

# See Classic Cars Displayed During Show n Shine



For the past dozen years the Barnesville Main Street Program has hosted a "Show 'n' Shine" Classic Car Show the second Thursday of each summer month, May through September. There is food and entertainment available and lots of old cars to bring back a few memories. The best part is that it's all free except for the food you purchase.

Show dates for Show 'n' Shine Classic Car events this year include Thursdays, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13 and September 10. Hours are 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The really big local classic car show occurs on Saturday, August 22 during Potato Days. That show also is free.

# Busy Summer Ahead For City Public Works Crews

By Gene Prim

Charlie Revering heads up the City of Barnesville Public Works Department. He has an extremely busy summer scheduled ahead of him and for members of his crews. There will be one squad of employees who will get on lawn mowers before Memorial Day and won't get off them except for rain until well past Labor Day.

They will be cutting grass on a daily basis on the roughly 120 acres of greenery that is contained within the Barnesville Parks system. That system includes several huge tracts of land including the Willow Creek Golf Course, the Arnold Wagner Memorial Park Campground, Blue Eagle and McGrath Parks as well as smaller neighborhood parks scattered around town.

While those seasonable crew members man the mowers, the rest of the Public Works crew will be dealing with various hotspots around town that need attention. With water main breaks and the construction of a new shop last summer, the Public Works crews never got to some of the projects on their list.

Included in the leftover work from 2025 are the downtown sidewalks. All of the red diamonds, identification bricks and granite medallions installed in the sidewalks during the 2011 street project downtown are to be removed. The bricks are crumbling and many of the medallions have taken a beating from snow removal equipment.

All of that decorative sidewalk work will be replaced by red concrete, similar to the sidewalks

completed in the 2023 Highway 9 rebuild on the north end of Front Street. All of the material in those diamonds will be given to the property owner who purchased them originally.

In addition to the sidewalk work, the Public Works crews will also oversee the planting of new trees downtown. The trees planted after the 2011 rebuild of Front Street have had a hard life. Whether they were just the wrong species of tree or they didn't get enough water is open to conjecture. What is known is that most of them are either dead or dying. They will be replaced this summer mostly with serviceberry trees, ivory silver lilac trees or perhaps a tree of the property owners selection.

The Public Works crews will also be updating hard surfacing and drainage issues on alleys on Front Street. Those issues include finishing the blacktopping of the alley east of City Hall. Another grading and/or drainage issue involves the buildings west of the Barnesville Day Care Center on Front Street. Some of those buildings now take on water in a heavy rain after the alleys were raised several years ago.

On a rainy day when outdoor work gets washed out, there will be plenty of work to take care of in the two shops. There is a new plow truck that needs to be equipped with the necessary equipment. There is also a new jetter truck for the sewage system.

While not part of the alley work nor a city project, you can watch for the old green metal building on the



There is a busy summer season ahead for Charlie Revering and his crews from the Public Works Department. He is responsible for making the wishes and demands of the City Council, the administration and all of the citizens of Barnesville come from the planning stages to cold, hard fact. He manages to keep everyone happy...sometimes.

north end of Front Street to come tumbling down this summer. That was purchased by an individual last year with the intention of remodeling it into a retail space. That has not proved practical and it looks like now the building will be demolished and a new structure constructed on the site.

There is one major city project

that will take place late in the summer or early fall. The water tower is slated for a fresh coat of paint. That's not quite as simple as it sounds as it means the water tower will be out of service for upwards of two weeks.

That doesn't make any sense since they are painting the exterior of the water tower and not the interior.



They were expensive when they were installed in the 2011 downtown project but they never stood up. The granite medallions and surrounding bricks will all be torn out this summer and replaced with red concrete similar to the present border material. The bricks have been crumbling and the granite medallions have been taking a terrific beating from snow removal equipment.

They painted the inside of the tower a few years back. But it is necessary to drain the water tower so that it can warm up. With cold water cooling the steel, the paint won't stick.

It is hoped that the new paint job eliminates or alleviates at least one problem. The water tower, ever since it went into service, has persistently had a crop of fungus growing on the bottom of the tower. This is caused partially by algae that form on the cool bottom of the tower. They are sticky and farm dust adheres to them creating a dirty gray look. A new paint job may not cure the problem but at least it will be less noticeable on the purple paint instead of the white.

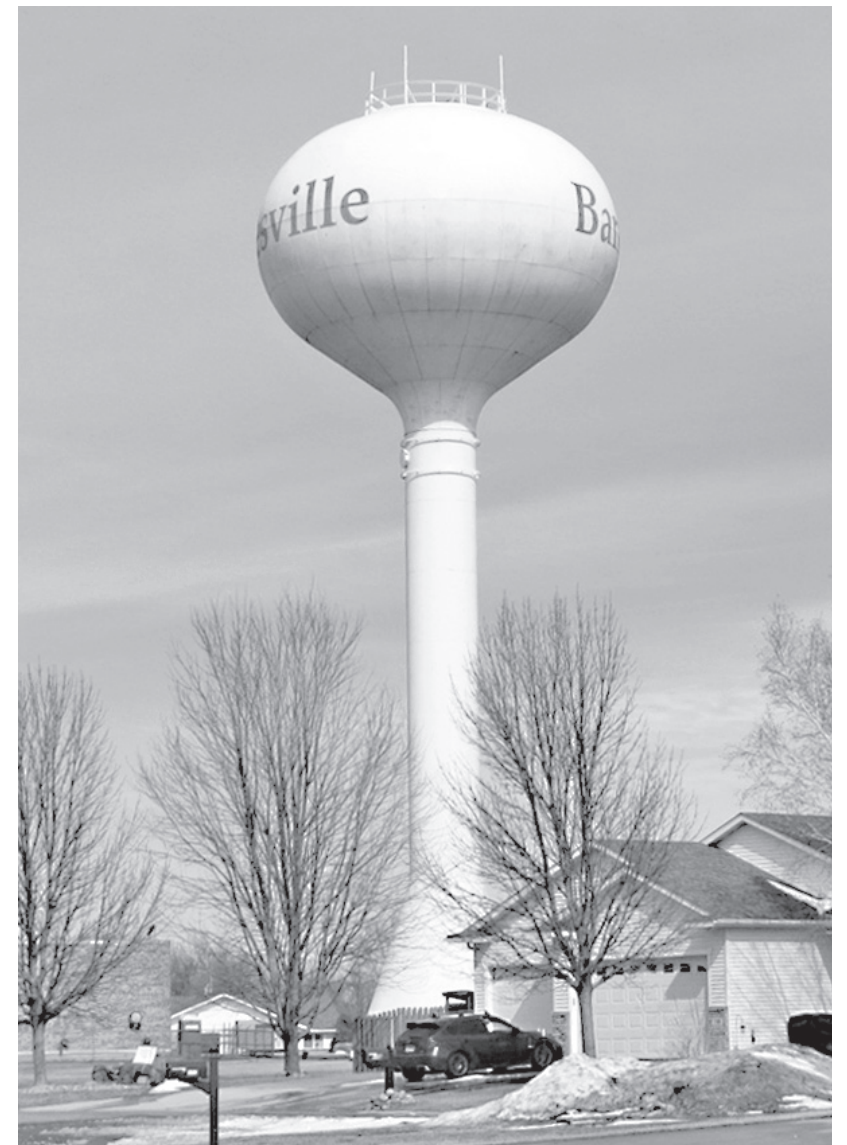
In any event, you can look for a disruption in water service next September or October. The painting will be done then because those are low usage months with ideal conditions for painting.

With the water tower out of service we're still in good shape as

far as a regular supply of water is concerned. There is an underground reserve tank next to the water treatment plant that will pump water into the system. We will not have the fire protection that we need during those two weeks.

The water tower will get a new color scheme with the painting project. The bottom half of the globe, as well as the standpipe will be painted Trojan purple. The top half of the globe will be painted white as it is now. It will have "Barnesville" prominently displayed on the outside of the 500,000 gallon tower. The lettering will also be painted in Trojan purple.

It will be a busy construction summer for the Barnesville Public Works crews as they take on that load of work plus install new playground equipment at Wagner Park Campground and try to stay ahead of water main breaks within the city.



The Barnesville Water Tower is due for a facelift the end of this summer. The standpipe in the center and the bottom half of the globe will be painted Trojan purple. The upper half of the globe will be painted white with Trojan purple "Barnesville" spelled out on it. Ain't it amazing how many towns are named after water towers?!



Lindens were the tree of choice when the downtown was rehabilitated in 2011. However, the Lindens did not fare well. Nearly all have died. If they aren't dead, they are on life support. They will be replaced this summer with serviceberry or ivory silver lilac trees. There may even be a few burr oaks planted downtown on Front Street