

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

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Goodbye 2012, Hello 2013

As all years that pass, we experience challenges that strengthen us and we have good times that give us fond memories.

Recreation and leisure activities help to create those fun times to remember. We get to meet new people, try different things and most times we will discover abilities or interests you never knew you had before. Last year was full of activities and some we will be doing again. For example, the Brrr Chills Winter Festival (in only 6 Weeks!!). Something new this year during the festival: At each event that you participate in, fill out a ballot for a draw and at the end of the 9 day festival, names will be drawn for prizes, at the Snow Stomp Family Dance.

Some events will be new, like the 2013 Saskatchewan First Nations Summer Games that Birch Hills Recreation, City of Prince Albert and Muskoday First Nations have partnered together to host an athletic competition July 16-19th. Birch Hills will be hosting the PeeWee Boys & Girls Softball tournament at our Lions Ball Park. We will need the communities support to prepare to have hundreds of visitors and show that we are the town with a big heart.

Other ideas that have been tossed around, but are only feasible when residents take interest and assist to organize: AStreet Dance, Music Festival, Spring Slush Broomball, Adopt a Flower Pot, Playground design, Outdoor Movie. Watch for notices of ways that you can get involved in these events or others Happy New Year Everyone!!

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director

Boger Perogies for sale 5doz for \$20.
Call 749-3425 to order in time for Christmas. Proceeds go to Skating Club

Christmas Tree Drop Off

Up until January 18th, you can drop off your used Christmas trees, at the corner of Bellamy & 3rd Avenue.

They will be used for the Bonfire at the tobogganing hill on Fri, Feb 8th, the opening winter festival night.



This issue of our Community activity newsletter was paid for you by: **Jennie & Harvey Gjesdal**

If you would like to be a sponsor of the '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. Individual & half sponsorships are available. Thank you for supporting your local paper.

FYI

The Heartbeat has many faithful readers who have generously offered to sponsor papers to keep communication in our town free to anyone. This is awesome! However, if you or your company are looking for a specific date to sponsor, please put in your request asap. Paper is sponsored up to Sept 2013!!

If you have said you would sponsor. Please make cheques payable to 'Birch Hills Recreation' (\$100) Mail to Box 280, Birch Hills.

Curling Family FUN Spiel

Saturday, January 19th starts 10am \$20 entry fee.
Teams of 4, must have 2 kids on each team.
(they don't have to be your kids! Borrowing permitted)
Lunch & Treats all day
Please, register with Anna by Jan 17 749-3425

The Grad Class of 2013 will be doing a bottle drive on Thursday, January 10th from 4:00-6:00pm.



If you won't be home at this time you can leave your bagged bottles/cans on your doorstep or they can be dropped off at Viterra anytime.



Happy New Year and Thank you for supporting Grad 2013

SKATING RINK NEWS

The canteen will be open 3:30 Mon-Fri, the grill & deep fryer will be available after 5:00 and will close after the last period of the last game has started or after the last practice has begun. Please feel free to order take out meals for after games or practices before the kitchen closes. Canteen hours will extend to weekends for games, tournaments & special events.

Public Skate Times (pending ice rentals) will be:

Mondays & Wednesdays 3:30 - 5:00pm.

Shared ice: half hockey sticks /half skating only

Tuesdays 12:00 - 1:00 pm Mr Vey supervising

Sundays Family Skate 10-2pm No sticks

Saturday Shinny 2:00-4:00 when no tournaments or games are schedule...Watch rink calendar board

Remember there is a **public skating fee** of \$3 each or you can purchase a Rink membership for **\$75 family rate** or **\$30** per individual or minor hockey/skating family rate. Please pay at the canteen.

Birthday Party Special minimum 10 kids, 1 hour private ice time, hotdogs, fries & soda. \$150 /party
Contact Laurie 749-7451 for more info or for ice rentals.



Hockey Schedules soon available at
www.birchhills.ca



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

RYSC YOUTH FUNDRAISING

Cans and Bottles from the Holiday Season Piling Up?

RYSC Annual Holiday Bottle Drive

Saturday January 5th, 2013 10-12am

Anyone wishing to donate bottles, cans, juice boxes, egg cartons, etc. can leave them on the front curb for pickup or drop off at the Youth Center at the back by the Green Door. Not home? Call anytime and we will gladly pick them up at your convenience We continue to thank you for your ongoing support!



RYSC is also collecting **Canadian Tire Money!**

A Collection Box will be set up shortly or may be dropped off at the Youth Centre



Job Opportunities

Manager Position at Prairie Mobile Communications. Immediate opening in Prince Albert. Qualifications: strong and proven history of management skills, responsible for day to day operations of branch, high level of customer service, highly motivated, well organized, professional, excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills, Grade X11, min of three years management and supervisory experience. Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook, knowledge of wireless communications a definite asset. Competitive salary & comprehensive group benefits. If you are interested forward resume & cover letter to hr@prairiemobile.com

BOUQUETS OF THANKS



* We would like to thank everyone who helped look for Dad, prayed for his safety, and gave support to us during our crisis. There are too numerous to mention however we would like to say an extra special thank you to Dale and Karen Pratt for finding Dad.

The Crawford Family

* A Christmas Bouquet to everyone involved with the Candle Light Service in Bethania Church in Northern Light. What a special evening, complete with coffee and sweets. Now that the old church has a new firm foundation we can look forward to more such events.

Shirley Ulvild

ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

Thank You to everyone who supported the Sr. Boys Alumni Basketball Game!

The fans packing the bleachers were treated to an exciting and very entertaining game which saw the Alumni Team coming out victorious by a slim margin of 71 - 64!



A total of \$522 was raised for the Outdoor Basketball Court - stay tuned for possible Sr. Girls Alumni game in March!

Birch Hills Council News

Happy New Year folks from the Council and Staff

The December meeting was held on the 19th with all present.

Keith Matheson who has been on the board of the North Central Saskatchewan Waste Management Corporation for the last 16 years, shared with Council the progress that has been made to date, with a feeling of satisfaction that multi material recycling will happen in the not so distant future.

Waterworks Supervisor Dean Braaten shared with Council the workings of the Town water system, including the raw water reservoirs, water plant, filtering and distribution system. The sewage system, lift station and lagoons, a very complex operation, which the councillors will learn more about as they visit the facilities.

A blocked sewer line in the business section was dealt with and the system was flushed in that area. A need for more shut off valves was discussed. The replacement and servicing of pumps was set as a priority. A full evaluation of our Water System is planned in the new year.

McDonald Metals of Prince Albert removed the scrap metal pile at the Waste Site.

The monthly report by EPS management was received with bylaw issues being dealt with including, animals at large, parking infractions which include vehicles and units parked over 48 hours, parking backwards or on the wrong side of the street. An order to remedy a nuisance property was dealt with as well.

A joint meeting is being planned between the RM and Town Council early in January.

Welcome to Lorne Crane as he takes over the caretaking of the Birch Hills Civic Centre. We wish Ken Stangeland all the best as he takes things a little easier. Thanks for all his years of service to the Town.

Canada's Double Portion
in Concert
Sunday, January 20th
7:00 pm
at Lake Park Baptist Church
Highway # 3 Birch Hills
Freewill Offering
Visit www.lakepark.ca
for more information

Broomball for Fun...
End of March
Are you interested?
Let Laurie know...
Looking for help to
organize from
someone who knows
broomball.
Text or call 749-7451
birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

Ladies Night Out

On Feb 9 & 10th the curling rink is
hosting a Ladies Bonspiel. Even if you've
never curled before, come out for an evening of
playing with new and old friends.

We need something to do in January...

Any ideas ladies? Contact Laurie 749-7451 or

birchhillsrec@sasktel.net



Friday Night Open Jam Sessions

Starting in February at the Flute and Fiddle
They will be hosting open jam nights
encouraging people of all ages to gather
and play a song or two. No tickets are
required for Friday night jam sessions.
Come visit, come play, come dance



The Flute and Fiddle presents
Saturday, January 19th

Donny Parenteau in Concert

Family Dinner 6 to 8pm (no tickets required)
Concert starts 8:00pm Tickets available at
www.fluteandfiddle.ca or at the Clay Oven Cafe



Do you have any ideas for the upcoming 2nd Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival? Come out January 3rd, 7pm at the museum for the next planning meeting. We need help with cooking, cleaning, organizing, marketing, selling tickets, set up, finding entertainment, shopping, planning and more. A great way to meet people and make our festival fun for all!

The **2013 Brrr Chills Winter Festival** will run

February 8 - 16th, 2013

Fri: Light Parade, Tobogganing & Bonfire at Max Creek, Social at Flute and Fiddle w/ Open Jam session
Sat: Sno-Posse Snowmobile Rally, Afternoon Snowga, Skate w/Brrt, Ladies Curling Bonspiel,
KG Hotel Entertainment, Teen Dance at Flute and Fiddle
Sun: Sno-Pitch, Country Gospel, Museum Potato Supper,
Mon: tentative School Carnival, Legion & Daycare Talent Night
Tues: Curling Night & Karaoke
Wed: Senior Luncheon & Games
Thurs: 'Wish I was in Hawaii' Valentines Dinner (Clubhouse Fundraiser)
Fri: Birchview King & Queen Winter Festival, tentative Sr Hockey Playoff Game,
Flute and Fiddle Open Jam/ tentative After Hockey Party
Sat: Library Breakfast, Snow Stomp Family Dance.



There are many small and big jobs to do. If you would like to be a part of helping before or during the festival, please contact Laurie 749-7451 or email birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

Looking for participation in the following:

Light Parade *Light up your ride and parade down Main Street. Register with Duane 749-3446*

Talent Night *Birch Hills, show off your stuff. Register with Lyle 749-7927*

Country Gospel *Be apart of the entertainment or come to enjoy the music. Register with Inez 749-2716*

Snow Sculpting *Create snow art in your own yard. Prizes for best in town. Register with Danny 749-3540*

Sno-Pitch *Gather your friends and play Slow-Pitch in the snow. Watch for more details*

Febru-hairy Contest *Men & Women compete for the title of 'Hairiest' Legs. Register with Laurie 749-7451*

The next Winter Festival Planning Meeting is **THURS, JANUARY 3RD, 2013 7:00PM** in the museum basement.
All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate in planning

Wish I was in Hawaii Valentines Dinner

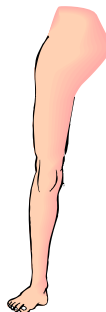


Some of you were fortunate enough to get in on the sold out "Lady and the Tramp" Italian themed Valentines dinner last year. A fabulous night it was and many of the same hosts are back to give us a cold winter break by throwing a

Hawaiian Evening Luau.

Wear your finest Hawaiian attire, limbo, enjoy island cuisine and entertainment. Last years dinner profits helped to pay expenses for the festival. This years profits will be used towards the new Golf Clubhouse. Organizers are looking for more decorations and help with decorating. They will need kitchen help, set & clean up, and help with various other duties on February 14th, but pre dinner organizing help is still needed too. Contact Ethel (749-2668) if you want to be a part of this spectacular Valentines Event.

FEBRU-HAIRY CONTEST



Last year two brothers and two girl friends battled it out with clean shaven faces and legs to see who would be crowned the most hairiest after weeks of not shaving. This years contest, with a little twist is open to women and men of all ages who are willing to shave their legs February 1st and be voted the Most Hairiest Legs, Longest or Sexiest Legs and more at the Snow Stomp Family

Dance on February 16th. Dare your friends to enter and watch for more details in next Heartbeat.

WINTER FESTIVAL PROGRESSIVE 50 / 50

Tickets will be on sale at various businesses in town. Proceeds will be used for winter festival expenses not covered through Sask Lotteries Grant Program. Your support is very much appreciated. Good Luck!

SNOWSCULPTING CONTEST

Build your creation out of snow, register and have the in town address entered into the contest. The community can vote for their favorite. Contact Danny 749-3540 for more details



EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS



MONDAY

Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364

T.O.P.S. (take pounds off sensibly) 5-6pm at the Health Centre

Thimbles & Threads 6:30pm at Birchview Melissa 749-3482

Curling Mixed League 7:30-9:30pm 749-2951

Drop in Hockey at the Skating Rink \$10 ea Goalies Free Natalie 960-3408

TUESDAY

Karate 7:30pm St Louis Karate Club 422-8665

Community Booster Mtg 3rd Tues of the month Civic Centre 7:30-9pm

Crystal Springs Bingo (Until Dec 4th) 7:30pm at the Crystal Springs Hall

Senior Curling League 1:30-3:30pm 749-2951

Sparks 6-7pm / Brownies 6-7:30 Contact Audrey 749-2217

Awana for kids Ages Kindergarten-Gr 6 6:45-8:30.

Call 749-3185 or www.lakepark.ca



WEDNESDAY

Line Dancing CONTINUES 9:30-11am at the Sr Centre

Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 9:00-4:00pm Great Deals

Coffee & Sweets at the Museum 3:00 pm

Volleyball School Gym 8-9:30 \$2 Drop In All Welcome



NEW 2 Person Precision Curling League Robyn 749-2951 starts Jan 9th

Girl Guides 6:30-8pm Contact Audrey 749-2217

THURSDAY

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364

Curling Mixed League 7:30-9:30pm 749-2951

Pathfinders 6:30-8pm Contact Audrey 749-2217

FRIDAY

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St

Story time for 3 - 4 yr olds 1-1:45 at the Birch Hills Library

Senior Curling League 1:30-3:30pm 749-2951



SUNDAY

Family Skate at the Rink 10 - 2pm (subject to change, pending rentals)

Volleyball School Gym 8-9:30 \$2 Drop In All Welcome

If you have something to add to this list, contact Laurie at 749-7451

Cross Country Ski trail
now open at golf course.
Please no walkers, pets,
snowmobilers or snowshoers on the
trails. Thanks



DROP IN CO-ED REC HOCKEY



Monday nights

9:30-11:00pm

Skill not required, Proper
equipment recommended

\$10 drop in fee. **Goalies play free.**

Contact Natalie for more details

960-3408

Library Hours

Tuesday 12:00 - 4:00pm / 5:00-8:00pm

Thurs and Friday

12:00 - 4:30pm



Volleyball will be postponed
until further notice. (mid
Jan) while the gym floors
are being replaced.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Sr Hall Rentals

Vel Bompais at 749-3364

Birch Hills Sno-Posse

Peter Lubyk 980-7674

Birch Hills Legion

Don Lypchuk 749-2571

Birch Hills Lions Club

Ryan Shore 749-2525



Since we began mid Sept we've given 16
shawls away. Also, 35 toques for newborn
babies were given to the Victoria Hospital,
now working to get 25 pairs of mitts made
for a PA school by mid Jan, then next on the list are
the teddy bears scarves ... These 'Grannies' have been
busy! If you would like to be a part of all his, join
the Knitting Grannies at 1:00pm on the 2nd and 4th
Tuesday each month in the Seniors' Hall.

'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

'Like' our facebook page to get activity updates.

Feel free to add your own event or activity info

Other Local Facebook pages:

Birch Hills Bargain Basement, Birch Hills Mamas, Birch Hills
Dance Centre, Birch Hills Blackhawks, Birch Hills Sportsground
Upgrade, General Quarters Paintball, Birch Hills Community
Garden, Birch Hills Sno-Posse,

NEW Clay Oven Café



Deadlines for submissions for newsletter are the 10th & 25th of each month.

Send to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net or call 749-7451

Birch Hills Recreation

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Facebook Page: 'Birch Hills Recreation'

Communities that play together,
...grow together!



Honey, our lawyer wishes us,
but in no way guarantees,
a Happy New Year.



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letter online

BIRCH HILLS CURL-A-DROME CORNER

Mon & Thurs 7:30-9:30pm Mixed League

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

Memberships inquire within / Drop In Rate \$10.

Now serving "GREAT WEST" draft...even to non members!

NEW

Precision 2-Person Super League Wednesday Nights 7:15-8:30pm
Begins Jan 9th-March 20 16 team limit, \$150 entry/team
\$2500 prize money. Sponsored by Quayle Agencies
Contact Robyn at 749-2951 for private ice rentals, memberships or
other inquiries.

Raffle Tickets for Weekend for Four at Waskesiu on sale now



Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Jan 3 - Winter Festival Meeting
5 - RYSC Youth Bottle Drive
9 - 2 Person Super Curling league starts
10 - Grad Bottle Drive
15 - Community Booster Mtg
19 - Family Funspiel (2adults/2kids)
- IP Minor Hockey Tourney
- F&F Donny Parenteau Concert
20 - Concert at Lake Park
25/26 - Firemans Funspiel
- Feb 1 - Febru-hairy Registration deadline
8-16 Brrr Chills Winter Festival
8-10 SHA Minor Hockey Camp
9/10 - Ladies Bonspiel
9 - Sno Posse Snowmobile Rally
25 - Mar 1 Senior Bonspiel
- Mar 8-10 Mixed Playdowns
15-17 Open Bonspiel
22-24 2 Person Funspiel

Birch Hills Minor Hockey

Wed, Jan 2nd	2:00pm	Novice vs Tisdale
Wed, Jan 9th	7:30pm	PeeWee vs Nipawin Gold
Fri, Jan 11th	6:00pm	IP vs
Mon, Jan 14th	6:00pm	IP vs Cudworth
Thur, Jan 17th	7:15pm	Midget vs
January 19th	all day	IP Tournament



COME CHEER ON OUR KIDS!!

BIRCH HILLS SENIOR HOCKEY

Fri, Jan 4	Away Game @ Shellbrook	8:30pm
Sat, Jan 5	Home Game vs Muskeg Lake Blades	8:00pm
Fri, Jan 11	Away Game @ Muskeg Lake	8:30pm
Sun, Jan 13	Away Game @ Whitefish	2:00pm
Fri, Jan 18	Home Game vs St Louis Blues	8:30pm
Sat, Jan 19	Away Game @ Shellbrook	8:00pm
Sat, Jan 26	Home Game vx NorthWest Rebels	8:00pm
Fri, Feb 1	Home Game vs Shellbrook Silvertips	8:30pm
Sat, Feb 2	Away Game @ Whitefish	8:00pm

WATCH FOR PLAYOFF SCHEDULES IN FEBRUARY

GO BLACKHAWKS, GO!



Birch Hills Skating Rink 2012/13 Members

Shawn & Joan Budnick
Mark & Heather Rolfes
Guy & Tammy Forsythe
Shelley & Jordan Carrier
Eric & Jody Mickelson
Jen Evans
Chris & Jenny Ravndahl
Leon & Shirley Pratchler
Steve & Shae Adams
Wayne Clancy
Allen & Georgine Harper
Ted Snow
Tyler & Erica Cochrane
Jaesen & Tanya Dansereau
Vince & Adrienne Harper

Thank you for your support. Memberships
available at the rink canteen