



VILLAGE OF BARNESVILLE NEWSLETTER

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VILLAGE UPDATE

As we move from the Fall season into Winter the Village Employees have been busy wrapping up projects and preparing for wintry weather. The trucks have been maintained and equipment upgraded as well as getting our salt bins full and plenty of ice control grit so we are prepared to fight the battles ahead that Winter brings to the Village. We will soon be saying good bye to Mike Roe and Greg Hunter both long time employees of the Street Department as they retire the first of the year. We wish them well and thank them for their service to the Village for so many years.

The Slope Creek Waterline Project is in full construction with anticipated completion in June of 2023. Rudzik Excavating has been doing a great job on the project and have been communicating well with land owners and officials.

The Westview Drive Sewage Lift Station and Force Main Replacement Project was awarded to Ohio-WV Excavating with construction expected to begin by the end of December and completed by Spring.

The Intersection Safety Improvements Project is now complete at the intersections of Chestnut & Main as well as South Street & S. Chestnut. This project was completely funded with no cost to the Village through the Governor's Office by gas tax funds. The Village will have the benefit of mast arms to hold the traffic lights rather than cables and received all new traffic lights and controls separating the two intersections. The new system features walk lights also. There is also a radar function that when traffic is slow in the night the lights will favor St. Rt. 800 traffic and only turn to red if a vehicle is stopped at the light on the intersecting street. This will be a huge improvement for the community.

The Village is currently working with ODOT on the Tunnel & Trail Project. The Village has been awarded 2.1 million dollars for this project to provide drainage and a liner for the tunnel complete with lighting as well as wing walls for bank stabilization and a paved walkway from South Street to St. Rt. 147 along Railroad Street.

We have finally received funding through a 65% grant from FEMA through ODNR Dam Safety Division to repair the slip on the Rotary Lake at Barnesville Memorial Park. Based on estimates this grant is worth an estimated \$350,000 to our community and will assist in preserving our recreational lake that is enjoyed by many.

Village officials continue to work on revitalization projects in our downtown as well as in the park and are currently applying for grant funds through the Community Appalachian Grant Funds Program that has recently been released.

We are looking forward to much success and even more projects in 2023.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police
740-425-1976

Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)
740-425-3054

EMS (Non-Emergency)
740-425-3368

Emergency
911

Mayor
740-619-0279 or 740-425-3444

Fiscal Office/Income Taxes
740-425-3444

Water Dept.
740-425-3672

Street Dept.
740-425-4501

Parks & Recreation
740-425-3012

Christmas Tree Pickup

The Barnesville Street Department will be picking up Christmas Trees left curbside by residents until January 12th, 2023. No particular schedule will be followed and trees will be picked up as time allows.

Income Tax Reminder

The Village of Barnesville contracts with the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) to manage our municipal tax collections. R.I.T.A. offers residents and businesses free online filing and payment options. For questions or additional information call 1-800-860-7482 or visit ritaohio.com, or contact the Fiscal/Income Tax Office 740-425-3444.

Don't Fall Victim to Scams – Just Hang Up

Year round, residents should be cautious of on-going scams and should be careful not to fall victim to them. The holiday season seems to be a general time for an uptick in scams. Scammers will use all kinds of tactics to gain information such as personal and financial information from you. Never provide financial or personal information to them. Simply just hang up if you feel like you are talking with a scam caller. On going scams that have been reported to the Police Department include: IRS Scam, Gift Card or Money Card scams, Donation Requests for the Police or Sheriff Department Scam (The Police Department and Sheriff Department does not ask for donations). These are a few circulating the Barnesville area. Scams can be reported to the Police by calling 740-425-1976 or reported to Ohio Attorney General Office online www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov or by phone 800-282-0515.

Fall Leaf Pickup

The Barnesville Public Works will be picking up leaves that are left curbside by residents of the Village of Barnesville, as long as they are contained in paper biodegradable compostable bags. No plastic trash bags will be accepted. Bags must contain leaves only and will be picked up as time allows. No specific schedule will be followed. The collection will begin Oct. 15 and will end Dec. 15. Also, there is no longer a drop-off point at the Depot, and will be a dumping violation if found dropping off there.

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@BarnesvillePolice
@BarnesvilleFireAndEMS



@BarnesvilleOH



Go Shamrocks!

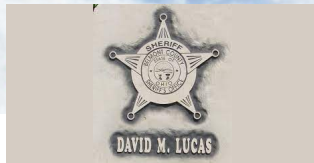
❄ Winter is Here ❄

- Snow Removal: Please do not shovel or plow snow into the roadway or onto neighboring properties without permission from the property owner. Sidewalks must be kept free of snow and ice. Please do your part and remember to shovel your sidewalks this winter.
- No parking in the downtown area if snowfall exceeds three inches or greater, to allow for the downtown streets to be plowed.
- Use caution when driving during snowfall and this winter as roads could be slick. Always remember your headlights during rain, snow & fog to create better visibility.
- Do your part and help public works by keeping roadways clear and allow room for the plows to move through.
- Off Road vehicles including ATV's, 4-wheelers, and snowmobiles cannot be operated on the public streets, even if under a snow level or snow emergency.
- During snow/ice events village crews will be working diligently to ensure that roads are clear, please be patient as crews treat and plow the roadways.

Snow Levels

Snow levels are set by the Belmont County Sheriff Department. To find out if we are on a snow level please visit the Belmont County Sheriff Facebook page or website: www.belmontsheriff.com, or call 740-695-7933.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadways are hazardous • Roads may also be icy • Drive with caution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadways are hazardous • Roads may be very icy • Only drive if necessary • Contact your employer before reporting to work • Use extreme caution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadways closed to non-emergency personnel • No one should drive unless absolutely necessary or a personal emergency exists • Contact your employer before reporting to work • Those traveling on roads may be subject to arrest



Get real-time Emergency Alerts direct to your smart phone, home phone or email.



**REGISTER YOUR ADDRESS ONLINE OR
DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY!**

alerts.barnesvilleohio.com

OHGO

Planning to travel this winter and want to check real-time road conditions and traffic information? Check OHGO before you go. OHGO reports current road activity, speeds, incidents, travel delays, closures, and severe weather conditions for all of Ohio's Highways. You can download the OHGO app today or visit: www.ohgo.com



The Village of Barnesville has employment opportunities available. View current listing below or online at barnesvilleohio.com/jobs.htm

Water Treatment Plant/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator (Full-Time):

The Village of Barnesville will be accepting applications for a water treatment plant/wastewater treatment plant operator. License preferred but willing to train the right candidate. This is a full time position with benefits. Applications may be obtained at the Barnesville Water Department, 126 East Church St, Barnesville, Ohio and will be accepted until the position is filled. The Village of Barnesville is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug Free Work place.

Police Officer (Full-Time):

The Village of Barnesville Police Department is seeking two (2) candidates for the position of Full Time Police Officer. The Village of Barnesville Police Department is a full time 24/7 department and has a coverage area that consists of approximately 5,000 citizens. The department has a K9 Unit, SRO Program, positions for advancement, benefits, etc. The department prides itself on the relationship that has been built not only with the community but neighboring agencies and organizations as well. As a member of the Village of Barnesville Police Department you will be expected to professionally and efficiently execute the duties of a Police Officer. Other expectations include having respect for those you serve, your co-workers and superiors, yourself, being team oriented, and having pride in what you do, the department, and the community. Requirements for the position include possessing a valid operator's license and current OPOTA certificate. Candidates will be subject to a background check and drug screen. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Chief Rocky Sirianni at (740) 425-1976, Email Address, or stop at the department located at 132 North Arch Street, Barnesville, Ohio 43713. Apply online: <https://barnesville.aidaform.com/application>

The Village of Barnesville is an equal opportunity employer and a drug free workplace.



DRUG DROP OFF BOX

The Barnesville Police Department has a drug drop off box for prescription drugs and syringes located conveniently in the lobby of the Municipal Building at 132 N Arch St, Barnesville. You may dispose of unwanted prescription drugs in this box. Lobby is open Monday-Sunday 8:00 AM-Midnight.



Did you know?



Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.

As you stay cozy and warm this winter, stay fire smart!



Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



Keep anything that can burn **at least 3 feet** from any heat source.



Barnesville to Test the CodeRED Community Notification System

The Village of Barnesville Emergency Notification System, CodeRED, will be tested on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 to validate telephone numbers in the CodeRED's database. The CodeRED system is provided to Barnesville through Belmont County 911. Here's what you need to know:

- **There is no need to take action if you receive the call.** Emergency personnel are merely testing the system to ensure it is operational as needed, and to encourage additional residents to enroll to receive future notifications.
- **This process helps us continually improve the system.** Testing increases the efficiency of the system and speed at which notifications will be delivered during an actual emergency.
- **Visit our website to update contact information.** If your phone number is not in the database, you will not receive a call when we do launch an important notification.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to visit our website and update their contact information, in particular those individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the past year and those who use a cellular phone or VoIP phone as their primary number. The more residents who actively add or update their contact information in the emergency database, the better able we are to protect people and property.

The CodeRED system allows Village of Barnesville and Belmont County officials to effectively reach residents and personnel by using the system's capabilities to send telephone calls, text messages, emails and social media posts to inform residents and better protect life and property.

Village officials urges citizens to visit the Village of Barnesville website, www.barnesvilleohio.gov and click on the CodeRED logo. Questions regarding this system test should be directed to Barnesville Police Department 740-425-1976.

About CodeRED from OnSolve

OnSolve is a leading global provider of SaaS-based critical communication solutions for enterprise, SMB, and government customers. The company's CodeRED™ solution provides high-speed notification services capable of reaching millions of people in minutes and has applied its mission-critical capabilities to government, commercial, healthcare and other end markets. More information can be found on the company's website at www.onsolve.com.

Well folks, Mr. Grinch is at again. Like so many others he didn't learn his lesson the first time. Mr. Grinch has found himself in Barnesville Jail for attempting to steal Christmas right from Santa's hands as sweet Mrs. Claus watched in horror. He has been charged with Felony Christmas Theft. Mr. Grinch has acknowledged his wrongdoings and wants to save Christmas....again. He has a \$500.00 cash bond. If you can help us reach his \$500.00 cash bond we have something great planned to give someone a very special Christmas. Any donations are appreciated and will be used in conjunction with proceeds from other Department fundraisers, including the K9 Golf Scramble. Donations can be made at the Barnesville Police Department. Contact us for more information! 740-425-1976. Thanks so much and Merry Christmas!



Buying a gift card to pay someone?



STOP. It's a scam!



Gift cards are for gifts.

Do NOT use a gift card to pay: the IRS or Social Security, tech support, a family member in trouble, ransom or to avoid arrest or deportation, a member of the military, or to keep your utilities on.



**HANG UP ON
Gift Card
Scams**

ReportFraud.ftc.gov

Report gift card scams at: **ReportFraud.ftc.gov**



Help Us Help You!

In an emergency, First Responders need to quickly identify where your home is located. This becomes a challenge when the address number is not clearly displayed on your home and mailbox.

Your house should have the address number displayed with large numbers, a minimum of 4 inches tall. These numbers should be clearly visible from the street.



Your mailbox should have the address number visible using reflective numbers, on both sides of the mailbox.



Having your home clearly identified will save valuable time in an emergency.

 **CodeRED®**

Emergency Alert Test

**MARCH 1, 2023
@ 1:00 PM**

The Village of Barnesville will be sending out a test Emergency Alert through CodeRED. Subscribers will receive a test alert by phone call, text, and email. This allows us to ensure the system is operational.



THINK *Local*

This Christmas
think Barnesville
FIRST when
shopping for
that special gift.

MERRY
Christmas
And Happy New Year
From the
Village of Barnesville