

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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Greetings Readers,
I remember when I first moved here, and I would hear "Nothing ever happens in Birch Hills" Well, with this newsletter becoming so jam packed, I don't think anyone can say that anymore! Once again, no room not even for a joke! Sorry if I wasn't able to fit your ad. Thank you to all who participated and helped to organize events for the winter festival. Overall I'd have to say it was a success! There will be a complete review of the weeks activities in the March 15th issue of the Heartbeat. Take care,

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director

St. Patricks Day Irish Stew Supper

St. Mary's Church

McCallum Ave Sun. March 17th

5:00 to 7:00pm

take out available 749-2223



All volunteers involved in the festival & future planners are invited to the
Winter Festival Volunteer Appreciation Potluck Windup.

Tues, March 12 6pm at the Museum
Coordinators: please bring a list of your volunteers and donors, sponsors for your event. We will also discuss good, bad and if we'll do it again! Bring ideas



RYSC Youth Ski Trip

Last chance to register

Ages 12+ March 7-10

Nakiska Ski Resort

Canmore, AB \$300/person

2 Full Days Skiing, Nakiska, Lodging & Transportation Call Kathy 749-2478

BLACKHAWKS ALUMNI GAME

Saturday, MARCH 9th



2012/13 Sr Blackhawks

vs '92/'93 Prov "C"

Champion Blackhawks Alimni team.

1:00pm Skills Competition

2:30pm Game

6:00pm Roast beef supper

Beer gardens thru the afternoon as well as progressive 50/50 tickets being sold now

Admission to game is 12 & under - free; students \$3.00; adults \$5.00; Supper is \$8.00 for 6-12 yrs ; 12 & up is \$15.00. 5 & under free.

Tickets available from team members

LADIES NIGHT OUT

CURLING & KARAOKE

Fri, March 1st 7pm - till whenever

\$10 to play.

Appy's and fun! You don't have to be good at either to join in. Meet you at the rink!



BENEFIT FOR FISHER FAMILY

\$15 adult & \$10 12yrs > Ham Supper
Sat, Mar 16

4:30-6:30pm BH Civic Centre
Benefit for Jerald Fisher family who lost their home to fire. Donations of clothing and household items gratefully accepted. A Trust Fund has been set up at the Birch Hills CIBC.

Volunteers requested to help with supper. For more info or to offer assistance, please contact Kathleen 749-3146 or Maxine at 749-2564

This issue of our Community activity newsletter was paid for you by: **George McIntyre Construction**

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.

Drop in Ladies/Girls BASKETBALL

Sunday 6:30-8:00pm

at the school

Come on out

even if you

haven't

played in awhile! All Girls, Ladies welcome.

Contact Kathy 749-2478 for more info



Birch Hills Minor Ball Registration Mar14th

6-8pm School Foyer

Order Long sleeved

shirts. Contact Shirley

749-3135 for more

info



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letter online

Birch Hills Council News

The 2nd annual Birch Hills Winter Fest has come and gone and was deemed a huge success, on behalf of the Council a big Thank You to all involved with organizing, volunteering & such an excellent show of support from the community.

A Thank You to the Town Men for the great job in dealing with the endless snow, especially in time for the Winter Festival. It will take a community effort during the spring break up as folks deal with their roofs and getting the snow away from their homes. Work continues on the new HVAC system in the Civic Centre, while in the renovation phase it was decided to do some much needed upgrades to the RM and Town Offices.

Feb. 13th council meeting - All present

Correspondence

- * A donation of \$150.00 was given to the Telemiracle Luncheon to be held at the civic centre.
- * Sask Rivers School Division granted a 2 year tax abatement to the TLC Daycare
- * EPS Management monthly report by the Bylaw Officer was received.
- * A Communities in Bloom workshop was held in Melfort on Feb. 24th. Ann Woods will attend and report on new participation categories at the March 19th meeting of The Community Boosters to be held on Tues. Mar. 19th in the council chambers at 7:30.
- * Darrin Evans accepted the position of civic centre janitor following the resignation of Lorne Crain.

New Business

- + Adm. Tara will get prices on fish for restocking the Town dugout.
- + Councilor Herd will attend the Hudson Bay Route Assoc. meeting to be held in Kinistino on Feb. 25th.
- + The Town gravel tender was awarded to Sheldon Jensen.
- + Carol Pryznyk was appointed to the Birch Hills Housing Board.
- + Adm. Tara to meet with Searl Reynish of Kleen Bee Janitorial Supplies re new dispensers and related products.

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

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

FLUTE and FIDDLE EVENTS

Wed. March 6th - SARAH CRIPPS - *Toronto Independent Music Award Winner*
Doors open at 7pm Show starts at 8pm. Tickets \$5 at the Door or in advance

Sat, March 16th - Country Music Dance... Featuring Country music band **REBOUND** Doors open at 7pm

Mon, April 1st - CONSTANT REMINDER volume IV CD release
All Ages Welcome Tickets \$10

Sat. April 27th - ALMIGHTY VOICE
Tickets \$20 includes CD



"Live Music Jams" every Friday evening.

Even if you only know one song come out and play Friday evening.
Even if you've never played music come out and listen to our music.
This will be a wonderful time to socialize with our community and promote our local musicians... Doors open at 7 pm ****No tickets required and no entry fee****
****Food and drinks for purchase**** ****All ages welcome****

Tickets for events available at the Flute and Fiddle or the Clay Oven Cafe in Birch Hills. Or on line at www.fluteandfiddle.ca

ADULTS NIGHT OUT

Bowling Field

Trip!!



Thursday, April 11

\$15 /person

includes 2 hours of bowling,
appy's and bus ride to Minot
Bowl in PA Limited Tickets
available at Youth Centre or
Recreation. Tickets available
first week in March.

SENIOR HOCKEY

**Thanks for the
Season Fellas.
See you
Next Year!**



Birch Hills Business Highlights

Owner: George & Alice McIntyre
Phone: 306 749 2934 1 Wilson Street

George and Alice McIntyre have been owner/operators of McIntyre Construction serving the people of Saskatchewan with their needs for water and sewer and infrastructure for 46 years.

Wack n Slosh Broom Ball Slush Tournament!

March 30th Starts at 1pm

For All Ages. Will be at the
Skating Rink



Brooms & Balls provided. Wear your own shoes and bring extra clothes... Individuals \$10/ea Contact birchhillsrec@sasktel.net



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

JOB OPPORTUNITY

TLC Daycare HANDYPERSON

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

CRYSTAL SPRINGS HOUSE FIRE

On the afternoon of Friday, Feb 15th, the home of Jerald Fisher and Judy Meng of Crystal Springs was lost to fire. The family would graciously accept any donations. Their immediate need is for clothing. Family members:

Jessica age 5, clothing size 7, shoe & boot size 11/12, in need of pants, shirts, ski-pants

Jade, age 13, clothing size M/L, Jean size 8/9, shoe/ boot size 9

Jake, age 19, clothing size XL, shirts, Jeans 36", shoe/boot size 13

Judy, clothing XL shirts, L pants, Jeans size 16, shoe/boot size 7

Jerald, clothing size XL shirts, Jeans 36", shoe & boot size 12

The family will be staying with Jerald's parents, Wayne and Lois Fisher of Crystal Springs. You may contact them at 749-2449.

(Note: Please contact the family as this notice maybe outdated and their needs may have changed. There is a trust fund set up at the CIBC. Thank You for you generosity)

Sask Lotteries Community Grant Funding being distributed through the Rec Office. If you are a non profit group in Birch Hills or District, please contact Laurie 749-7451 or email birchhillsrec@sasktel.net to see if you qualify for funding opportunities.

SNOWSCULPTING CONTEST

Congratulations to The Bronson Family...it was a very close decision between Kathy Evans, Shark sculptures (beside the Clay Oven) and Danny Bronsons Train on 4th Ave. Thank you to the families that participated and to the Flute and Fiddle for donating 4 tickets to the Old Time Dance in February.



SKATING RINK NEWS

Public Skate Times changes for March....

Mondays & Wednesdays 3:30 - 5:00pm.

Shared ice: half hockey sticks /half skating only

Tuesdays 12:00 - 1:00 pm Mr Vey supervising

Sundays Family Skate No sticks please

Mar 3 2-4pm, Mar 10 4-6pm, Mar 17 4-6pm

Saturday Shinny March 2nd only 2:00-4:00

Public skating fee of \$3 or membership. Please pay at the canteen. Members hand in your coffee cards by March 30 for draw for free 2013/14 membership



MINOR HOCKEY GAMES

Mar 5 Novice Game vs Tisdale 7:15pm

Mar 8 IP Game vs Wakaw 6:00pm

Watch Arena Board for details. Good Luck Birch Hills

WINTER FESTIVAL PROGRESSIVE 50 / 50

Congratulations to Sharon Rolfes, winner of \$345!

Thank you to all that contributed and to Bud McRury for selling tickets!!

COLORING CONTEST

Thanks for your participation. The drawings were wonderful to see and will be posted at the school for a period of time. Thank you to the Museum Group for collecting the bears and to Verna Blanchard for knitting the scarves.



FEBRU-HAIRY CONTEST

Thank you to the 5 contestants that participated in the Sexiest, Hairiest, Longest and Best Dancin' Legs contest. It was a very entertaining! Thank you to Rugged Country for engraving trophies for the winners and to Quayle Pharmacy for donating prizes for those that entered.



NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Town of Birch Hills

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Town of Birch Hills for the year of 2013 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following days: Mon to Fri, March 8 to May 8, 2013. A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of The Municipalities Act has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with:

Tara Gariepy, Town of Birch Hills, Box 206 Birch Hills SK S0J 0G0, by the 3 day of May, 2013

Dated this 5th day of March, 2013

Tara Gariepy, Assessor
Town of Birch Hills

JOB & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN BIRCH HILLS

Golf Course: Seeking employees to work in the **Clubhouse** and **Greens Maintenance**. Casual, Part-time, Full-time positions available

Recreation:

Playground Leaders (2 positions) Strong leadership and willingness to work with teens and/or young children mandatory. Current criminal record check mandatory. First Aid training and own transportation an asset. Candidate must be returning to school in Sept 2013

Volunteers needed as well...may lead to future leadership positions.

Event Assistant: will work with the Rec Director and at the Golf Clubhouse for events throughout the summer. Candidate will be creative, organized, self motivated and returning to school in Sept 2013. Own transportation an asset.

Sportsgrounds: Seeking **volunteers** to help with 2 very large events in Birch Hills, July 12-14 Provincial PeeWeeC Girls Championships and July 16-19 First Nations Summer Games. Maintenance, Canteen cooking/serving, Set up, Clean up, Lining fields, General Errands, etc.

Diamond/Campground Maintenance: Casual lawn moving, setting diamonds, clean up.

Some Positions above are dependent on applicants qualifying under grant criteria. Depending on candidates applying, job descriptions are flexible. If you are interested in any area, inquire with Laurie 749-7451 or Send your resume via email: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net or Mail to Box 280, Birch Hills, SK S0J 0G0

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Their upcoming games are listed below:

Mar 7-9 Conferences (here)

Mar 14-16 Regionals—if advance. Location TBA

Mar 21-23 HOOPLA – if advance. Saskatoon
Birch Hills School

Accepting **TENDERS** for Food Service for two Ball Tournaments July 12-14 and July 16-19. Inquire with Laurie 749-7451 or Leon 749-7348

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a worldwide birding event that occurs once a year. The link included gives you the opportunity to browse through the results accumulated so far for places recently. Have a look and perhaps, you will take part in this phenomenon next year. This is the first year that the count has been extended to the World... If you look at the map of contributors, you'll see that EVERY continent, including Antarctica, has sent in their checklists and that the top 3 are the USA, Canada and INDIA. Moe Mareschal

<http://birdsource.org/gbbc>

Thank for a wonderful evening. Congrats to all hard working volunteers who made it so special. A few years ago I think the heart of Birch Hills was a bit anemic but last night I saw a huge heart with a wonderful transfusion. Our hometown is in great shape due to so many good young and old people working together.

Looking forward to our next visit home already.

Adrian Quayle, former resident
statement after the Clubhouse Luau Valentines dinner

BIRCH HILLS HOUSING AUTHORITY VOLUNTEER

The Birch Hills Housing Authority is needing Volunteers to serve on their Local Board. Applications can be picked up at the Town Office. Please submit your application by Tuesday, March 26, 2013 to the undersigned.

Administrator
Town of Birch Hills
Box 206
Birch Hills, SK S0J 0G0

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

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

Curling Mixed League 7:30-9:30pm



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 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

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



NEW Salsa Classes \$8 at Dance Centre Norma 864-8110 Starts Mar 7th

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

Flute and Fiddle Open Jam Session 7pm

SUNDAY

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

Girls/Ladies Basketball 6:30-8pm at School Gym Kathy 749-2478

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

COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

Upcoming projects, Sportsgrounds Upgrade/Playground Development, First Nations Summer Games, Communities in Bloom, Community Garden, and more.

Receive updates from the town council and make recommendations. Meetings are every third Tuesday of the month. Next meeting in Council Chambers on **Tuesday, March 19th at 7:30pm (ends 9pm sharp)**

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Sr Hall Rentals

Vel Bompais at 749-3364

Birch Hills Legion

Marlene Lypchuk 749-2571

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

BECOME A BIRCH HILLS LIONS CLUB MEMBER

Contact

Bruce Tilford 749-7743 or Todd Devenis 749-3425



'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,

NEW:

Birch Hills Co-op Like them on facebook and enter for a chance to win a \$50 Gas Card from the Birch Hills Coop. Draw to be made on March 13th, 2013.

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

SNEAKER DROP & BBQ

Sunday, June 2

Help Us Hit the Court This Summer!

Youth Centre hosting Basketball Court Fundraiser

Sneakers will be dropped from a helicopter...

sneaker that scores or is closest to the basket wins

cash! Buy your pair of sneakers for \$10 each at the

Youth Centre and get your shoes in the running!



Birch Hills & District Recreation

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director
Box 280 Birch Hills, SK S0J 0G0
Fax: 749-2545
E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net
Text or call cell: 749-7451
Facebook Page: 'Birch Hills Recreation'

Communities that play together,
...grow together!



BOUQUETS OF THANKS

* On behalf of the **TLC Daycare** we would like to send out a huge bouquet to Ray Crozier for creating and building our donation tree for the daycare. It is everything we wanted and more! Ray is a very generous man who donated his time and material for the project. Thank you Ray for this contribution to our community daycare!

Carlen Swales/Getz

* **Birch Hills Sno Posse** would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's rally such a success. Thank you to everyone who canvassed for prizes, volunteers who worked at the hall during registration, ticket selling, manning the bar, prize runners and announcing, trail lunch organizers and volunteers at the warm-up shack, trail makers and markers. Last, but not least, thank you to all the riders and non-riders who came out to support our rally -- a donation was presented on rally day to TLC Daycare towards purchasing a playground structure. Proceeds from this year's rally will also be used to install outdoor solar lighting on all three of our cabins.

Tracy Lubyk

* A big kudos to the town men for the wonderful job they've done keeping the sidewalks and streets clear of snow. As a senior who walks, it is so appreciative to have the snow cleared.

Thank you! Bill and Agnes Crawford

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



Raffle Tickets for Weekend for Four at Waskesiu on sale now

Birch Hills Assisted Living Units

Project Planning
For more info
contact 749-3490

Card of Thanks

Upon resignation as director from the Birch Hills Housing Authority I want to thank the board members I served with. It has been a pleasure serving with all of you and I want to specially thank Lyle, Kathy and Larry Evans for the tremendous amount of work, effort and caring they provide to the maintenance position.

Tom Erikson

Bike Bob House

Supplies, Funding, Skills assistance needed. Hopefully this is the 1st of many community projects. Contact Orvin Opseth(2261), Vili Bati (2760) or Kevin Hareschuk (3193) for more info

CURLING BONSPIELS

Mar 15-16 OPEN Bonspiel ...meaning
Open to anyone 16yrs+ \$160/ team of 4
Includes Saturday Banquet, Cash prizes
Individuals wanting to play, inquire at rink.
Register by Mar 12

Mar 8-10 Mixed Regional Playdowns

Mar 23/24 Two Person Bonspiel - FULL

Donny Parenteau-Windup Dance \$20 advance

Robyn 749-2951, leave message

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Mar 1 - Ladies Night Out - Curling Rink
6 - Sarah Cripps Concert F&F
9 - Blackhawks Alumni Game & Supper
7-10 Youth Ski Trip Alberta
8-10 Mixed Regional Playdowns
9 - Senior Hockey Alumni
10 - Skating Club Carnival
12 - Winter Festival Volunteer Potluck
15-17 Open Bonspiel
16 - Fisher Benefit Supper
16 - F&F band Rebound
17 - St Mary's Stew Supper
19 - Community Booster Mtg
23/24 - 2 Person Funspiel
23 - Donny Parenteau Dance
30 - Broomball for Fun
April 1 - Constant Reminder CD Release
4 - Recreation Board AGM
4-18 Birchview Home Auction
11 - Adults Night Out * Bowling *
27 - F&F band Almighty Voice
June 1 - Birch Hills Garage Sale Day
2 - RYSC Youth Sneaker Drop
July 12-14 Prov PeeWeeC Girls Championships
16-18 First Nations Summer Games (Ball)
20 - 3rd Annual Veterans Mem Golf Tourny

Saturday Night Curling Wind Up Dance

featuring Donny Parenteau

March 23rd, @ Civic Centre 8pm-2am

Advance tickets \$20 / \$25 at door

Tickets available at curling rink

Midnight Lunch provided, Sorry No Minors