

We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting a 4-day "Christmas in the Ville" from Thursday, December 1st - Sunday, December 4th.

People travel to Steubenville in Jefferson County to see the Nutcrackers, to Oglebay Park in Ohio County, WV to see the lights, and to Cambridge in Guernsey County see the Dickinson characters and the courthouse lights. Let's all work together to bring visitors to Belmont County to experience all we have to offer in the Village of Barnesville.

Your Chamber office has already been working on making this happen:

- We have received permission from the Village to have up to 30 holiday vendors set up inside the Bohandy building on Friday, Saturday & Sunday.
- Christmas music will be playing through our village sound system to provide a festive background for the visitors.
- Thursday will feature the lighting of the Christmas tree with the preschool children. The band and the chorus will be performing Christmas carols. The Senior Center will provide cookies and hot chocolate.
- Santa and Mrs. Claus will be around for the weekend along with some special characters in costume.
- We have contacted the school to get as many of the organizations involved as possible.
- Saturday will feature the lighted Christmas parade being sponsored with Hissom's Service Center.
- We are also working on SEVERAL other events throughout the weekend. Let us know if you have any ideas. We would love to hear from you. We want to make this a wonderful experience for our visitors. We want this event to grow every year.
- We would LOVE for all the businesses to have your window decorated for the Christmas holiday by Dec 1. They will be judged (YOU MUST CALL the chamber office to register your business) 3 categories - 1) Most original 2) Christmas Past 3) Most Whimsical display. Barnesville Gold will be given for all first place winners.
- The BIG NEWS...we are renting a 20x40 skating rink that we will have set up in the West Main Street parking lot. How exciting! It will be a Hallmark Christmas for the weekend.

We will be sending out information on sponsorships for the ice-skating rink. We would really appreciate any sponsorship level you could provide to help make this magic a reality.

Sincerely yours,
Jill Hissom
Director