



VILLAGE OF BARNESVILLE NEWSLETTER

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VILLAGE UPDATE

The Winter Season seems to be approaching as fast as this year has gone. The Village Departments have been preparing for the colder weather and what may come. Road salt and ice control grit have been stock piled and the maintenance provided to the trucks and equipment and they are ready to go for snow and ice removal. The park is winterized.

The downtown demo project has just been completed with local developer T. J. Jefferis planning to bring some new construction to that area soon.

The Slope Creek Waterline Project is complete with final adjustments being made to the pump house. This will allow us to provide additional flow to the water treatment facility and secure our future for the next 60 years.

Fall leaf pickup will continue until December 15th based on weather conditions. The leaves must be placed in the paper biodegradable compostable bags.

The CHRISTmas tree pickup will continue until January 12th, 2024 when left curbside by residents and will be picked up as time allows with no particular schedule or route.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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

Follow Us

@VillageofBarnesville
@BarnesvillePolice
@BarnesvilleFireAndEMS



@BarnesvilleOH

 **Go Shamrocks!**

Christmas Tree Pickup

The Barnesville Street Department will be picking up Christmas Trees left curbside by residents until January 12th, 2024. 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.

Barnesville PD Now Offering Webchecks®

The Barnesville Police Department is offering Electronic Fingerprinting Services through partnership with Fast Fingerprints. Ohio BCI and FBI database checks are offered as well as Florida Level 2 Background checks, Fingerprint Capture, and Fingerprint Cards. Appointments are required and must be made online by visiting <http://www.fastfingerprints.com>. For questions, contact the Barnesville Police Department 740-425-1976.

Annual CodeRED Test March 1, 2024 at 1 PM

The Village of Barnesville will be sending out the annual test of the emergency alert system CodeRED on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 1:00 PM. Subscribers will receive a test alert by phone call, text, and email. This allows us to ensure the system is operational. Like last year, an optional survey will be conducted once the test is completed. To register or update your registry for CodeRED visit www.alerts.barnesvilleohio.com.

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.

❄️ Winter Has Arrived ❄️

- ❄️ 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. Property owners are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their sidewalks during the winter and year round.
- ❄️ 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.
- ❄️ No parking in the downtown area if snowfall exceeds three inches or greater, to allow for the downtown streets to be plowed. villeohio.com
- ❄️ Do not leave your vehicle running unattended with keys inside it to heat up. Doing so creates the perfect opportunity for the vehicle to be stolen.
- ❄️ Do your part and help public works by keeping the 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

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



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.



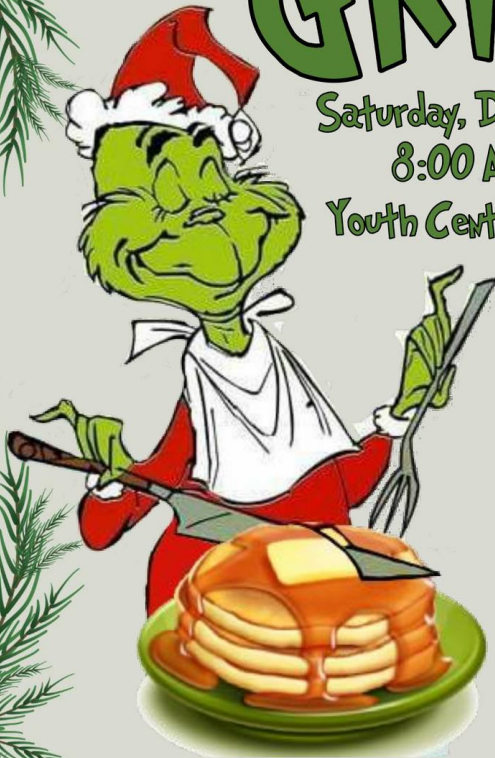
OHGO

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 Barnesville Police Department Presents

PANCAKES WITH THE GRINCH

Saturday, December 2, 2023
8:00 AM-10:00 AM
Youth Center, 130 Fair Street



Breakfast Includes:
Pancakes Sausage Drink

\$5.00

per person

All proceeds will benefit a local cause

Take photos with the GRINCH!



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.



SAVE YOUR PIPES
DON'T FLUSH YOUR WIPES

DO NOT FLUSH PAPER TOWEL, WET WIPES, DISINFECTANT WIPES, OR NAPKINS.

Check out the Village of Barnesville Website for Council Meeting Minutes, Meeting Schedule, Upcoming Events, Forms, and More!

www.BarnesvilleOhio.com



We're HIRING

Police Dispatcher (Part-Time) -

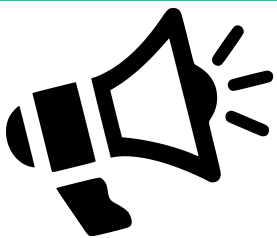
The Barnesville Police Department is accepting applications for the position of Part Time Police Dispatcher. Part Time Police Dispatchers are responsible for answering telephone calls and gathering information, giving calls to service to the officer on patrol, monitoring a camera system, speaking with walk-ins, processing payments, as well as a variety of other tasks within the office. This position is typically 32 hours per 2 week period. Must pass a background check. The Village of Barnesville is a drug-free workplace and equal opportunity employer. Applications may be obtained at the Barnesville Police Department, 132 N Arch St, Barnesville, OH or may be completed online at <https://barnesville.aidaform.com/application>. For more information you may call Chief Rocky Sirianni, 740-425-1976.

Police Officer (Full-Time) -

The Village of Barnesville Police Department is seeking one candidate 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 has employment opportunities available.

To View current listing visit: [barnesvilleohio.com/jobs.htm](http://www.barnesvilleohio.com/jobs.htm)



**Sign up for email notifications of news & announcements
on our website www.barnesvilleohio.com/subscribe**

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

Call the Police if you see or hear things that appear out of the ordinary or to report suspicious activity or crimes.

Barnesville Police Department
Non-Emergency Phone: 740-425-1976
Emergency: 911



2024 Village of Barnesville Observed Holidays

Village Offices will be closed the following dates in 2024 in observance to holiday - Public Safety Offices will remain open:

- January 1, 2024 - New Year's Day
- January 15, 2024 - Martin Luther King Day
- February 19, 2024 - President's Day
- March 29, 2024 - Good Friday
- May 27, 2024 - Memorial Day
- July 4, 2024 - Independence Day
- September 2, 2024 - Labor Day
- October 14, 2024 - Columbus Day
- November 11, 2024 - Veteran's Day
- November 27, 2024 - Offices Close at Noon
- November 28, 2024 - Thanksgiving Day
- December 24, 2024 - Offices Close at Noon
- December 25, 2024 - Christmas Day

Village Council Meeting Schedule 2024

Council Meetings are open to the public. Meeting schedule is available at the Fiscal Office, will be posted outside Council Chambers and is available online at www.barnesvilleohio.com. Council Meetings are held every other Monday at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building in Council Chambers, 132 N Arch St, Barnesville, OH. The public is welcomed to attend.

- January 2*
- January 16*
- January 29
- February 12
- February 26
- March 11
- March 25
- April 8
- April 22
- May 6
- May 20
- June 3
- June 17
- July 1
- July 15
- July 29
- August 12
- August 26
- September 9
- September 23
- October 7
- October 21
- November 4
- November 18
- December 2
- December 16
- December 30

*Denotes Tuesday due to Holidays



For the quickest, easiest filing methods, use **Fast File** and **MyAccount** at ritaohio.com!



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.



Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.



More than **half** of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.



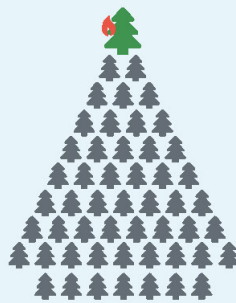
More than **1/3** of home decoration fires are started by candles.



The top 3 days for home candle fires are **Christmas Day, New Year's Day** and **New Year's Eve**.



Keep candles at least **12 inches** away from anything that burns.



Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are dangerous.

On average, **1 of every 52** reported home Christmas tree fires resulted in death.



A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes **1 in every 4** winter fires.



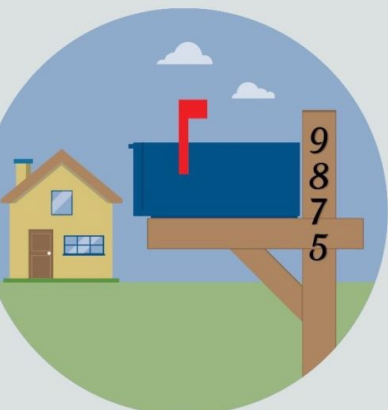
Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.



Make sure your tree is **at least 3 feet away** from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.



Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.

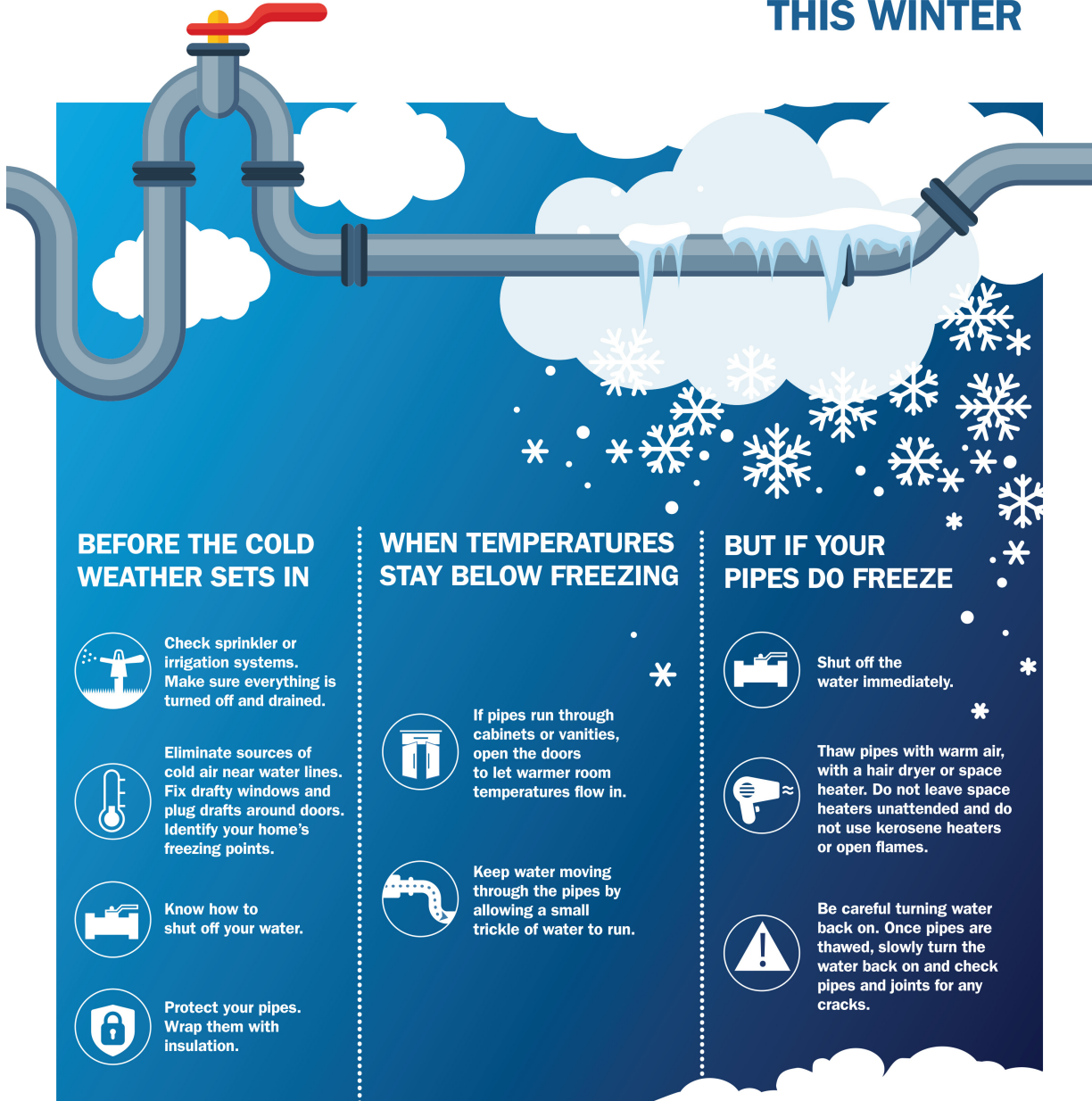


Make sure your house number can be seen from the road.

Clearly display your house number so emergency responders can quickly find you.

Barnesville Ordinance Chapter 1371 requires that the owners and each adult occupant of all houses, apartments or other residences located within the Village of Barnesville shall post the street number of said house, apartment or other residence at some conspicuous place on the building or grounds. Said number shall be of sufficient size so as to be visible from the street. Anyone failing to comply may be fined a sum not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00). Each day of noncompliance may be considered a separate offense. Making sure your house numbers can be seen helps first responders find your location easier.

HANDY TIPS TO AVOID FROZEN PIPES THIS WINTER



BEFORE THE COLD WEATHER SETS IN



Check sprinkler or irrigation systems. Make sure everything is turned off and drained.



Eliminate sources of cold air near water lines. Fix drafty windows and plug drafts around doors. Identify your home's freezing points.



Know how to shut off your water.



Protect your pipes. Wrap them with insulation.

WHEN TEMPERATURES STAY BELOW FREEZING



If pipes run through cabinets or vanities, open the doors to let warmer room temperatures flow in.



Keep water moving through the pipes by allowing a small trickle of water to run.

BUT IF YOUR PIPES DO FREEZE



Shut off the water immediately.



Thaw pipes with warm air, with a hair dryer or space heater. Do not leave space heaters unattended and do not use kerosene heaters or open flames.



Be careful turning water back on. Once pipes are thawed, slowly turn the water back on and check pipes and joints for any cracks.



Online Payments Available



Pay Mayor's Court Tickets



Pay Water Bill



Pay Income Taxes

www.pay.barnesvilleohio.com

Online payments are not accepted yet for: Police Department fees (parking tickets, parking permits, golf cart inspections, record requests, or background checks), Park Rentals, EMS Billing, or Fiscal Office Payments.

Barnesville PD Offers Webcheck

The Barnesville Police Department is happy to announce we are now offering Electronic Fingerprinting Services. We have partnered with Fast Fingerprints to provide Webcheck services to our community. Cost for electronic background checks are BCI \$40, FBI \$52, or both (BCI & FBI) \$72.

In addition to Ohio BCI and FBI database checks we are also able to complete Florida Level 2 Background checks, Fingerprint Capture, and Fingerprint Cards.

Appointments are required and must be made online by visiting <http://www.fastfingerprints.com>. Current appointment times are Monday-Friday 9am-4pm, open holidays. Hours will be extended in the future.

Companies may request a direct bill account with Fast Fingerprints by contacting Fast Fingerprints at 877-932-2435.

For questions, contact the Barnesville Police Department 740-425-1976.

Fingerprint Services



OHIO
BACKGROUND
CHECKS

FLORIDA
BACKGROUND
CHECKS

EXPEDITED FBI
BACKGROUND
CHECKS

FINRA
BACKGROUND
CHECKS

AUTHORIZED
RECIPIENTS

FINGERPRINT
CARDS

FINGERPRINT
CAPTURE

CARD
SCANNING

MOBILE
FINGERPRINTING



How it Works



01. Register Online
Register for your background checks online with our easy-to-use system.



02. Complete Appointment
Visit one of our locations to complete your appointment.



03. Receive Results
When completed, the results will be sent to the requested recipient(s).

What To Bring to Your Appointment:

- ✓ VALID, GOVERNMENT-ISSUED ID
- ✓ ADDRESS WHERE RESULTS SHOULD BE SENT
- ✓ VALID FORMS OF PAYMENT
- ✓ KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT BACKGROUND CHECK IS NEEDED (BCI, FBI, OR BOTH)
- ✓ KNOWLEDGE OF THE PURPOSE BEHIND YOUR BACKGROUND CHECK (GETTING A LICENSE, WORKING WITH CHILDREN/ELDERLY)

Help your appointment go smoothly and quickly by coming prepared!

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a National Background Check, Inc. company

**FAST.
ACCURATE.
PEACE OF MIND.**

www.fastfingerprints.com



Belmont County Sheriff's Office **SCAM ALERT**

- No law enforcement agency will ever ask you for banking information over the phone or internet
- No law enforcement agency will ask you to get prepaid cards or cash to pay "fines" over the phone or internet
- Even if the phone number they call from seems to be from legitimate law enforcement it could be a scam! If you are being pressured for money, ask for their names, hang up and immediately call your local police department.
- If are being promised a large sum of money, but are being asked for money upfront to receive it.... be suspicious.
- If you are being pressured to give money and banking information to someone on the phone or internet, take the time to check it out. Talk with family, friends, and your local police. Don't let scammers steal your hard-earned money

**WHEN IN DOUBT...
CHECK IT OUT!!!**

Be Cautious of Scams

Regularly, the Barnesville Police Department receives calls from the public wanting to report a scam or inquiring if something may be a scam. We want to remind the community to watch out for signs of a scam. Not only should you be watching out for yourself but watching out for vulnerable loved ones in your life. Ongoing scams that have been reported to the department include: IRS Scam, Warrant Scam, Money Card Scam, Romance Scam, as well as many others. There is a countless amount of scenarios that scammers can use to try and pry information out of you.

Always remember:

1. Never provide your personal or financial information to an unsolicited caller or email.
2. Scammers usually try to create a sense of urgency. Slow down to truly understand what is being requested and by whom.
3. Be suspicious of callers who demand immediate payment for any reason.
3. Never wire money or provide a stranger with debit or credit card numbers.
4. Verify, verify, verify!

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.

CodeRED™ EMERGENCY ALERT TEST

**MARCH 1, 2024
1:00 PM**



Sign up for CodeRED
barnesvilleohio.gov

barnesvilleohio.gov

The Grinch Arrested & Sentenced

Once again, The Grinch chose the wrong village to commit his nefarious acts in. The Grinch was arrested on a slew of charges, including being in possession of the pictured contraband. Chief Rocky Sirianni, the lead investigator, described The Grinch's behavior as exceptionally despicable. He was quoted as saying, "There are just too many repeat offenders." The Grinch was booked into Barnesville Jail and appeared before the honorable Mayor C. Dale Bunting to answer for his crimes. The Grinch ultimately understood that bad actions have bad consequences and, in a plea agreement, was sentenced to community service. In an unexpected twist, The Grinch expressed his sincere apologies and requested his community service be served by inviting the community to a Pancake Breakfast with The Grinch so he can try to make right with the town that he did so wrong.



Christmas in the Village



Visit the event page on facebook for details!

DEC. 1
5pm - 8pm

Dec. 2
9am - 8pm



Christmas in the Park

Nov. 30 - Dec. 26
(weather permitting)

Christmas in the Village



ICE SKATING RINK

Dec. 1st: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Dec. 2nd: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

at the West Main Street Parking Lot

Free skating Thanks to Our Generous Sponsors





SAFETY DURING A WINTER STORM

▶ OHIO WINTER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK 2023

In the Car:

- ✓ Avoid / postpone travel if possible.
- ✓ Slow down, and leave plenty of room in front of you. Four wheel drive will do you no good if you're driving too fast for the conditions!
- ✓ Avoid slamming on the brakes, quick acceleration, and sudden turns.
- ✓ Carry an emergency kit, cell phone, charger, flashlight, shovel, window scraper / brush, and kitty litter / sand for traction.
- ✓ Keep your gas tank full.
- ✓ Make sure someone knows your timetable and planned route.

At Home:

- ✓ Keep up with the latest forecast.
- ✓ Avoid overexertion if shoveling.
- ✓ Check in on elderly neighbors.
- ✓ Move animals to shelter, and provide plenty of food and water.
- ✓ Keep your cell phone fully charged.
- ✓ Have a flashlight available.
- ✓ Properly ventilate fuel-burning heat sources, and safeguard to prevent a fire.
- ✓ Backup generators must be used only outdoors, not inside a house or garage!

2023 LIGHTED Christmas PARADE



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 • 5:30 PM

REGISTRATION FORM

All judging will be done before the parade.
Be sure to be there by 5:00 p.m. for judging. Parade begins at 5:30.
There is no registration fee! Each entry must use Christmas lights.



Simply fill out the entry form below and mail/drop off to:

HISSOMS SERVICE CENTER:
827 E Main St., Barnesville, OH 43713

Parade line-up begins at 3:30 p.m.
at Barnesville High School

Questions? Contact:
Denise Jones 740-238-0818 • Karly Bostic 740-238-1991 • Jill Hissom 740-238-1848





THINK *Local*

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

LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ENTRY THEME: _____

Golf Cart Ordinance Update

Golf Cart operation shall be permitted year-round. Previously was only permitted during certain months.



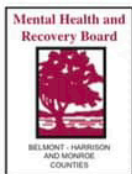
BELMONT COUNTY CARES PROGRAM

COMMUNITY ACCESS
RESOURCES EDUCATION & SOLUTIONS

*A home visiting
community paramedicine program
offered to all residents of Belmont County.*

The program is operated in collaboration with Belmont County Commissioners; the Belmont, Harrison, and Monroe Mental Health & Recovery Board; Senior Services of Belmont County; Belmont County Job & Family Services; and Belmont County Health Department.

The program aids navigating the healthcare system and finding social services for those in need.



**BELMONT COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**



**Belmont County
Health Department**
HEALTH PROMOTION, PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

Some areas the program can help include:

Preventing frequent use of emergency services
(Ambulance, Emergency Dept., etc.)

Access to Mental Health Resources

Home Health Assistance

Health Education

Medical Care

Dental Care

Fall Assessments

Health Insurance

Housing

Medication Assessments

Utilities

Medical Transportation

Specialty Care

Pregnancy Assistance

Smoke Detectors

If you, a friend, or a family member could benefit from assistance with these or any similar services, please contact the:

Belmont County CARES Program

Call – (740) 827-0004

or

jbetts@cumberlandtrailfire.com

Currently serving any client in Belmont County.



It is important to prepare your recyclables before taking them to the Drop-Off.



Acceptable Paper/Cardboard Items

Telephone, Soft & Hard Cover Books

Remove any plastic wrap

Newspaper & Ad Inserts, Magazines & Glossy Ads

Remove any plastic wrap

Corrugated Cardboard

Break down boxes or fill with paper

Paperboard Boxes & Clean Pizza Boxes:

Remove plastics & flatten

Opened Mail, Envelopes and Greeting Cards

Including windows, stamps, & labels

Refrain from putting paper in plastic bags; they have to be hand-removed by our staff.

Office Paper Supplies

Manila/pastel colored folders & paper, brochures, printouts, fax paper, loose-leaf paper, memos, post-its & index cards

Paper shopping bags

Fill with paper

Paper Tubes

Paper towel, wrapping paper, & toilet paper tubes

Shredded Paper

Must be bagged or boxed

Cardboard Egg Cartons



Acceptable Commingled Items

Cans: Food & Beverage

Empty Aerosol Cans

Glass Bottles & Jars

Clean Aluminum Foil, Pie Pans, and To-Go Containers

Plastic Bottles, Jugs, & Tubs

Make sure all containers are emptied & rinsed.

For safety sake, take all caps off plastic containers so they don't explode when crushed.

Place lids inside cans & pinch-close to avoid injury to handlers.

Please make sure to place all recyclables in the correct bins.



Jefferson County Office
228 Technology Way
Steubenville, OH 43952
(740) 266-6899

Belmont County Office
67895 Pickering Road
St. Clairsville, OH 43950
(740) 296-5376

For more information, go to JBGreenTeam.org

Belmont County Recycling Drop-Off Locations

JBGreenTeam.org

Barnesville – Adj. Lot of Watt Center for Art & History, 525 Watt Ave, Barnesville, OH 43713

Barnesville – 5 B's Building, 130 E. South St, Barnesville, OH 43713

**SIGN UP FOR WEATHER &
EMERGENCY ALERTS**

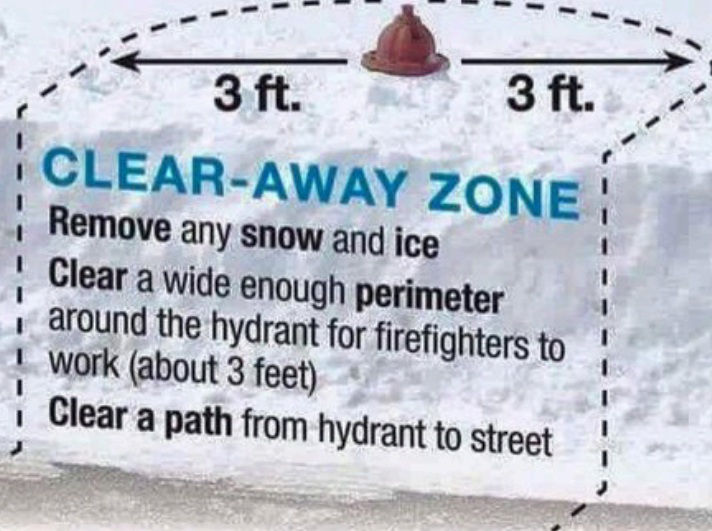
 **CodeRED**



www.alerts.barnesvilleohio.com

KEEP THEM **CLEAR**

If there's a **fire hydrant** near your house, do your part to keep it accessible this winter:



MERRY
Christmas

And Happy New Year

**From the
Village of Barnesville**