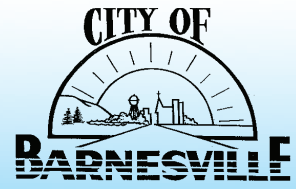


KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

NEW! OKTOBERFEST
Saturday, October 18
See Details Below!



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You're Invited! **Barnesville Fire Department OPEN HOUSE**



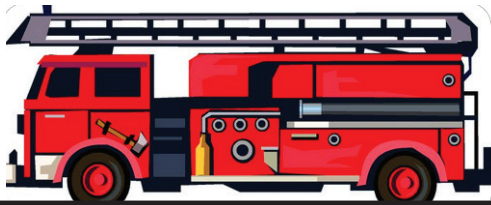
THURSDAY, OCT. 9 • 5-8 PM

Bring the whole family!

- We're grilling burgers & brats!
- See the trucks and equipment
- Tour the Fire Hall & Fire Museum

See You There!

119 3rd Avenue SE



**Saturday,
October 18th**
3:00 – 11:00 pm

Family Friendly!
Minors asked to leave at 8:00 pm

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|--------------------|------------------------------|
| ◆ German Food | ◆ Hammerschagen |
| ◆ Beer | ◆ Ax Throwing |
| ◆ Kids Activities | ◆ Firepits |
| ◆ Games & Contests | ◆ Polka Band |
| ◆ Souvenirs | ◆ Tripping Leslie' Live Band |



Scan to follow along for more updates!

City Hall is open on Columbus Day!

City Hall will be open on Monday, October 13

NO CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP!

Fuchs Sanitation will NOT be providing curbside pick-up of yard waste this year.

Residents can bring these materials to the city's compost pile, located near the City Shop. See map below. Place materials in correct piles! **NO BAGS!** Area is accessible 7 days a week during daylight.



Stop by City Hall

OCTOBER 6-9, 2025

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!

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • August 11, 2025

Regular City Council Meetings are held the second Monday of every month beginning at 6:30 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 6:30 p.m. Member's present were Council members Alyssa Bergman, Tonya Stokka, Scott Bauer, and Brad Field. Absent was Council member Dawn Stuvland and Don Goedtko.

08-11-25-01 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition to approve Katie Kemper job change from EMT to Paramedic. Motion carried.

08-11-25-02 Motion Bergman, second Stokka to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

08-11-25-03 Motion Bergman, second Stokka to approve the CUP from Strand Ace Hardware, with the conditions set forth in the CUP. Motion carried.

08-11-25-04 Motion Stokka, second Bauer to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2025-06, an ordinance regarding the definition of carport and garages. Motion carried.

08-11-25-05 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2025-07, an ordinance amending the City Code to add carports as a conditional use. Motion carried.

08-11-25-06 Motion Field, second Stokka to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2025-07, an ordinance regarding the time of use electrical rate schedule. Motion carried.

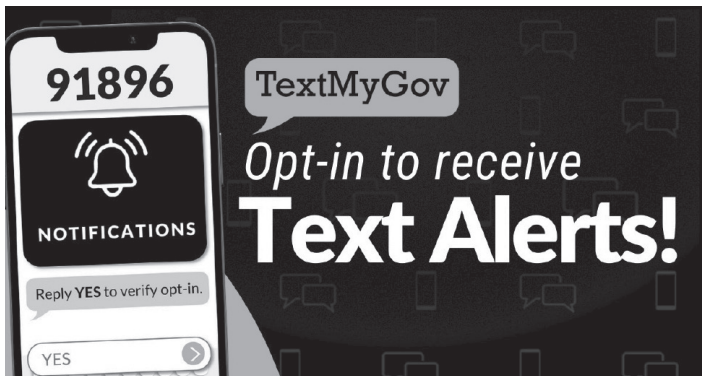
Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Reserve today for Holiday Events!

BARNESVILLE
Event Center

This beautiful, totally renovated space is perfect for company or family holiday events!

barnesvilleeventcenter.com 218.354.2292



Opt-in to any of the following:

- ▶ For City-wide notifications, text "**Barnesville**" to 91896
- ▶ For Emergency notifications, text "**BarnesvilleEmergency**" to 91896

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.

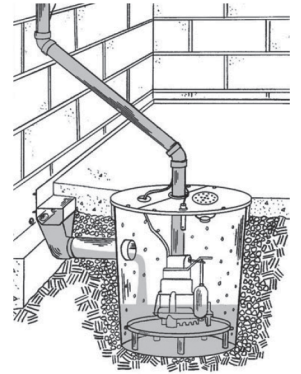
ONLY property owners who apply for a waiver through City Hall are allowed to discharge sump pumps into the sanitary sewer from November 1 to March 31!

Under the waiver requirements, the property owner agrees to pay an annual 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.



Get Your E-mail When You're Gone!

All Barnesville Internet customers have FREE access to Webmail services, available anywhere you have internet access, simply by going to www.bvillemn.net and clicking on Webmail Access on the left. You will need to enter your entire e-mail address and e-mail password, and then you can read, write and respond to all your e-mails. Forget your password or just need help? Call the Internet Help Desk at 218.354-2222.

Going south? To utilize Webmail, you will need to put your phone and internet service on winter hold, which is a \$15 monthly charge. For more info call City Hall at 218.354-2292.



CITY OF BARNESVILLE
WATER HARDNESS
READING
SEPT. 19, 2025

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NOTICE OF RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Notice to residential customer

(a) A municipal utility or a cooperative electric association must not disconnect and must reconnect the utility service of a residential customer during the period between October 1st and April 30th if the disconnection affects the primary

heat source for the residential unit and all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The household income of the customer is at or below 50 percent of the state median household income. A municipal utility or cooperative electric association utility may (i) verify income on forms it provides or (ii) obtain verification of income from the local energy assistance provider. A customer is deemed to meet the income requirements of this clause if the customer receives any form of public assistance, including energy assistance, that uses an income eligibility threshold set at or below 50 percent of the state median household income.

(2) A customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

(3) A customer receives referrals to energy assistance, weatherization, conservation, or other programs likely to reduce the customer's energy bills.

(b) A municipal utility or a cooperative electric association must, between August 15 and October 15 each year, notify all residential customers of the provisions of this section.

Notice to residential customer facing disconnection

Before disconnecting service to a residential customer during the period between October 1 and April 30, a municipal utility or cooperative electric association must provide the following information to a customer:

- (1) a notice of proposed disconnection;
- (2) a statement explaining the customer's rights and responsibilities;
- (3) a list of local energy assistance providers;
- (4) forms on which to declare inability to pay; and
- (5) a statement explaining available time payment plans and other opportunities to secure continued utility service.

Restrictions if disconnection necessary

(a) If a residential customer must be involuntarily disconnected between October 15 and April 15 for failure to comply with subdivision 1, the disconnection must not occur:

- (1) on a Friday, unless the customer declines to enter into a payment agreement offered that day in person or via personal contact by telephone by a municipal utility or cooperative electric association;
- (2) on a weekend, holiday, or the day before a holiday;

- (3) when utility offices are closed; or
- (4) after the close of business on a day when disconnection is permitted, unless a field representative of a municipal utility or cooperative electric association who is authorized to enter into a payment agreement, accept payment, and continue service, offers a payment agreement to the customer.

Further, the disconnection must not occur until at least 20 days after the notice required in subdivision 2 has been mailed to the customer or 15 days after the notice has been personally delivered to the customer.

(b) If a customer does not respond to a disconnection notice, the customer must not be disconnected until the utility investigates whether the residential unit is actually occupied. If the unit is found to be occupied, the utility must immediately inform the occupant of the provisions of this section. If the unit is unoccupied, the utility must give seven days' written notice of the proposed disconnection to the local energy assistance provider before making a disconnection.

(c) If, prior to disconnection, a customer appeals a notice of involuntary disconnection, as provided by the utility's established appeal procedure, the utility must not disconnect until the appeal is resolved.

Application to service limiters

For the purposes of this section, "disconnection" includes a service or load limiter or any device that limits or interrupts electric service in any way.

WHERE YOU CAN RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you need help paying your gas or electric utility bills, you may qualify for state or federal fuel assistance. For complete qualifications and application information, contact your local county human services office or Community/Citizen's Action Council (CAC). These organizations may also provide budget counseling.

Please call:

Energy Assistance
1-800-492-4805

Clay County Social Services
1-218-299-5200

Salvation Army
1-701-232-5565 Fargo-Moorhead
1-218-739-9692 Fergus Falls



*Know your rights
and responsibilities*



102 Front St N, PO Box 550
Barnesville, MN 56514
218-354-2292

Third Party Notification Form

If you have been served a notice of proposed disconnection by your utility you may want to alert a third party (friend, relative, church group or community agency) that a disconnection notice has been issued to you. The third party does have the right to contact the utility and provide information or work out a payment arrangement.

If you want a third party to be notified of the potential disconnection, please complete this form and return it to the utility.

Customer Name _____

Account Number _____

Service Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Third Party _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Third Party Home Phone _____

Third Party Work Phone _____

Third Party Signature _____ Date _____

The utility has my permission to provide information to and accept information from the third party named above.

Customer Signature _____ Date _____

This request will not be accepted without the third party's signature. The customer making this request understands that the utility assumes no liability for failure of third party to act upon notification.

Application for Winter Disconnect Inability to Pay Declaration Form

If you can't pay your full bills and need cold weather protection from utility shutoff, fill out this form and return it to you local utility immediately.

Name _____

Service Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Account from your utility bill _____

Total amount you owe \$ _____

Total annual (yearly) household income \$ _____ Number of persons in household (include yourself) _____

Source of income (circle appropriate sources)

Employment

AFC/D/GA

Disability/Social Security/Pension

GA Medical Care/Medical Assistance (I do not pay my own medical expenses)

Other _____

Please circle if any of the following exists in your home: Medical Emergency Disabled person in residence

Payment Arrangements (Inability to Pay)

I propose to pay my outstanding and future bills according to the following schedule of payments:

\$ _____ by (date) _____ \$ _____ by (date) _____

\$ _____ by (date) _____ \$ _____ by (date) _____

If you are the "Third Party" for the customer whose service is affected by this notice and are submitting this for that customer, please sign here.

Signature _____ Phone Number _____ Date _____

By signing this form, I hereby acknowledge that I have received, read and understand the Notice of Residential Customer's Rights and Responsibilities. I declare that the above information is true and correct. I give my permission to any energy provider or public assistance agency that services me to exchange income and billing information with other energy providers and my utility for the purpose of qualifications.

Customer Signature _____ Date _____