



Town of Barnesville

“Tidbit”

July / August '07

Keeping You Informed” -*The Mayor’s Message:* Our Town survey continues and we ask all citizens to cooperate. Most of the survey is a paper survey using boundaries of land, which is on the outside borders of Barnesville. Officials from Meridian Surveyors might be required to come on your property, please cooperate with them.

Chapter 48 was approved. This will enable the town to use the power of the county to clean up properties in which illegal activity such as dumping, abandoned autos, and other violations of land use.

The hearing on the Meissner property was held at the District Court in Silver Spring. Commissioner Fedders, Susan Percy, and I were in attendance. The Meissner’s were given 30 days to clear the property by the judge. A new hearing is scheduled if the property is not cleaned up.

As we get into summer months everyone is reminded to keep your grass cut, sidewalks clear of growth and always do your best to conserve water. Let us all work to keep Barnesville Beautiful.

As the Town continues to work towards proving speed cameras to slow down the traffic through town , the Commissioners approved a study in which cables were placed on the streets to check and record speeds. The data will be used to provide factual evidence of traffic infractions. Commissioner Fedders has continued to provide the work to make this possible. We will discuss this at the next town meeting and you can see results soon on our Web page www.BarnesvilleMd.org.

Have a safe and happy summer.

July 4th Trash Pickup / now July 6th:

Hopefully you received the “Tidbit” in time for this notice, but I know the Cooley’s are putting out a notice and I sent out a mass email. With Wednesday being the 4th of July and the County office being closed we will have trash & recycling pickup on Friday the 6th.

Remember the wax containers, that contained Milk or OJ, are not acceptable in the recyclables. If any trash collector sees anything that is not acceptable they have no choice BUT to throw away the whole container. This takes away from your hard work of recycling, but they do not have a choice. I will put up another copy of the **recycling rules** up at the post office, or go on line www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling or call 240-777-6400.

ALSO, please remember to clean out your trashcans often with 1 cup of Clorox to a gallon of water and throw some chlorine into your trash bag if you put it out with old food, picked crabs, or anything else that draws flies and smells real bad. We will all thank you.

Sympathy: Our hearts and prayers go out to Lenny (one of our Postmasters) and his family for the loss of his father.

Elections: We had 51% voting turnout. We thank you all. Congratulations: Mayor Menke and Commissioner Brown & Commissioner Fedders.

Tax Rate: The Commissioners voted to keep the 2007 Constant Yield Tax rate, for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, at \$0.054/\$100. I do not remember the Commissioners ever raising the rate. Last year it was \$0.060/\$100, great job Commissioners.

A Card of Thanks: I would like to thank you all for the card’s and kind words expressed during my recent loss of my father. It is great to know that I have so many caring friends and I so appreciated all your kind words and thoughts. Thank you, Lenny Senseney

Vacation Bible School:**St. Mary's Catholic Church (Barnesville)**

Monday, August 6-Friday, August 10--9:30 a.m.-
-Noon

Theme: "The Great Bible Reef, Dive deep into
God's Word"

Lyme Disease:

One of our neighbors called me to see if I could get word out about a conference he was going to regarding Lyme disease on June 23rd. I knew I couldn't get it out in time for this weekend conference, but I feel it is important enough to let people know about the disease. Hopefully, he will bring back information to us that maybe helpful. I am putting in a little information that you might find useful. Remember, this can affect any of us that go outside, including your animals.

Lyme disease, marked by a characteristic rash and joint pain, can cause long-term effects if not treated with antibiotics. They can include arthritis, heart disease, and nervous system damage. It is caused by bacteria called *Borrelia burgdorferi* and is easily treated with antibiotics. (I heard only if you catch it within a week, per Doctor). The CDC said a Lyme disease vaccine was once available but was taken off the market in 2002, after the company that made it reported poor sales. "Persons can lower their risk for the disease and other tick-borne illnesses by avoiding tick-infested areas when possible, using insect repellents containing DEET, and performing daily self-examination for ticks," the CDC advised. (I am not sure about all of that, the deer tick is sometimes hard to detect, and I heard if it is not detected in time then you have it for life). Hopefully we will find out more information on this soon. The neighbor that called me informed me his son has it and it is bad. He will have it for life. It sometimes knocks him off his feet. I think we all need to research this further.

Clerks Corner: We have had a single Mom in this town, for many years, that has taken such great care of her home and property. Every time I ride by her place I am amazed how great everything looks, and I know that she mainly does it herself. She has taken care of her children, home and worked. I sometimes wonder why other homes, that have a man living there, cannot keep up with her. "That is my ponder for this "Tidbit".

Mark Your Calendar:

June No town meeting
July 06 Friday, Trash Pick-up
July 16 Town Meeting
July Baptist Church Bible School
July 27 St. Mary's Chicken Dinner
Aug 06 St. Mary's Vacation Bible School
Aug 20 Town Meeting

Our hearts and prayers go out to the Virginia Tech students, families, and friends.

Congratulations to all this year's graduates!
Hooray for the class of '07.