

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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Hi Everyone!

Our winter festival has begun and the participation, volunteers, support and even weather has been overwhelming. There are still a few days left for you to come out and enjoy friends, activities and the fabulous food being served.

Has anyone seen 'Brrrt' the Bear, our festival mascot? He's been hanging around town and he'll be skating with the kids and young at heart on Friday 4-6:30. Please bring non-perishable food items to the skating rink.

I hope you are enjoying the festival and if you have pictures or comments, please, forward to me. Cheers!

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director

PLEASE HELP: This past week the Knipe family of three and baby expected any day have lost their home due to a tragic fire just outside of Birch Hills. Donations will be collected at the Talent & Dessert Night on Thurs (at the Civic Centre) for this family. The Birch Hills CIBC has set up a "Knipe Fire Loss Fund" on their behalf.

If you have any questions in regards to supporting this family, please contact Jenny Riviere at 960-8676. Thank you!

Recreation Board Annual General Meeting

RESCHEDULED

Tues March 6 7:00pm 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

'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

Sno-Posse Snowmobile Poker Rally



A new date has been scheduled and snow willing, the rally and breakfast will be on **March 17, 2012**. Please contact Tracy for more info 980-7675


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

Birch Hills Lions Club

If you would like to be a sponsor of the next '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. Half sponsorship are available. Thank you for supporting your local paper.

Cross Country Ski

Trails are open at the  golf course. Thanks to Ron Bodnarchuk for setting the trails. Please avoid using the trails for purposes other than skiing.

CURLING RINK NEWS

Schedules are as follows:

Adult League Mon & Thurs nights 7:30-9:30pm

Seniors League Tues & Fri 1:30-3:30pm

Contact Robyn 749-2951 for more information

Lots of bonspiels coming up...register now

Try Curling - \$10 drop in now available

Two Person Bonspiel

March 30 - April 1st

\$80/Team

24 Teams only - Register Quick

Saturday Night Dance

with **Marty Grambo**

\$20 advance/ \$25 at door

Non Curlers Welcome

Sorry no Minors

Birch Hills Minor Sports would like to thank those who supported them through the season by purchasing raffle tickets. Minor Sports paid out over \$1200 in \$100 and 2 x \$50 prizes monthly. Congratulations to the winners!

FEBRUARY MINOR HOCKEY GAMES



Feb 16 Atom Playoffs

Feb 17 PeeWee Playoff

****Watch for game updates on Facebook & Website****

Come Out & Cheer on Our Kids

BIRCH HILLS LIONS CLUB



The Lions Club became **Chartered** on May 4th, 1989. St. Louis sponsored the Club. The sports grounds and ball diamonds were the first major project undertaken by the club. Most of the money raised was from working bingo's in P.A. Total cost of the project was \$225,000 and it was made possible with much help from local contractors. The re-opening of the ball diamonds and sports grounds was the spring of 91. For summer's thereafter we hosted many slow pitch tourneys as a source of raising money. In 1993, we took on our next big project. We purchased two compressors and ice making equipment and went ahead with putting artificial ice into the arena. The approximate cost was \$225,000 with funds raised through the community from near and far, with many past residents sending in donations. All people and businesses are recognized in the arena on our Wall of Fame with plaques. We have held many Wall of Fame banquets over the years. Some of the speakers included Red Storey and Yvon Cournoyer, to name a few.

We also purchased an up-to-date zamboni for the arena in the mid 90's. As years went on we diversified other ways of raising money as Bingo's were not as profitable anymore. We started having our Annual NHL Hockey Draft (usually second week of April), the Famous Spaghetti Supper also in April, as well as various other breakfasts and meal making donations. We have also been involved in the Meals on Wheels program since the inception of the club. This is always something we all enjoy participating in. We were graciously donated a tent and portable bathrooms a few years back from the now defunct Kinsmen club, which we rent out (contact Mark Rolfes 749-3577). Our membership has fluctuated over the years but has come back most recently with some new and energetic members, our **ROOKIES**. We continue to be honored and fortunate to work with the community to **GIVE BACK** to the community.

If anyone is interested in joining the Lions Club, we meet monthlt. Contact: Ryan @ 749-2525 Allen @ 749-3252 or Bruce @ 749-2558 for more information.

JOB OPPORTUNITY—TITLE: Director

Location: Birch Hills, SK

Wage/Salary: To be discussed

Employment: Permanent Full-time

Available: Immediately

Position Description: The **Director** will assist the Board of Directors with the opening of TLC Daycare Inc. Following opening the director will be responsible for the management and administration of the centre, ensuring quality care for all the centers children, supporting the mission of TLC Daycare Inc. and abiding by the child care regulations. The Director will also be responsible to reporting to the Board of Directors.

Qualifications: Early Childhood Development Diploma (two year) or Level III or equivalent. Two years of administrative would be an asset along with daycare knowledge.

- A sound theoretical and practical understanding of normal child development and the ability to refer to appropriate professionals when concerns are present
 - Strong organizational and personnel management skills
 - Financial and Budgeting knowledge with experience with accounting software is an asset
 - Demonstrated ability to resolve conflict and negotiate solutions
 - Excellent communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to deal with all levels of government issues affecting child care
 - Demonstrated ability to build, motivate, support and lead a team
 - Certification in Standard First Aid
 - Working knowledge of computer programs like Microsoft Office
 - Criminal and social services check
- Please email your resume to tlcday-care@sasktel.net or fax to 749-3211, no later than February 24th, 2012



Funding Provides Recreational Activities

SKATING FUN FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 18th Starts at 9:30



Eighty-Five young ones will show off what they've learned in Can-Skate, Figure Skating and Syncro Skating. Spectators Welcome

Pancake Breakfast served by the Birch Hills Library Board at the Civic Centre. 7 - 9:30am
\$7/adult \$5/youth 5 and under free

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.

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

Wii Zumba Fitness

Tuesdays at 5:30 \$2



**At the Youth Centre. Bring
Water, Running Shoes, and a Friend
Get Ready to Move, Get Ready to
Groove**

Kids in the Hills

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

Contact Kathy regarding Youth Centre activities 749-2478

Play! Always

Family Winter Retreat

February 17-19th

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.



Please Share
Paper with a
Friend

COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

is for folks 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 7:30pm**
(ends at 9 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 or call 749-7451

Birch Hills Recreation

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*Communities that play together,
grow together!*

RM of Birch Hills 460 100th Celebration

On December 11, 2011, the RM turned 100! A celebration was held on Dec 9th with the assistance of the Birch Hills Historical Museum. Thanks to the Brancpeth Community Hall Group for a wonderful meal and to entertainers Larry Strand, Mona, Levi & Claudia Rask and Freddie & Sheila Pelletier for sharing their talents. A donation of \$300 was made to the Museum and a commemorative sign will be place at the RM shop this summer.

Win a Trip to Waskesiu Lake Lodge

for a Golf Weekend Retreat for 4
Tickets are 5 for \$20 or \$5 each
Buy your raffle tickets at the Curling Rink .
Proceeds go towards maintenance and repairs at the Curling Rink. Draw date March 31 at the Open Bonspiel

Minor Ball Registration Wed Mar 14 6-8
Contact Shirley Pratchler (softball) or Mona Rask (baseball) for more information



Bouquet of Thanks

A big THANK YOU to the entire community. Our recent curling weekend was a huge success and it couldn't have happened without the help of the community. Where ever we needed help there were immediately volunteers. Cooking foods, serving at lunch counters, preparing meals, driving vehicles, there was always someone there ready to lend a hand. Businesses provided sponsorships and the town provided facilities. It wasn't just a Legion event, it became a community event. The visiting curlers constantly told us how much they enjoyed the event and how well they were treated. I just want to say again, THANK YOU!! Lyle Mohn

SENIOR CURLING BONSPIEL



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

Kinsmen Telemiracle Luncheon

February 29
11:00 - 1:00 pm
at the Civic Centre
Donations accepted

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' Family Dance.
February 18th

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

Brrr Chills Winter Festival –Don't Forget...

- *to gather the family & come curl wed
- *to register your talent or come for dessert on Thurs at Civic Centre 7pm
- *to register your team for Sno-Pitch for Sat am, only 2 spots left
- *sharpen your skates & collect food items for Fri Skate with Brrrt
- * breakfast & skate fun festival Sat am
- * to buy your ticket for the Dance on Sat

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

Feb 10-18 Winter Festival continues.....
15 - Museum Open House/ Curling/ and Sleighrides
16 - Air Band, Talent Show & Desserts
17 - Red & White Skate w/ Brrrt
18 - Library Breakfast, Skating Fun Fest - Sno-Pitch and Snow Stomp Dance
20-25 SCHOOL BREAK
21 - Community Boosters Meeting
Feb 27 - Mar 2 Senior Bonspiel Week
29 - Kinsmen Telemiracle Luncheon

March 2 - World Day of Prayer 2012
3 - Firemans Bonspiel
4 - Skating Club Carnival
6 - Recreation Board AGM
10-12 - Juvenile Regional Playdowns
14 - Ball Registrations
16/17 - Goosers Hockey Tournament
17 - Sno-Posse Snowmobile Rally
16-18 - Open Curling Bonspiel
24 - Curling Provincials
31 - Two person Curling Wind Up and Marty Grambo Dance

Apr TBA - Homebased business tradeshow

Recreation Volleyball Tournament

was held on Feb 5 was a success with 6 teams, spectators and lunch specials from the King George Hotel. Congratulations to the 'Pink Platinum Powder Puffs' for their win. Sorry Hagen Hustlers...maybe next time!

FOR SALE.....WANTED

by Annelle Johnstone

A new bulletin board has been set in place beside the Post Office in Birch Hills. The improvement was made with the approval of the Birch Hills Lions Club who erected the original sign, one which served the community well for many, many years. New Lions Club signage will complete the project. Funds for the new structure were provided by the former Birch Hills Business Association, and was designed and built locally by Wayne Hovdebo.