

The 'Birch Hills Community Heartbeat' newsletter is printed bi-monthly and available at the following locations on the 1st and 15th of the month at: Co-op Grocery & Hardware, Quayle Pharmacy, Grumpy's Confectionary and various other businesses downtown. Pick up your free copy and share with a friend.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

It is that time again where we reflect at the year behind us and anticipate for what is yet to come ahead of us. We regret what we did not accomplish but we should remember to celebrate where we were successful. A new year gives us a chance to do things differently and continue to grow with in ourselves and with those around us.

I challenge you try something that you have never done before, no matter how big or small and may this year bring you great experiences, friendships and many amazing memories. Cheers to you Birch Hills!

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director

TOWN NOTICE:

Wednesday, Jan 11th The town will pick up your Christmas trees if they are left in back alleys or where your compost is picked up



Royal Canadian Legion Curling Provincials

The Birch Hills branch of the Royal Canadian Legion has been awarded the opportunity to host the curling play downs for the entire Saskatchewan command. It is very rare that such a small branch should be chosen for such a large event.

On February 3,4, 5 we will have teams from all over the province here. We will need the help of the entire community to make it a success and show case our town. If you can help in any way; catering, transportation, scheduling, preparation, it would be appreciated.

Please contact Ian Pryznyk at 749-2596 or e-mail cifarms@sasktel.net if you are able to help. THANK-YOU

This issue of our Community activity newsletter was paid for you by:

Ken's Car Wash

If you would like to be a sponsor of the next 'Heartbeat' newsletter, contact Laurie at 'birchhillsrec@sasktel.net'

The cost is \$100 for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for the community. Half sponsorship are available. Thank you for supporting your local paper.

Yoga by Greer



Try Yoga **FREE**
Saturday Jan
7th 10am

POWER YOGA Fri 6th
& 20th, 7pm \$10
at the Dance Studio

No experience is necessary. You don't even have to be 'fit' but it will help your balance and increase core strength. Don't forget your mat and a friend!

Attendance has been low... Is it cost, day, time, fear?? Text me 749-7451

Upcoming Curling Events. Watch for details:

Firemen's Bonspiel, Ladies Bonspiel, Open Bonspiel, Senior Bonspiel

CURLING RINK NEWS

Season Rates & Schedules are as follows:

Adult League \$200 for 1 night / week

for an additional \$50 members can curl both Mon & Thurs nights 7:30-9:30pm

Family \$450 Student \$75 Sub List \$100

Seniors League Tues & Fri 1:30-3:30

\$200 /Senior or \$150 / 80+ yrs

Contact Robyn 749-2951 to register

Kids Curling HELP NEEDED. Please contact Anna 749-7725 if you are able to assist after school with teaching kids to curl.

SENIOR CASH CURLING BONSPIEL

JAN 14 & 15



8 Teams only, \$200 entry fee

Contact Robyn to enter at 749-2951 or 749-2601 for more details

Youth Curling

Hey Teens! Want to try curling on Wednesdays? Text 749-7451 for details



Please Share
Paper with a
Friend

JANUARY MINOR HOCKEY GAMES

Jan 6th Initiation 6:00 Jan 10th Atom 6:45
 Jan 18th PeeWee 6:45 Jan 20th Atom 5:45
 Jan 25th Initiation

Hockey Day in Birch Hills Jan 21st

Initiation 10:30am PeeWee 12:15
 Bantam 2:30 Novice 4:45 Midget 7:00

Come Out & Support on our Kids



Motorized Sport Recreationists - Great to see you out playing. Please respect neighbours and land owners & ride responsibly. Don't ruin it for others

2012 Brrr Chills Winter Festival

February 10th to the 18th, 2012.

Next Meeting **January 11 & 25th.** 7:00 pm in the Museum Basement. All ages welcome

We need volunteers to organize, cook, setup, take down, serve. We need prizes, equipment, entertainers, and participants to assist in making this the best winter festival in... well...in any where! So if you would like to get involved contact Laurie at 749-7451

➡ out and enjoy the day. The rally is open to all, not just snowmobilers. The rally is the main fundraiser for this club. Rally proceeds are used to maintain three warm-up cabins that are used year round, by snowmobilers, quadders and canoeists. The club also donates back to the community, their latest donation being the new cooler at the Civic Centre and windows in the Curling Rink. We are always open to new members and volunteers for this rally. Please call Tracy or Peter at 749-3509 or Ron at 749-2572



Volleyball Tournament

will be held January 22nd
 Sign up teams or single registrations with Laurie at 749-7451 or birchhillsrec@sasktel.net
 Teams of 6-8, must have minimum of 3 girls/team.



Birch Hills Sno Posse Snowmobile Rally

The snow is coming and the Sno Posse is busy planning their 17th annual snowmobile rally on **February 11th**. The Civic Centre will be a hub of activity all day beginning with a pancake breakfast at 8am hosted by the Pre-school.

Registration for hands will begin at 8am with prizes being given out to early bird riders. The snowmobile ride averages about 45 mins and is appropriate for riders of all skill levels, with warm-up cabins and a free wiener roast on the trail. All riders must be in by 5pm, as that is when the cash awards for rider and non-rider hands and all door prize draws will begin.

Door prize tickets and non-rider hands will be available throughout the day at the Civic Centre. As well, the Pre-school will have the kitchen open at the Centre, selling hamburgers, pies and baking all day. Bidding on silent auction items and pick-a-prize tickets will also be available all day.

The Sno Posse would like to invite everyone to come



The Blackhawks Senior Hockey team would like to thank everyone for coming out to cheer them on at games. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Next Hockey Games are:

January 7 8pm Leoville Huskies in Leoville
 January 14 8pm Shellbrook Silvertips (homegame)
 January 20 8:30pm Big River Braves (homegame)
 January 22 3:00pm Shellbrook Silvertips (homegame)
 January 27 8:30pm Leoville Huskies (homegame)
 January 28 8:00pm Northwest Rebels in Leoville
 \$5/person at door. Proceeds to support Blackhawks.

Check Blackhawks Website for more information:
<http://www.bhsports.sasktelwebsite.net/blackhawks.html>

Calender of Events for the

1st Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival

February 10 - 18th, 2012



Friday - Light Parade, Bonfire & Tobogganing at Max Creek (Dorothy Hunter land)
 Contact Duane to register for the parade. 749-3446

Saturday - 8am-8pm Sno-Posse Snowmobile Rally

Sunday - 12-5pm Sno-Pitch and Dinner,
 2:30pm Country Gospel at Civic Centre

Monday - afternoon School Carnival,
 4-7pm 3 on 3 Hockey hosted by Blackhawks Senior Hockey, 7pm Bingo hosted by Museum Coffee Club

Tuesday - 11:30-3 pm Lunch and Games hosted by Senior Hall. 6:00-9:00pm Valentines Dinner

Wednesday - Youth & Adult Curling Bonspiels
 7:00 pm Sleigh Rides

Thursday - 4:00 pm Scavenger Hunt
 6-9pm Air Band & Talent Show

Friday - TBA

Saturday - 8am-5pm Skating Fun Festival,
 Snowga, Winter Wind Up Old Tyme Dance
Watch for more details. Events subject to change

SKATING RINK NEWS

Public Skating Every

Monday / Wednesday / Friday 3:30-5:00 pm

Saturdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Sundays 12:00 - 2:00 pm (no sticks allowed)

Rink Schedules on www.birchhills.ca.

Times subject to change due to other bookings

2011-12 Season Skating Rates

Free for Skating Club & Minor Hockey Players

\$25 for rest of family

Non Skating Club or Minor Hockey Players pay:

Family \$75 Single Adult \$50 Single Youth \$25

Drop in Public Skate \$5

Memberships help to support your local skating rink, please consider purchasing one for the season.

Pay at the Canteen, Rec Office or Town Office.
Cheques payable to 'Birch Hills Recreation Board'

Museum Coffee Pot

We invite
you to join us
any Wednesday
from 2 to 4pm
for coffee.



Thrift Shop will be closed for
January. See you Feb 1st!

We're on Facebook!
Select 'Like' on the
Birch Hills Recreation
Facebook page to get
activity updates.

CO-ED ADULT HOCKEY

Drop In Mondays at 9:30-11:00pm \$10/person.
Full equipment required. All levels of experience are
encouraged to play. Text Natalie Matheson for more
info 960-3408

If you think you're not good enough to
play...you should see your rec director!!



BIRCH HILLS SENIORS

**Mondays for Bowling &
Thursdays for Cribbage**
2pm at the Seniors Hall



Having a gathering?? Why, not
use The Seniors Hall *Kitchen, Hall,
and Tables* at no cost. Donations
are appreciated. Contact Vel
Bombais at 749-3364

Rec Adult Volleyball at the
School Gym. Every Sunday &
Thursday 8-9:30 pm

\$2 drop-in fees used for
future recreation activities.



Deadlines for submissions for newsletter are the 10th and 25th of each
month. Send to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net or call 749-7451

Kids in the Hills

Contact Kathy regarding Youth Centre activities 749-2478

Unicycling! Come Learn or Practice to Improve. We
have the unicycles, bring helmet if you have one.

Play! Always

Family Winter Retreat

February 17-19th

Christopher Lake

Join us for a weekend of Snowmobiling!
Tubing Hill! Skating! Cross Country
Skiing! Rest & Relaxation!

Call Holly at 749-2461 for more info



LIBRARY NEWS

**Story Time
for the wee ones
(ages 3-4)
every Friday 1- 1:45.**



THE MUSEUM QUILTERS

Come join us every
Thursdays at 1pm
in the Museum basement.



*We are in need of fillers:
old blankets, flannel sheets,
etc. If you have some,
please bring them to the
museum*

Thimbles & Threads

Mondays from
6:30-8 pm at
Birchview
Home



Bring your own sewing
machine & fabric.
\$2 donation
Contact Melissa Braaten
749-3482 for more info

Wii Zumba Fitness

Tuesdays at 5:30
Starting Jan 10th
At the Youth Centre.
Bring Water, Running
Shoes, and a Friend
Contact Laurie 749-7451

COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

is for those that are interested in
community improvements and
business development.

Meetings are 3rd Tuesday of the
Month at the Town Office. Next
Meeting is **January 17 at 7:30**
(ends 9pm sharp ...we promise!)
All ages are encouraged

Birch Hills Recreation

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*Communities that play together,
grow together!*



Bouquet of Thanks: The Board and Congregation of St Saviour's Anglican Church would like to extend a sincere thank you to **Gordon Tomtene** for installing exterior lighting for the Church and grounds. It is an impressive sight along Hwy 25. Thanks Gordon

JOB OPPORTUNITY Full Time Town Man

This position involves operation of Water Treatment Plant, Sewage Lift Station, Grader and Loader Operation, Light Equipment Operation and General Public Works duties. The applicant shall demonstrate the ability to work unsupervised and communicate well with Council and the general public.

Class 2 Water and Class 1 Wastewater system certification would be an asset and is a requirement for the Water Treatment Plant Operations. The successful applicant must have a valid class 5 driver's license and a Grade 12 or GED. Grader and Loader operating experience and a valid class 1 driver's license would be an asset.

The Town of Birch Hills offers Health Benefits, Municipal Pension Plan and competitive wages.

Submit resume detailing qualifications, work experience, references & availability for employment and wage/salary expectations by 4:00 Friday, January 20th, Mail to the Town of Birch Hills, Box 206, S0J 0G0 or fax to 749-2545 or email to birchhills.town@sasktel.net

Brrr Chills Snow Sculpting Contest

No cost to enter, just imagination and snow! You must register to enter the contest and be in town limits. Contact Danny Bronson at 749-3540 or jdanny@bronson8.com



Brrr Chills Valentines Dinner

February 14th

More details to follow. Contact Marjorie or Crystal at 749-3569 to volunteer help

MOVIE NIGHT

Feb 12 at 7:00pm

"Courageous" will be playing at the Lake Park Baptist Church. All are invited to free movie, food and fellowship. View movie trailer at www.courageousthemovie.com/videos-trailer

A huge Thank You To:
**The New England
Ladies Sunshing
Club** who donated eight chairs to the Ladies Lounge at the Curling Rink

RYSK Youth Ski Trip

Feb 23-26th
2 full days skiing at Nakiska, AB.
Cost \$300 includes Ski, Retreat, Meals. Phone Kathy at 749-2478 for details



Funds Provide Recreational Activities

Febru-Hairy Contest

Prizes for Best

Facial & Leg Hair

Men or Ladies can enter and must have picture taken of freshly shaven face or legs on **Jan 15th, 5pm** at the Legion. Winners chosen Feb 18th at the Festival Wind Up Dance.



Put your razors away & let's grow!

SNO-PITCH Contact Crystal Spiker to register your team for the Brrr Chills Sno-Pitch Tournament Feb 11th 749-3213

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Jan 6 - Yoga by Greer, 7th Free Yoga
 11 - Daycare Mtg @ Civic Ctr 7pm
 - Winter Fest Mtg @ Museum 7
 14 - Blackhawks Home Game
 14 - Senior Cash Curling Bonspiel
 15 - Febru-Hairy Photos Taken
 17 - Community Boosters Mtg
 20 - Blackhawks Home Game
 - Yoga by Greer
 21- Hockey Days in Birch Hills
 Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
 Minor Hockey Games
 22 - Blackhawks Home Game
 31 - Rec Board AGM
- Feb 3-5 - RC Legion Curling Prov Finals
 10-18 - Brrr Chills Winter Fest (vols needed)
 12 - LPBC Movie Night
 14 - Valentines Dinner
 18 - CanSkate Festival (vols needed)
 27-Mar 2- Senior Bonspiel
- March 4 - Skating Club Carnival
 10-12 - Juvenile Curling Provincials
 31 - Two person Curling Wind Up

Bouquet of Thanks To:

Dean & Jackie Manson, Bruce Tilford, Rick Bompais, and in particular Leon Pratcher for organizing workers at the rink. We now have a refreshed Ladies washroom, new shelves in our canteen, a functional door to the ice, a water fountain that works and a few other maintenance projects complete. Thanks for the fun day and your help!



TEAMWORK DIVIDES THE TASK AND MULTIPLIES THE SUCCESS