 118 Front Street South. Member's present were Council members Brad Field, Tonya Stokka, Dawn Stuvland, Scott Bauer, Alyssa Bergman, and Don Goedtk

10-04-21-01 Motion by Mr. Field and second by Mrs. Stokka to offer the City Administrator position to Brenda Andrews, with a salary of \$100,000.00 and after a six-month review for the salary to be increased to \$105,000.00. Council members next discussed vacation and sick hours. Also discussed were the moving expenses, and housing expenses.

10-04-21-02 Motion by Mr. Field and second by Mr. Goedtk to amend the motion to include up to \$5,000.00 in moving expense, and a \$2,000 housing expense for Ms. Andrews. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

JOIN US FOR ALL OF THE HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS!

City Tree Lighting

Gather with us at Friendship Park on Wednesday, December 1st as we all enjoy hot cocoa and cookies and light the community Christmas tree at 6:00 pm! KFGO will be broadcasting LIVE from the event. Stick around downtown, as there will be a lot more going on as well! Follow the Main Street Facebook Page for more details!

Toy Drive

The Main Street Program and Barnesville Chiropractic and Fitness Center to sponsor the area Toy Drive. This year they are graciously asking for donations of gift cards or Barnesville Bucks for our elves to do some personal shopping for the ones in need this Christmas. If you find it in your heart to donate, you can call the Barnesville Chiropractic & Fitness Center to arrange drop off of your donation.

"Making Spirits Bright" Holiday Decorating Contest

We want to see your decorations! Simply, send a picture of your decorating to the Main Street Program through Facebook Messenger or email mainstreet@barnesvillemn.com. They will then get added to an album on Facebook. Votes will be in the form of reactions on Facebook (Likes or Loves). There will be two categories, one for inside photos and one for outside photos. There will be a grand prize for each winner of the two categories. Each person who enters will also get their name in a drawing for other prizes! The contest starts NOW and runs through December 17th! Entries must be located within the Barnesville School District.

"Put Your Money Where Your Heart Is" Shopping Promotion

Get rewarded for shopping local this holiday season! Grab a card at participating businesses, visit all of the participating businesses and get your card stamped at each one. Fill out your name and contact information on the back of the card and drop it in the mail or city utility bill box to get your name in a drawing for some amazing prizes!

Turkey Drawings

The Main Street Program will again be sponsoring the Turkey Giveaway this year! Sign up while you are shopping at local participating businesses. Ten lucky winners will be notified after the drawing on Friday, December 17th.



How Can I Tell if the Water in My Home Has Too Much Lead?

There is no safe level of lead. If there is lead in your home environment, you should take steps to reduce your exposure. Many laboratories can test your water to see if it contains lead. [Search for Accredited Laboratories](https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accruitedlabs/labsearch.seam) (<https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accruitedlabs/labsearch.seam>) to purchase a sample container and get instructions on how to submit a sample.

How Can I Test My Child for Lead Exposure?

If you are concerned about your child's lead exposure, call your doctor, local health department, or the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4620 or 800-657-3908 to find out how to have your child tested. Find out more information about child lead poisoning prevention by visiting [Childhood Lead Exposures](https://data.web.health.state.mn.us/web/mmda/lead) (<https://data.web.health.state.mn.us/web/mmda/lead>).

Is My Water Still Safe to Use?

Before drinking your water, make sure you follow the actions recommended in the "How Can I Reduce My Exposure to Lead in Water?" section of this brochure.

You can safely use your water for cleaning, bathing, and other household uses.

Lead is everywhere in the environment. We recommend you take steps to minimize exposure to all sources of lead. Learn more at [Lead in Drinking Water](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html) <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html>

For More Information

For more information, call

Dave Wang - Barnesville Water Technician at:
(701)- 261-5039

Visit our website at: www.barnesvillemn.com

Visit the Minnesota Department Health website:
[Lead in Drinking Water](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html)
(<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html>).

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit [Lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) (<http://www.epa.gov/lead>), or contact your health care provider. This notice is being sent to you by



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Important Information about Lead in Your Drinking Water



City of Barnesville
has found elevated levels of lead in
drinking water in 2 of the 10
homes/buildings that were tested in
September

Lead can cause serious health problems,
especially for pregnant women and young
children.

Please read this information closely to see
what you can do to reduce lead in your
drinking water.

What Are the Health Effects of Lead?

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body.

The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children.

Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Lead can be stored in the bones, and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development.

What Are the Sources of Lead?

Lead is rarely found in natural sources of water such as rivers and lakes or underground aquifers.

You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. The most common way for Minnesotans to come in contact with lead is through lead-based paint found in homes built before 1978.

Visit [Lead Poisoning Prevention: Common Sources](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/fs/common.html) (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/fs/common.html) to learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water. Lead can get into drinking water after it leaves the treatment plant, as it passes through your household plumbing system. Homes built before 1940 may have lead service lines that connect them to public water. Plumbing systems built before 1986 may have lead parts. New "lead free" pipes and plumbing parts may still contain 0.25% lead. Brass parts may also

contain some lead. Note that many faucets are made of brass even if they do not have a "brass" color. The amount of lead that gets into drinking water depends on many factors, such as the amount of lead in plumbing materials, water chemistry, and water usage.

How Can I Reduce My Exposure to Lead in Water?

1. **Let the water run** before using it for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line, let the water run for 3-5 minutes. If you do not have a lead service line, let the water run for 30-60 seconds. The more time water has been sitting in your pipes, the more lead it may contain.
 - You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or by reading: [Do you have lead pipes in your home?](https://apps.npr.org/find-lead-pipes-in-your-home/en/#intro) (https://apps.npr.org/find-lead-pipes-in-your-home/en/#intro)
 - Ways to let the water run before using it for drinking or cooking:
 - Do household tasks like showering or running the dishwasher first
 - Collect tap water for cleaning or watering plants
 - Make sure you let the water run from individual faucets for a short time before using them for drinking or cooking.
 - Consider keeping a container of drinking water in the refrigerator to reduce how often you need to let the water run.
2. **Use cold water** for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water. Boiling water does not reduce lead levels and may actually increase them.
3. **Test your water.** The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure.

4. **Treat your water** or find an alternative source if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run. You can learn more about water treatment options at [Home Water Treatment](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/hometreatment.html) (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/hometreatment.html).

What Did We Find?

City of Barnesville analyzed tap water samples taken from a number of locations at random throughout the city. Some of the samples were above the action level for lead.

What Are We Doing about the Issue?

Lead can get into drinking water after it leaves the treatment plant as it passes through your household plumbing system. Homes built before 1940 may have lead service lines that connect them to public water. Plumbing systems built before 1986 may have lead parts. New "lead-free" pipes and plumbing parts may still contain 0.25% lead.

Working with the Minnesota Department of Health we will be increasing our testing for lead and copper to every six months. As a department we are working on optimizing the orthophosphate in the distribution pipes. In addition to the above plan, we are now back to filtering all water through the water plant along with having the water tower back online.

With the new infrastructure bill that President Biden signed **on November 16**, as a city we will be requesting the funds to replace the older watermain sections throughout town that are more likely to have the issue with lead. We are waiting on the answer to this request.

In the meantime, if you want to check if your home's water has lead, you may have your water tested: RMB Environmental Laboratories Inc (888) 200-5770 Detroit Lakes, MN