



Birchwood Connection Committee

**CITY OF BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**September 14th, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Birchwood Village Connection Committee is to advise the City Council on opportunities for residents to gather including how to fund each activity.

Committee Members

Jamie Eisele, Chair
Nan Drews, Secretary
Ashley Belisle, Member
Shelley Ross, Member
Jennifer Arsenault, Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

COMMITTEE BUSINESS - REGULAR AGENDA

1. Strava Group
2. Community Food Shelf
3. Fall Festival

ADJOURN



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE
CITY OF BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**AUGUST 10, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

Committee Members Present

Jamie Eisele, Chair
Nan Drews, Secretary
Ashley Belisle, Member
Shelley Ross, Member
Jennifer Arsenault, Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion: Nan Drews; Seconded by Shelley Ross. Agenda approved by unanimous vote.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

N/A

APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: Shelley Ross, Seconded by Ashley Belisle. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS - REGULAR AGENDA

1. Flannel Fest: Committee discussed timing, activities and promotion of a fall event.

- Timing: Flannel Fest will be held Sunday Oct. 25, 4-6 pm.
- Food: Ashley Belisle to continue to research food truck options as well as reach out to local residents with ties to the food industry and restaurants. Discussed renting a popcorn machine and a hot dog steamer if food truck options are not viable. Jennifer to reach out to the city's legal counsel about the potential of having a fire pit and setting up a Venmo for the city so people can pay/donate for food electronically if they don't have cash at the event.
- Craft activity: Pumpkin carving: Jamie Eisele to ask local grocers if they would donate pumpkins for the event, and reach out to Boy Scouts to determine whether they are able to bring and sell pumpkins at the event. We will offer rock painting.
- Games: Shelley Ross presented a number of game options and after discussion the group agreed that a cakewalk, pumpkin ring toss and candy corn in a jar guessing game were the best options. Shelley to procure supplies and prizes for the games.

- Music: Nan Drews connected with local resident Michael Wegter aka DJ Synfinity who agreed to provide DJ services at no charge. Nan to add a tab to the spreadsheet to create a song list to share with the DJ.
- Promotion: Jamie Eisele to draft content for the BV newsletter by the Aug 19 deadline and share with the committee via email for review. Committee to further discuss event promotion at the next monthly meeting.
- Street closure: Jennifer Arsenault confirmed that we can close the street in front of the Village Hall for the party.

2. Winter Event Brainstorm:

Committee discussed two potential winter events – an outdoor event at the hockey rink and bingo at the Town Hall. Shelley Ross to further research bingo options for further discussion at future committee meetings.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

ADJOURN

Motion: Nan Drews; Second: Shelley Ross. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Next meeting: September 14 at 6 pm

Minutes submitted by Nan Drews, secretary, Birchwood Village Connections committee