

TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS

HEARTBEAT

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, Grumpy's Confectionary, Quayle Pharmacy, and various other businesses downtown. Pick up your free copy and share with a friend. Send your email address and request to be added to newsletter emailing list to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

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Greetings All,
Looks like we've got enough snow for our upcoming winter festival! Don't forget to register for contests and activities or to get your tickets for events. See pages 4 and 6 for winter festival information. Not many have registered so you or your team could win by default. Please help spread the word and invite friends and family to come out to play.

Updates and pictures will be posted on the 'Town of Birch Hills Community & Recreation' Facebook Page on the '4th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival' event page. 'LIKE' us on Facebook Happy Festivaling

Laurie Berube, Rec Director

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Fridays: Curling for kids grade 5 and up are to meet leaders in foyer right after school or at rink at 3:35pm.



Watch for more after school activities. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie at Rec Office

birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

Creative Movement

Classes for ages 2.5 - 3.5yrs starts Wednesday, February 25 6 - 6:30 p.m. at the Dance Centre. It will be a 6-week session and costs \$55 plus tax. It's a fun class for the little ones to learn music & movement.

Register by e-mailing bhdc@sasktel.net.



ST. LOUIS LIONS CLUB

Annual Snowmobile Poker Rally,
Saturday, February 21,
Start 10am - 2pm, end 5pm
at community hall.

Many door prize draws,
rider only draw & more.
Pancake Breakfast 9am
to noon, for riders and public.
Free trail lunch sponsored by
Claude Tournier-Riverside Agencies.
Major sponsor Ben Gareau from
JG's Collision.
For info call 306-961-9888



HELP NEEDED

The Skating Arena needs someone to help manage and vols to help the manager in the canteen for upcoming playoff games and tournaments. If you are interested call Rec Office asap. Food Safe certificate required. Manager is a paid position.
If no help, no canteen!

READ, MOVE, SHARE!

For: Parents & Children
ages 3-5yrs
Share reading fun and
active games
Includes free books, snack, take home
ideas & props.
Limit of 8 families, 6 sessions
Dates: **Day Changes to Wednesday**
Nights Feb 11-25th
Times: 6:15 - 7:45pm
Venue: TLC Daycare in Birch Hills
Contact: Terri Morgan 922-3247



FEBRUARY issues of the Birch Hills Community activity newsletter was paid for you by:
Birch Hills Sno-Posse Snowmobile Club

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 each sponsor (3/month) for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for you & the community.
Thank you for supporting your local paper.

NOTE: Sponsors are booked till June, if you would like a summer sponsor reserve now!

DANCE LESSONS

with "Miles Fiddler"

Beginning Tuesday,
Feb 3rd for 6wks.
Start time is 7:30pm
@ the Flute and
Fiddle. Couples,
singles are welcome! Learn
the old basic dances and /
or new ones. 1.5 hours
Cost is \$10/person/lesson
Call Brenda @ 749-7769 or
749-3172 or
Miles @ 981-5396



Please Share Paper with a friend or Send request to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net to receive the news letter online



Birch Hills Skating Rink

Public Skating – subject to change pending rentals

Tues/ Wed/ Fri 3:30–5:00pm

Saturdays 2–4pm Hockey or Shinny

Sundays 2–4pm Family Skate – no sticks pls

Public Skating is \$3 per person or \$10 for Family Skate on Sundays. Please pay at canteen when open

PUBLIC SKATE HOURS DURING SCHOOL BREAK 2–4pm

Skating Rink Caretaker – John 960–0427

Ice Rentals or for other info, call 749–7451 Laurie

Minor Sports Games

PeeWee Tourney Kinistino Feb 28th

Birch Hills Mar 1st

Novice Playoffs vs Carrot River March 4 6:30pm



Watch for more updates of playoff games on 'Town of Birch Hills Community & Recreation' Facebook Page

Hi Everyone,

I just wanted to spread the news that kindergarten days are on days 1, 3, 5 on the SRSD school calendar that parents and caregivers have access to through the SRSD web site. It would really be wonderful if some of the events involving the Birch Hills School could be planned on days when Kindergarteners are in school. Just something to think about when planning dates and times because Kindergartners love to participate in community events too!

Lynne Hunter, Kindergarten,
Birch Hills School

NOTICE

Waste Site/Transfer Station Closure

The Town of Birch Hills has faced many productivity challenges ever since the landfill was converted into a transfer station site. Due to the rising costs and very little revenue it is no longer feasible to continue the operation of the Transfer Station.

Therefore, the final date of operation will be **March 28, 2015**. Please have any required waste disposed by this date.

The Town would like to apologize for any inconvenience and would like to thank everyone for their patience while we explored various options during past few years.

Sr Hockey Blackhawks Playoffs



Games start against Meadow Lake in Meadow on Feb 21st. There is room on bus for fans, \$30/person. Contact Tyler Tilford 960–9744 to book your spot.

Home Game Feb 22nd 3:30pm (after Skate with Brrrt) This is the first series best of 5.

Pending wins/losses our boys will be playing the following weekends. Watch for updates on Facebook.. Good Luck Boys!

Birch Hills and Area Health Foundation

Annual General Meeting

March 17 7:00pm

@ Health Centre (back of Birchview Home)

We help support health related issues in the community, in the Health Centre and in Birchview Home

Birch Hills Community Boosters

SPRING CRAFT, BAKE & TRADE FAIR

Saturday, April 18th, 10 to 2

at the Birch Hills Civic Center.

Contact Leanne Baily at 306-749-2784 to book a table (\$20).

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY – Serve
Lunch and Raise funds for your group.
Contact Leanne for more info

5th Annual Telemiracle Luncheon

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

11:00 – 1:00pm

Birch Hills Civic Centre

Homemade buns, soups and desserts

Admission by donation to Kinsmen Telemiracle.

Help us make miracles happen.

Contact Maxine Cromartie 749-2564, if you would like to help with lunch. Thank you

Birchview Home & TLC Daycare's

2nd Annual **"A Life with Art"** Evening Gala

Saturday, March 28th

7:00pm @ the Civic Center

Appetizers/ Cash Bar



Tickets are \$20 and available at the Nursing Home & Daycare



CURLING RINK NEWS

The Birch Hills Curling Club is continually working towards keeping our facility to a standard that allows us to host provincial and national events. After the 2011/12 season we sent our old rocks to Winnipeg and had the running surface refinished with the expectation that this refinishing would ensure our rocks would perform equally and well for many years.

Unfortunately, some of the running surfaces are degrading prematurely, which is causing some rocks to perform differently than others (slower, different amount of curl etc). It is likely these rocks will continue to slowly degrade more as time passes. Having new higher grade granite inserted into the centers is the best way to get the best performing rocks (other than purchasing new rocks at more than twice the cost). This project will cost nearly \$20,000. We want to gauge the interest of the community in sponsoring either one rock for \$325.00 or a pair for \$600.00.. Your name will be engraved in the handles and will be a legacy forever! Your sponsorship could be in the form of a memorial to a former curling member if you wish. If you are interested please contact one of the curling club members below for more information.

Leon Pratchler 749-7348
Sandra Barber 749-3261

Brad Mitchell 749-7667
Robyn Ganes 749-7270

UPCOMING BONSPIELS

SCA MIXED PLAYDOWNS Feb 27-March 1

SENIOR BONSPIEL WEEK March 2 - 6 (daytime)
\$140/team. Includes Banquet

OPEN BONSPIEL March 20 - 22
\$200 entry /team (4) Includes Saturday Banquet

TWO PERSON TUFF SPIEL March 27-28
\$100 entry /team Includes Saturday Banquet
Calcutta, Year End Windup Social @ F&F \$6/non curlers



Register at Rink 749-2951 leave message

FLUTE and FIDDLE UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 27 - Airband Contest (Winter Festival Event)

Open Mic & Karoke Friday Night Hosts in February

Feb 20 - Ron Samson

Feb 27 - Pam Cochet

Grandma B's "Soup on Sundays" Serving 10:30 - 2:00pm

59TH ANNUAL LEGION DOMINION NATIONAL CURLING PLAYDOWNS

March 14 - 19 Volunteers Needed
Call Ian or Carol if you can help a lot or a little. 7 Provincial teams and our local team will play for Nationals

GOOD LUCK Robyn & Diane Ganes, Leon Pratchler and Jodi Gordon

Thank you Don Lypchuk & other legion members who worked hard to get the playdowns here in Birch Hills. We made National News. For those on computer, Check out the following link... as we are recognized in congress!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvtA0JKpWL8&x-yl-ts=1422579428&v=AvtA0JKpWL8&x-yl-cl=85114404>

Website Link is

www.legioncurling.hostzi.com

COFFEE ROW

at Curling Rink

weekday mornings 7-10 am.

The curling club would like to thank all of the people that have helped organize coffee row in the mornings. We appreciate your support!



JOB OPPORTUNITIES in Birch Hills

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM LEADERS:

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

Sportsgrounds Maintenance Student Position
Casual Position May-Sept

GOLF COURSE POSITIONS: Interested in summer employment on the greens or in the club house? Students 19yrs+ welcome to apply

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

**BUY TICKETS or REGISTER AND GET READY for contests, games and fun in the
4th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival**

February 20-28, 2015

Human Dog Sled Races

Sat, Feb 21st (3 boys, 3 girls, 3 generations)

Must be 30 year span between youngest and oldest.
5 'dogs' will pull one on a sled and race downtown
for prizes & fame. Teams needed, please call asap to
register with Amanda/Pat 749-3111 or Rec Office
749-7451. **CASH TO BE WON**

Sponsored by



**Check out town
Facebook page for last years videos & pics!**

"A DRAMATIC EVENT" DINNER THEATRE

performed by the Birch Hills Dance Centre Drama Class
Thursday, Feb. 26 @ Birch Hills Civic Centre.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner starts at 6:30.

There will be two one-act plays: "Gee" about a high
school glee club and "SuperHero Support Group"
along with a served delicious full-course meal including
dessert, tea and coffee.



All this for \$20 a ticket available from members of the
drama class, at the Dance Centre or phone 749-3446. Beer
and wine will be available to purchase and have with your
meal. **Ticket deadline is 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23.**

AIRBAND CONTEST

Friday, Feb 27th 8pm

the Flute and Fiddle

Get your go-go boots,

spike your hair, grab

some friends and entertain!

Event Sponsor the Flute and Fiddle



Fri, Feb 20 Light Parade - light up your snowmobile, truck, skis,
quad or whatever ride you have and join in the parade. Pick an
event and help advertise. Paraders meet at Memorial Park 6:30pm

**Winter Festival
Progressive 50/50**

Tickets available @ from Bud
or John Herd. Buy yours today
Cash Pot over \$300 so far
Last years winner won \$745

Sno-Pitch Tournament

Sat, February 21st, Starts after
Human Dog Sled Race (noon-ish)

Seeking teams of 6-8 to
play ball in the snow! No
gloves or experience
necessary. Fun to be had!

Register teams or

Individuals Welcome to

just show up at diamonds.

Event Sponsor Lion's Club

Seeking help to organize



Snow Sculpt Contest:

Must Register your town
address with Rec Office
by Feb 20th Sculpture to
be ready by Feb 25th. Cash Prizes

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

Sponsored by CPS & Barth Family

ICE FISHING SHACK for Silent Auction.

Watch for pictures and shack on display.

Final bid during Snow Stomp Family
Dance on Feb 28th.

Donated by the Birch Hills Co-op.

Valued at \$399

Proceeds being donated to the Birch Hills
Preschool.

FEBRU-Hairy Contest

Not just for the hairy!
Seeking participants who may
have - the Hairiest Legs
- the Whitest Legs
- the best dancing Legs
- the Sexiest Legs

Contest held at the
Snow Stomp Family
Dance, on Feb 28th

*Prizes sponsored by
Quayles Pharmacy &
Salon Krush*



Brrrt Coloring Contest

Pages are available at the school,
on town facebook page or at the
Birch Hills Co-op.

Win your very own Brrrt Bear by
bringing your paper to the Snow
Stomp Family Dance

Feb 28th @ the Civic Ctr

*Prizes Sponsored by Shirley Ulvild
& Myrdena Reynish*

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING - Skiers grab your friends and meet at the Golf
Course Ski Trails. Someone will be there 1- 3pm to either take new skiers out
and/or to supply with skis and boots for those just wanting to try skiing.

Deadlines for submissions for newsletter are the 10th and 25th of each month.

Send entries to **birchhillsrec@sasktel.net** or call **306-749-7451**



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E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net
Facebook Page: 'Town of Birch Hills
Community & Recreation'
Website: www.birchhills.ca

Birch Hills Cowboy Church



@ Community Centre
1st Sun of each month
Next Service

March 1st 7:00pm

Featuring Country Gospel Music with
down home bible message.

All are Welcome Pastor Rick Martin
981-2235

Now booking Tee
Times for our
GOLF TEK SIMULATOR
at the Youth Centre
Phone 749-2478 to
Book for Weekdays
10:00 am, 1:00pm,
2:30pm



Wednesday
and Thursday
Evenings at
7:00pm
Bring your
Clubs & Balls.
Beginner....??

Lessons arranged
Free Will Donations
accepted

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

Feb 21 - St Louis Lions Club Snowmobile Rally
4th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival 20-28th

- 20 - Light Parade, Tobogganing/Bonfire
- 21 - Library Breakfast, SnoPitch,
Human Dog Sled Race
- 22 - Country Gospel, Potato Supper,
Sr Hockey Playoff Game
- 23 - Polar Bear Craft, Game Night
- 24 - Street Hockey, Talent Night
- 25 - School Carnival, Curling Funspiel
- 26 - Birchview Winter Fest, Dinner Theatre
- 27 - Lunch & Games, Airband Contest
- 28 - Cross Country Ski, SnowStomp(tix)

- March**
- 1 - Cowboy Church
 - 3 - Telemiracle Lunch Fundraiser
 - 2-6 - Seniors Bonspiel Week
 - 5 - Moms & Tots Group Starts
 - 11 - Lyons Supper Fundraiser
 - 13/14 - Goosier Tournament
 - 14 - Soup for Seniors
 - 17 - BH & Area Health Foundation AGM
 - 14-19 - Legion Dominion Nat'l Curling
 - 20-22 - Open Curling Bonspiel
 - 21 - Skating Rink Carnival & Supper
 - 28 - Birchview & TLC Art Gala
 - 28/29 - Two Person Tuff Spiel
 - 28 - Transfer Station Closure
- TLC Daycare Evening Gala

April 9 - Library Annual Gala

Sask Firearm Safety and Hunter Education Course

Canadian Firearms Safety
Course (required for possession/
acquisition license)

For Course Dates and info
contact Bill 306-749-3394
Leave message.

StepOuts (Linedancing
Group) is selling **Raffle
Tickets** for a homemade
quilt made by Kerry Kyler.
Proceeds going towards the
group travel funds. Con-
tact Sandra Barber for
more info

School Daze

Noon Hour Boredom?

Check out **Wii
Mario Kart
League**



12:15 - 12:50pm

On the big
screen at youth Center

MOMS & TOTS GROUP

STARTS March 5th
Tuesday and Thursdays from
10-12pm At the Youth Centre
\$2 drop in fee for centre hosting

SOUP FOR SENIORS

Come down to the Senior Hall
Saturday, March 14th
11:00 - 1:00pm
for a homemade luncheon served by loving
community members
Next dates are Apr 11 & May 9 (BBQ)

BOUQUET OF THANKS



I would like to thank
our daughter, Lil and
my wife Stella for
putting on my 80th
Birthday Party and
thank you to our friends for
coming. The supper was a
surprise for my wife and I.
Thanks again!

Floyd Sorensen



2 feet of snow fell this morning.

Curling Rink VALENTINES Basket
Raffle Winner is Chantelle Stefaniuk
Jody Gordon sold the winning ticket!

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

March 20-22nd Lunch Counter for the
Open Bonspiel. Contact Robyn Ganes, at
Curling Rink 749-2951 for more details.

Curling Fans are always welcome to come
watch and support committees supplying
food service and curlers.
Homemade Soups & Pies..yummy!



4th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival

February 20 - 28, 2015

Friday, February 20th

Light Parade @ 7:00-ish down Main St. All are welcome to light up your ride and join the parade. For more info call 749-7940

After Parade:

Bonfire & Tobogganing at Max Creek (5miles west on golf course road)

Flute & Fiddle **Open Stage & Karaoke**

Ladies Hockey BH Barracudas vs PA Tundra 7pm



Saturday, February 21st

Pancake Breakfast - hosted by the Library @ Civic Centre 8-10am



Human Dog Sled Racing race starts 11am downtown. Teams are to meet at Flute & Fiddle by 10:30. Must Register 749-3111. Cash Prizes

Sno-Pitch Tourney

teams of 6 or individuals to meet noon @ the ball diamonds



Sunday, February 22nd

Public Skate with Brrrt @ Skating Arena

2-3pm Take pictures with festival mascot

Senior Hockey Playoff Game vs Meadow Lk 3:30pm

Country Gospel Concert 3pm @ Lutheran Church 8 singing groups, 1 skit. Donations accepted for the Birchview Auxillary. Come & Be Blessed

Museum Tours & Famous Potato Supper

4 - 6pm \$10/person Take Out available 749-2262

Monday, February 23rd

Polar Bear Craft - 3:30 @ the school All kids welcome. Sponsored by Jenny & Shane Hunter

Game Night - Invite Friends & Family over to play your favorite game. Send pics of 3+ playing to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net for prizes. Entries must be in by Feb 27th midnight

Tuesday, February 24th

Street Hockey - Hosted by BH Rec Hockey Teams. Starts 5pm between Skating & Curling Rink. All ages welcome

'Birch Hills Got Talent' Night & Desserts

Doors Open 6:30pm @ Civic Centre. Desserts & coffee served, Proceeds to Fire Dept



Wednesday, February 25th

School Winter Carnival - For Gr 1-6

Starts 1pm weather permitting

Family Curling

All are welcome 7 - 9pm Come curl for fun. Lessons available. Snacks served



Thursday, February 26th

Birchview Winter Carnival

Crowning of Festival King & Queen & Fun Activities @ 2:00pm. All are welcome

'A Dramatic Event' Dinner Theatre

\$20/person Tickets available from Dance members or call 749-3446



Friday, February 27th

Luncheon & Games Everyone is welcome for Homemade Lunch and games to follow if you can stay Lunch starts 11am-1pm \$5/person

Air Band Contest Enter your band to win prizes Starts 8pm @ the Flue & Fiddle. Win Prizes



Saturday February 28th - FINAL DAY!!!



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

Snow Stomp Family Dance Festival Wind Up 7pm-11pm Bring the whole family for some fun & dancing. 50/50, Door Prizes, Brrrt Color Contest, Febru-Hairy and Snow Sculpting Contest winners chosen throughout the evening. Featuring **Cottonwood Creek** band. Advance Tickets \$15, \$20 at the door kids 12 yrs & under, free when accompanied by an adult. Avail at CIBC, Town or Rec Office

FOR MORE INFO CALL Laurie 749-7451 or check out event info and pictures on **Facebook** page

