



# Town of Barnesville

## “Tidbit”

December 2007

### **Mayor’s Message:**

Water Consumption- Although the last few weeks have provided some relief, we are still in a drought situation. Please try to be prudent in your water use as we are all probably pulling from the same water source. If we all use care hopefully we will continue to have this important resource available for our use. Please conserve water.

Recycling – Barnesville has been a leader in recycling far ahead of most communities. Please be sure you and your household are doing your part to conserve our resources through full compliance of recycling goals. Need a new bin? Just email me and I will deliver! [pmenke@paulvi.net](mailto:pmenke@paulvi.net).

Holiday Season – As we get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving and the Christmas Holidays the Town Commissioners wish each and everyone a wonderful holiday season. Try to remember those less fortunate and do your part to help them to have a joyous holiday season as well.

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award:** The Commissioners and Clerk are excited that the Town received an award for being one of the first Municipalities to join the Local Government Insurance Trust when they began 20 years ago. Mayor Menke accepted this award, which was a beautiful framed Black Eye Susan picture and it will be hung in the Town Hall, on its completion.

**Studio Tour:** Dates: November 30, December 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, from 10 – 5.

Meet and talk with the artisans as they open their studios to offer an array of handcrafted items for sale. Find hand blown glass, prints and paintings, yarn, jewelry, furniture, birdbaths, garden art, plants and mosaics and try some local wine. Come out for a breath of fresh air, see where the artists live and work, and take home a renewed sense of well-being and possibly a wonderful piece of art to add to your home. For more information: <http://www.countrysideartisans.com/>

**Pray for Father Lawrence:** As many of you may know, Father Lawrence has been diagnosed with leukemia and is undergoing treatment at Johns Hopkins. At this time, he is not receiving visitors.

There is a blood drive going on for him on December 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm. If you are interested in giving for Father Lawrence, please call 1-800-448-3543 to schedule a specific appointment time. You may send him a card: Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Building C/o Father Walter Lawrence Weinberg, 5C Room 514, 401 North Broadway Baltimore, MD 21231

**Breast Cancer Awareness Stamp:** Don’t forget that when you buy postal stamps that you can also buy the breast awareness stamp at the post office and the extra money goes to breast cancer research. Since its introduction in 1998 the stamp has raised \$54 million for breast cancer. Every little bit helps.

**Christmas Caroling:** The Town Christmas Caroling will be held on December 16, starting at 5:30 at the Town Christmas tree where the Catholic Youth Choir will meet you to sing. Then everyone will meet at the St. Mary’s Pavilion at 6 pm. Come have a cup of hot chocolate or hot cider (Mrs. Jeffers recipe that Mrs. Tolbert has been making), a bowl of soup, a hot dog, and a donut. There will be plenty of other things to

enjoy. The children always seem to enjoy getting their energy out playing with a friend or two, but don't forget about the singing and the great company of thy neighbor. Our great Santa will be there to give out his goody bag, that his elf's – Mike, Holly, and Claire give him to pass out, which whom we would like to thank. Mayor Menke and I will be out of town but we wish you all the best and we hope you have a great holiday season.

**Annual Town Dinner/Meeting:** This is for our “Town Citizens,” but we have a lot of people that we think of as our “Citizens” and they think of themselves as Barnesvillian's. If you did not get a special invite and would like to join us, please let us know, you will be welcomed. We come together on February

**Holiday Lighting Ceremony:** Poolesville holds a ceremony of “Holiday Lighting” at the Whalen Commons at 6 p.m. on December 1<sup>st</sup>. You may want to join them for this festive activity.

**Breakfast with Santa:** St. Mary's will be holding “Breakfast with Santa” on December 16<sup>th</sup> (before the Town Caroling) and the UMCVFD (the Fire Department in Beallsville) will also be holding this on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 11 am – bring a toy “Toy for Tots” if you want. Try to support one of these organizations. You may also drop off a “Toy for Tots” at the firehouse, even if you are not planning on attending the breakfast.

**December 16<sup>th</sup>:** Santa will be riding though the Town of Poolesville on a fire truck, around 6 p.m.

**Jim Brown Recuperating:** Jim fell off his ladder while putting on his storm windows. He broke his ankle and damaged his foot. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

**Crepe Myrtle Donated in Memory of Marge:** Some friends of Jan Burdette, which whom she works with, donated a Crepe Myrtle in Memory of her mom, Marge Lillard to the Barnesville Baptist Church. It was planted near the road for all to see. They had a little ceremony, with just the family and Jan's co-workers.

**Mail Delivery:** Donna Mitchell worked hard on getting the Postal Service to deliver mail to your house, in our town, with the Barnesville, MD

address, instead of Dickerson. If you are interested contact your Post Master, Maureen.

**New Kitchen:** Donna has waited many years to get the kitchen of her dreams and with Dave Johnson doing the work her dream finally came true. She would like to invite you all to stop by to see it. It looks great, Donna!

**MD Resident Income Tax Return:** Don't forget to put Barnesville as your City/ Town taxing area when you do your Income Tax Return.

**Great Job Tina:**



**Unique way to educate others about a treasure in the Western Up County**

On October 29<sup>th</sup> the first-ever Ag Reserve gateway sign was installed at White's Ferry. The sign welcomes people coming across the river to the Ag Reserve and thanks them for visiting as they are heading into Virginia. Ed Brown, the owner of White's Ferry, and Tina Brown, artist and Barnesville resident, was present at a ribbon cutting held at the ferry on that Monday morning. Locals may want to visit the ferry and check out the attractive sign. And aren't those of us lucky enough to live here happy that we are living, rather than leaving, the Ag Reserve?

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Mark your calendar

<b>December</b>	1	Blood Drive for Father Lawrence
	1	Poolesville - Whalen Commons – Lights
	1, 2, 7, 8, 9	Studio Tour
	8	Breakfast with Santa, Fire Department
	16	Breakfast with Santa, St. Mary's
	16	Santa Ride though Poolesville
	16	Christmas Caroling in Barnesville
	NO	December meeting / Christmas Caroling instead
<b>January</b>	21	Town Meeting
<b>February</b>		Town Dinner/Meeting