

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, Brahma Insurance, Quayle Pharmacy, Grumpy's Confectionary and various other businesses downtown. Pick up your free copy and share with a friend. Send your email address and request for mailing list to **[birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)**

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Welcome to the year 2014!!  
I hope you all had a safe and festive holiday. May the new year bring new challenges, new opportunities and many great memories.

Speaking of opportunities, Plans are in full swing for the 3rd Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival. I can not stress enough how more help is needed to continue this awesome week.

Now you may be saying... 8 days is too long... but is it really?? There are so many fun things to do in the winter. So much, we can barely cram it all in one week. And which events do we take out? Besides, many have requested a lot of the same activities.

So to the many that have requested and to the many that have enjoyed in the past, if you would please consider offering 2-5 hours of your time to help organize or set up an event then we can continue to have an amazing festival in our community. This winter festival is quickly becoming recognized throughout Saskatchewan and it is our chance to put Birch Hills on the map as a winter destination place. Come Be A Part of Great Things! See the next page of opportunities for you to get involved.

Also more are welcome and needed to attend the next winter festival meeting Thursday, January 2nd. 7pm at the museum. If you can't make it but still want to be involved, contact me asap.

All the best to you and yours this coming year. Cheers,  
**Laurie Berube, Rec Director**



## Sno-Pitch

February 9th, 2014  
Seeking individuals and teams of 8 to participate in the 3rd Annual Sno-Pitch Tourney.  
Yes, Slow Pitch in the Snow! It will challenge, it will amuse and it promises to be a blast! Call Laurie 749-7451 to register.

## Family Curling Funspiel

Sat, Jan 18th, 2014  
All ages are welcome. Curling Club members willing to teach

## Birch Hills Cowboy Church @ Community Centre

1st Sunday of each month  
Next **Jan 5th, 7:00pm**  
Featuring Country Gospel Music with down home bible message. All Welcome.  
Refreshments to follow.  
Pastor Rick Martin 981-2235



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## LINEDANCING

Monday evening line dancing at the Seniors Hall has been cancelled due to lack of interest. Instead we will be line dancing **Monday mornings** from 9:30 am to 11:00 am, as well as **Wed mornings** from 9:30 am to 11:00. Newcomers welcome! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from the line dancing group.



## DATE CHANGE - The Birch Hills COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

will meet on Tuesday January 7th, 2014  
@ 7:30pm in the Museum Boardroom.

We must make some important decisions on next summers "Communities In Bloom" program and other activities  
(meeting ends 9pm sharp...we promise)

ANYONE interested in making town improvements is WELCOME  
Next meeting will resume to 3rd Tuesday of the month (Feb 18th)

## BIRCH HILLS SKATING ARENA NEWS

### BIRCH HILLS SENIOR BLACKHAWKS



#### GAMES

Sat, Jan 18	vs Meadow Lake Broncos	8:00pm
Fri, Jan 24	vs St Louis Blues	8:30pm

Book a **Staff, Family or Birthday Party** at the Skating Rink Contact 749-7451 to book today

Thank you to our 2013/14

Skating Rink Members for your support:

<b>Wayne Clancy,</b>	<b>Tanya Dansereau</b>
<b>Stewart &amp; Louise Adams,</b>	<b>Forsyth Family</b>
<b>Shane Hunter Family,</b>	<b>Edison Anthony,</b>
<b>Amanda &amp; Melvin Rostecki</b>	

Members receive Free Public Skating, Unlimited Coffee Cards and warm fuzzy feelings inside. Become a member today! See Kevin in Canteen

### MINOR HOCKEY in BIRCH HILLS



Jan 4	Midget vs Tisdale	4:45pm
Jan 7	Atoms vs Tisdale	6:30pm
Jan 8	Novice Girls vs Tisdale	6:30pm
Jan 12	Midget vs Melfort	4:45pm
Jan 13	PeeWee vs Nipawin	7:00pm
Jan 15	Novice vs Melfort	6:30pm
Jan 16	Midget vs Nipawin	7:00pm

### DROP IN SCRIMMAGE

Mondays 9:30-11:00 pm

\$10/ person. Rink Members \$5, Goalies Free

CHANGES: scrimmage in the new year will be on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month...



### 3rd Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival

**February 7 - 15th, 2014**

It's happening...Birch Hills will hold it's 3rd Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival and Brrrt the Bear is excited!!  
Get ready for some fun in the snow...

**WANTED:** leaders to help organize some of these events or they will not happen. We need others to help the leaders. AND we need people to participate. If you or your group is interested in making any of these events happen by organizing or participating, contact me right away...we don't have much time to plan this year.

We can only keep this amazing festival happening by the amazing volunteers we have in this community, WE NEED YOU! **The next planning meeting is JAN 2, 2014!!** 7:00pm at the Museum. Contact Rec Office if you can not make it but are interested in helping. 749-7451 or birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

**Returning events:**

- Light Parade** - Light up your Ride! Register with Duane 749-3446 or 960-9937
- Tobogganing and Bonfire:** Wax your sleds and if you have fire wood to donate, pls contact Todd 749-7726
- SnoPosse Rally:** Join them on their 19th Annual ride Breakfast served by Pre-School Group
- SnoPitch Ball Tournament:** We need 6 teams of 8-10 fun folks. Register with Rec Office
- County Gospel:** Those wanting to share their gift of song/music contact Inez 749-2716
- Potato Supper:** you won't want to miss this amazin' Potato & Fixin' Dinner hosted by the Historical Society
- Talent Show:** If you have talent and you want to share contact Lyle Mohn 749-7927 to register
- Soup/Sandwich Luncheon & Games:** hosted by the Seniors Group
- Pancake Breakfast:** hosted by the Library Board
- Birchview Nursing Home Winter Carnival** - who will be crowned Queen/King, Prince/Princess this year?

**Tentative & Hopefulls:** pending helpers and organizers. Contact Rec Office immediately or they will not happen  
**Cross Country Skiing**, Family Skate with Brrrt, **Snow Stomp Family Dance**, Valentines Supper, **School Carnival**

**Contests:**

- Febru-hairy** - Not just for the hairy. This year register at the Snow Stomp Family Dance
- Brrrt Color Contest** - Looking for White Teddy Bears to make little Brrrt's for color contest prizes. Pages available soon
- Snow Sculpting** - In town addresses register with Lorne 960-2456 by Jan 31. Sculpture to be done by Feb 7th
- Progressive 50/50** tickets available at Brahma Insurance, Rec Office, Bud McRory and other partnering businesses.
- NEW: Human Dog Sled Races** (3boys, 3girls, 3 generations) Must be 40 year span between youngest and oldest. Teams of 6 will race downtown for prizes and fame. 2 teams have registered already! Contact Rec Office

**WATCH FOR PHOTOS AND MORE INFORMATION ON FACEBOOK - Birch Hills Community & Recreation Page**

## BIRCH HILLS COMMUNITY CLUBS

Birch Hills Sno-Posse would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!!! We are the local snowmobile club in town and will be hosting our 19th annual **snowmobile rally** this year on **Saturday February 8, 2014**. We would like to extend an invitation out to everyone to come to the civic center that day and check out some of the prizes we have to raffle off and our silent auction items.

The Birch Hills Pre-school will also be putting on a pancake breakfast in the morning and serving burgers in the afternoon. Keep an eye out for our posters around town with all the details!! This will be the 19<sup>th</sup> rally the Sno Posse has put on. The snowmobile rally is our only fundraiser for the club. Money is used to maintain the three local snowmobile shacks we have built up over the years. These warm up shacks are welcome for anyone to use. The club also makes donations to local organizations like the curling rink, civic center and fire dept.

This year our snowmobile club brought in a new board of members and we are excited to see new faces and open to new ideas to help continue the strength of our club since it was created.

Contact Sheldon Gordon at (306)749-7645, Mathew Njaa at (306)749-7010 or Jodie Guse (306) 930-7306 for further information about meetings or becoming a member!

## BIRCH HILLS TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

A catch up addition since shattering my wrist on October 30th. I had surgery with 4 pins and a screw, 4 casts over 7 weeks and I start therapy on January 8th. Be careful folks, I fell before the snow came. Wishing Dean Manson the best of luck with his recovery

Happy New Year to all as we look forward to 2014!

- Highway Traffic Board - Bylaw 7/13 was approved
- A letter was received regarding run off at the corner of Hillview & 4th Street, council will tend to this issue in the spring.
- An issue of frozen pipes in the Trailer Court was dealt with.
- Bylaw 10/13, that being a Bylaw to enter into an agreement with the Struthers Lake Regional Park
- The Transfer Station is only open on Saturdays for the winter months, and at the discretion of the attendant in extreme cold weather
- Delegations - Shane Hunter re: Animal Control Bylaw (concerning backyard hens)
  - Ian Pryznyk re: Hosting Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Curling Competition in March 2015
- A letter was received from the City of Prince Albert regarding Prince Albert Regional Economic Action Committee Stakeholder meeting
- Councillors John Herd and Dale Pratt were appointed as voting delegates for the Suma Convention to be held in February 2014
- Bylaw 11/13, that being a Bylaw of the Town of Birch Hills to establish property tax incentives and penalties was adopted by Council
- Correspondence: Saskatchewan Council International Development Week Proclamation
  - City of Prince Albert - Introduction of the City's Regional Economic Action Committee
  - Bylaw Officer Monthly Report for EPS Management Services Inc.
  - Birch Hills Fire Department - Fireman's Curling Funspiel January 24th and 25th 2014
- The Town of Birch Hills denied the urban chicken proposal, thanking Shane Hunter and Jennifer Riviere for all the work they did in preparing the proposal, giving them an extension to May 31, 2013 to remove the chickens from within the Town limits
- Employee reviews were held for the Town Employees
- Bylaw 12/13 A Bylaw to Control the Removal of Snow from Private Property was approved
- Watch for the NCSWMC waste recycling flyer in your mail box

Submitted by: Mayor, Shirley Ulvild

Birch Hills and District Historical Society

**Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Supper**

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Museum basement

Pot luck supper 5:00

Annual meeting to follow

Everyone welcome. We invite people to get involved with their Historical Society. Plans are being made for 2014 Threshing Day and help is needed to continue.

**Taxi Service in Birch Hills**

Service 7 days a week. Around town, to P.A and back and even to Saskatoon if you have to catch a plane (must make arrangements in advance). Call **306-749-1222**

**FIRST RESPONDERS**

Are you interested in becoming a First Responder? First Responders provide medical care and assistance in emergencies before an ambulance arrives. Training is provided. If you are willing to dedicate and volunteer your time, contact Lorne at (306) 960-2456 Tentative dates for training Jan 24-26 or Jan 31-Feb2



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

**BIRCH HILLS FIREMEN'S FUNDRAISER  
FUNSPIEL & STEW COOKOFF**

January 24 & 25, 2014

Curling - \$40/Team of 4

Stew Cookoff - \$20/Entry



**\*\*Only 16 curling and 10 cookoff entries will be accepted\*\***

**REGISTER EARLY!!**

Open to everyone who wants to have some fun! Door prizes for curlers/ Cash prizes for stew cookoff winners. Come out and support your local fire department.

**\*\*Deadline to register for funspiel is January 19\*\***

**C'mon folks.... two have registered for the cookoff and Tracy & Laurie are looking for some competition....!!**

For more info or to sign up, call Tracy Lubyk 980-7675

**UPCOMING CURLING BONSPIELS**

**Family Funspiel** Jan 18 Bring the Kids

This Bonspiel was cancelled last year due to lack of interest. Curling Club members are willing to teach. Bring the family out for a few hours and try something new.

**Firemens Bonspiel** January 24/25

**Seniors Bonspiel** February 24-28  
Includes luncheon

**Ladies Bonspiel** March 7-9  
Includes Saturday banquet



**Open Bonspiel** March 15/16  
Open to any adult curlers. includes banquet

**2 Person Bonspiel** March 22/23  
Saturday Night Dance & Season Windup

*Register at the Curling Rink 749-2951  
Curling sheets are available to rent for parties & gatherings. Cost is \$75-350.  
Contact Robin for more information*

**Snow Sculpt Contest:** Register your town address with Lorne 960-2456 by Jan 31st. Sculpture to be ready by February 7th.

**Prizes to be won**



**KAISER TOURNAMENT**

Saturday, January 25th  
@ St Louis Senior's Club



Entry Fee \$50/ team  
\$100, \$300, \$600 Cash Prizes to be won

For information or to Pre-Register call  
Luc @ 423-5435 or Marc @ 422-8679 or  
Marcel @ 422-8665

Deadlines for submissions for newsletter are the 10th and 25th of each month. Send entries to **birch-hillsrec@sasktel.net** or call **306-749-7451**



## EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS



### MONDAY

Line Dancing 930-1100am @ the Senior Hall **TIME CHANGE**  
 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 Sewing Club 6:30pm @ Birchview Melissa 749-3482  
 Drop In Co-ed Hockey **2nd & 4th Monday** Natalie 960-3408

### TUESDAY



Knitting Grannies 2nd & 4th Tues of ea month @ Sr Hall  
 Karate 7:30pm St Louis Karate Club 422-8665  
 Library Open 12-4pm and 5-8pm  
 Community Booster Mtg 3rd Tues of the month Civic Centre 7:30-9pm  
 St Louis Karate 7-8pm Call 422-8665 or 749-7500  
 Optimist Club 1st Tues of the month  
 AWANA Kids 6:45pm @LPBC For Kids 5-12yrs / kind-grade 6

### WEDNESDAY



Line Dancing all welcome 9:30-11am at the Sr Hall  
 Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 9-4:00pm Great Deals!  
 Coffee & Sweets at the Museum 3:00 pm  
 Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders Contact Audrey 749-2217 to join

### THURSDAY



Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364  
 Library Open 12 - 4:30pm  
 St Louis Karate 7-8pm Call 422-8665 or 749-7500  
 Legion Mtg 2nd Thurs ea month 7pm @ legion hall. New members welcome

### FRIDAY

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St  
 Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm **Story time** 1:00pm  
 Flute & Fiddle Steak Night, Open Mic & Karaoke Starts 5pm All Welcome

### SUNDAY

Ladies Hockey 4:00-5:00pm Laurie 749-7451/Natalie 960-3408  
**If you have something to add to this list, contact Laurie at 749-7451**

## BIRCH HILLS LIBRARY NEWS

### Library Hours:

Tuesdays: 12 to 4 & 5 to 8 pm,  
 Thursdays & Fridays: 12 to 4:30 pm

There will be **No Story Time** on the following Fridays: Jan 4, 11, 18 but library will be open 2:30-7:00pm

All normal library hours resume Jan 3. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**Happy New Year from the Birch Hills Library**

## COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CONTACTS

### Senior Hall

Vel Bompais 749-3364 Hall Rentals  
**Birch Hills Royal Cdn Legion**  
 Lyle Mohn 749-7927 Rentals  
 Marlene Lypchuk 749-2571 Member Info



### Lions Club

Bruce Tilford 749-7743  
 Todd Devenis 749-3425

### Birch Hills Historical Society

Shirley Ulvild 749-2500

### Community Boosters

Stewart & Louise Adams 749-3521

### Dreamland Optimist Club

Stuart Matice 306-314-2378

### Community Garden

Ann Woods 306-749-3237

### Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders

Audrey Matheson 749-2217

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN BIRCH HILLS



Birch Hills Community Church @ Civic Centre 11:00am  
 428 Bellamy Ave 9:30am

Lutheran Church Service (1st, 3rd & 5th Sun of the month)

United Church Service (2nd & 4th Sundays of the month)

Glad Tidings Tabernacle (Pentecostal) @ 101 4th St 11am

Lake Park Baptist Church @ Hwy 3 11:00am

Saron Lutheran Church near Hagen 9:30am

St Mary's Anglican Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 11:00am

St Anne's Roman Catholic Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 9:00am

'Like' our facebook page Like  
 to get activity updates.

Feel free to add your own event or activity info

'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

### Other Local pages:

Birch Hills Bargain Basement, Birch Hills Mamas, Birch Hills Dance Centre, Birch Hills Blackhawks, General Quarters Paintball, Flute and Fiddle, Birch Hills Community Garden, Birch Hills Sno-Posse, Clay Oven Café, Birch Hills Co-op, Partie Perks Rental Studio, Community Boosters

**NEW** Dreamland Optimist Club of BH

'Like' these pages to become part of these groups activities events

## Birch Hills & District Recreation

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director  
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Fax: 306-749-2545  
E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net  
Text or call cell: 306-749-7451  
Facebook Page: 'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

### CURLING RAFFLE

Tickets now available at Curling Rink  
or from Curling Members.

#### Winner's Choice

Summer Golf Vacation @ Wasquesieu  
OR

Winter Ski Vacation @ Elk Ridge.  
\$5 ea or 5 for \$20

Draw Date March 22 @ 2 Person  
Bonspiel Wind up Dance

## CURL-A-DROME NEWS



Monday: Fun Adult Curling League 7:00pm  
Tuesday: Senior League 1:30pm coffee & dessert  
Wednesday: 2 Person League sponsored by Brahma Insurance  
Thursday: Super League 4/team competitive 7:00pm  
Friday: Senior League 4/team 1:30pm coffee & dessert  
Free Lessons for Adults Mondays or Friday Nights starts 6:30

**Drop In's Welcome** \$10, for those that just want to try curling!

CROSS  
COUNTRY SKI  
TRAILS are open  
at the  
Golf  
Course.

Thanks  
to Ron  
Bodnarchuk!!!



## Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Jan 2 - Winter Festival Planning Meeting  
5 - Birch Hills Cowboy Church  
7 - Optimist Club Mtg  
- Community Boosters Mtg  
15 - Historical Society AGM & Potluck  
18 - Family Curling Funspiel  
- Soup for Seniors  
- Sr Hockey Game  
24 - Sr Hockey Game  
24/25 - Firemens Curling Bonspiel & Cookoff  
25 - St Louis Sr's Kaiser Tournament  
31 - Register Snow Sculpt address
- Feb **7-16 3rd Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival**  
7-Human Dog Sled Race, Light Parade,  
Tobogganing, F&F Open Stage  
8 - Sno-Posse Snowmobile Rally  
9 - Country Gospel, SnoPitch,  
Museum Potatoe Supper  
12 - Sr hosted Luncheon & Games  
15 - Pancake Brkfst, Cross Country Skiing,  
Skate with Brrrt, Snow Stomp Family Dance
- 22 - Soup for Seniors  
24-28 - Senior Curling Bonspiel
- Mar 7-9 - Ladies Curling Bonspiel  
15/16 - Open Curling Bonspiel  
22/23 - 2 Person Curling Bonspiel & Dance  
22 - TLC Daycare/Birchview Art Gala

### BIRCH HILLS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

2 Draws were made for the Good Neighbour Nominations.  
Winners received a Co-op gift basket compliments of the  
Community Boosters. Thank you all for your entries

#### Winner #1

Laura & Darren Wilkinson nominated by Don Beaucamp

#### Winner #2

Terry Kilden nominated by Marj Archibald

Thanks for being Good Neighbours!

### PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Recreation  
Office number  
749-2251 is no  
longer in service  
and has been  
changed to  
749-7451



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the news letter  
online

Now available online at [www.birchhills.ca](http://www.birchhills.ca)



### SOUP FOR SENIORS

Come down to the Senior Hall  
on January 18 and February 22  
11:00 - 1:00pm

Lunch will be  
Served,  
the Friendship is up to you!

