



## THANK YOU

To the volunteers who helped with a clean up day on April 26th! It made a huge difference on our public spaces!

Thank you as well to Ryan Hankin & Ryan Eisele for helping revamp our city website!

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:

- Therese & Joseph Galatowitsch 131 Wildwood Ave
- Heidi Konkler & Andrew Snyder 23 Wildwood Ave
- Sydney Dison & Brandon Comiskey 439 Birchwood Ct
- Trey & Anna Anderson 700 Birchwood Ct

## CONDOLENCES

This spring resident and former Washington County Commissioner Mary Hauser and former Birchwood Mayor Gretchen Davidson passed away. We wish to thank you both for your service to our community and offer our condolences to your families and friends.

## A NOTE FROM OUR NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR

I'm Scott Hildebrand, the new City Administrator. I have been working in local government since 1997 and love serving small communities such as Birchwood Village, where people are passionate about their community and eager to volunteer. Your City Council has many ideas to keep this a great place to live, and I am looking forward to helping the City with those goals. I am typically here on Thursday afternoons, so feel free to drop by for a visit or email me at [cityadmin@cityofbirchwood.com](mailto:cityadmin@cityofbirchwood.com)

## CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Birchwood works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal & state water quality requirements. The analysis shows we are within the range of safety for all measured elements. You may find a copy of this report at <https://cityofbirchwood.com/general-city-information/documents-and-reports/consumer-confidence-reports/>, or a paper copy may be obtained at city hall.

## BUCKTHORN WEED WRENCH RENTAL

Need help with those pesky buckthorn weeds? City hall has two new buckthorn pullers available for rent. You may keep it for a week. Present a check deposit of \$150, returnable upon return of the wrench. Stop in during city desk hours or phone 651-426-3403 to reserve.

## WILDWOOD LIFT STATION CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JUNE 2ND

We are excited for our Wildwood Lift station work to begin. Parts of Wildwood Ave. near Wildwood Park will be closed for approximately 6 weeks **starting June 2nd**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please phone our City Engineer, Marcus Johnson, for questions or concerns during construction. 507-440-0537

## 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](mailto: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://cityofbirchwood.com/community/birchwood-dock-association/>.

## 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. For \$15 you can help keep mattresses and box springs out of the trash. To schedule your pick-up: <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 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://cityofbirchwood.com/>**

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| <b>June 8</b>  | <b>Sweet Rhubarb</b>                       |
| <b>June 15</b> | <b>The Riff Rangers</b>                    |
| <b>June 22</b> | <b>Folk Revival</b>                        |
| <b>June 29</b> | <b>Any Day Now</b>                         |
| <b>July 6</b>  | <b>Fourth of July weekend - No Concert</b> |
| <b>July 13</b> | <b>Harmonic Relief</b>                     |
| <b>July 20</b> | <b>Artrio</b>                              |
| <b>July 27</b> | <b>No Concert</b>                          |
| <b>Aug 3</b>   | <b>Scottie Miller</b>                      |
| <b>Aug 10</b>  | <b>Jennifer Eckes</b>                      |
| <b>Aug 17</b>  | <b>Legacy</b>                              |
| <b>Aug 24</b>  | <b>Fabulous Fairlanes</b>                  |

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## COMMUNITY CLUB UPDATES

### Independence Day Parade - July 4th

Here comes our 74th 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.

We need volunteers! Please email if you can help again this year or if you are new to volunteering: [communityclubbirchwood@gmail.com](mailto: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 to the club email address above.

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.

**Calling all band players** The Birchwood Band will be making another appearance this year's Parade. If you, or someone you know, have been a performer on a wind or percussion instrument in the past—WE WANT YOU! Come to the rehearsal at 9:00 am on the 4th. We rehearse on Birchwood Ave near East Cty Line Road. We will play the same music as last year. Contact Michael Lien for further details: [michael.lien09@gmail.com](mailto:michael.lien09@gmail.com)

### IT'S TICK TIME - 5 STEPS TO FEWER BITES

**1.** Choose an EPA-registered repellent. **2.** Maintain your yard. **3.** Talk with your vet about tick control for your pet. **4.** Tumble-dry clothing and gear. **5.** Add tick checks to your daily routine. Learn more about tick bite prevention and removal at [www.co.washington.mn.us/2314/ticks](http://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.

### TREE TRUNKS ALONG THE ROAD

Our maintenance staff is cleaning up the village of tipped and dead trees. If you see piles of tree trunks along the roadway, they are for the taking. We will leave them for a week or so, and then they will be removed.

### PARKS COMMITTEE CORNER

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

in accordance with the city ordinance. Second, turn your mower! Keep grass clippings out of the street and off driveways. If left on the street, this waste is washed by rain and garden hoses into storm drains and down streets where it winds up in our lake! Grass clippings and oil/grease residues negatively impact water quality.

The Committee would also like to thank everyone who came out to the open house at Tighe-Schmitz Park to hear about our exciting projects with the Washington Conservation District.  
Zach M.

### 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://cityofbirchwood.com/general-city-information/canoe-and-kayak-storage/>

### RECYCLING WORKS - KEEP AT IT

Minnesota has one of the best recycling systems in the country. If you put the right plastics in the bin, they will get recycled. Plastics with resin codes #1, #2, and #5 can be placed in your single-stream recycling. Thanks to strong local markets, 98% of Minnesota's recyclables stay in North America, and nearly 75% remain in-state to be made into new products.

### GREETINGS FROM MAYOR JENNIFER

Much work has been done within the City since January. Your City Council along with City staff have dedicated their time and energy to improving Birchwood. The following is just a bit of what has been done: improvements made to the website (ongoing); surveyed residents about a new administrator prior to interviewing and hiring; created a mission statement by which the Council operates; painted and added a workstation to the office, replaced rotten windowsill and repaired woodpecker holes at City Hall; painted main room at City Hall, created a historical area, and installed the City logo; installed an ADA compliant hand rail at City Hall; rearranged the outdoor bulletin board making it more informative and easier to read; had a city work day and treasure hunt; installed the 20 mph speed limit signs; streets have been swept; boards were replaced and new nets purchased for hockey rink; new nets were installed at the tennis courts and net anchors were repaired; Jim and Ron have begun removing dead trees on City property; Birchwood Village sign on 120 was painted and reinstalled; steps leading to City Hall were made safer with lights; and implemented a communication strategy to keep residents informed.

Many of these tasks involved volunteers who willingly gave their time to the City. To our volunteers, staff, and Council-THANK YOU! Great things are happening in Birchwood.

Have a fantastic summer,

Jennifer