

THANK YOU

To the volunteers who helped with a clean up day on April 27th! It made a huge difference on our paths and public spaces!

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/mv9z3sxu>

XCEL UPDATES

Call to report street light outages. 1-800-960-6235
 Xcel has been making the rounds exchanging out meters throughout Birchwood. Visit xcelenergy.com/smartmeter or call them at 800-865-4999 if you have questions

SWIMMING SEASON - AVOID GERMS

Protect yourself from germs this summer - Don't swim with Diarrhea, Don't swim in stagnant warm bodies of water and Don't swallow lake or river water.

IT'S TICK TIME - IDENTIFY LYME DISEASE

Deer ticks can transmit Lyme disease and other tick-related diseases. Early symptoms include rash, fever, chills, headache, fatigue, and muscle and joint pain. This disease is easiest to treat during the early stages. See your doctor if a rash or flu-like symptoms develop after a tick bite or outdoor activity. More info at <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/2314/TICKS>

SUMMER PARKING

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.

FREE CURBSIDE MATTRESS COLLECTION

The City is partnering with Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy and Second Chance Recycling to offer curbside mattress and box spring recycling collection during the month of June. In an effort to recycle mattresses and box springs and keep them out of the trash, mattress pick-up comes at no additional cost to City residents. Schedule a curbside mattress pickup at: <https://www.secondchancerecyclingmn.com/curbside-collection-program/>

AROUND TOWN - MUSIC IN THE PARK

The City's annual Music in the Park series will kick off at Tighe-Schmitz Park Sundays from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. These concerts are free of charge and open to the public - tipping is appropriate. Bring your lawn chair and join your neighbors and friends for an evening of music and fun - beer and wine are permitted.

SCHEDULE: also at <https://tinyurl.com/BV-Music-24>

- June 2 The Riff Rangers
- June 9 Any Day Now
- June 16 Harmonic Relief
- June 23 Scottie Miller
- June 30 Sweet Rhubarb
- July 7 Fourth of July weekend - No Concert
- July 14 Jennifer Eckes
- July 21 Folk Revival
- July 28 Artrio
- Aug 4 No Concert
- Aug 11 Ensemble Aventura
- Aug 18 Legacy
- Aug 25 Fabulous Fairlanes

COMMUNITY CLUB UPDATES

Please return the enclosed envelope with your \$4 annual dues to support the Community Club events. See more details in the attached notice.

Independence day parade - July 4th

We're preparing for our 73rd annual Birchwood Parade! Queue up at 5 Birchwood Ave. Line up starts at 9:30am, and parade starts at 10am. Kids - decorate your 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 help! Please email if you can help again this year or if you are new to volunteering to: communityclubbirchwood@gmail.com - we would love your help that day!

Please send nominations for this year's Grand Marshall to the email address above with why that community member deserves the honor.

Interested in playing with the Birchwood Band in the parade? Rehearsal will start at 9am that morning playing our standards. Advanced copies of the music are available.

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.

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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.

DOCK ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Become a member of the Birchwood Dock Association! For details go to <https://www.cityofbirchwood.com/bda>.

HELP KEEP WBL POLLUTANT FREE

- When you buy a boat motor, choose a 4-cycle, rather than 2-cycle, engine. You will lose less gas into the water and cause less air pollution.
- Go slow with your boat. Big wakes erode our shorelines.
- Never dump wastes into a storm drain. It will run directly to our lakes and rivers.
- It may be a bit more expensive, but choose organic fertilizers in your garden.
- Learn as much as you can about our precious lakes and the threats they face. Teach your kids.

PARKS COMMITTEE CORNER

Hello Birchwood Residents!

The Parks and Natural Resources Committee hopes everyone is enjoying the warmer weather. As we gear up for summer, we would like to remind everyone of some summer best practices! First, please refrain from watering lawns and gardens between 10 AM and 5 PM to conserve water. Second, turn your mower to keep grass clippings out of the street and off driveways -if left on the street, this waste is washed into storm drains where it winds up in our lake! Grass clippings and oil/grease residues negatively impact water quality.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the public forum for Tighe-Schmitz Park. The top four items residents agreed needed attention from both meetings include:

1. Hire additional maintenance crews
2. Enhance water management infrastructure
3. Exercise stations for adults
4. Additional rain gardens

We will continue to work with both the Washington Conservation District and Rice Creek Watershed District to plan out next steps and incorporate community input into future plans for the park! Parks Committee

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 \$35.00 and open to City residents. <https://www.cityofbirchwood.com/watercraft>

CRIME MAPPING NOW AVAILABLE

Did you know that you now have access to assist law enforcement agencies in reducing crime? Go to Crimemapping.com. This new tool is available through a collaborative effort with Washington county IT and the Sheriff's Office of Public Safety Systems Team. This tool will assist law enforcement agencies in reducing crime through a better informed citizenry.

FIX IT CLINIC OPPORTUNITY

Mark your calendar for September 7th! 10am to 2pm. Washington County is offering an opportunity to bring your broken electronic/s and have it fixed for free. First come, first serve - 3 item limit. No guarantees but they will try their best! Location: Environmental Center at 4039 Cottage Grove Dr, Woodbury.

UTILITY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS

You will notice a small credit on this quarter's utility billing that will adjust for incorrect charges applied on the 1st quarter utility billing. Also, good news, the \$25 water main break surcharge has been removed.

GREETINGS FROM MAYOR MARGARET

Spring is here and that means leaves, flowers and road maintenance. We have a pothole filling and road repair vendor in place. Expect to see them in the village soon. This spring/summer also marks year one of our ten-year plan to repair and improve the road system in Birchwood. If you want to find out when your street is scheduled, please visit our website to see the projected year in which your road is planned and what the scope entails. Many thanks to Marcus Johnson, our city engineer, for his thoughtful work on our plan.

Our sewer lift replacement project is near the end of the planning stage. We are waiting for final approval from the State and will then put the project out for bids.

We've been blessed with a rainy spring, but outdoor watering and irrigation season is coming up. Please make an effort to conserve water. You can improve your lawn care practices by following the suggestions set forth at (www.extension.umn.edu/turfgrass).

The road safety & bike path task forces have been meeting and working toward plans that will promote safety on the roadways of Birchwood. We expect their recommendations soon. Thank you to those who are volunteering their time and talents for the safety of our residents!

Now that we are in open window season, a gentle reminder: of course, dogs bark, but please check on your dog to stop sustained barking for the sake of your neighbors. We are all happy to be outside.

We will be planting trees in Polly's Park in June. Most of the funds for this project have been made available through a state grant to replace diseased Ash trees. Volunteers are most welcome.

Wishing you a happy summer, as always,

Mayor Margaret