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2024 Utility Rate Changes

Each year Barnesville residents see a few small changes to utility rates. These increases help cover the cost of the new water tower and lagoons.

On the bill you receive the end of January:

- Sewer volume charges increase to \$6.42
- Water usage charge increase to \$3.51
- Water, Sewer, Stormwater replacement funds each increase to \$3.51 month.

Welcome, Congrats, Thank you!

Welcome **Andrew Olson**, who has been hired as a new Water Technician. **Averil Whiteford** has been promoted to Ambulance Manager on the resignation of longtime Ambulance Manager **Scott Nelson**. Thanks Scott for your service!



Special Christmas Tree Pick-up

The City has scheduled two dates to pick-up Christmas trees - **Friday, January 19 and Friday, February 2**. Residents should leave their trees in the same area as their garbage containers. No extra stickers or tags are needed.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Mayor Jason Rick, Barnesville City Council and all the City of Barnesville employees wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season and all the best in the new year ahead !

Present this coupon for

10% off  **FIREHALL LIQUORS**

Your Entire Regular Priced Purchase 721 Front Street North **Open 7 days a week!**

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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.

Special Holiday Hours

City Hall: CLOSED Monday, January 1 and

Monday, Jan. 15 - Martin Luther King's Birthday

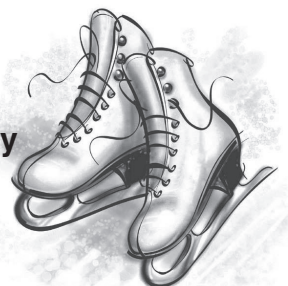
Liquor Store: OPEN Sun. Dec. 31, 11 am - 6 pm:
CLOSED Monday, January 1

Ice Skating Rinks

Barnesville now has TWO Ice Skating Rinks! The one near Blue Eagle Lake is now open and available all the time, without a warming house.

The original Barnesville Ice Skating Rink, located at the corner of 3rd Street and 7th Avenue SE, will open the first or second week in January. Plans are to have the warming house open and skates will be available at no charge.

Skating Rink Hours will be **Saturdays and Sundays from Noon-9 pm and Tuesday-Friday 3:30-9 pm**. Check the City's Facebook page and website for updates on the opening date.



BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • November 13, 2023

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 Tonya Stokka, Dawn Stuvland, Scott Bauer, Alyssa Bergman, Don Goedtko, and Brad Field

11-13-23-01 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of the discussion of the City Administrator 12-month review. Motion carried.

11-13-23-02 Motion Stuvland, second Goedtko to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried

11-13-23-03 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to open the Public Hearing for the Improvement No. 2023-01, MN TH 9/Front Street Reconstruction Project at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried.


11-13-23-04 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to close the public hearing at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.

11-13-23-05 Motion Field, second Goedtko to approve the 2023-01 MN TH 9/Front Street Reconstruction Project resolution. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtko, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Motion carried.


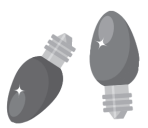




11-13-23-06 Motion Bauer, second Stuvland to approve the CUP for Jeremy and Chandler Burnside to allow outside storage on their commercial property. Motion carried.

11-13-23-07 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2023-10, amending the City Code related to the Police Dept. fee schedule. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.



CITY OF BARNESVILLE
WATER HARDNESS
READING **28**
December 15, 2023

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HEAT FROM THE SUN Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows. 	LOWER YOUR HOLIDAY LIGHTING COSTS Use LED holiday light strings to reduce the cost of decorating your home for the winter holidays. 
COVER DRAFTY WINDOWS Use a heavy-duty plastic sheet or clear plastic film on the inside of your window frames during the cold winter months. Make sure the plastic is sealed tightly to the frame to help reduce infiltration. 	ADJUST THE TEMPERATURE When you're home & awake set your thermostat as low as is comfortable. When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours and save around 10% a year on your heating and cooling bills. 
REDUCE HEAT LOSS FROM THE FIREPLACE Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning. Keeping the damper open is like keeping a window wide open during the winter; it allows warm air to go right up the chimney. If you never use your fireplace, plug and seal the chimney flue. 	FIND AND SEAL LEAKS Seal the air leaks around utility cut-throughs for pipes, gaps around chimneys and recessed lights in insulated ceilings, and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets. Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows. 

We Need To Read Your Meter!

Not all homes have been converted to auto read meters. For those who haven't been converted, we would ask that those residents make sure a pathway is clear to all meters. If meter readers are unable to access your meters, your bills will be estimated in the winter months. Not sure if you are on auto-read or not? Call City Hall at 218.354.2292.



Thanks for helping make this cold job easier!

Do you have a child who is graduating and going to college next fall?

LINEWORKER/POWERLINE SCHOLARSHIPS*

Up to seven (7) scholarships of **\$2,000**

Deadline to Apply
MARCH 15, 2024

Awarded to students enrolling in a full-time electrical lineworker or powerline program next fall at one of seven eligible technical colleges in the Upper Midwest. Applicants do not need to reside in a household receiving electric service from an MRES member utility.

Eligible technical colleges include the following schools: Bismarck State College (Bismarck, ND); Dakota County Technical College (Rosemount, MN); Minnesota West Community and Technical College (Granite Falls, MN); Minnesota West Community and Technical College (Jackson, MN); Minnesota State Community and Technical College (Wadena, MN); Mitchell Technical College (Mitchell, SD); and Northwest Iowa Community College (Sheldon, IA)



For more information or to apply online, visit **mrenergy.com**.



Scholarship applications open Dec. 1 and close March 15 at 5pm CDT.

*The MRES scholarship program is administered by Kaleidoscope, and awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.

