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Back to School INTERNET SPECIAL



With school starting back up in September, help to maximize your kid's learning opportunities at home with high speed internet and big savings with our Back-to-School Special.

Order any new Internet between now and Sept. 30, and we'll give you **FREE installation (\$185 value) plus credit your bill \$10 per month for the first 3 months** (requires a 6-month commitment).

Pick your Speed

download / upload

Internet 450	450 mbps / 450 mbps	\$ 49.95*
Internet 550	550 mbps / 550 mbps	\$ 59.95*
Internet 650	650 mbps / 650 mbps	\$ 79.95*
Internet GIG	1 GIG / 1 GIG	\$ 99.95*
Internet 2.5 GIG	2.5 GIG / 2.5 GIG	\$ 175.00*

* Receive \$10 off if ordered with residential or business phone service

Fall Rummage Sales - September 20

Sponsored by the Main Street Program, the Fall Areawide Rummage Sales will be held on **Saturday, September 20**. To participate call the Record- Review, 354-2606 by **September 9**.



SATURDAY, September 19
10:00 am - 12 Noon
Blue Eagle Park - by Blue Eagle Hill

In conjunction with Blue Eagle Market

Come and Enjoy!

- Pumpkins grown in the Barnesville Community Garden (limit one per child, while supplies last)
- Fall Themed Games, Horse Drawn Wagon Rides, Touch a Truck and MORE!

Free event with a non-perishable food items
All donations made to Barnesville Food Pantry!

Sponsored by Barnesville Community Garden
and Midwest Bank Team

For more information, call 218-354-2704

BLUE EAGLE MARKET 9:00 - 2:00
Also on Saturday, September 19



- Over 25 Local Vendors!
- Enjoy Live Music by *Colder Weather*
- Food and Beverages served by Purple Goose from 10 am to 1 pm



Oktoberfest
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH | ON FRONT STREET

Live Music!
FEATURING The Meat Rabbits

Scan for
Details!



BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • July 13, 2026

Regular City Council Meetings are held the second Monday of every month beginning at 6:00 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 6:00 p.m. Member's present were Council members Tonya Stokka, Scott Bauer, Brad Field, Randy McEvers, and Don Goedtke. Members absent were Alyssa Bergman.

07-13-26-01 Motion McEvers, second Stokka to approve the agenda as presented with the addition to approve the hire Joshua Irion as a part-time EMT and the approval of training for City Administrator Jeremy Cossette to attend the MRES Cybersecurity Essentials training and travel to Sioux Falls, SD.

07-13-26-02 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

07-13-26-03 Motion Goedtke, second McEvers to open the public hearing for the 205 5th Ave NW Hazardous Building at 6:07 pm. Motion carried.

07-13-26-04 Motion Field, second Bauer to close the public hearing for the 205 5th Ave NW Hazardous Building at 6:29 pm. Motion carried.

07-13-26-05 Motion Field, second McEvers to approve the resolution ordering removal and razing of hazardous property at 205 5th Ave NW with a deadline of remediation of 30 days after the order is served. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried.

07-13-26-06 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the first reading to Amendment to Ordinance 2026-07, regarding the requirement for taxes and fees to be paid. Motion carried.

07-13-26-07 Motion McEvers, second Stokka to approve the Public Disclosure of SCDP Applications being cleared for potential conflict of interest. Motion Carried.

07-13-26-08 Motion Bauer, second Goedtke to approve the Thune Housing Variance to reduce lot width in an R-2 zoning district from 50 feet to 39.77. Motion Carried.

07-13-26-09 Motion McEvers, second Stokka to approve Thune Housing Variance to allow smaller lot sizes than the required 6,000 square feet. Motion Carried.

07-13-26-10 Motion McEvers, second Goedtke to approve the Thune Housing Variance to reduce the width of the private drive from 24 feet to 20 feet. Motion carried.

07-13-26-11 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the Thune Housing Conditional Use Permit for Planned Unit Development. Motion carried.

07-13-26-12 Motion McEvers, second Stokka to approve of the Preliminary Plat for Planned Unit Development- Thune Housing. Motion carried.

07-13-26-13 Motion Bauer, second McEvers to approve the Resolution- Calling for a Public Hearing on the proposed modification to the redevelopment plan and the proposed establishment of the tax increment financing (TIF) District 1-12 on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00 pm. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

07-13-26-14 Motion Field, second by Goedtke to approve the Purchase Agreement for 110 Front St N (Green Building Property). Motion carried

07-13-26-15 Motion Field, second McEvers to approve the S-1 Agreement with Missouri River Energy Services (MRES). Motion carried.

07-13-26-16 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the Water Tower Painting Bid with Central Tank, subject to public input. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Fall Specials at the Golf Course

Starting Tuesday, September 2, enjoy some great fall days and save some money!

9 Holes of Golf & Cart **\$25** Mon. - Thurs.

18 Holes of Golf & Cart **\$40** Mon. - Thurs.

In addition, with a Fall Pass; Adults can play unlimited golf for \$75 (cart not included) until the course closes for the season in October.

WILLOW CREEK
Municipal Golf Course



Thinking of Changing Your Heating System Before Winter?

Winter is just around the corner - if you heat with electric, propane or fuel oil and you're thinking about making a switch to natural gas, before you do check out the savings of Dual Fuel!

Converting your heating system to a Dual Fuel system can be easy and affordable. In many cases, it is as simple as adding an electric plenum heater to your existing propane or fuel oil furnace. The City also offers various dual fuel incentives!

Call City Administrator Jeremy Cossette today at 218.354.2292 and he will help calculate how much you can save by looking at these options!

Special Hours on Labor Day

Monday, September 7 is Labor Day! City Hall will be CLOSED. Firehall Liquors will be open from 10 am to 3 pm.

Date Change: SEPT. Council Meeting

The Date for the September City Council Meeting has been changed to Tuesday, September 8 beginning at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers.

NEW App for Internet Customers!



Free Download!



CITY OF BARNESVILLE
WATER HARDNESS
READING
August 14, 2026

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Notice to Residential Customer

This notice informs you of your responsible and rights under the Cold Weather Rule. A utility service may not disconnect the utility service of a residential customer during the period between October 1 and April 30, if the disconnection affects the primary heat source of the residential unit and ALL of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The household income of the customer is at or below 50% of the state median income. Income may be verified on forms provided or by the local energy assistance or another type of public assistance that uses an income eligibility threshold set at or below 50% of the state median income;
- (2) A customer enters into and makes timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resource of the household; and
- (3) A customer receives referrals to energy assistance programs, weatherization, conservation, or other programs likely to reduce the customer's energy bills.

Notice to Customer Facing Disconnection

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

- (1) A notice of proposed disconnection;
- (2) A statement explaining the customer's rights & 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 & other opportunities to secure continued utility service.

Where you Can Receive Financial Assistance

Energy Assistance 1-800-492-4805

Clay County Social Services 1-218-299-5200

Salvation Army Fargo/Moorhead 1-701-232-5565

Salvation Army Fergus Falls 1-218-739-9692

Restrictions if Disconnection is Necessary

If a residential customer must be involuntary 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 the municipal utility
- (2) On a weekend, holiday or the day before a holiday;
- (3) When utility offices are closed; or
- (4) After the close of a business on a day when disconnection is permitted, unless a field representative of the municipal utility, 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.

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 7 days written notice of the proposed disconnection to local energy assistance provider before making a disconnection.

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.

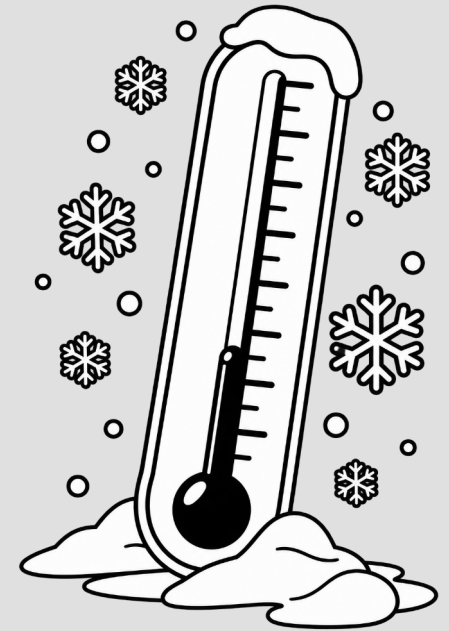
Application to Service Limiters

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

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 service office or Community/Citizen's Action Council. These organizations may also provide budget counselings.

Cold Weather Protection

Know your rights and responsibilities



In effect October 1 through April 30

*The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule **does not** forbid winter cutoffs. If you receive a disconnection notice this winter, you must act promptly!*



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

ALERT!

*Protect our
Forests and Trees.*

*Help Stop the Movement
of Exotic Pests.*



DO NOT MOVE FIREWOOD!

Exotic pests like the emerald ash borer can be spread when infested firewood is transported to new areas.

- Do not bring firewood from home.
- Use local sources of firewood.
- If you have brought firewood from home, DON'T take it with you, DON'T leave it—BURN IT!

REPORT!

If you think you have found
emerald ash borer,
immediately contact
contact Barnesville City
Hall at 218.354.2292

The majority of boulevard trees in Barnesville are ash. EAR has been reported to western Clay county and Ottertail county. It spreads very quickly. It would be devastating to lose our beautiful tree canopy in our neighborhoods.

Call Toll

1-866-322-4512

For more information about
emerald ash borer please visit:
www.emeraldashborer.info

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.



United States Department of Agriculture

What is the Emerald Ash Borer?



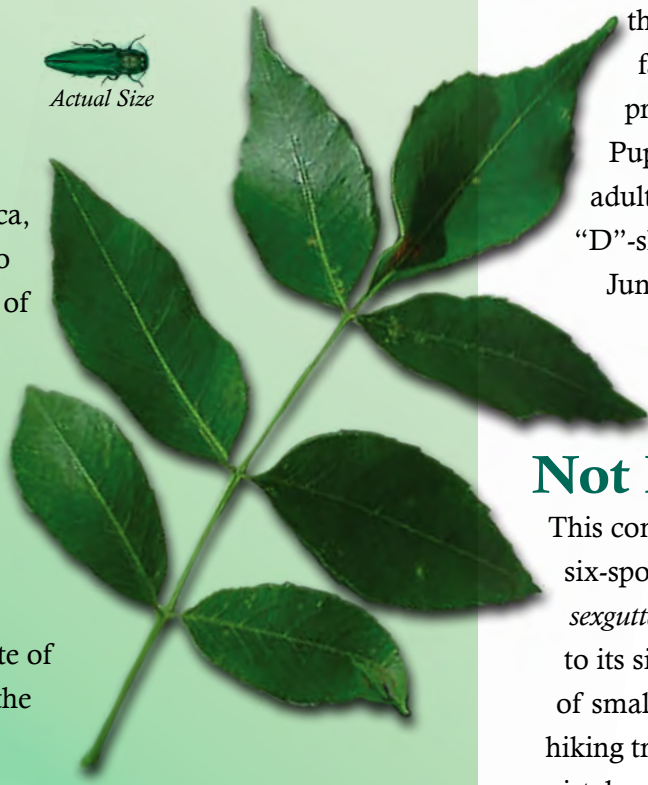
The emerald ash borer,

Agrilus planipennis Fairmaire, a beetle native to Asia, was first detected in Michigan in 2002. Evidence suggests that the beetle was established in Michigan for years prior to its discovery. Emerald ash borer (EAB) has since been detected in many states, and also in Ontario and Quebec, Canada. In addition to spreading by natural means, EAB can be transported to new areas in infested firewood, timber, and nursery stock. This beetle has been responsible for the loss of millions of ash trees in North America.



Host:

In North America, EAB is known to infest all species of ash (*Fraxinus* spp.). Ash can be recognized by the presence of compound leaves which are arranged opposite of one another on the branches.



Larva



S-Shaped Galleries

D-Shaped
Emergence Hole



Biology:

Eggs are laid between layers of bark and in bark crevices. Larvae hatch in about one week and bore into the tree where they feed on the inner bark and phloem, creating “S”-shaped galleries.

Larvae go through four feeding stages, and then excavate a pupal chamber in the fall, where they will overwinter as prepupae.

Pupation occurs in late spring, and adults begin to emerge through “D”-shaped exit holes in May and early June. Adults will remain active until the end of summer.

Not EAB:

This commonly encountered beetle, the six-spotted green tiger beetle, *Cicindela sexguttata*, is often mistaken for EAB due to its similar appearance. It is a predator of small insects and is frequently found on hiking trails. There are other insects often mistaken for EAB.



Symptoms and Signs:

New infestations are difficult to detect, as damage to the tree may not be apparent for up to three years. Symptoms of an infestation can include branch dieback in the upper crown, excessive epicormic branching on the tree trunk, and vertical bark splits. Woodpecker damage is sometimes apparent.



Dieback



Epicormic Branching



Bark Splits



Woodpecker Damage

Other Stressors:

Ash may also be stressed by drought, diseases such as ash yellows, and by native wood-boring insects like the redheaded ash borer, *Neoclytus acuminatus* (Fabricius) which creates a round emergence hole.



Redheaded
Ash Borer

Third Party Notification Form

If you have been served a notice of a 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 _____

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 bill and need cold weather protection from utility shutoff, fill out this form and return it to your local utility immediately.

Customer Name _____

Service Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Account # (from your Utility Bill) _____

Total amount you owe \$ _____

Total annual household income \$ _____ Total # of persons in your household _____

Source of Income ☐ Employment ☐ Disability/Social Security/Pension ☐ I do not pay my own medical expenses
☐ AFCD/GA ☐ GA Medical Care/Medical Assistance ☐ Other: _____

Please check 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:

Date _____ \$ Amount _____ Date _____ \$ Amount _____

Date _____ \$ Amount _____ Date _____ \$ Amount _____

Third Party

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

Signature _____ Phone Number _____ Date _____

Customer Agreement

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 serves me to exchange income and billing information with other energy providers and my utility for the purpose of qualifications.

Signature _____ Date _____