

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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Greetings Everyone,

Less than two weeks and our Brrr Chills Winter Festival will be underway. This edition of the Heartbeat comes with a 3rd page full of festival information that can be posted on your fridge for easy reference. Some activities require advance tickets or registration, please read carefully so you don't miss out. Check the town website or facebook periodically for updates and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Have a great couple of weeks and may the snow fly...just a little more!

*Laurie Berube, Recreation Director*

Cross Country Ski Trails are open at the golf course.



Thank you to Ron Bodnarchuk for setting the trails. Please avoid using the trails for purposes other than skiing. Thank you

## 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

Try Curling - \$10 drop in and half price seasonal rates now available

## Recreation Volleyball Tournament

Sunday, February 5



Starts 1:00pm

\$40/team Cash Prizes for 1st & 2nd.

Individuals or Teams must register with Laurie 749-7451 or send info to [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net) by Feb 2nd. Teams of 6-8 players, must have minimum of 3 girls/team.

## Royal Canadian Legion Curling Provincials Playdown

February 3, 4, 5

Pancake Breakfast this Friday 8-10 am

Open to all at the Civic Centre

Opening Ceremonies 10:30

Curling throughout the day Fri/Sat/Sun  
**Spectators Welcome**

## Two Person Bonspiel

March 30 - April 1st \$80/Team

24 Teams only -Register Now at Curling

Saturday Night Dance with  
**Marty Grambo**

\$20 advance/ \$25 at door

All are Welcome

## OPEN CURLING BONSPIEL

March 16-18th

\$160 per team. Saturday Night Supper & Banquet included.

Register by March 13th at the Birch Hills Curling Club or call Robyn 749-2951

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

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Paintball & Susan  
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If you would like to be a sponsor of the next 'Heartbeat' newsletter, contact Laurie at [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto: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.

## Wii Zumba Fitness

Tuesdays at 5:30

At the Youth Centre.  
Bring Water, Running  
Shoes, and a  
Friend



Get Ready to  
Move, Get Ready to

## Kids Digging Deep "Amazing Desert Journey"

Saturday, February 18th  
At the Youth Centre  
1-3pm Ages 3-Grade 6

**Stories, Crafts,  
Snacks, Games**

No Registration necessary,  
just show up

## GENERAL'S QUARTERS PAINTBALL

Paintball Accessories available in Birch Hills  
Contact Jean-Marc Chevrete at 749-3200  
[www.gqpaint.sasktelwebsite.net](http://www.gqpaint.sasktelwebsite.net)



**Watch Newsletter for Spring Paintball Games**

## FEBRUARY MINOR HOCKEY GAMES



1st - PeeWee @ 6:45  
3rd - Initiation Game @ 6:00 & Prov Bantam Game @ 7:30  
8th - Bantam @ 6:45 9th - Bantam @ 6:45

**\*\*Watch for game updates on Facebook & Website\*\***  
**Come Out & Cheer on our Kids**

## Win a Trip to Waskesiu Lake Lodge

for a Golf Weekend Retreat for 4 5 for \$20 or \$5 each  
Buy your tickets for the raffle at the Curling Rink .

Proceeds go towards maintenance and repairs at the Curling Rink. Draw date March 31 at the Open Bonspiel



### Bouquet of Thanks

On Saturday, February 21st in celebration of 'Hockey Day in Saskatchewan' the Birch Hills Lions Club hosted a pancake breakfast. The Blackhawks Sr Hockey Team skated with the local youth. Minor hockey teams played games. A special thanks to all who came out to support events.



The Blackhawks Senior Hockey team would like to thank everyone for coming out to cheer them on at games and to those who came out to the Roast Beef Supper Fundraiser last Saturday (Feb 28).

Thank you to Marie Braaten for catering the supper.  
Your support is greatly appreciated. Next Hockey Games are:

February 5th - vs Leoville Rebels in Leoville  
1st Round Beaver Lake Hockey League Best of 3 Series Playoffs  
Game #1 Feb 10th 8:30 in Leoville  
Game #2 Feb 11th 8:00 in Birch Hills - HOMEGAME  
Game #3 Feb 12th TBA in Leoville

\$5/person at door. Proceeds to support Blackhawks.

Watch for details on the website , facebook, arena board, posters or visit [www.bhsports.sasktelwebsite.net/blackhawks.html](http://www.bhsports.sasktelwebsite.net/blackhawks.html)

## BIRCH HILLS BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS



PARTYLITE

SUSAN DUTCHAK - UNIT LEADER

**PartyLite** offers a wide range of products from candles to home decor to decorating ideas! Our New 2012 Catalogue arrived January 1!!

**PartyLite** home party Hosts wanted. Fun, friends and a no-charge shopping spree. Reserve your date today!

Start a **PartyLight** business.  
Flexible, No investment, inventory or deliveries.  
Full-time or part-time income earning opportunity.

**Fundraising:** 35% profit. High quality candles. No sorting or storing.

I look forward to serving you in 2012!!!

**Susan Dutchak Home 749-2772 Cell: 981-1871**

[rstedutchak@hotmail.com](mailto:rstedutchak@hotmail.com) or  
[www.partylite.biz/susandutchak](http://www.partylite.biz/susandutchak)

### Partylite Open House

Wednesday February 8th

7 Bellamy Avenue

7 - 9 pm Come and Go Event

Coffee/Tea/Treats & Home Decor

Bring a friend! Door Prizes & Specials

ALL night!

## RYSC Youth Ski Trip

February 23 - 26th



2 full days skiing at Nakiska, AB.  
Cost \$300 includes Ski, Retreat, Meals.  
Call Kathy at 749-2478 or pick up your registration forms at the Youth Centre. Deadline is Feb 10th.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2012

### 'Let Justice Prevail'



The women of Malaysia invite you to join with them in the service they wrote for the World Day of Prayer celebration, praying under the theme: "Let Justice Prevail" "Selamat Datang" which means peace and welcome.  
This service is hosted by the United Church Women at the Birch Hills Lutheran Church on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 2:00. Everyone is welcome

## SKATING RINK NEWS

**NOTICE:** Sundays Public Skate Time has changed

**Public Skating Every**

Mon/ Wed/ Fri 3:30-5:00 pm

Saturdays & Sundays 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Sundays no sticks allowed

**Rink Schedules on [www.birchhills.ca](http://www.birchhills.ca).**

Public skate times subject to change due to bookings

### 2011-12 Season Skating Rates

Free for Skating Club & Minor Hockey Players

\$25 for rest of family Drop in Public Skate \$5

Non Skating Club or Minor Hockey Players pay:

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

**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 is Open Again!**  
Feb 15th 50% off Everything

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



### 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  
Bompais at 749-3364

### NEW 2012 Senior Hall Executive

President - Inez Schilling  
Vice Pres - Vel Bompais  
Treasurer - June Stobbs  
Secretary - Myrdena Reynish

## Kids in the Hills

RYSC Youth Center is Open Fridays 7:00 - 10:00 pm  
Play pool, ping pong, fooseball, air hockey, Wii Games  
Ages 12+ are welcome

Contact Kathy regarding Youth Centre activities 749-2478

**Play! Always**

### Family Winter Retreat

February 17-19<sup>th</sup>

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.



### Thimbles & Threads

Mondays 6:30-8 pm  
at Birchview Home

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



### Rec Adult Volleyball Drop In

at the School Gym. Every **Sunday & Thursday**

**8-9:30 pm** \$2 drop-in fees used for future  
recreation activities.



### 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 **February 21 at 7:30**  
(ends 9pm sharp ...we promise!)

All ages are encouraged

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

### Birch Hills Recreation

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E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net  
Text or call: 749-7451  
Facebook: 'Birch Hills Recreation'

*Communities that play together,  
grow together!*

### Recreation Board Annual General Meeting

February 28 7:30pm at the Museum  
Are you interested in Birch Hills recreational activities? Any community member is welcome to attend the AGM to review past accomplishments and set new goals for 2012.

### TOWN NOTICE

The Town of Birch Hills would like to inform you that our mayor has officially resigned. In accordance with Section 9 of the Local Government Elections Act, the Town of Birch Hills is not required to hold a by-election and therefore plans are to finish his term of office with appointed deputy mayors. Our election will be held in October 2012. Please consider your nominations for the fall.



Funding Provides Recreational Activities

### BETHEL HOUSE VALENTINES OPEN HOUSE

Saturday February 11th  
1:00-5:00 pm



*Heartshaped specials in  
Bethel House and Silpada!!! Bring  
Friends and enjoy coffee and  
heart-shaped goodies!*  
Also open regular hours Tuesday  
9 - 9 or by appointment 749-3311

### SENIOR CURLING BONSPIEL



February 27 - March 2  
\$120/ team of 4  
Register by Feb 23 at  
Curling Rink 749-2951  
Or call Ian at 749-2596

### Kinsmen Telemiracle Luncheon

**February 29**  
**11:00 - 1:00 pm**  
at the Civic Centre  
Watch for more details

Brrr Chills Progressive  
50/50 and Sask Riders  
autographed football  
jersey Raffle tickets  
will be available  
throughout the Winter  
Festival Week at all  
events. See Bob or Bud  
for tickets. Draw to be  
made at the 'Snow  
Stomp' Wind Up Dance.

### 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 749-2478 or  
danny@bronson8.com



Please Share  
Paper with a  
Friend

### Brrr Chills Febru-Hairy Contest

2 girlfriends and 2 brothers  
battle it out for the Febru-hairy  
2012 Title. Winners chosen at the  
Festival Wind Up Dance on February 18th



### *Birch Hills Upcoming Events*

Feb 3-5 - RC Legion Curling Prov Finals  
5 - Recreation Volleyball Tournament  
5 - Showcase Skate in Kinistino  
10-18 1st Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival  
See last page for details activity schedule  
11 - Bethel House Valentines Open House  
11 - Game #2 Sr Hockey Playoffs  
21 - Community Boosters Meeting  
Feb 27 - Mar 2 Senior Bonspiel Week  
28 - Recreation Board AGM  
29 - Kinsmen Telemiracle Luncheon

March 2 - World Day of Prayer 2012  
3 - Firemans Bonspiel  
4 - Skating Club Carnival  
10-12 - Juvenile Regional Playdowns  
16/17 - Goosers Hockey Tourn  
16-18 - Open Curling Bonspiel  
24 - Curling Provincials

31 - Two person Curling Wind Up

Apr TBA - Homebased business tradeshow

May TBA - Booster Club Town Cleanup

June 2 - Town Garage Sale

August 12 2012 Threshing Day





# 2012 Brrr Chills Winter Festival Raffle February 10th—18th

Next Meeting **February 7th**  
7:00 pm in the Museum Basement.

Volunteers Needed: for Valentines Dinner and Wind up Dance. If you would like to help serve, cook, set up or take down please contact Laurie 749-7451



## CALENDER OF EVENTS

### Friday February 10th

Kick Off with a *Light Parade* down Main Street. Meet 5:45 at Centennial Park (corner of 4th & Jamieson)  
*Bonfire & Tobogganing* at Max Creek (Dorothy Hunter land) to follow.  
Contact Duane to register for the parade 749-3446 or just show up.

### Saturday February 11th

*17th Annual Sno-Posse Snowmobile Poker Rally*  
Pancake Breakfast and Registration 8:00 at the Civic Centre. Burgers, Pies served all day  
Open to snowmobile riders and non riders.

*Blackhawk Sr Hockey Game* vs Leoville (3 out of 3 series) Game starts 8:30pm  
Good Luck Fellas!!

We are looking to name our mascot. Send your votes for "Ally Bear", "Chilly Bear", or "Brrrt" If you like any of these or if you have other name suggestions, send them to me

### Sunday February 12th

*Country Gospel Concert* at Civic Centre 2:30 pm

*Snowga* 11am beside New Ground Café.

6:30pm "Courageous" *Movie* at Lake Park Church. All are welcome

### Monday February 13th

*School Carnival* 1:00 - 3:00 pm

*3 on 3 Hockey* hosted by Blackhawks Sr Team. Youth Games start at 4pm  
Adult Games start at 6:30pm  
Pre-registration preferred or show up

'*Winter in the Philippines*'  
Rink Canteen Specials

### Tuesday February 14

*Senior Luncheon and Games* 11:30-3:00 pm  
at the Senior Hall

*Lady and the Tramp*  
*Valentines Supper*  
6 - 9pm at Civic Centre  
Comedy Entertainment  
Tickets must be purchased in advance

### Wednesday February 15th

*Museum Group Tours*  
1/2 Price Thrift Shop 9:00-4:00pm  
Coffee, Pie, Demos, Special Features  
Stop in between 1:00 - 4:00 pm

*Curling Bonspiels & Dinner Specials*  
No Charge, Just Show up  
Youth Games start at 4:00 pm  
Adult Games start at 7:00 pm

*Sleigh / Hay Rides*  
February 15th  
7pm leave from the Curling Rink  
Donations Accepted

### Thursday February 16th

*Air Band & Talent Show* 7:00pm  
Hosted by the Legion. Dessert and Coffee  
Fundraiser for the TLC Daycare  
Register your talent in advance with Lyle Mohn 749-7927

### Friday February 17th

*Red and White Costume Public Skate* with the Winter Festival Mascot 4:00 - 6:30 pm  
Bring a Non-Perishable Food Item for Food Bank

*Sr Hockey Playoffs* (tentative)  
Watch for future details

### Saturday February 18th - FINAL DAY!!!

*Pancake, Fruit Breakfast* hosted by the Library Group at the Civic Centre Stop in between 8:00 - 10:00 am



*Skating Fun Festival* at the Birch Hills Skating Rink 9-5pm

*Sno-Pitch* Sign your team up before Feb 10th. Cash Prizes.  
Lunch Specials all day at the King George Hotel

'*Snow Stomp*' *Old Time Family Dance & DJ Festival Wind Up*  
Winners of 50/50, Riders Jersey Raffle, Febru-Hairy and Snow Sculpting Contest Winners Chosen. Tickets \$10 kids free under 12

# 2012 Brrr Chills Winter Festival Raffle February 10th—18th

## Light Parade Friday, February 10th

Kick-off our Winter Festival  
 Light up your vehicle, snow blower, snow machine, quad, cat, dog, yourself, whatever you like and meet at the **Centennial Park**.  
 Corner of Jamieson & 4th at 5:45pm  
 Tobogganing & Bonfire to follow at Max Creek.  
  
 (Note: usual parade start place has changed)

## Brrr Chills 3 on 3 Hockey

February 13th hosted by the Blackhawks Sr Hockey Team  
 Youth Starts 4:00pm  
 Adult Games Starts 6:30pm  
 Individuals sign up with Mark Peterson  
 mark.peterson9530@yahoo.ca or call/text cell 981-4680.  
 Cost is \$10/person. Proceeds to support the Blackhawks Sr Hockey Team




## MUSEUM GROUP OPEN HOUSE

February 15 1:00-4:00pm  
 Tours, Demos, Special Features, Pie & Coffee (free will offering)



Thrift Shop Open 9-4pm 1/2 price Sale

## Brrr Chills Air Band & Talent Show

Hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion & TLC Daycare  
 Thursday, February 16  
 6:30-9:00  
  
 Coffee & Dessert proceeds go towards the daycare. Let's see what you've got Birch Hills. Air Bands, dancers, poetry musicians, whatever your talent... show it off. Register with Lyle at 749-7927

## SKATING FUN FESTIVAL

February 18th Door open at 9 am  
 Skating in the morning & Welcoming Ceremonies at 12:00pm. This is a fun day for amateur skaters to show off their elements they have learned. 90 kids range from ages 3 up to 10. All are welcome to visit the skating rink for entertainment and canteen specials. Raffle Prizes



## 17th Annual Birch Hills Sno Posse

### Snowmobile Poker Rally

Saturday, February 11th

Registration at the Civic Centre and PreSchool Breakfast at 8:00 am  
 Average 45 mile runs - All skill levels  
 Riders must return by 5:00 pm  
 Early bird prizes, Draws, Silent Auction, Preschool Volunteers will offer Burgers/ Pies/ Baking all day, Pick a Prize  
 Open to everyone, not just snowmobilers  
 Please call Tracy or Peter at 749-3509 or Ron at 749-2572 for more information



## SNOWGA - February 12th 11:00 am

"Come warm your hearts and your bodies"  
 Beside the New Ground Café. Wear your snow suit and come yoga in the snow. Donations going towards charity of choice.



## Birch Hills Seniors hosting a Brrr Chills Luncheon & Games

February 14th, 11-3pm at the Seniors Hall Come by to Play crokinole, carpet bowling, cards, board games and lunch for \$5/person. Proceeds go to the Senior Hall



## Free Curling Club Fun Night

February 16th Youth Games start 4pm, Adult Games start 6 pm No teams required, just show up with clean runners. Pulled Pork Specials & snacks available. Sleighrides from the rink at 7pm (Free will offering)

## County Gospel Concert

February 12 2:30 pm  
 At the Civic Centre  
 Dessert and Coffee  
 Free will offering (proceeds go towards Weldon Villa)



## Brrr Chills MOVIE NIGHT

Feb 12 at 6:30pm  
 "Courageous" will be playing at the Lake Park Baptist Church. All are invited to free movie, food and fellowship.

## 'Lady & the Tramp' Valentines Dinner

February 14th  
 6:00-9:00 pm



Treat your date to an evening of Italian Cuisine, pampering and get ready to laugh! Tickets \$20/person (must be purchased in advance) Contact Crystal Spiker or Laurie Berube Flowers, Diamond Rings & Diamond Earring Auctions and Prizes  
 Proceeds used to cover Winter Festival activities

## Pancake Breakfast

Feb 18th 7 to 9:30 am at the Civic Centre  
 Hosted by the Library Club  
 \$7 for adult \$5 for Children Fruit and Whipped Cream YUMMY!!



## Brrr Chills SNO-PITCH

Saturday, Feb 18th \$200/team (min 3 girls) guaranteed 2 games & cash prizes. Contact Brent Adams 749-3213 to register your team. Proceeds used for the Festival Dance



## BRRR CHILLS SNOW STOMP

Sat Feb 18th at the Civic Centre  
 Old Time Family Dance 7-9:30pm w/ Troy MacGillivray, Karrnel Sawitsky and Jake Charron  
 Fiddles, Guitar, Piano, Mandolin  
 Later dance the night away with DJ T-Fresh & DJ Kenny Kay  
 Tickets \$10ea, Kids under 12 free with adult. Tickets available at Town Office and with Laurie