



VILLAGE OF BARNESVILLE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



BARNESVILLE

Hello Barnesville,

Fall is here! Crisp mornings, pumpkin flavors, and Pumpkin Festival season are upon us. I'm thrilled to share that Barnesville was named one of Ohio Magazine's 2025–26 Best Hometowns. This honor reflects you! The volunteers who make the Pumpkin Festival, Fun-n-Ville, and Christmas events shine; the coaches and teachers who go the extra mile; the shop owners who know your name; and the neighbors who lend a hand. We'll keep earning this title, one game night, one downtown upgrade, and one act of kindness at a time.

As we celebrate what makes Barnesville special, let's keep safety first. Please don't throw lithium or rechargeable batteries in the trash, they can spark fires in garbage trucks. Please drop them off at McGee Recycling or other approved locations.

Best of luck to our students and fall sports teams! You're always welcome at our bi-weekly council meetings. Details are on the Village website and Facebook page. Your voice shapes our future. Check our website for a full calendar of fall events, including the Pumpkin Festival, and keep shopping locally, lending a hand, and looking out for one another.

Have a safe, fall season. God bless you and our community.

Warmest regards,

Jake Hershberger

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Mayor of Barnesville



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

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Go Shamrocks!

Parking Reminder – Football Stadium/Park Street

This is a reminder that there is no parking **on Park Street** near Shamrock Football Stadium. Please be aware of and follow all posted no-parking signs. To ensure you don't get a ticket, please note the following restricted areas: Both sides of Park Street between Walton Avenue and Law Street; West side of Park Street from Law Street to the end of the street. Thank you for your cooperation and for parking in designated areas.

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. Collection will begin October 20, 2025 and end December 13, 2025. Also there is no longer a drop off point at the Depot and will be a dumping violation if found dropping off there.

Park Pool Closes for Season

The Park Pool closed for the season on Sunday, August 17, 2025. Thank you to everyone who came out this summer to enjoy the pool. We look forward to the next summer season!

Back to School Reminders

School is back in session, and that means we all need to drive with extra caution to keep our kids safe. When you see a school bus with its amber lights flashing, be prepared to slow down and stop. This is a warning that the bus is about to make a stop. When the red lights are flashing and the stop sign is extended, all motorists must stop—**it's the law**. Please also remember to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and drive slowly and with caution in all school areas, abiding by the posted speed limits. Additionally, do not enter the dedicated school zone areas and bus loading and unloading zones at Barnesville Elementary School on West Church Street, the Middle School's main doors, or the High School's main doors and gym area between 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. on school days. Signs are posted. Also if a bus is located in any of these zones with or without lights flashing to load or unload children, you cannot pass them or go around. You must stop. To help alleviate congestion, there is also no parking along West Church Street from North Chestnut Street to North Broadway Street from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on school days only, and no parking on North Gardner Street from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. on school days only. Your extra attention behind the wheel makes a big difference in ensuring everyone's safety.

61st Barnesville Pumpkin Festival

Get ready for the 61st Barnesville Pumpkin Festival, happening September 25-28, 2025! As we celebrate, let's come together and welcome the festival with festive spirit. We encourage all residents to deck out their homes and businesses in fall decor and pumpkin cheer. Your creativity will add to the magic and excitement of this beloved event.

Barnesville Trick-or-Treat & Spooktacular

Get ready, Barnesville! The Village of Barnesville and the Barnesville Area Chamber of Commerce are thrilled to announce TWO nights of Halloween fun this year. First, enjoy Barnesville Trick-or-Treat (Traditional) on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM, as the streets fill with ghosts, goblins, and ghouls for a classic neighborhood trick-or-treating experience. Then, get ready for the Barnesville Spooktacular (Downtown) on Thursday, October 30, 2025, from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM, where the entire downtown area will be buzzing with thrilling activities and festive fun. Don't miss these community-wide celebrations—it's going to be a spook-tacular time!

Barnesville Named Best Hometown by Ohio Magazine 2025-2026



We're thrilled to announce that Barnesville has been selected as one of Ohio Magazine's Best Hometowns for 2025-2026! This is a fantastic honor that recognizes our community as one of the best places to live, work, and visit in the entire state.

Each year, Ohio Magazine highlights just five exceptional communities that stand out for their strong sense of community, unique culture, and commitment to the future. Along with Ashland, Green, Mount Vernon, and Yellow Springs, Barnesville was chosen after a rigorous selection process that included nominations and on-site visits. The magazine's editors evaluated our town based on several key categories, including Community Spirit, Education, Entertainment, Health and Safety, Business

Environment, and Culture and Heritage. Our strong sense of community, charming historic architecture, and dedication to preserving local landmarks for future generations were all key factors in our selection.

This recognition is a testament to the people and businesses that make Barnesville such a special place. It's an honor we can all share in and celebrate.

You can read all about what makes Barnesville great in the upcoming November/December 2025 and July/August 2026 issues of Ohio Magazine. Be sure to pick up a copy to see our wonderful town featured!

61st Barnesville Pumpkin Festival: A Brief History

In 1964, Barnesville resident Vernon Burkhart started a small fall fair in a church basement, inspired by a similar festival he'd seen in Tennessee. Known as the Barnesville Fall Fair, it quickly grew in popularity, celebrating the bountiful produce of southeastern Ohio, especially pumpkins.

By 1968, the event became so large it moved outdoors and was renamed the Ohio Pumpkin Festival. A board of directors was formed, and popular traditions like the Pumpkin Queen pageant and the "King Pumpkin" contest began. The festival continued to expand, adding a street parade in 1970 and introducing pumpkin ice cream.

Over the years, the festival has drawn over 100,000 attendees and gained national attention, even being featured on the NBC Today Show in 1999. In 2002, it was officially renamed the Barnesville Pumpkin Festival. The highlight remains the King Pumpkin weigh-in, which in 2017 saw a record-breaking 2,150-pound pumpkin.

Today, the festival is a four-day event filled with contests, live entertainment, parades, and concessions, and it continues to be a cornerstone of the Barnesville community. This year marks the 61st anniversary of this beloved tradition, which will be held from September 25-28, 2025. The festival is always held the last full weekend in September! For more information visit www.BarnesvillePumpkinFestival.com or visit the festival page on Facebook!



STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS

Pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility. Drivers must yield to pedestrians in crosswalks at all times. This applies to both marked crosswalks and unmarked ones at intersections. Please also remember to check for pedestrians before turning right on red. By being patient and attentive, we can all contribute to a safer community.



We're HIRING



The Village of Barnesville is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a drug-free workplace

Street Department Laborer (Full-Time):

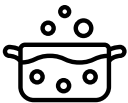
The Village of Barnesville will be accepting applications for a position in the Street Department. Full time with complete benefits package including retirement and health insurance. CDL license with experience in operating equipment preferred but not necessary. Applicant must be willing to obtain a CDL and learn to operate equipment. Applications may be obtained at the Barnesville Water Department, 126 East Church Street, Barnesville or Online at <https://barnesville.adaform.com/application>.

Police Officer (Full-Time):

The Village of Barnesville Police Department is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Full-time Police Officers with the Village of Barnesville Police Department perform patrol operations for a coverage area of approximately 5,000 citizens, including a hospital, schools, and many other businesses. Benefits Include: Comprehensive Benefit Package, Health, Dental, & Vision Insurance, Paid Time Off, and Ohio Police & Fire Pension. Starting Pay for entry level is \$23/hr after probationary period. Starting pay with experience pay can start up to \$25/hr. The Barnesville Police Department Offers: Advancement Opportunities, Uniforms, equipment provided by department, Yearly Uniform Allowance, 12 hour shifts, every other Friday, Saturday, Sunday off, Recently renovated gym on site, Exceptional work environment with a small and close group of members and a healthy atmosphere. We offer a Police Academy Reimbursement Program that would allow qualified candidate to be reimbursed for academy expenses upon successful completing of OPOTA and a 2 year commitment to the Barnesville Police Department. Pay scale & Advancements based on experience and qualifications. Candidate will be subject to a background check and drug screen. The Village of Barnesville is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a drug free work place. Please contact Chief Rocky Sirianni for any additional information or if you are interested in joining our team call 740-425-1976 or email r.sirianni@barnesvilleohio.com.

To View current & Full listing visit: barnesvilleohio.com/jobs

BOIL WATER FOR:



- Drinking
- Brushing teeth
- Washing fruits & vegetables
- Preparing Food
- Mixing baby formula
- Giving water to pets
- Coffee Makers
- Dish washing by hand, rinsing with bottled, boiled or chlorinated water

USE CAUTION:



- Water filters in most kitchens and households DO NOT remove bacteria or viruses
- Bathing babies and young children (give sponge bath; use boiled water that has been COOLED!)
- Use caution when doing laundry as staining could occur

DO NOT NEED TO BOIL WATER FOR:



- Washing clothes in washing machine (use caution in case of staining)
- Taking showers (adults & older children; do NOT drink water)
- Flushing toilets
- Household Cleaning
- Car washing
- Dishwasher with a Sanitizing cycle (this will bring the temperature high enough to destroy bacteria if present)

HOW TO BOIL WATER DURING ADVISORY



Fill a pot with water and heat the water until bubbles come from the bottom of the pot to the top



Once the water reaches a rolling boil, let it boil for 1 minute



Turn off the heat source and let the water cool



Pour the water into a clean container with a cover for storage



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UNDER-SPEED VEHICLE ORDINANCE UPDATES

For Golf Carts, Utility Vehicles, and Mini Trucks

A new ordinance has been passed by Barnesville Village Council that allows for the legal operation of Golf Carts, Under-Speed Vehicles, Low-Speed Vehicles, Utility Vehicles, and Mini-Trucks on public roadways within the Village of Barnesville.

Important Requirements:

- All vehicles must be inspected by the Barnesville Police Department prior to operation on village roadways.
- Operators must be at least 16 years old and possess a valid driver's license.
- Drivers and passengers are required to adhere to all Ohio traffic laws and the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Barnesville.

Speed Limit Restrictions:

- These vehicles may not be operated on any public roadway where the posted speed limit exceeds 35 miles per hour.
- They may cross intersections of streets or highways where the posted speed limit is greater than 35 mph.

Inspection Details:

- Inspection Fee: \$50
- Inspections are required to obtain a title and license for the vehicle.
- The inspection ensures compliance with both Ohio state laws and Barnesville ordinances.

How to Schedule an Inspection:

- Contact the Barnesville Police Department at 740-425-1976, or
- Visit the department in person to pick up an inspection packet and arrange for an appointment.

Download the Inspection Packet:

Visit www.police.barnesvilleohio.com to download the inspection packet and information

Questions?

Contact the Barnesville Police Department Monday-Sunday 8:00am-Midnight 740-425-1976



Scan the QR code
above to obtain
the Inspection
Packet



DID YOU KNOW?

- Barnesville has a connection to the famous Lewis and Clark Expedition. George Shannon, a member of the expedition and the youngest person on the team, was the son of one of the first settlers in Warren Township, the township where Barnesville is located. His brother, Wilson Shannon, later became the first native-born governor of Ohio
- Did you know that Barnesville has a historic connection to the development of the telephone? Elisha Gray, an inventor who was a contemporary of Alexander Graham Bell, was a Barnesville native. He is known for his work on the harmonic telegraph and is one of the claimants to the invention of the telephone, filing a caveat (an intent to file for a patent) on the same day as Bell.
- Barnesville was once the highest incorporated municipality in Ohio. The town's founder, James Barnes, chose a hilltop meadow for the site, which in 1809 made Barnesville the highest village in the state.



Safety Pup stopped by the Elementary School on August 27, 2025 to assist SRO Daugherty and Ms. Ashley at the Elementary School drop off. Safety Pup loved all the smiles, high fives and hugs!

Village Council Meeting Schedule 2025

Council Meetings are open to the public. Meeting schedule is available at the Fiscal Office, posted outside Council Chambers and is available online at 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 (2nd Floor). The public is welcome to attend.

- September 8
- September 22
- October 6
- October 20
- November 3
- November 17
- December 1
- December 15
- December 29

Village of Barnesville Observed Holidays

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

- September 1, 2025 - Labor Day
- October 13, 2025 - Columbus Day
- November 26, 2025 - Offices Close at Noon
- November 27, 2025 - Thanksgiving Day
- December 24, 2025 - Offices Close at Noon
- December 25, 2025 - Christmas Day
- January 1, 2026 - New Year's Day
- January 19, 2026 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- February 16, 2026 - Presidents' Day

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549.10 DISCHARGING FIREARMS AND BOWS AND ARROWS.

- (a) No person shall:
 - (1) Shoot with or use a bow and arrow or air gun in or over any street, road, park, or public ground, except as part of a recreational program operated under the auspices of the School District or municipal recreational department;
 - (2) Discharge a gun, pistol, revolver, BB gun, air rifle, pellet gun or other firearm within the Village, except in the performance of a legal duty or in self-protection; or when otherwise lawfully authorized.
 - (3) Allow an arrow to be discharged across any property line;
 - (4) Engage in target practice with a bow and arrow in a residential neighborhood without first ensuring the existence of village approved barriers to prevent an arrow from crossing any property line;
 - (5) Use any arrows which do not identify in indelible ink the owner and operator of the associated bow.
- (b) An individual hunting with a bow and arrow on property within the Village shall:
 - (1) Carry on such person at all times a valid license;
 - (2) Use only arrows identifying in indelible ink the owner and operator of the associated bow; and
 - (3) Only discharge his/her bow and arrow when he/she is at a distance of more than 300 feet in all directions from any building or freestanding structure.
- (c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.
(Ord. 3746. Passed 11-27-17.)

557.02 TRIMMING OF TREES, SHRUBBERY.

The owner of every lot or parcel of land within the corporate limits upon which a tree, plant or shrubbery stands with any part thereof upon or overhanging a public street or sidewalk shall conform to the regulations herein provided; otherwise, the Municipality shall cause such trees to be trimmed or cut down and removed in accordance with such regulations and assess the cost thereof against the owner of such lot or parcel of land.

- (a) The owner shall trim or cause to be trimmed such tree, plant or shrubbery so that a clear height of eight feet between the lowest branches of the same and the street or sidewalk is maintained.
- (b) The owner shall trim or remove, as the case may require, every dead, decayed or broken tree, plant or shrubbery, or part thereof, so that the same shall not fall to the street or sidewalk.
- (c) The owner shall cut down and remove any tree, plant or shrubbery or any part thereof, as may be necessary to provide a clear and unobstructed view of traffic from all directions at any street intersection, or to abate any nuisance necessary to protect life, limb or property of persons, drivers of any vehicles or pedestrians using such street or sidewalk.
- (d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

909.01 SIDEWALKS CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR.

Every owner of property bounding and abutting on any street shall construct the sidewalk in front of and adjacent to such property and shall keep it and existing sidewalks so constructed in repair.
(Ord. 3650. Passed 2-10-14.)

Barnesville Crews Keeping Busy as Fall Arrives

As autumn arrives in Barnesville, the village is buzzing with activity, improvements, and preparations for the season ahead. One of the most exciting developments this year is the ongoing work on the Barnesville Bike & Pedestrian Path, a long-awaited project that's turning a section of the former Baltimore & Ohio (B&O) Railroad corridor into a paved, multi-use trail for walkers and cyclists alike. This new route will stretch from East South Street to Bethesda Street and will feature pavement markings, bike and pedestrian signage, and a newly constructed parking area at the B&O Depot trailhead.

A highlight of the path is the restoration of the historic railroad tunnel beneath East Main and South Arch Streets. Once complete, the tunnel will be fully integrated into the trail, offering a safe, accessible connection while preserving an important piece of the village's railroad heritage. This project promotes healthy, non-motorized travel and breathes new life into a historic space many residents hold dear.

As progress continues, some temporary disruptions are unavoidable. Several streets have been limited to local traffic only, and pedestrian detours are currently in place due to the tunnel closure. Residents and visitors are encouraged to follow posted signs and stay alert for traffic updates. The path is expected to be completed in Fall 2025, with significant portions set to be finished in the coming months.

Beyond the trail, village crews have been hard at work throughout the summer and are now preparing for a busy fall season. The Cemetery Crew has done an exceptional job keeping village cemeteries and public properties mowed, cleaned, and maintained—ensuring these spaces remain respectful and welcoming. They've also repainted crosswalks and school zone markings ahead of the new school year, improving safety for children and families around town.

The Park Crew, although entering a slightly slower season, remains busy tending to parks and recreational spaces. From mowing and cleaning to maintaining facilities for community events and ball games, their ongoing work ensures our public spaces stay clean, safe, and inviting. Both crews have shown outstanding dedication and resilience through extreme summer heat, helping to keep Barnesville beautiful and functional for all.

Meanwhile, the Street Department continues its year-round responsibilities, including storm sewer maintenance, pothole repair, and debris cleanup after summer storms. Several paving projects are also in progress, most notably the much-anticipated resurfacing of South Chestnut Street and Leatherwood Pike (State Route 147) that has been completed by ODOT. This improvement is part of a larger resurfacing effort led by the state, covering key portions of State Route 147 from East Main Street to Hilles Avenue.

In addition to ongoing infrastructure improvements, the 2025 Street Improvement Program will soon be underway, with paving work scheduled for several key streets in the village. Residents of Walton Avenue, Cherry Street, Cole Street, Washington Street, Pultney Avenue, West Main Street (from Pultney to the West Corporation), Clifton Street, East Church Street (from the Senior Citizen's Center to the East Dead End), and Pine Lane should expect paving to begin September 8th (weather permitting) and for paving to be completed by October.

To ensure a smooth process, we ask residents to be prepared to move vehicles from the streets. A CodeRED message will notify those affected, and updates will also be posted on the Village's Facebook page and website. The paving work will help improve the condition of our streets and enhance overall driving safety for the community.

The Water Department has been equally active, managing routine hydrant flushing and responding quickly to water line breaks. Recently, crews completed repairs on East Main Street and at an alley off of South Chestnut Street and have been working through various other infrastructure needs, maintaining safe and reliable service across the village.

One particularly noteworthy project this season is the Bond Avenue drainage improvement, aimed at resolving a persistent issue caused by a recurring wet weather spring that has damaged the road year after year. Previous attempts to stop the seepage have proven ineffective, but this new effort includes the installation of catch basins and upgraded drainage systems to better control the water flow. A couple catch basins have been installed at the intersection of North Street that will remove the standing water after a hard rain at the intersection. Temporary traffic signals were necessary to allow crews to work safely in the area, and the project has now been completed. This should significantly reduce ongoing maintenance issues in that part of town.

As summer winds down, crews are now turning their attention to fall leaf collection, which will begin once the trees start shedding. Fall also marks the beginning of preparations for winter, as departments begin transitioning from mowing and grounds keeping to snow and ice management to keep roads safe during the colder months.

Of course, no fall in Barnesville would be complete without the Annual Barnesville Pumpkin Festival, a beloved tradition that draws thousands of visitors to our village each year. Village crews are already hard at work making sure the town is clean, safe, and festival-ready. From infrastructure checks to cleanup efforts, every department plays a role in welcoming guests and celebrating the season in true Barnesville style.

Thanks to the dedication and teamwork of our village employees, Barnesville continues to grow stronger and more connected. Their tireless work—through summer heat and seasonal transitions—helps preserve our history, improve our infrastructure, and keep our village vibrant and welcoming for all who live here and visit.

Downtown Parking Reminders: Know the Rules!



This is a friendly reminder to all residents, business owners, their employees, and visitors regarding parking regulations in our downtown area. Understanding and adhering to these rules helps ensure smooth traffic flow and accessibility for everyone.

Key Downtown Parking Regulations (9 am – 5 pm, Monday – Saturday, unless otherwise marked):



2-Hour Parking Zones Include:

- East Main Street from S Lincoln Avenue to Chestnut Street (the Square)
- West Main Street from Chestnut Street (the Square) to Gardner Street
- North Chestnut Street from Walnut Street to Main Street (the Square)
- South Chestnut Street from Main Street (the Square) to South Street

Specific Short-Term Parking:

- The first two parking spaces on North Arch Street near East Church Street are designated as **15-minute parking** from 9am–5pm on any day except Sundays and legal holidays.
- The handicap parking spot on North Arch Street in near the Municipal Building has a **30-minute limit**. A valid handicap placard must be displayed at all times when using this space.

School Zone Restrictions (School Days Only, 7 am – 4 pm):

- **No parking** is permitted on West Church Street between North Chestnut Street and North Broadway Street.
- **No parking** is permitted on North Gardner Street between West Main Street and West Church Street. Please be mindful of these restrictions to facilitate access to Barnesville Elementary School.

General Parking Guidelines:

- Please always pay close attention to **all posted "No Parking" areas and loading zones** throughout downtown.
- **No parking** is permitted on Fridays between 3 am and 7 am on the following streets for street sweeping: North Arch Street (from Church Street to East Main Street), East Main Street (from the Square to Henderson Street), West Main Street (from the Square to Gardner Street), North Chestnut Street (from the Square to Cherry Street), and South Chestnut Street (from the Square to Mill Street).
- Remember that **street parking is public parking and operates on a first-come, first-served basis**. Residents are not entitled to parking spaces directly in front of their homes on public streets.
- **Placing objects in the roadway to reserve or block a parking space is not permitted.**
- **No parking on sidewalks.**
- **Parking in a handicap space requires a valid handicap placard** to be clearly displayed at all times.
- No person shall park a school bus, commercial tractor, agricultural tractor, truck of more than one and one-half ton capacity, bus, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer or moving van on any street within the Municipality between 6:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. Except when being actively loaded and unloaded.

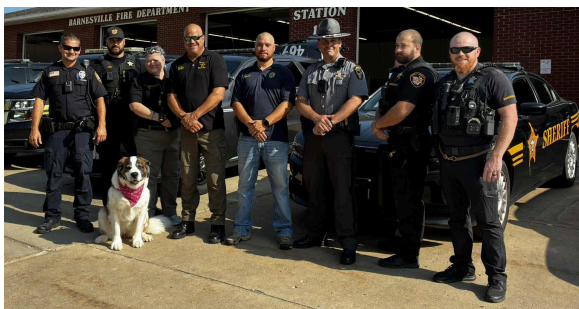
Parking Permits Available: For those seeking a guaranteed parking space, the Village offers parking permits for the East Main Street Lot (located between Cheffy's and Avenues of Barnesville). Interested individuals can purchase these permits for reserved parking. Contact the Police Department to obtain a permit 740-425-1976.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in observing these parking regulations, which help to ensure a safe, accessible, and enjoyable downtown for all. More information about parking restrictions can be found in the Barnesville Codified Ordinance Chapter 351 www.barnesvilleohio.com/ordinances.

BARNESVILLE SAFETY DAY

HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks to everyone who joined us for Barnesville Safety Day on Saturday, August 9, 2025! We had a fantastic time with several safety demonstrations, helpful tips, and a whole lot of foam fun. Safety Pup especially enjoyed hanging out with all the kids and seeing so many new dog friends. Thanks again for a great day—stay safe, everyone!



For more photos and highlights check out the Barnesville Fire and EMS or Barnesville Police Department Facebook pages!



MAXIMIZE YOUR SAFETY WITH CodeRED

CodeRED is the FREE community notification system available to the Village of Barnesville and Belmont County residents that will send you alerts concerning time-sensitive and/or emergency information that may impact your area via phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media.

The Village of Barnesville and Belmont County encourage you to actively participate in emergency preparedness by remaining informed. Safety is a two-way street, so be sure to register today to receive the information you need, when it matters, regarding events such as:



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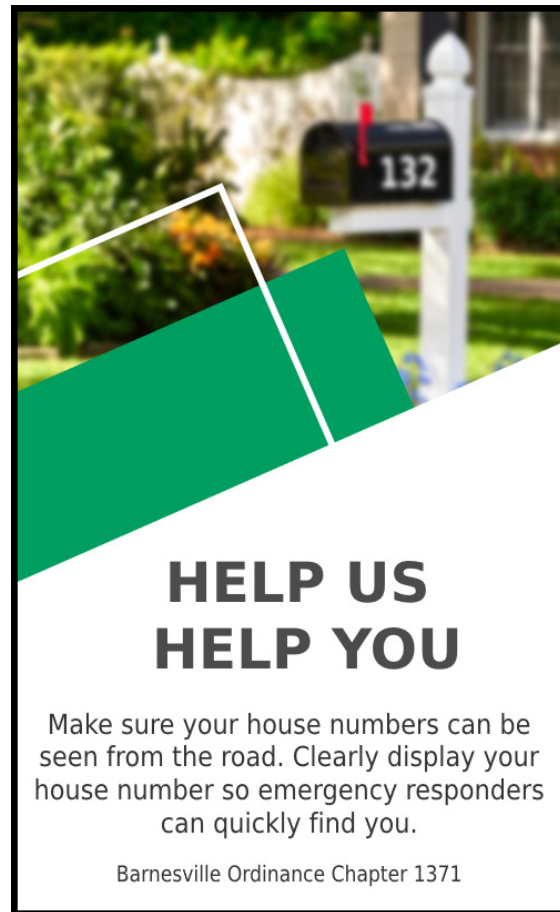
Visit www.BarnesvilleOhio.com and click on the CodeRED icon to enroll, or download the CodeRED Mobile Alert app available in the

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



To report a crime or suspicious activity in the Village of Barnesville call 740-425-1976 or if its an emergency, dial **911**

The key to help prevent theft from vehicles, starts with YOU!



HELP US HELP YOU

Make sure your house numbers can be seen from the road. Clearly display your house number so emergency responders can quickly find you.

Barnesville Ordinance Chapter 1371

Wipes Clog Pipes - Don't Flush Them!

It might seem convenient to flush wipes down the toilet—but doing so can lead to costly plumbing repairs and serious damage to our wastewater systems. Even wipes labeled “flushable” don’t break down like toilet paper. Instead, they can block household pipes, jam equipment at treatment facilities, and contribute to massive sewer clogs.

This includes:

- Baby wipes
- Makeup wipes
- Disinfecting wipes
- Cleaning wipes
- “Flushable” wipes
- Paper towels and more



Only toilet paper and human waste should be flushed. Everything else belongs in the trash.

Flushing the wrong items doesn't just affect your home—it can impact the entire community. Help keep our pipes clear and our water systems working by making smart flushing choices. When in doubt, throw it out!



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Barnesville PD Electronic Fingerprinting Services

The Barnesville Police Department offers electronic fingerprinting services, providing enhanced convenience for local residents and businesses. The department offers fingerprinting services from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Other hours or weekend hours may be requested by calling 740-425-1976.

Available Services:

- **Ohio BCI and FBI Database Webchecks:** Secure checks for various purposes, including employment and licensing.
- **Florida Level 2 Background Checks:** Comprehensive background screenings required for certain Florida-related clearances.
- **Fingerprint Capture:** High-quality electronic capture of fingerprints.
- **Fingerprint Cards:** Physical fingerprint cards for applications and records.

Appointments are required and can be scheduled online via Fast Fingerprints website by visiting www.fastfingerprints.com. Businesses and Organizations that may prefer to be billed for Fingerprinting Services must complete a Direct Bill Client Application or call 1-877-932-2435 to set up a direct bill account.

For any questions or further information, please contact the Barnesville Police Department at 740-425-1976.

STOP means STOP for school buses



TWO OR THREE LANES



FOUR OR MORE LANES



ONE WAY ROAD



Racing past the arm puts young lives in danger.



YELLOW FLASHING LIGHTS =
Prepare to stop



**RED FLASHING LIGHTS &
EXTENDED STOP ARM =**
Stop at least 10 feet away & wait
for the lights to stop



Online Payments Available



Pay Mayor's Court Tickets



Pay Water Bill



Pay Income Taxes



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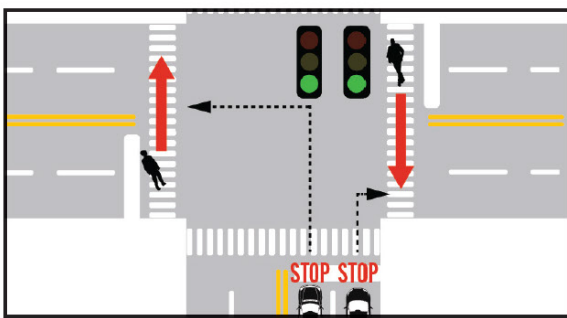
Online payments are not accepted yet for: Police Department fees (parking tickets, parking permits, golf cart inspections, record requests, or background checks), Park Rentals, EMS Billing, or Fiscal Office Payments.



When driving, we must:

- Drive the speed limit.
- Be alert for bicyclists and pedestrians – never drive distracted or impaired.
- Give bicyclists at least 3 feet when passing. Bikes are vehicles and can legally use the full travel lane.
- Pass bicyclists only when it is safe to do so; always check for oncoming traffic.
- Be extra cautious when backing up across sidewalks or in parking lots.

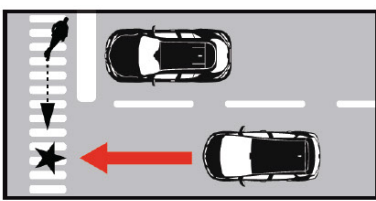
Turning Drivers Stop Even on Green



Before turning right or left on a green light, **STOP for pedestrians**. They have the right of way.

Never Pass A Stopped Car at a Crosswalk

A pedestrian may be crossing and hidden from your view. When stopping for a pedestrian, stop far behind the crosswalk so that other drivers can see the person crossing.



Funded by U.S. DOT/NHTSA and ODPS

Just like drivers behind the wheel, bicyclists and pedestrians must obey signs and signals.

When riding, we must:

- Be predictable - always ride WITH the direction of traffic and use bike lanes when available.
- Wear a properly fitted helmet.
- Be visible - wear bright, reflective clothing.




 Each year in Ohio, over **1,150** bicyclists are involved in a traffic crash.*

In 2021, Section 4511.514 of The Ohio Revised Code took effect – establishing requirements for low-speed micromobility devices, including e-scooters. The law allows these devices to be operated on public streets, sidewalks, shared-use paths, and bike lanes.

When walking, we must:

- If no sidewalks are present, walk **AGAINST** the direction of traffic.
- Use the crosswalk when available; drivers know to look for pedestrians there.
- Stay alert when using the crosswalk and always look both ways for oncoming vehicles.



 Each year in Ohio, over **2,500** pedestrians are involved in a traffic crash.*

**Ohio Statistics and Analytics for Traffic Safety (OSTATS)*

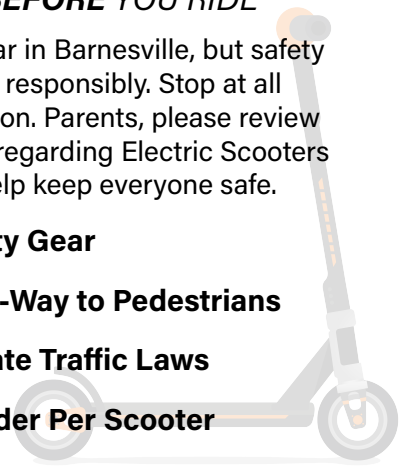
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Electric Scooter Safety

WHAT TO KNOW **BEFORE** YOU RIDE

Electric scooters are popular in Barnesville, but safety comes first. Always ride responsibly. Stop at all intersections and use caution. Parents, please review these rules and Ohio Laws regarding Electric Scooters with your children to help keep everyone safe.

- ➡ **Always Wear Safety Gear**
- ➡ **Yield The Right-Of-Way to Pedestrians**
- ➡ **Follow Local & State Traffic Laws**
- ➡ **Only Allow One Rider Per Scooter**



BARNESVILLE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL



BARNESVILLE, OH
SEPT. 25, 26, 27, & 28, 2025
www.barnesvillepumpkinfestival.com

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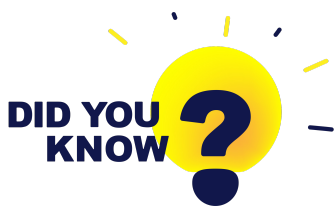
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OHGO.com is your directory
for up-to-the minute traffic,
construction, and weather
impacting Ohio's roadways,
live updated by ODOT's
Traffic Operators.



Notify online using Remote
Ticket Entry to call dial
8-1-1 or 800-362-2764





Did you know that improperly discarded lithium batteries can cause fires in trash trucks and recycling centers? This hazardous waste collection event is your opportunity to safely dispose of dangerous materials like lithium batteries, paints, cleaners, and chemicals. By bringing these items to the event, you're helping to protect our community, our sanitation workers, and the environment. Join us in making our community safer and cleaner by disposing of your hazardous waste responsibly.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

ONE DAY ONLY!!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025

BELMONT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
45300 ROSCOE RD, ST. CLAIRSVILLE

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



The Household Hazardous Waste Collections are open to ALL RESIDENTS of Jefferson and Belmont Counties with proof of residency.

*** FOR YOUR SAFETY - follow the ENTRANCE/EXIT signs and remain in your vehicle. Staff will remove and separate items at the event and place materials in the correct containers.**

Items that **Will BE Accepted**:

- | | |
|---|--|
| ✓ Household cleaners | ✓ Gasoline, Kerosene |
| ✓ Lab packs – acids/bases | ✓ Propane cylinders – grill sized or smaller |
| ✓ Lawn and garden chemicals | ✓ Mercury |
| ✓ Pool chemicals | ✓ Batteries (Lead Acid/NiCad/Lithium/Alkaline) |
| ✓ Aerosols | ✓ Organic Acids |
| ✓ Roof and driveway sealers | ✓ Fire Extinguishers |
| ✓ Light bulbs with mercury | ✓ Pesticides, Herbicides, Insecticides |
| ✓ Lead acid and dry cell batteries | ✓ 4 ft bulbs/8 ft bulbs, Crushed bulbs |
| ✓ Automotive Fluids – Motor oil – antifreeze | ✓ Lighters |
| ✓ Paint and paint related products/Solvents, strippers, turpentine, varnishes | |

Items that will **NOT Be Accepted**:

NO ELECTRONICS ON THIS DAY!

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| ✗ No Commercial or Business Waste | ✗ No DEA Controlled Substances |
| ✗ No PCB's, Transformers, Capacitors | ✗ No Radioactive wastes |
| ✗ No Compressed Gases (other than propane) | ✗ No Mattresses/box springs |
| ✗ No Explosives/Ammunition | ✗ No Tires |
| ✗ No appliances, tires, general recycling or trash | ✗ No Electronics |
| ✗ No Smoke Detectors | |
| ✗ No Medical/Infectious wastes | |

Please contact the Belmont office at (740) 296-5376 or Jefferson County office at (740) 266-6899 to verify your material is acceptable if not listed here.

Stay up to date, visit our website www.jbgreenteam.org or



Welcome to our School Resource Officers

The Barnesville Police Department is excited to announce our School Resource Officer (SRO) team for the 2025-2026 school year!

Congratulations to Officer Cody Daugherty, a four-year member of the Barnesville Police Department, on his first day as the SRO at Barnesville Elementary.

We are also excited to have SRO Shilling back at the Middle School and SRO Norris back at the High School, as they are essential members of the team.

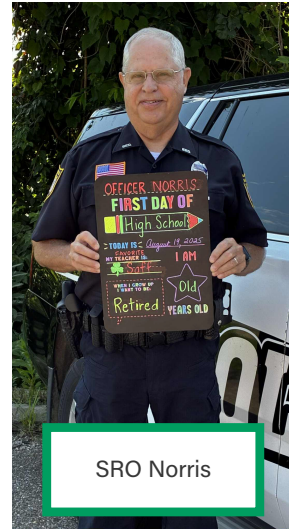
Wishing all the students, resource officers, staff, and administration a wonderful and safe school year!



SRO Daugherty



SRO Shilling



SRO Norris

Barnesville PD Tackle Property Maintenance Concerns

The Barnesville Police Department is taking a more active role in enforcing the Village's Property Maintenance Code (Section 1381) to address property maintenance issues that continue to be a top concern for residents. By centralizing enforcement, the police department aims to improve the overall appearance and safety of the community.

Since the beginning of the year, the department has already issued several abatement notices for property maintenance violations. These efforts are part of a broader initiative to clean up areas of town that require attention.

If a property is found to be in violation, the owner will receive a 30-day notice to fix the issue. If the violation isn't corrected within that timeframe, the owner could face a summons to Mayor's Court and daily fines of \$100 per day until the issue is resolved.

How to Report a Concern: Residents play a crucial role in helping keep Barnesville beautiful. If you see a property maintenance issue, you can report it to the Barnesville Police Department by calling 740-425-1976. Your cooperation is vital to these efforts, and together, we can ensure Barnesville remains a great place to live.



Always Yield to Emergency Vehicles. You Could Save a Life.

Every day, emergency vehicles respond to urgent requests for service from the public. As a driver, it is your responsibility to know what to do when approaching an emergency vehicle or passing a stationary emergency vehicle.

Rules to Live By: It's the Law

By state law, when driving, you must yield to the right for all moving public safety vehicles. You must yield to the left, if possible, for all stationary public safety vehicles.

Moving Public Safety Vehicles with Lights and Sirens

Traffic in both directions must pull to the right and stop. As a motorist, you should pull to the right and stop prior to an intersection and always yield to all public safety vehicles turning left. Make sure all public safety vehicles have passed before proceeding.

Stationary Public Safety, Emergency, or Road Service Vehicle Displaying Flashing Lights

When approaching a Stationary Public Safety, Emergency, or Road Service Vehicle Displaying Flashing Lights, a driver must slow down and move as far to the left as road conditions will allow while passing the public safety vehicle. Motorists must change lanes away from the public safety vehicle if traveling on a multi-lane highway. If motorists are unable to change lanes safely, or if traveling on a two-lane highway, they must slow down and proceed with caution.

Parking Permits Available – East Main Lot

The Village of Barnesville has several permit parking spaces available in the East Main Street Parking Lot, located between Cheffy's and Avenues of Barnesville. The cost is \$20 a month or \$120 a year. Parking permits are valid Monday through Saturday 8am–6pm, except special events and for maintenance. Permits are sold on a first come basis. For more information or to purchase a permit, contact the Barnesville Police Department 740-425-1976.

House Numbers Required

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.

Contractor & Building Permits Required

Planning a project this year? You may need a building permit from the Village of Barnesville. Whether you're constructing or remodeling commercial or residential property within the Village limits, a permit is required before starting any work or demolition. This ensures you have legal permission from the Village to proceed with your project. Contractors are also required to obtain a permit before performing any work within the Village limits. Permits can be obtained from the Fiscal Office on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, located at 132 N Arch St, Barnesville. Permit applications are available on the Village website at www.barnesvilleohio.com, either on the Fiscal Office page or by clicking the "Forms" button on the homepage. If you have any questions about building or contractor permits, please contact the Fiscal Office at 740-425-3444, Monday–Friday 8:00am–4:00pm.

Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Required

COA is a document required for any changes to a historically designated property or a property within a historic district. This includes the erection, reconstruction, alteration, or restoration of a building, as well as moving, removing, or demolishing any part of a structure. The COA is issued by the Historic District Board of Architectural Review. Forms may be obtained online at www.barnesvilleohio.com and clicking the "Forms" button on the homepage or by contacting the Fiscal Office at 740-425-3444.

Village Notice: Peddlers & Solicitors

Did you know that Village Ordinance Section 712.02 requires anyone acting as a **peddler** (any person who carries with him or her for the purpose of sale at retail and immediate or future delivery, goods, wares, food or merchandise, or any person who in person as principal or agent, canvasses, sells, or otherwise obtains orders or commitments for the sale, repair or exchange of goods, wares, food or merchandise, or services) or a **solicitor** (any person who obtains or seeks to obtain funds for any cause whatsoever by means of canvassing from place to place) to obtain a license from the Village?

This ordinance is in place to help ensure the safety and well-being of our residents. Please be aware that while the Police Department is generally no longer issuing these permits due to the volume of public complaints and past issues, they may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

What does this mean for residents?

If a solicitor comes to your door, please **do not engage and immediately report the incident to the Barnesville Police Department at 740-425-1976**. Your vigilance helps us maintain a peaceful and secure environment in our village.

Individuals seeking a peddler or solicitor permit should contact the Barnesville Police Department directly to inquire about the application process and whether their request may be considered. There is a \$100 per permit per year fee that expires December 31 of the current calendar year; regardless of the date such license is issued.

No license is required for peddlers or solicitors in specific situations. These include those soliciting the purchase of or subscriptions for local Belmont County newspapers, those making wholesale deliveries of business-related equipment or articles to commercial establishments, and those peddling or soliciting at the direct invitation or request of the person being contacted. Additionally, individuals soliciting or peddling on behalf of local religious, educational, civic, or charitable organizations are exempt from the licensing requirement, provided they are not compensated for their efforts.

Thank you for your cooperation. For questions or concerns you may contact the Barnesville Police Department at 740-425-1976.

PUMPKIN IN THE VILLE

SEPTEMBER 25-28, 2025

Hours – OPEN:

Thursday, Sept. 25: Noon – 8 PM
Friday, Sept. 26: 10 AM – 8 PM
Saturday, Sept. 27: 10 AM – 8 PM
Sunday, Sept. 28: Noon – 3 PM

Location:

The Bohandy Building
102 E Main St
Barnesville, OH



Get your pumpkin fix at the Pumpkin Wagon during the Barnesville Pumpkin Festival September 25-28, 2025! Stop by for delicious pumpkin ice cream, pumpkin pie, and pumpkin donuts, all served up by our celebrity servers.

Barnesville Gold Gift Certificates are available for purchase at the Barnesville Chamber office and are redeemable at all participating locations

Barnesville has a lot to offer!



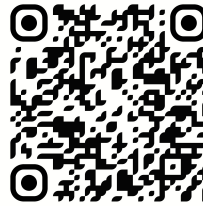
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BarnesvilleOhioChamber.com



Don't miss a thing! For all the latest details, event photos, and news on upcoming events, be sure to follow the Barnesville Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.



FUN IN THE VILLE HIGHLIGHTS

What a fantastic end to the summer! The Barnesville Area Chamber of Commerce's final Fun in the Ville event was a huge success. The Back to School event on Thursday, August 7th, brought the community together for a day of fun activities and getting ready for the new school year. It was wonderful to see so many people come out for school supplies and a good time!



Ohio Outdoor Fire Laws: What You Need to Know

Ohio Revised Code 1503.18 Regarding Kindled Fires

O.R.C. 1503.18 is under the authority of the Ohio Division of Forestry.

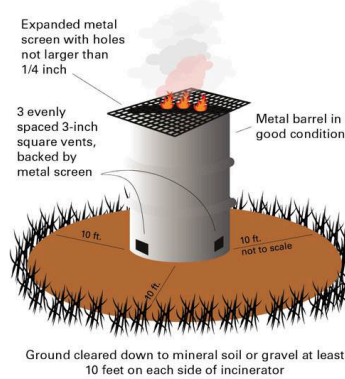
This law prohibits outdoor open burning statewide in unincorporated areas during the months of March, April, May, October, and November between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

This ban includes burning of yard waste, trash, and debris, even in a proper burn barrel.

During spring, wildfire danger is high before plants have turned green, and in fall, fire danger is high due to abundant dry leaves and dead grass. Warm, windy weather in both seasons also contribute to elevated fire risk. Always be sure to use a proper burn barrel when burning outdoors during legal hours.

Call your fire department for info about local burning regulations.

Call ODNR Forestry at 877-247-8733 with questions.



Ohio Administrative Code 3745.19 Regarding Outdoor Burning



O.A.C. 3745.19 is enforced by the Ohio EPA. EPA notification is required for many types of open burns in Ohio.

Call 614-644-2270 with questions or visit: www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning.aspx for complete rules and to find your local EPA office or air pollution control agency.

EPA Basics for Homeowners

Materials NEVER to be burned at any time or any place in Ohio:

- Food Waste
- Dead Animals
- Materials containing rubber, grease, asphalt, or made from petroleum

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- Fires must be more than 1,000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building
- No burning when air pollution alert, warning, or emergency is in effect
- Fire/smoke cannot obscure visibility on roadway, railways, or airfields
- No waste generated off the premises may be burned
- No burning within village or city limits or restricted areas

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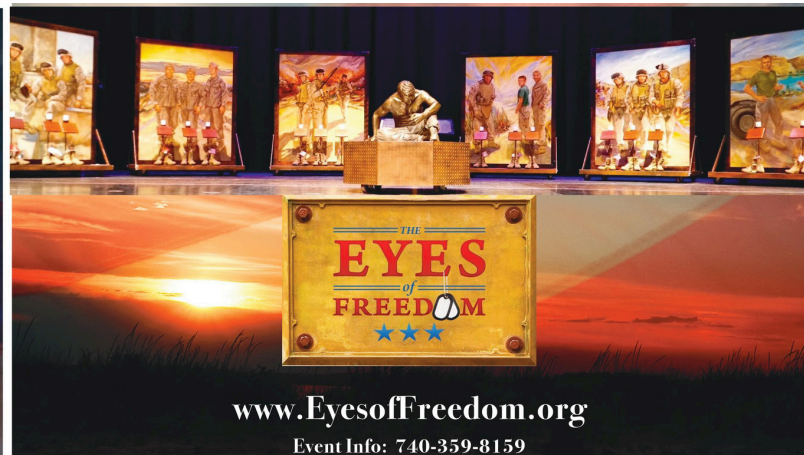
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www.EyesofFreedom.org

Event Info: 740-359-8159

September 24 – 28, 2025

Location: Barnesville Middle School, 970 Shamrock Dr.

Hours: Wed–Sat: 12–8 PM; Sun: 10AM–6PM

Sun., Sept. 21: 3PM – Motorcycle Escort Arrival & Installation

Opening Ceremony: Monday, Sept. 22 @ 6PM

During the Barnesville Pumpkin Festival



CHANGE YOUR CLOCK
CHANGE YOUR
BATTERY

It is also recommended to check or change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms this day.

— 2025 —

BARNESVILLE HALLOWEEN

2 NIGHTS OF FUN

28 OCT TUES	TRICK-OR-TREAT (Traditional)	5:30 TO 7:00 PM
30 OCT THURS	SPOOKTACULAR (Downtown)	5:30 TO 7:00 PM



Barnesville Halloween 2025 Events

Get ready, Barnesville! The Village of Barnesville, Ohio and the Barnesville Area Chamber of Commerce are thrilled to announce TWO nights of Halloween fun!

Trick-or-Treat (Traditional)

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

The streets of Barnesville will be filled with ghosts, goblins, and ghouls! Trick-or-Treat with your neighbors and enjoy the sweetest night of the year!

Spooktacular (Downtown)

Thursday, October 30, 2025

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

The entire downtown area will be buzzing with Halloween spirit! Enjoy thrilling activities, festive fun, and an atmosphere that will send a chill down your spine!

This is a community-wide celebration you won't want to miss! Hosted by The Village of Barnesville & Barnesville Area Chamber of Commerce.

It's going to be a spook-tacular time!

DELICIOUS

CHICKEN BBQ

includes half a chicken, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, a roll, and a drink.



\$12

**Saturday
Sept. 27th**

from 11am
until sold out

VILLAGE OF BARNESVILLE SIDEWALK LOAN PROGRAM

IS YOUR SIDEWALK IN NEED OF REPAIR?

The Village of Barnesville offers a 0% interest loan to help homeowners replace deteriorated sidewalks, curbs and driveway aprons, that run parallel to the Village Streets.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- Professional results, hassle-free – the Village handles the contractor
- 0% interest loan repayment via monthly Village invoice
- Work meets Village specifications for safety, quality, and consistency

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Property must be within the Village Corporation Limit
- No delinquent water bills in the past 24 months
- No unpaid Village income taxes
- No outstanding fines

APPLICATIONS:

Barnesville Water Department
126 E Church St
Barnesville, OH 43713

QUESTIONS:

Contact Village Administrator
Roger Deal at 740-425-1880
or email: admin@barnesvilleohio.com



BARNESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOW HIRING Police Officer - Full-Time

The Village of Barnesville Police Department is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Full-time Police Officers with the Village of Barnesville Police Department perform patrol operations for a coverage area of approximately 5,000 citizens, including a hospital, schools, and many other businesses.

Starting Pay for entry level: \$23/hr after probationary period
Starting Pay with Experience: pay can start at up to \$25/hr

- Comprehensive Benefit Package
- Health, Dental & Vision Insurance
- Paid Time Off
- Ohio Police & Fire Pension

- Advancement Opportunities
- Uniforms, equipment provided by department
- Yearly Uniform Allowance
- 12 hour shifts, every other Friday, Saturday, Sunday off
- Recently renovated gym on site

➤ Exceptional work environment with a small and close group of members and a healthy atmosphere.

Candidate will be subject to a background check & drug screen. The Village of Barnesville is an Equal Opportunity Employer & a drug free work place.

**** OFFERING: Police Academy Reimbursement Program** that would allow qualified candidate to be reimbursed for academy expenses upon successful completion of OPOTA and a 2 year commitment to the Department.

Please contact Chief Rocky Sirianni for any additional information or if you are interested in joining our team 740-425-1976 or email: r.sirianni@barnesvilleohio.com

APPLY TODAY!



APPLY NOW!
barnesvilleohio.com/jobs

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost warns of **SCAMS TARGETING OHIOANS**

Computer Repair Scams

An "employee" of a computer company contacts you claiming your computer has a virus and offers to "fix the problem." The person asks for access to your computer, which allows the scammer to install malicious software designed to scan your computer for personal information or to lock your computer so that you cannot use it until you pay a "ransom" to unlock it.

Fake Check Scams

Someone sends you a check or money order and asks you to deposit it in your account and wire-transfer back the money, minus a nice bonus for you — a "thank you" for helping. Regardless of the pitch, the result is the same: The check or money order you received is counterfeit; it will be returned to your bank unpaid, and the full amount will be deducted from your account.

Phishing and Spoofing

Scammers use clever emails, websites, phone calls and text messages to "phish" for information by posing as a legitimate business. Never give personal information to someone who contacts you unexpectedly, even if they say they are from a trusted business, such as your bank. Scammers can use "spoofing" to disguise the phone number that appears on your caller ID to make their plays seem more legitimate.

Romance Scams

A con artist meets a victim online or over the phone and claims to be temporarily located overseas — perhaps due to a military assignment or mission trip. After developing a relationship, the scammer eventually asks the victim to send money to pay for airfare, medical expenses or military fees. In reality, there was never "true love," and any money sent will be lost.

Home Improvement Scams

Door-to-door contractors offer to repair your roof, pave your driveway or trim your trees for a great price. After you pay, the contractor disappears after doing a poor job or no work at all. Never pay in full upfront. If you are solicited at your home, you have three days to cancel the contract, and the work should not begin within that period.

Grandparent Scam

A con artist poses as your grandchild, claims to be in trouble and asks you to send money via wire transfer or prepaid card. If you're suspicious, ask a question only a family member would know how to answer; also, call your son or daughter to confirm the claim.

Sweepstakes Scams

Someone falsely claims that you have won the lottery or a contest that you never entered. All you need to do to collect the winnings is prepay a fee or a tax. However, your winnings will never arrive because the lottery or contest is fake. Legitimate sweepstakes are free and require no upfront payment.

Phony Charities

Scammers invent fake charities. To verify the legitimacy of a charitable group before making a donation, call the Ohio Attorney General's Help Center at **800-282-0515**.



Tips for **AVOIDING SCAMS**

ALWAYS:

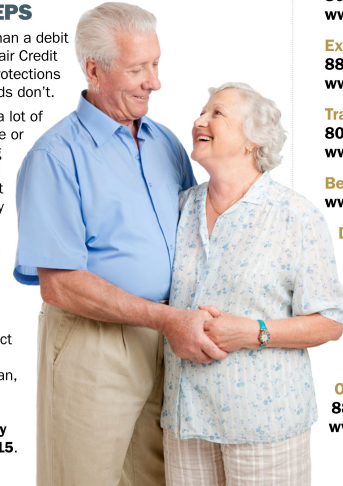
- » Be skeptical when someone requests immediate payment via wire transfer, prepaid money card or gift card.
- » Research businesses and charities through the Ohio Attorney General's Office and the Better Business Bureau.
- » Beware of strangers who seek new, quick, personal connections with you or a loved one.
- » Get all verbal promises in writing and review contracts.
- » Keep your personal information private and shred outdated documents containing such information.

NEVER:

- » Send money via wire transfer, gift card or prepaid credit card to a stranger.
- » Give personal information to someone who has contacted you unexpectedly.
- » Carry unnecessary personal information, such as your Social Security card, in your wallet or purse.
- » Pay to win a prize or sweepstakes.
- » Allow someone "remote access" to your computer.
- » Pay the full amount upfront before any work has been done.

OTHER SMART STEPS

- » Use a credit card, rather than a debit card, cash or check. The Fair Credit Billing Act offers certain protections that other payment methods don't.
- » For transactions involving a lot of money completed by phone or via the internet, keep a log of who you spoke with and when, the person's contact information and any money paid.
- » Check your credit report(s) at least once a year at www.annualcreditreport.com or by calling **877-322-8228**. If you notice unfamiliar accounts, contact the three major credit reporting agencies (Experian, Equifax and TransUnion). Also, contact the **Ohio Attorney General's Identity Theft Unit at 800-282-0515**.



**Remember,
if it sounds
too good to
be true, it
probably is!**

Consumer Resources

Annual Credit Report
877-322-8228
www.annualcreditreport.com

Equifax
800-525-6285
www.equifax.com

Experian
888-397-3742
www.experian.com

TransUnion
800-680-7289
www.transunion.com

Better Business Bureau
www.bbb.org

Data & Marketing Association
212-768-7277
www.dmachoice.org

National Do Not Call Registry
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www.donotcall.gov

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BARNESVILLE POLICE DEPT. KEY HOLDER REGISTRY

This registry allows police to quickly access vital contact information for key holders for your home or business during alarm drops. Business owners with or without alarms are encouraged to register. Residents with alarms are also encouraged to register your information. Be sure if changes need made to your registry, to submit a new form.

police.barnesvilleohio.com



BARNESVILLE PD 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. We do not accept over counter medicines, trash, bags, large containers, etc. Lobby is open Monday-Sunday 8:00 AM-Midnight. For questions, call 740-425-1976



Enjoy Fall at Barnesville Memorial Park

At our beautiful park, there's something for everyone, from young to old. Come enjoy the stunning fall foliage when the leaves begin to change.



Amazing Playground
Picnic Pavilions
Hiking Trails
12-Acre Rotary Lake

Tennis Courts
Pickleball Courts
Basketball Courts
Amphitheater & Gazebo

Porch Swing Sitting Areas
Mother's Club Shelter
Group Cabins
Baseball Fields



www.Park.BarnesvilleOhio.com

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to 99411 to
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Be Safe. Remain Informed.
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alerts.barnesvilleohio.com



BELMONT COUNTY FAIR



Support our Barnesville 4-H Kids and Celebrate their hard work at the Belmont County Fair!

61st Annual Barnesville Pumpkin Festival September 25-28, 2025

For more information visit:

www.BarnesvillePumpkinFestival.com or visit the festivals Facebook page.