

THANK YOU

- Volunteer Committee Members

You have been very busy this spring with requests from the community and council! We appreciate all your efforts! Check out updates from our Parks and Planning on pg. 2!

- Our Growing Community Club

Please see page 2 for their upcoming events!

- Citizens

- James Nelson and Mark Schaffhausen for cleaning up trees and brush at Wildwood Park.
- Joe Wormwood for helping move excess snow piles.
- Mary Cahill for helping maintain clear storm drains.
- Barton Winter and Andy Sorensen for their efforts maintaining the ice rink and warming house.
- Bud and Ruth Jensen for their advocacy for Hall's Marsh.

COMMUNITY CLUB DUES

Please return the enclosed envelope with your \$4 annual dues to support this and other community wide events.

Your support is greatly appreciated - look for a table at the parade (see page 2) with a survey gauging interest in other events we are considering. We want your input!

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Here is the link for our public water supply system report. The analysis shows we are within the range of safety for all measured elements. Call 651-426-3403 for paper copies: <https://tinyurl.com/BV-Consumer-Confidence>

NORTHEAST YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

NYFS has openings for mental health clients age 4 - adult. They are committed to providing affordable, trauma-aware and culturally-responsive mental health support to clients at all ages and stages of life via in-person or telehealth appointments. Art & play therapy options are also available. To reduce barriers to care, NYFS also offers a sliding-fee scale for services to clients who qualify. Call 651-486-3808 to set up an appointment or schedule one online at <https://www.nyfs.org/request-appointment>.

SUMMER PARKING

Birchwood is a popular location for summer visitors. When visitors park, please ask that they help ensure access

for emergency vehicles and shared access to our streets and roads. Where parking is allowed, there should be at least 12 feet of width for vehicles to pass. Please also make sure that your neighbors' private driveway access to the street remains clear and there is enough room to back out safely.

AROUND TOWN - MUSIC IN THE PARK

Starting Sunday, June 4, the City's annual Music in the Park series will kick off at Tighe-Schmitz Park. The concerts will continue Sunday evenings through August 20 with a wide variety of talented musicians from the Twin Cities.

These concerts are free of charge and open to the public. They start at 6:00pm and run about 90 minutes. Bring your lawn chair and join your neighbors and friends for an evening of music and fun. Feel free to bring a picnic snack and a glass of wine while enjoying the music.

SCHEDULE: also at <https://tinyurl.com/BV-Music>

June 4 ARTRIO

Trio of bassoonists featuring ancient, classical, contemporary, jazz, and new music from around the world.

June 11 HARMONIC RELIEF

A mix of music, choreography and staging. Folk, rock, show tunes, jazz and contemporary music.

June 18 ANY DAY NOW

Six-member band playing classic rock n' roll/country – favorite songs from the sixties to today.

June 25 AMY AND ADAMS

Eclectic/Tin Pan Alley/Country Bluegrass blend of favorites and original tunes.

July 2 No Concert - Happy Fourth of July

July 9 JENNIFER ECKES

Cabaret vocalist, exploring the Great American Songbook and modern classics.

July 16 SCOTTIE MILLER

Keyboardist and vocalist combining blues, soul, funk and jazz.

July 23 THE RIFF RANGERS

Western swing, vintage folk & rock classics, Big Band swing, Chicago blues and a wee bit of Irish.

July 30 LEGACY

Four-piece group doing traditional and contemporary Irish vocal music and instrumental tunes.

August 6 ENSEMBLE AVENTURA

Five-person music ensemble specializing in world music with songs from Paris, Rio, and beyond!

Aug 13 Open

Aug 20 FABULOUS FAIRLANES

Acappella Doo-Wop music from the 50s, 60s and newer.

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COMMUNITY CLUB UPDATES

Independence day parade - July 4th

We're excitedly preparing for our 72nd annual Birchwood Village Parade! Queue up at 5 Birchwood Ave. Line up starts at 9:30am, and parade starts at 10am. Please have kids decorate their bikes, wagons or make a small float to join in the fun! After the parade, join us for free snacks, games and the annual tug-of-war. If you would like to volunteer, we need some help! Please email Cynthia at ceeshtom1@comcast.net - we would love your help that day and for other events throughout the year.

Interested in playing with the Birchwood Band in the parade? Rehearsal will start at 9am that morning playing our standards. If you haven't played with us advanced copies of the music is available. Contact Michael for more info on the band at michael.lien09@gmail.com

Please note, **the road will be closed on July 4th**, from E County Line Rd at Birchwood Avenue and Wildwood Avenue to Wildwood park while the parade is taking place.

JOIN OUR E-MAILING LIST

If you don't currently receive email notices from the city with important updates, please reach out to info@cityofbirchwood.com to be added to that list.

One important update that you would have received is notice of a bear living at Jay and Hall. Please reach out to the city for information regarding the bear - (do not approach it or feed it, so it leaves the area on its own) and be sure to get on that mailing list to get other important updates!

DOCK ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Become a member of the Birchwood Dock Association! As a resident of Birchwood Village, a recommended contribution of \$35 goes towards the ongoing maintenance of four specific docks along the south shore of beautiful White Bear Lake. The docks are owned, managed and maintained by the Birchwood Dock Association, a community volunteer organization.

Birchwood residents are encouraged to enjoy the unique lake access at Ash, Birch, Elm and Dellwood beaches. Various activities are available such as fishing, swimming, relaxing by calming waters and simply enjoying the panoramic sunsets.

To become a contributing member, complete the form at <https://tinyurl.com/BV-DOCK>. Mail it along with your check for \$35 to the Birchwood Dock Association.

PARKS COMMITTEE CORNER

Hello Birchwood Residents!

This is Zach Michalk, your newly elected Chairperson of the Birchwood Village Parks and Natural Resources Committee. As we swing into the warmer months, the members of the committee are excited to get to work for

our community. For this newsletter, I wanted to introduce the committee and provide our contact information so that you know how to contact us with your ideas or concerns. The Committee is scheduled to meet the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 15th at village hall. Find a list of all of the committee members and our previous month's agendas and minutes at <https://tinyurl.com/BV-Parks>

The Parks Committee will be holding a Tighe-Schmitz Improvement Special Meeting July 20th at 5:30pm - 6:30pm. We would like your input and ideas.

CITY UPDATES - PLANNING AND CODES

We have hired a new city planner Ben Wikstrom and Bolton Menk, Inc as city Engineer with our representative Marcus Johnson.

The Planning Commission has developed a document that provides information on requirements and processes for construction and renovation. The "Building in the City of Birchwood Village" document has been posted on our cityofbirchwood.com website, to provide a starting point for those contemplating property improvements. Check it out at the very bottom of the permit forms page or at: <https://tinyurl.com/yc8mw2vu>

CANOE AND KAYAK RACK REMINDER

Please register your boat and obtain a city permit sticker from City Hall before selecting a spot on a rack. The cost of the city permit is \$30.00 and only open to City residents.

SAFE DIGGING TIPS - FROM XCEL ENERGY

Depth can be deceptive. Depth of utility lines can change over time with erosion, storms, floods, soil condition, heaving in winter from frost, and changes to landscaping. Call 811 before you dig to confirm your lines!

Does it smell like rotten eggs? If you damage a natural gas line and notice a sulfur or rotten egg-like smell, move quickly away from the area. Once safely away, call 911 first, then your gas utility company to investigate and repair.

GREETINGS FROM MAYOR MARGARET

We've braved a long winter and snowy spring. The extended freeze/thaw cycle created a bounty of potholes and several water main breaks. Repairs are continuing. The late snowstorm damaged many trees. A big thank you to Steve Dean for his immediate response and great work in clearing the debris from the roadways and near power lines. We are working on removal of the remaining debris. Many thanks to all who have pitched in to help.

Another volunteer opportunity coming!

Meet at 9:00am at Village Hall on Saturday, June 17 for a morning of community clean up and garden maintenance. I look forward to seeing you!

Margaret