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Recycling Calendar**  
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## 2025 Utility Rate Changes

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

### On the bill you receive the end of January:

- Sewer volume charges increase to \$6.61
- Water usage charge increase to \$3.62
- Water, Sewer, Stormwater replacement funds each increase to \$3.62 month

## Digital TV Price Increase

Red River Communications has adjusted their Digital TV pricing in response to the rising cost of content. Barnesville is passing on this increase to our customers. Price changes are reflected on your December utility bill as follows:

Basic Channel Package	\$ 71.81
Choice Channel Package	\$141.14
Premier Channel Package	\$155.80

NEW channels have been added to packages and several channels have MOVED. View new Channel Guide - [barnesvillemn.com/services/digital-tv](http://barnesvillemn.com/services/digital-tv).

## 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 Christmas Tree Pick-up

The City has scheduled two dates to pick-up Christmas trees - **Friday, January 10 and Friday, January 17.** Residents should leave their trees in the same area as their garbage containers. No extra stickers or tags are needed.

## NOTE: Christmas Wrapping Paper

**Christmas wrapping paper can NOT be recycled.** Wrapping paper should be placed in your regular garbage tote. Thank you for taking care to separate those materials.



Barnesville Area

*We've Moved!*

# FOOD PANTRY

The Barnesville Food Pantry has moved to a new location! They are closed for the move and will reopen on Monday, January 6. Their new location is the same brick building as Barnesville Ambulance. **Use the far WEST door.** This is north of the former Recycling Center building. Please do not park in front of the overhead doors of the Ambulance Garage. The hours will remain Mondays from 5-7 pm.

## *Happy New Year!*

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 !

## Special Holiday Hours

**City Hall:** CLOSED Wednesday, January 1 and

Monday, Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King's Birthday

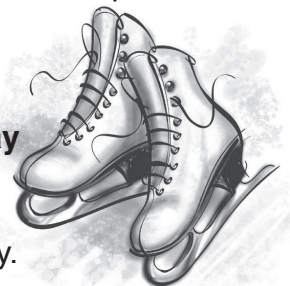
**Liquor Store:** OPEN Tues. Dec. 31, 10 am-10 pm;  
CLOSED Wednesday, January 1

## 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 at the corner of 3rd St. and 7th Ave. SE. has skates available at no charge and a warming house. Check the City's Facebook page and website for updates on the opening date.

Skating Rink Hours will be **Saturdays and Sundays from Noon-9 pm and Tuesday-Friday 3:30-9 pm.** Warming house hours subject to change, hours posted at warming house weekly.



**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting • November 12, 2024**


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](http://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 Dawn Stuvland, Scott Bauer, Don Goedtke, Alyssa Bergman, and Tonya Stokka. Absent was Council member Brad Field.

- 11-12-24-01 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- 11-12-24-02 Motion Stuvland, second Bergman to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- 11-12-24-03 Motion Goedtke, second Bergman to approve the MRES proposed rates and optional time of use rates. Motion carried.
- 11-12-24-04 Motion Bauer, second Bergman to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2024-09 amending the official zoning map of the City of Barnesville, as adopted in Section 7-0201 of the Barnesville City Code. Motion carried.
- 11-12-24-05 Motion Bauer, second Bergman to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2024-10, an ordinance for the Fire Department Key Lock Box. Motion carried.
- 11-12-24-06 Motion Bergman, second Stokka to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2024-11, an ordinance of special vehicles, motorized golf carts, neighborhood electric vehicles, utility task vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, and mini-truck. Motion carried.
- 11-12-24-07 Motion Bauer, second Goedtke to approve to submit a Preliminary Proposal to the Small Cities Development Program at the Department of Employment and Economic Development to rehabilitate commercial buildings and owner-occupied homes. Motion carried.
- 11-12-24-08 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to approve the resolution to certify the results of the November 5, 2024, election. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.



**CITY OF BARNESVILLE**  
**WATER HARDNESS**  
**READING**  
**December 18, 2024**

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# Holiday Lights Recycling Program

**December 1, 2024 - January 3, 2025**

<u><b>ACCEPTABLE:</b></u>	<u><b>NOT ACCEPTABLE:</b></u>
• HOLIDAY LIGHTS	• CORD ADAPTERS
• ELECTRICAL CORDS	• BATTERY PACKS
• PHONE CORDS	• LIGHTED DECORATIONS
• APPLIANCE CORDS	

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".

Barnesville residents can drop-off their lights at the **Barnesville Recycling Center**.

## Help Keep Energy Costs Down!

With January just around the corner, the really cold weather will soon be here. When it gets cold people tend to turn up the heat in their houses, in addition to regular electric use. When everyone in town does this, the community's demand for power can reach a point that the City's wholesale cost for electricity increases dramatically. If this happens, we are forced to raise everyone's rates.

**EVERYONE can help keep electric costs down** by reducing electric consumption between 7-10 am and 4-9 pm. When possible, wash and dry clothes, and run the dishwasher during the day or when you go to bed. Working together will save us all money!

## COLLEGE/UNDERGRAD SCHOLARSHIPS\*

Up to five (5) scholarships of **\$1,000**

(Renewable for up to three years for \$1,000 each year)

Awarded to students pursuing courses of study related to the electric industry: electrical technician, engineering, mathematics, science, energy management, accounting, communications, economics and more! To be eligible, graduating high school seniors must live in a home powered by an MRES member utility and enroll in a full-time undergraduate course at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or technical school.

Deadline to Apply  
**MARCH 14, 2025**



For more information or to apply online, visit **[mrenergy.com](http://mrenergy.com)**.



Scholarship applications open Dec. 1 and close March 14 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.

