

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

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Howdy Everyone,
Mother Nature is no doubt relentless this winter with the wind and cold temperatures, BUT don't let that slow you down through this upcoming Winter Festival. We ARE Canadian eh?! and we are some of the toughest folks out there. Where else can one live and survive in +40 to -40?!!

There are so many activities and many committees and residents that have put out a lot of effort to make the 3rd Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival happen. AND might I mention that we are getting quite a lot of attention in the media. Your participation is a very important aspect to making this festival a success. So don the long johns, bundle up the kiddies and attend as many events as possible. There is lots of fun to be had and you won't want to miss out. Take care,
Laurie Berube, Rec Director

Birch Hills Cowboy Church @ Community Centre

1st Sunday of each month
Next **Feb 2nd, 7:00pm**
Featuring Country Gospel Music with down home bible message. All Welcome. Refreshments to follow.



Birch Hills Guiding Association Fruit Drive

We regret to inform that the fruit drive has been cancelled due to unavailability of the fruit because of frost.

Sorry for any inconvenience and we thank you for your support.



FEBRUARY issues of the Birch Hills Community activity newsletter was paid for you by: **The Blanchard Family, Marcel & Monique Cousins Farm, and The Birch Hills Pentacostal Church** If you would like to be a sponsor of the 'Heartbeat' newsletter, contact Laurie at 306-749-7451/ birchhillsrec@sasktel.net. The cost is \$100 ea sponsor (3/month) for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for you & the community. Thank you for supporting your local paper.

UPCOMING CURLING BONSPIELS

SCA Sr Playdowns Jan 31/Feb 1
Dominion Playoffs Feb 21-22

Seniors Bonspiel Moved to March 3-7
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 29/30
Saturday Night Dance & Season Windup w/ The Hot Tamales. Tickets available soon

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

You know you are Canadian when, you think -40 is a little chilly!

OLD TIME FIDDLE CONCERT

Monday, Feb 3rd 7:00pm
Featuring accomplished Fiddlers Gordon Stobbe and JJ Guy
with Cathy Sproule on piano

@ the Birch Hills Sr Hall
Admission at the door \$20 12yrs and under \$5
Limited Seating, Dancing Encouraged
Donations at the door for use of the hall much appreciated. Seats can be reserved with Marj Graham 749-3391



BIRCH HILLS SKATING ARENA NEWS

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

BIRCH HILLS SENIOR BLACKHAWKS

Provincial & Playoff GAMES

(subject to change)



Fri, Feb 7 8:30pm Provincials vs Kin in Kinistino
 Sun, Feb 9 3:00pm Playoffs vs Debden in Birch Hills
 Fri, Feb 14 8:30pm Provincials vs Kin in Birch Hills
 Sat, Feb 15 8:00pm Playoffs vs Debden in Debden
 Sun, Feb 16 3:00pm (tentative) vs Debden in BH



Birch Hills Dance Center is offering two new classes to chase away your winter blues

1. Creative Movement for 3 & 4 yr old boys & girls.
 Mondays 5:30-6pm 8wk sessions beginning Feb 3. \$63
2. Adult Tap Classes Wednesdays 7:45-8:30pm 8 wk sessions beginning Feb 5th \$70 or drop in \$10.
 No experience necessary just a love to dance & move.
 To register or for more info email bhdc@sasktel.net or call Mary 749-3446

The February issues of the Heartbeat are partially sponsored by the Blanchard Family in Memory of the late and beloved *Verna Blanchard*.



On behalf of the Blanchard Family, we would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway through the years of Verna's life and after her passing. Her presence is terribly missed.

Lidia Camellato & Alissa Valdnassi

Check out the Town's new website @ www.birchhills.ca Any local business is welcome to send their website address, telephone number and other contact information to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

MINOR HOCKEY in BIRCH HILLS

Feb 3 Novice vs St Brieux 7:00pm
 Feb 7&8 PeeWee Tourney Kin & Birch Hills



Watch Rink Boards and **Birch Hills Community & Recreation** Facebook Page for Minor Hockey Playoff Games & PeeWee Tournament schedules.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training
 Tentatively Rescheduled to February 25 or 26
 8:00 - 1:30pm
 By St Johns Ambulance in Birch Hills

This course is paid for by the Federal Government, BUT only 10 spots available. We are looking to fill with Skating & Hockey Coaches or Parents, members of Rec Hockey Teams or anyone else who has interest in the well being of the skating rink patrons & players. Contact John asap if you are interested 306-749-3384

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Playground Program Leaders: Candidates will be returning to highschool or post secondary school. Must be 15yrs of age. Preferably interested in careers involving children development. Number of position available pending grant approvals

Golf Course Positions: Interested in summer employment on the greens or in the club house? ...

Send resumes to the Rec Office @ Box 280, Birch Hills or via email at birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

The Birch Hills COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

will meet on Tuesday February 18th, 2014
 @ 7:30pm in the Museum Boardroom.

(meeting ends 9pm sharp...we promise)

ANYONE interested in making town improvements
 is WELCOME

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

EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS



MONDAY

Line Dancing 930-1100am @ the Senior Hall
 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
 Fire Department Meetings 7pm @ fire hall



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
 Birchview Ladies Aux 9:30 every 2nd Wed ea month



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

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN BIRCH HILLS



Birch Hills Community Church @ Civic Centre 11:00am
 at 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 9:00am
 St Anne's Roman Catholic Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 11:30am

BIRCH HILLS LIBRARY NEWS

Library Hours:

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



StoryTime Every Friday
 1:00-1:45pm For kids 3yrs+

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



Birch Hills 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

Fire Department

Tracy Lubyk

Sno-Posse Snowmobile Club

Jodi or Sheldon Gordon

Birchview Ladies Auxillary &

Meals on Wheels

749-2288

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

CROSS
COUNTRY SKI TRAILS
are open at the Golf
Course.



Skating Carnival coming in March
'DREAM DESTINATIONS'
Watch for more details in upcoming
newsletters

What's New Around Town

* Becky Njaa is partnering with Kristy Nelson at Salon Krush downtown. Drop in or call to make your next hair appointment

* King George Hotel IS open for business. Kitchen and Drink Specials Wed, Thurs and Sundays.

Pool Table is now Free.

CONTRACT POSITION available for installing siding on building. Contact Dee for more info 749-2252



CURL-A-DROME NEWS



Monday: Adult Curling 7:00pm Drop In's Welcome
Tuesday: Senior League 1:30pm coffee & dessert
Wednesday: 2 Person League sponsored by Brahma Insurance
Thursday: Super League 4/ team 7:00pm
Friday: Senior League 4/team 1:30pm coffee & dessert
Drop In's Welcome just \$10, for those that can't commit to weekly play or just want to try curling

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS...Draw date is Mar 29 @ windup Dance

Curling Wind Up
Mar 29th
Featuring... the
"Hot Tamales"
Tickets available
soon

Christmas Tree...

Tree
Drop off
available
until Feb 6th
at the latest. Please
bring to the empty
lot kiddy corner to
the post office.
Will be used for the
bonfire on Friday,
February 7th.



Please Paper with a
Friend or Email to
receive the news
letter online

SOUP FOR SENIORS

Come down to the Sr
Hall on February 22
11:00 - 1:00pm

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



Birch Hills Upcoming Events

February

- 2 - Cowboy Church
- 3 - Old Time Fiddle Concert
 - Creative Movements Dance Starts
- 4 - Optimist Club Meeting
- 5 - Adult Tap Dance starts

7-16 3rd Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival

- 7-Human Dog Sled Race, Light Parade, Tobogganing, F&F Open Stage, Sr Game
- 7-8 PeeWee Tournament
- 8 - Sno-Posse Rally, PreSchool Breakfast
- 9 - Country Gospel, SnoPitch, Museum Potatoe Supper, Sr Game
- 10 - Family Curling, Street Hockey Birchview Winter Carnival
- 11 - Birch Hills Got Talent Night
- 12 - Sr hosted Luncheon & Games
 - Birchview Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- 13 - School Winter Olympics, Game Night
 - Birch Hills Legion Meeting
- 14 - Mexican Valentine Fiesta
 - Sr Hockey Provincial Game in BH
- 15 - Pancake Brkfst, Cross Country Skiing, Skate with Brrrt, Snow Stomp Family Dance
- 18 - Community Booster Mtg
- 21/22 - Dominion Curling Playoffs
- 22 - Soup for Seniors
- 25 or 26 - AED Training

March 3-7 - Senior Bonspiel Week

- 7-9 - Ladies Curling Bonspiel
- 8 - Calvin Vollrath F&F
 - Senior Curling Bonspiel (new date TBA)
- 15/16 - Open Curling Bonspiel
- 22 - TLC Daycare/Birchview Art Gala
- 29/30 - 2 Person Curling Bonspiel & Dance



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

SIGN UP AND GET READY for contests, games and fun in the Brrr Chills Winter Festival

Sno-Pitch Tournament

February 9th, 2014 starts noon
Seeking individuals for one more team of 8. No fee for entry, just for fun but you must register, it's filling up quick. Call 749-7451.



Weiner roast thanks to Event Sponsor
the Birch Hills Lion's Club

NEW: Human Dog Sled Races Fri Feb 7

(3 boys, 3 girls, 3 generations)

3 teams registered! Register by Feb 5th

All different ages needed from 8-10 year olds to 48-52 year olds. This is an all age event.

Contact Rec Office 749-7451

Event Sponsored by Brahma Insurance

CASH & PRIZES TO BE WON

Snow Sculpt Contest:

Register your town address with Lorne 960-2456. Community votes for winner on facebook & at Snow Stomp



Event Sponsored by Mayor, Shirley Ulvild

Cash Prizes 1st \$100, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$40

Brrrt Color Contest -

Sponsored by Clay Oven and Knitting Grannies

Color Pages available at school & town Library, Co-op on online (Facebook).

Kids 12yrs under bring your pages to the Snow Stomp Family Dance, February 15 to win your very own Brrrt Bear mascot.



Winter Festival Participation Draw

Enter your name for prizes. The more events you attend, the more chances to win. Watch for Historical Society helpers handing out ballots at events.

Progressive 50/50

Tickets available @ Brahma Insurance, Quayle Pharmacy or from Bud.

Money Pot over \$300 so far.

SNOW STOMP FAMILY DANCE

Festival Wind up, Fun for the whole family
Saturday, February 15th

@ the Civic Center
7:00 - 12:00am

Tickets available at Grumpy's & CIBC.
\$10 each Kids under 12yrs supervised by an adult are free. Dancing, Contests, Draws, Midnight Lunch. Legion cash bar

Febru-hairy Contest returns....

Who will be awarded title of having the

- Hairiest Legs
- The Sexiest Legs
- The Longest Legs



- or the Best Dancing Legs in town
Contest held at the Snow Stomp Family Dance.

Register 749-7451. Prizes to be won. Sponsored by Quayle Pharmacy
SEEKING: Big, Fluffy Slippers to borrow

Public Skate with Brrrt

1:00-2:00pm
Sat, Feb 15

2:00-4:00pm
Public Shinny

Event sponsored by
Cargill (Birch Hills)



Thanks to the following sponsors and donators of the Winter Festival

Birch Hills Co-op
Birch Hills Lions Club
BH Rec Hockey Teams
Brahma Insurance
Cargill (Birch Hills)
CIBC
Clay Oven
General Quarters Paintball
Grumpy's Confectionary
Knitting Grannies
Mayor, Shirley Ulvild
McIntyre Construction
Quayle Pharmacy
RM of Birch Hills
Super Store
Rugged Country
Safeway Canada Bakery



Watch for the Winter Festival TV commercials on CTV. Thanks to the Birch Hills Co-op and Recreation Dept for participating in this advertising campaign. Thanks to Don Mitchell for his help to promote our festival on 900CKBI 'Region at Noon'

For More Info Call Laurie @ Rec Office 749-7451 or check out the *Birch Hills Community & Recreation Facebook page*

3rd Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival

February 7 - 15, 2014

CALENDER OF EVENTS



Friday, February 7th

Human Dog Sled Racing @ 6ish

Followed by the **Light Parade** @ 7 All takes place down Main Street

After Parade:

Bonfire & Tobogganing at Max Creek

Flute & Fiddle **Open Stage & Karaoke**

Sr Hockey Provs Game #1 in Kinistino 8:30pm



Saturday, February 8th

19th Annual Sno-Posse

Snowmobile Poker Rally

Preschool Pancake Breakfast

& Registration 8am @ Civic

Centre. Burgers, Pies served all day.

Non Riders Welcome



Sunday February 9th

Country Gospel Concert at Civic Centre 3 pm

Donations accepted for the BH Senior Hall

Sno-Pitch Tourney starts noon @ the ball diamonds

Museum Tours & Famous Potato Supper
4 - 7pm \$7/person Take Out available



PeeWee Hockey Tourney - Feb 7 & 8 in Kin & Birch Hills.

Monday, February 10th

Birchview Winter Carnival

Crowning of Festival King & Queen 11:45am

Fun Activities @ 2:00pm

Street Hockey - Hosted by BH Rec Hockey Teams

Starts 4:30pm between Skating & Curling Rink

Family Curling

All are welcome 7 - 9pm

Come out to curl. Lessons available. Snacks served



Tuesday, February 11th

'Birch Hills Got Talent' Night & Desserts

7:00-9:00pm @ Civic Centre

Register your talent in advance with
Lyle Mohn 749-7927. Desserts &
coffee served, Proceeds to Fire Dept



Wednesday February 12th

Luncheon and Games 11:30-3:00 pm @ the

Senior Hall Donations Accepted for lunch.

All Welcome Games to follow if you can stay



Thursday, February 13th

Game Night - Invite Friends & Family over
to play your favorite game. Send pics of 4+
playing to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net for prizes.

Entries to be in by Feb 14th midnight

SLC hosted Elementary Winter Olympics

For Gr 1-6 Starts 1pm weather permitting

Friday, February 14th

Ola' Valentine ...

'Mexican Valentines Fiesta \$25 /person This 2yr sold
out event you won't want to miss. Tickets must be purchased
in advance at CIBC or Grumpy's. Mucho Fun guaranteed!

Proceeds towards the Summer Playground Program

Sr Hockey Provs Game #2 vs Kinistino 8:30 in Birch Hills

Saturday February 15th - FINAL DAY!!!

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

Public Skate with Brrrt @ Birch Hills Arena 1-2 Take pictures with festival mascot. Shiny to follow 2

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 Bring the whole family for some Ole' Fashion
good time dancing. 50/50, Door Prizes, Brrrt Color Contest, Febru-Hairy and Snow Sculpting Contest
winners chosen throughout the evening.

Tickets \$10, \$15 at the door kids 12 yrs & under, free when accompanied by an adult. Avail at CIBC & Grumpy's

FOR MORE INFO CALL Laurie 749-7451 or check out event and pictures on **Birch Hills Community & Recreation Facebook** page