

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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Hello everyone,
It's almost here, the 2nd Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival. So many people have put in many hours and planning to put on another great 9 days of winter fun, at your back door. How exciting!
There are plenty of events and activities for the whole family. Make sure you mark your calendars with all that you want to participate in. You won't want to miss out. Also register or buy your tickets for the events that require advance notice, it sure helps the organizers to know how much food is required and helps to keep them excited about putting so much energy into providing you with activities to do here in Birch Hills. If you have any questions about the festival events, please feel free to contact myself or the numbers listed for your convenience. Hope to see you out and watch for Brrrt, the festival mascot...he'll be around town!
Stay warm ,

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director

Glad Tidings Tabernacle

Special Service

February 17, 2013 11:00am
Speaker Lori Froehlich (nee Grambo)
Dinner to follow. Everyone Welcome

RYSC Youth Ski Trip

Ages 12+ March 7-10

Nakiska Ski Resort

Canmore, Albert

Cost \$300 per person

Includes 2 Full Days Skiing, Nakiska, Lodging & Transportation

Need more info or to register, call Kathy at Youth Centre 749-2478



SOUP FOR SENIORS

Feb 9th 11-1pm

At the Senior Hall on Main St
All Seniors welcome



Curling Family FUN Spiel

Was to be January 19th
But cancelled due to lack of registration.



Prairie Women on Snowmobiles

needs our support to continue with this mission! **Birch Hills has a chance to take part on Sat, Feb 2nd.** PWOS will be meeting at the Lake Park Church @ 9am. Anyone with a snowmobile can join them for their ride into Birch Hills. From 10:00-10:30am. PWOS will be at the Clay Oven Café. CIBC in Birch Hills and the Birch Hills Sno Posse will be presenting a donation and the public is asked to please join them for coffee to show support and donate to this worthy cause. Donations in advance can be made at CIBC or with Sno-Posse Pres, Peter Lubyk 980-7675

This issue of our Community activity newsletter was paid for you by: **Duane Lowe (Group 2 Hobbies) & Shirley Lowe (Mary Kay Cosmetics)**

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.



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NOTE:

The **Community Boosters** will not be meeting in February. The next meeting will be March 19th (3rd Tuesday of month, as per usual)

BIRCH HILLS SENIOR HOCKEY

Fri, Feb 1	Home Game vs Shellbrook Silvertips	8:30pm
Sat, Feb 2	Away Game @ Whitefish	8:00pm

WATCH FOR PLAYOFF SCHEDULES IN FEBRUARY

Birch Hills Minor Hockey

Tues, Feb 5	Atoms Game	7:15
Wed, Feb 6	PeeWee Game	6:45

SHA Midget Hockey Camp Feb 8-10, 2013

Birch Hills Council News

The regular meeting of the Birch Hills Town Council was held on Tuesday Jan. 22, 2013

* The Council welcomed Brett LaRoche and Phil Shilling, Catterall & Wright Consulting Engineers from Saskatoon. They outlined the Municipal Engineering Services offered by their Company, These young men both graduated from Birch Hills school with strong family ties in the community.

* A correction for the last news, it should have read 1500 yards of gravel, not 500 as printed.

* An Associate membership was approved in the Heritage Saskatchewan Association.

* With an application to designate as Heritage Property, The Flute and Fiddle Heritage Dance Hall on the property known as - Bruser's General Store/Town Hall. Two other properties St. Saviours Church built in 1905 and the Norwegian Lutheran Church (in the Saron churchyard) built in 1907 both having Heritage property status, it seemed fitting that the Council find out more about Heritage Saskatchewan.

* Saskatchewan Scrap Tire - Reported on Phase III Tire Clean-up

* The council will participate in the Saskatchewan Party - Premiers Dinner to be held in Prince Albert on Mar 21, 2013

* A tax Abatement on the property tax for 2 years was approved for the TLC Daycare

* A joint meeting of the Town & RM of Birch Hills was held on January 24, 2013, an opportunity to share ideas and concerns regarding the Civic Centre building, Fire Department, Recreation and other areas of mutual interest.

* A list of members was received and appointed to the Birch Hills Fire & Rescue Department

* Town men Dean Braaten and Jaeson Dancereau will attend the Enviro H2O Seminar in Saskatoon on March 1, 2013

* The Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs Conference will be held in Yorkton, April 4-6, 2013

* Congratulations to Councillor John Herd, who in Dec. 2012 was presented with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal for his 40 year contribution to Canada's National Summer Sport of Lacrosse. John produced teaching materials for referees, their evaluators and Instructors. He also was given the CLA's highest award The Lester B Pearson Award in 2010, Recognizing outstanding leadership qualities. John is a member of the Ontario and Canada Lacrosse Hall of Fame

Mayor Shirley Ulvild

WANTED Volunteer Haircare Ladies for the Birchview Nursing Home. We have wonderful volunteers that come to the Home and do the residents hair, Monday-Thursday for a couple of hours each morning. We are in need of a few more volunteers, to be added to our causal list. Please contact Lil- 749-2919, for more info

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

Card of Thanks Pauline's family would like to send a "Thank You" to all her friends & neighbours who called with words of sympathy, sent cards & flowers, sent food, made donations & helped us in the celebration of her life. Special thanks to celebrant Val Bodnaryk for her guidance & words of celebration & to Karen Jordon for being the pianist & to the ladies from Crystal Springs for baking all the lovely sweets for the luncheon and helping us set up and clean up. "Thank You" to the nurses & staff on Level 6 in Victoria Hospital for your care, compassion & guidance – especially Anna & Karen. Thanks to Lorne & Gray's Funeral Home for your help & guidance with the arrangements. Pauline will be lovingly remembered & missed by her family & all who knew her. Take heart in knowing that she is where she wanted to be – back beside her beloved Colby.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RM OFFICE ASSISTANT

The Rural Municipality of Birch Hills No. 460 is accepting applications for the position of Office Assistant. The Assistant will work under the direction of the Administrator and provide support to the Administrator in all aspects of municipal administration including but not limited to the following: assessment and taxation, meeting preparation, basic accounting, zoning policies and courses of action as determined by Council.

The successful candidate will possess excellent organizational and public relation skills and the ability to work independently.

This position will be at a minimum of one day per week as well as providing relief coverage for the Administrator as required.

Interested applicants are invited to forward a detailed resume including qualifications, experience, references and wage expected to the undersigned by 4 pm on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

RM of Birch Hills No. 460
Box 369 Birch Hills, Saskatchewan S0J 0G0
Phone: (306)749-2233 Fax: (306)749-2220
Email: rm460@sasktel.net

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

Drop in Hockey @ Rink 9:30-11pm \$10 ea Goalies Free Natalie 960-3408

Zumba with Tabitha @ Senior Hall 7-7:45pm \$10 drop in

Karate 7-8pm Call 422-8665 or 749-7500

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



TUESDAY

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

Library Open 12-4pm and 5-8pm

Knitting Grannies 1pm 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month @ Senior Hall

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

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

Sparks 6-7pm / Brownies 6-7:30pm 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 9-4:00pm Great Deals!

Coffee & Sweets at the Museum 3:00 pm

Volleyball CANCELLED SUNDAYS ONLY

2 Person Precision Curling League Robyn 749-2951

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

Karate 7-8pm Call 422-8665 or 749-7500

THURSDAY

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

Library Open 12-4:30pm

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

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

Salsa Classes \$8 at the Senior Hall Norma 864-8110 Starts Feb 1st

FRIDAY

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

Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm **Story time** for 3 - 4 yr olds 1-1:45

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

Starting Feb 1st Flute and Fiddle Open Jam Session

All are welcome to listen & play

SUNDAY

Family Skate at the Rink 2-4pm (subject to change)

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



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

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



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

Birch Hills Karate Club

Brett Enns 749-2690

Ladies Night Out

Needs some ideas??

Got any? Call 749-7451



Drop in Ladies/Girls Basketball

Sunday 6:30-8:00pm

Starting Feb 10 at the school

Broomball for Fun... March 30th

For All Ages, at the Skating Rink

Contact birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

Crystal Springs Bingo, will start up
again in April 2013..watch for details

'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, Clay Oven Café



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

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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Text or call cell: 749-7451
Facebook Page: 'Birch Hills Recreation'

Communities that play together,
...grow together!



BOUQUETS OF THANKS

* The 2013 Grade 12 Grad class would like to thank the residents of Birch Hills for their amazing support during their past 2 fundraiser bottle drives

* A huge heartfelt "Thank You" to all those who surrounded us throughout Greg's illness and passing. The gifts of food, flowers, cards and encouragement were appreciated beyond words. Special thank you to Eldon Danielson, Pastor Sonja Finnisted and the staff of Mount St. Joseph's for the care and friendship extended to Greg. Thank you as well to Brian and Bev Stobbs and staff of Northern Funeral Services for their care and thoughtfulness in preparing the service. Joan Devenis and Families

Birch Hills Assisted Living Units
Project Planning For more information
Contact 749-3490 (tele # correction)

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!



Raffle Tickets for Weekend for Four at Waskesiu on sale now

LADIES BONSPIEL

Feb 8 - 9, 2013
4 Ladies on a
Team
\$120 / team
Includes Saturday
Banquet. Register
by noon Feb 16th

Benefit for
**Denny Trumier
in St Louis
Feb 15th, 4:30-
8 at the school**

Your support is
needed to help
this family in-
curring medical
costs. **Build a
Burger and
Silent Auction.
Charitable
Donations can
be made at the
St Louis
Advantage CU.**
Thank You

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

Feb 1 - Febru-hairy Registration deadline
Blackhawks Home Game
2 - Prairie Women on Snowmobiles Ride
8-16 Brrr Chills Winter Festival
8-10 SHA Minor Hockey Camp
9 - Soup for Seniors
9/10 - Ladies Curling Bonspiel
15 - St Louis Benefit for Denny Trumier
17 - Glad Tidings Special Guest
25 - Mar 1 Senior Bonspiel
Mar 7-10 Youth Ski Trip Alberta
8-10 Mixed Playdowns
10 - Skating Carnival
15-17 Open Bonspiel
22-24 2 Person Funspiel
30 - Broomball for Fun

JOB OPPORTUNITY at TLC DAYCARE

We are looking for someone that can help with odd jobs like shovelling snow, putting up new furniture and fixing things around the daycare. There are no set hours, probably a few hours a month, it would just be when something needed fixing or repaired

Would be a great job for someone retired and looking for a little something to keep them busy.

They can apply at the daycare or send resumes to TLC daycare Box 847 Birch Hills

BIRCH HILLS BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Shirley Lowe – **Mary Kay**

Independent Beauty Consultant
Box 339, Birch Hills S0J 0G0
Tel: 749-2607

You can please everyone! That's because **Mary Kay** offers products everyone will love. From the latest looks to advanced **skin care**. Ask me about all our exciting **product lines** today!

Group 2 Hobbies

Duane Lowe

279 Bellamy Avenue, Birch Hills, SK. S0J 0G0

Tel: 749-3606

Fax: 749-3112

e-mail: group.2@sasktel.net

Group 2 Hobbies carries an extensive inventory of aircraft and ship model kits and accessory items. We offer knowledgeable service and ready access to a growing range of 'in stock' products. We are located directly across the street from the Post office and welcome you to drop in and check out the shop.

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

February 8 - 16th, 2013



Just a few days left to sign up or get ready for :

Light Parade *Light up your ride & parade down Main Street or come watch. 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 Pitch *Contact Leon Pratchler, Bruce Tilford, Ian Przynyk, Kyle Jensen to register on a team*

FEBRU-HAIRY CONTEST

Register February 1st at the Flute and Fiddle
So far 5 ladies & 2 men will compete. Who
will be voted to have the Most Hairiest, Long-
est, Sexiest or Best Dancin' Legs at the Snow
Stomp Family Dance on February 16th?

C'mon don't be shy, Dare your friends!



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 and register and have
the in town residence or business address entered into
the contest. Props allowed, imagination encouraged.

Addresses entered so far:

*McIntyre Construction (Wilson Ave)
46 Bellamy Ave
346 Simpson Ave
93 4th Street*



Watch for more participant addresses and vote for
your favorite on Birch Hills Community facebook page.
Must be registered by Feb 12 and sculpture complete
by Feb 15th

Wish I was in Hawaii Valentines Luau

February 14th Tickets \$50each

Treat your Sweet to a valentines you
both will remember

Yes, that might seem like a lot of \$\$ but
isn't she worth it?? Besides you will feel
like you ARE in Hawaii in your finest Hawaiian
attire. You will be entertained. You will limbo.
You will enjoy real island cuisine, a genuine roast pig
feast. AND your ticket may just be the lucky
ticket that wins you that trip to Hawaii (prize is a
\$2500 travel voucher for anywhere) You must be
in attendance to win in this elimination draw.
Tickets available from Ethel Rutherford, Iris Fjeld,
Laurie Berube, Quayle Pharmacy or Clay Oven
All funds raised will go towards a new Golf Club
house. Don't miss out, Last years event sold out!!



COLORING CONTEST for KIDS and big KIDS that
act like KIDS. Get your *Brrrt in the Winter Fest* color
page at the Birch Hills Co-op this week. Draw & color
Brrrt in your favorite winter festival event. Enter to
win your very own *Brrrt* mascot on Feb 16 at the Snow
Stomp Family Dance. One entry per child please.

FYI: These *Brrrt* mascots are little white teddy
bears that the museum group has been collecting.
My 90-some young neighbour *Verna Blanchard*
has been knitting little red scarves for these bears.
So the next time you think you can't be of some
contribution, don't sell yourself short! :)
Thanks Verna...I hope to win a bear! Oh, and
Happy upcoming Birthday! Laurie

Birch Hills School Breakfast for Learning Program We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has
helped make our BFL program run smoothly thus far. A big thank you to everyone who has baked yummy goodies, do-
nated blocks of cheese, donated money and to the volunteers who give of their time on Tuesday and Friday mornings!
ALL help is greatly appreciated and very much needed to keep this very beneficial program running! Thank you from
the bottom of our hearts! :)

That being said, our freezer is now almost empty and we are in need of some more baked items (muffins, loaves,
granola bars) to stock up for February and March. If you feel like this is something you would like to help with, you can
talk to Lexi Thompson @ 749-3454 for more info or you can drop your goodies off at the school office. Please remem-
ber that we are a **NUT FREE** school and be sure to label your bags of baked goods so we know what's in them! Also
we could always use 1 or 2 more parent volunteers to work a Tuesday or Friday morning shift (8:00 am-9:15 am) serv-
ing our students breakfast. If this sounds like something you would like to help with please give Lexi a call! Thanks!

2nd Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival February 8 - 16, 2013

CALENDER OF EVENTS



Friday February 8th

Kick Off with a *Light Parade* down
Main Street. 6:00pm-ish

After Parade:

Bonfire & Tobogganing at Max Creek
Flute & Fiddle Open Jam Session & Social



Ladies Curling Bonspiel Feb 8 & 9 call 749-2951

Saturday February 9th

18th Annual Sno-Posse Snowmobile Poker Rally
Pancake Breakfast & Registration 8:00 @ Civic Centre.
Burgers, Pies served all day.



In Evening:

King George Hotel **DJ Entertainment**
Teen Dance at Flute & Fiddle 8:00-12:00am \$5 each

Sunday February 10th

Country Gospel Concert at Civic Centre 3 pm
Sno-Pitch Teams or individuals register with Karen
960-0035 \$10/ea Ball Diamonds 11am
Museum Tours & Famous Potato Supper
\$7/person 4:30-7pm Pick up available call
after 2pm 749-2262



Monday February 11th

'Birch Hills Got Talent' Night & Desserts
Hosted by Legion & Daycare 7:00-9:00pm @
Civic Centre Register your talent in advance with Lyle
Mohn 749-7927 Donations accepted at door for
Legion. Desserts & coffee served, Proceeds to Daycare



Wednesday February 13th

Luncheon and Games Hosted by the Seniors
11:30-3:00 pm at the Senior Hall
Lunch \$5 All ages Welcome, free games to follow
Street Hockey - 6-8pm 2nd Ave and Main St
Family Game Night - Invite Friends over to play
your favorite board game



Tuesday February 12th

T.O.P.S. Speaker Presentation *'Food for Thought'*
2pm at the Senior Hall

Curling & Karaoke

\$5 / 14 yrs & under, \$10/ 15 yrs+
Just Show up 7-9:00pm Come try curling
& sing your heart out. Snacks served



Thursday February 14th Treat your sweet to...

'Wish I was in Hawaii Valentines Luau'

Golf Clubhouse Fundraiser. \$50 /person

Gets you entertainment, Hawaiian style
feast & a chance to win a \$2500 Travel voucher



Friday February 15th

School Carnival afternoon fun for the kids

Birchview Winter Carnival Crowning of
Winter Festival King & Queen &
Fun Activities starts 2:30pm



Sr Hockey Playoffs tentative...watch for details

Hockey Windup /Open Jam Session

@ Flute & Fiddle 8pm-12am

Saturday February 16th - FINAL DAY!!!

Pancake, Fruit Breakfast hosted by the Library Board at the Civic Centre 8-10 am \$5 kids & \$7 12yrs+



Public Skate with Brrrt at the Birch Hills Skating Rink Take pictures with festival mascot. Shiny to follow. 2-4pm

Cross Country Skiing tours through the golf course trail. Extra skis available for those that want to try 1-3pm



SNOW STOMP FAMILY DANCE *Festival Wind Up*

time dancing . 50/50, Door Prizes, Color Contest, Febru-Hairy and Snow Sculpting Contest
Winners Chosen throughout the evening.

Tickets \$10, \$15 at the door. Kids under 12 yrs & under, free when accompanied by an adult.

Bring the whole family for an Ol' Fashion good

FOR MORE INFO CALL 749-7451