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Welcome Officer Cullen Poole!

On Monday, October 13, Mayor Jason Rick swore in Barnesville's brand new Police officer, **Cullen Poole**. Cullen was hired to replace officer Mark Pearson who recently retired after 26 years of service. Thank you Mark!

Cullen was born in Thief River Falls and grew up in Warroad. He graduated from Perham High School in 2023. After graduation he attended Alexandria Technical and Community College, graduating in Spring 2025 with an Associates Degree in Law Enforcement. Cullen and his fiancée Megan live in Barnesville.

Please welcome Cullen when you see him in the community!

Garbage Totes!

Are your garbage and/or recycling totes damaged and need to be replaced? Do you need an extra tote? Fuchs Sanitation can help! Just give them a call at 218.498.2875.



Keep Garbage Totes off the Street

Also, remember to place your garbage totes on **your driveway**, not on the street so they are not in the way of the plows!

Happy Thanksgiving!



Barnesville Veterans Day Program

Tuesday, November 11 • 9:00 AM

High School Gym - enter south high school door
The gymnasium is handicap-accessible

The program will include the main speaker, several patriotic musical selections by the BHS Choir and Band including an Armed Forces medley and Taps.

Following the program, everyone is invited to a brunch at the Barnesville VFW from 10-12 with egg bake, music and fruit.

THANK YOU for all the Barnesville residents who have served our country!

Winter Parking Restrictions

Barnesville winter parking restrictions state that after a snowfall of two inches or more, vehicles parked on any city street, that is not otherwise posted, must be removed prior to 8 am on the day following the day that the street is first plowed. Vehicles may not be returned until after such street has been widened to its full width.

Thanks for your help!



City Hall Closed Nov. 11 and 27

City Hall will be closed on **Tuesday, Nov. 11** in observance of Veteran's Day and **Thursday November 27** in observance of Thanksgiving.

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • September 8, 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 pm. Member's present were Council members Jason Rick, Don Goedtke, Alyssa Bergman, Brad Field, and Tonya Stokka. Members absent were Dawn Stuvland and Scott Bauer.

09-08-25-01 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
09-08-25-02 Motion Bergman, second Stokka to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.
09-08-25-03 Motion Field, second Goedtke to approve the 150 square foot variance for a detached accessory building with the conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission. Carried.

09-08-24-04 Motion Bergman, second Stokka to approve the 2nd Reading of the Amendment to Ordinance 24-05 - Definition of Carport and Garages. Motion carried.
09-08-25-05 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve the 2nd Reading - Amendment 25-06 allowing Carports as a Conditional Use. Motion carried.
09-08-25-06 Motion Field, second Bergman to approve the 2nd Reading of the Amendment to Ordinance 25-07 - Electric Rates - Time of Use 2026-2028. Motion carried.
09-08-25-07 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the Preliminary 2026 Levy. On a Roll Call vote, all voted in favor.
09-08-25-08 Motion Bergman, second Stokka to approve the Preliminary 2026 Budget as presented. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor.
09-08-25-09 Motion Goedtke, second Field to Approve the Resolution increasing the amount of the 2025 Public Works Storage Building Interfund Loan. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor.
09-08-25-10 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve consent for the Clay County HRA to levy for a Special Benefit Tax in the City of Barnesville 2026. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm.

We're Making it Easier to Communicate with and Hear from You!



Text BARNESVILLE to 91896 to sign-up for notifications OR to report issues, text Hi! to 218.228.8222

Caller ID "Spoofing" Notice

Caller ID service is very susceptible to fraud known as Caller ID "spoofing". The term Caller ID Spoofing refers to a practice whereby 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, do not take what the Caller ID screen displays for granted. 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 a mailed statement or printed directory).

If you would like more information on spoofing, visit www.fcc.gov, search "spoofing".

Secure Your Wireless Internet!

If you're using your router to create a wireless connection within your home, be sure that you have a secure connection requiring a password. With the popularity of iPads we're seeing more people sitting in parked cars and tapping into unsecured wireless connections. Your unique IP address could be attached to all sorts of activity and websites. Not sure if your in-home wireless connection is secure? Call the Internet Help Desk at 354-2222 - 24/7/365 and they would be happy to help!



CITY OF BARNESVILLE
WATER HARDNESS
READING
October 17, 2025

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TAKE JACK BACK
PUMPKIN COMPOSTING
November 1st-14th

Did you know? Pumpkins CAN NOT go into yard waste piles.

Pumpkins will now be reused for compost on a local farm!

Barnesville Recycling Center

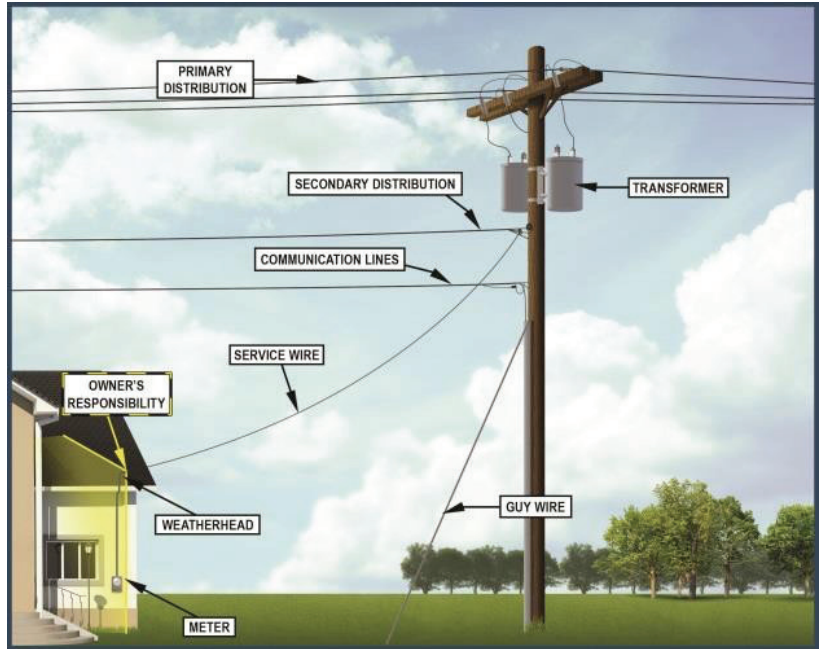
BARNESVILLE TREE TRIMMING POLICY



TREE BRANCHES

It is the property owner's responsibility to trim back any trees or vegetation on your property that are too close to or in contact with service wires, communication lines or secondary power lines. The service drop line connects from the utility pole to your home.

The communication lines (which provide phone or cable service to your home) are typically the lowest line on a utility pole.



If your trees need trimming, we recommend you hire a qualified tree trimmer, such as Carr's Tree Service which the city uses, to safely remove foliage that is too close to power lines. Most qualified companies will make arrangements with the Barnesville Public Utilities to do an electrical safety prune, or to deenergize and temporarily move the power line.

DEAD OR UPROOTED TREES

We do not remove dead or uprooted trees in your yard but will assist in making the tree safe for the owner to finish the removal with a safety prune or by deenergizing and temporarily relocating the power line. Dead or dying boulevard trees may be put on a schedule for removal based on priority of the hazard present.

TREES ALONG ROADWAYS OR STREETS

High voltage distribution lines and transmission lines that run along a roadway or street are on a set schedule for tree trimming by the Barnesville Public Utilities. The city is also on a set schedule for maintaining vehicle clearance on city streets. Any additional or aesthetic trimming is the responsibility of the homeowner. However, please report any branches or trees that need immediate attention.

STORM DAMAGED TREES OR BRANCHES

When severe weather causes trees or other vegetation to fall across power lines and create power outages Public Utilities will trim or remove fallen trees that may be interfering with power restoration. After the power has been restored and it is deemed safe, disposal of any wood, limbs or debris resulting from this type of emergency is the property owner's responsibility. Public Utilities may also remove branches from boulevard trees that are deemed a hazard to property or pedestrians.

For questions or more information contact the City of Barnesville at 218.354.2292

YOU COULD SAVE A LIFE BY ADOPTING A FIRE HYDRANT
In an emergency, every second counts, help us keep hydrants clear!

EVERYONE who
adopts a Fire
Hydrant receives a
FREE
BLIZZARD!

Courtesy of the
Barnesville Dairy Queen



The 5 people
who do the best job of
keeping their hydrant
clean all winter will
each get \$50 in
Barnesville
Bucks!



**WHEN
SECONDS
COUNT**



**YOUR HYDRANT
MATTERS!**

- REMOVE ICE AND SNOW
- KEEP 3 FT CLEAR SURROUNDING
- CLEAR A PATH TO THE ROAD



KEEP'EM CLEAR

If there's a fire hydrant near your house,
help keep it accessible this winter:

DO YOUR PART SO THEY CAN DO THEIRS



CLEAR -AWAY ZONE
Remove any snow and ice
Clear a wide enough perimeter
around the hydrant for firefighters
to work (about 3 feet)
Clear a path from hydrant to street

ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT!

There are 146 fire hydrants in Barnesville. In the case of a fire in winter, having access to a fire hydrant can be a matter of life and death. **CAN YOU ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT** to protect your family and neighborhood? Please complete this form and e-mail to cityforms@bvillemn.net or bring to City Hall. **THANK YOU!**

The hydrant is in front of _____ ADDRESS

2nd hydrant is in front of _____ ADDRESS

Your first and last name _____

E-mail address _____

This will allow us to contact you if someone has already adopted the hydrant(s) that you have selected.