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Greetings,

It seems that Old Man Winter may have forgotten about us. It has been a refreshingly warm winter for sure. Spring is just around the corner and that is exciting. There has been some talk about the following topics and we are searching for more people interested in getting together to make these things happen. **1) a walking path 2) a community garden 3) a playground & picnic area.** Yes, these things take time, money and ambition but when a small amount of people get together, they can make big things happen. So if you would like to get involved, just contact me. My info is on the back page. Have a great day!

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director

JUVENILE PROVINCIALS CURLING

March 23 - 26th

Another fabulous opportunity for Birch Hills to host a huge event for 96 youth curlers. **Volunteers Still Needed** to work lunch counter.

Contact Robyn at 794-2251 to sign up.
Spectators Welcome \$5/day

OPEN CURLING BONSPIEL

March 16-18th

Saturday Night Supper & Banquet included. Come out to watch, visit friends and enjoy homemade lunch counter specials.

TLC Daycare is hosting a St Patrick's Day Family Bingo & Chili Supper

for the young and old.

TONIGHT Mar 15 5:30 - 8:00 pm

at the Birch Hills Civic Centre
Great prizes and Snacks. Bring your dabbers and try your luck



Hawkeyes 7th Annual

"All You Can Eat" Fish Fry

Saturday, March 24

at Birch Hills Skating Arena

3-5 pm Take out, free delivery in

Birch Hills only. Call 749-2272

5:00 - 7:00 pm Dine In

Adults \$12 12 & under \$8.00

5 & under Free

Proceeds go to the Hawkeye

Recreation Hockey Team



Birch Hills Library Gala Annual Fundraiser

Thursday, March 22nd

at the Civic Centre

Roast Beef Banquet will be catered by the Brancepeth Group.

Guest speaker is Allan Casey, author of "Lakeland". His book is described as 'an interesting and enlightening journey across Canada exploring a quintessential element of Canadian landscape, and its very soul - Lakeland' Emma Lake was part of his exploration.

Tickets \$25 /person and available at the Library & from Library Board members

ATTENTION DOWN HILL SKIERS

The Youth Centre is inviting all youth and adults to come to Table Mountain.

Monday, March 19th

Bus scheduled to leave the youth ctr 7:00 am and return around 8:00 pm

Cost is \$50/person (includes gas, rentals and lift tickets) 15 or more people required to take bus. Please contact Kathy at 749-2478 by March 17th to reserve your seat.

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

Dance Centre

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.

ADULT DROP IN BADMINTON

Starting Tuesdays
April 10th

8:00 - 9:30 pm

\$2 drop in

At the school gym

St Patricks Day Irish Stew Supper

hosted by

St Mary's Church

Saturday, March 17th

5:00 - 7:00 pm

\$7.00 / plate

Take out available

Call 749-2223



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BIRCH HILLS BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Birch Hills Dance Centre 749-2606 bhrdc@live.com

Erica Cochrane began teaching dance in Birch Hills over 12 years ago while she was working and going to university in Saskatoon. She offered jazz, tap and ballet classes to students at the Legion hall. Since then the Birch Hills Dance Centre has evolved to over ninety students taking jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop, modern jazz, musical theatre, pointe and pre-pointe. The Dance Centre now employs four instructors: Ericka Cochrane, artistic director and owner; Jennifer Maczek, Bethany McKelvie and Amber Sansone. Classes for ages three to adult are offered from September to April.

Two years ago Erica and her husband Tyler purchased the former clinic/pre-school building and completely renovated it to accommodate all dance disciplines. It is located at 5 Wilson Street next to the Birchview Nursing Home.

Students will be competing in dance competitions at Rose Valley on March 30 to April 1, at Humboldt on April 18-22 and at Biggar on April 27-29.

This year's annual recital will take place at the E.A. Rawlinson Centre in Prince Albert on Sat, April 14 at 2pm. Tickets go on sale on March 15 and can be purchased at the box office or on-line.

Two Person Bonspiel full

March 30 - April 1st
at the Birch Hills Curl-a-drome
Spectators Welcome

Saturday Night Dance with **Marty Grambo**

\$20 advance/ \$25 at door
Tickets available at Curling rink
Sorry no minors allowed



The New Ground
Café will be
closing it's doors
March 27th.

Thank you Jenni
for all the flavour
you have brought
to Birch Hills.
Good Luck!

COMING SOON... **Butts & Guts Boot Camp**

Text Laurie 749-
7451 or email birch-
hillsrec@sasktel.net
if you are interested.
10 spots available.
What times and
dates work for you?

JOB OPPORTUNITY:

Birch Hills Skating Club is looking for a skating coach for the 2012-2103 season for Can Skate and Star Skate levels. Dates and times are negotiable. Reimbursement for certifications available. Contact Jackie Manson 749-2246 or Lisa Peterson 749-3137 for more information.

Boys & Girls Minor Ball Registration

was Wednesday March 14th

At the Birch Hills School

If you missed registration contact

Shirley Pratchler 749-3135 or

email pratchler@inet2000.com for softball or

contact Mona Rask 749-3180 or email

dmask@skvelocity.ca. for baseball



BIRCH HILLS WINTER FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Potluck Supper Wednesday, March 28th
6:00 pm in the Museum Basement

This is an invitation to anyone that volunteered or participated in the winter festival. This will be an opportunity to review this years festival and start planning for next years festival.

Contact Laurie 749-7451 or just come on by

Would you like to see a

COMMUNITY GARDEN in Birch Hills?



A meeting will be held Wednesday,
March 28 7:30pm at the Museum

Basement to discuss ideas. People of all gardening levels are invited to come so we can create an inviting green space for our community.

Individual and community plots available.

Contact Ann at 749-3237 for more details

Birch Hills School presents

'HIGHSCHOOL MUSICAL'

Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm

At the Birch Hills High school Gym

Adults \$10 Students \$5 Preschool Free

Tickets are at the door. Come and enjoy a great evening of entertainment!

All proceeds go to the Birch Hills School Musical and Drama Club

BOXING DAY DANCE REVIEW

by Carlene Getz

Well Birch-Hilian's we've done it again. With the help of the community the Birch Hills Beauties have raised \$5000 for the new daycare with another successful Boxing Day Bash!

All ages gathered for another festive night of visiting and dancing to the music of Tim Toutant and his band. Magical nights like these don't just happen. The Birch Hills Beauties would like to put out a huge thank you to Hubert Parent who sold tickets at Grumpy's as well as the staff at the Credit Union who sold tickets and donated the coffee cups and plates.

Thank you to the Birch Hills Co-op who gave us a great deal on the ice, as well as Jody Mickelson who donated the limes. A huge thank you goes out to the Toutant who donated his personal proceeds of the night which was \$10000. Thank you to everyone who came, danced and enjoyed the night. Without you it would not have been a success. We look forward to seeing you all next year, mark it on your calendars. Boxing Day 2012!

SKATING RINK NEWS

The last day for public skating will be March 18th.

Skating Rink available now until March 31st for private party/skating rentals only. Contact Laurie at 749-7451 for more details. Thank you for your support in using the rink, memberships and spectating. See you in the fall.

Volunteers Needed for Lunch Counter!!

Servers, Bakers and Cooks wanted for Juvenile Curling Provincials the Weekend of March 23 - 26th. Sign Up at the Curling Rink or call Robyn 749-2951

CURLING RINK NEWS

Adult League Mon & Thurs nights 7:30-9:30pm
Seniors League Tues & Fri 1:30-3:30pm

Try Curling - \$10 drop in till March 30 only

Thanks to our curling members for your support



Museum Coffee Pot

We invite you to join us any Wednesday from 2 to 4pm for coffee. The museum Thrift Shop is open from 9am to 4pm.

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

Drop in Hockey is finished for this year. Thanks to those that came out to play. See you next year

9:30-11:00pm
\$10/person.
Full equip-

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. However, donations are appreciated. Contact Vel Bompais at 749-3364

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LOTTERIES



Funding Provides Recreational Activities

BIRCHVIEW HOME SPRING TEA & BAKE SALE
March 21st 2:00pm
Entertainment by
Wes Stubbs



SOUP FOR SENIORS



Sat, March 17th
11:00 - 1:00 pm
At the Senior Hall

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 **March 20 at 7:30pm** (ends at 9pm sharp ...we promise!)

All ages are encouraged

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. Call 749-2478 for more details

Play! Always

Spring is here and so is Unicycling! Anyone wanting to learn is welcome (from kids to adults) Bring your own helmet—youth centre has 12 unicycles.

Great exercise and fun



Wii Zumba Fitness

Tuesdays at 5:30 \$2 fee

At the Youth Centre.

Bring Water, Running Shoes, and a Friend

Zumba is a fun way to get the body moving. It increases cardio, strength and is for all exercise levels from beginner to advance.

Get Ready to Move, Get Ready to Groove

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.

Sunday & Thurs-

Last Day March 25th

Every day 8-9:30



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

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*Communities that play together,
grow together!*

Bouquet of Thanks

To those who have volunteered at the Curling Rink. Each week a group of community members serve and bake for the curling rink lunch counter. Your efforts are not unnoticed and are appreciated by many.



Zumbatomic

Free Trial April 21

A High Energy Latin inspired dance fitness class for kids! Ages 4 - 16yrs. Watch for more details Limited Spots...Register with Cherie 961-1813

Town of Birch Hills **Garage Sale Day**

Saturday, June 2nd

Start planning your sale. Let's make it special with groups getting involved with fundraising events plus food vendors and entertainment activities. Join us at the next Community Booster meeting on March 20th 7:30 pm in the council chambers, everyone welcome. Bring your ideas

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



EARTH HOUR

WWF needs you!
Join millions of people across Canada on Sat March 31st.
Switch off your lights from 8:30-9:30pm to show your support for this annual global event. It is scheduled on the last Saturday of every March - closely coinciding with the equinox to ensure most cities are in darkness as it rolls out around Earth



RINK FUNDRAISER

3 Chances to Win Tickets to the Royal Bank Cup in Humboldt



Tickets are \$20 and available at Town Office or from Rink Board Members

Prize #1 2 seats to all 13 games (\$350 value)

Prize #2 2 seats to 5 games, 1 Semi Final & Championship Game

Prize #3 2 seats to 5 games and 1 Semi Final Game

Skating Rink Board AGM

April 18 7:00pm
In Museum Basement
All interested Community Members are welcome to attend

General Quarters Paintball presents
"Just Try It ...Again"

Fall's Paintball Day was such a success, we're going to do it again!! Individuals or Teams register with Chevy at 749-7934.

Cost is \$10/person

If any group is looking for a BBQ fundraiser on this day, contact Laurie at 749-7451

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

March 15 - TLC Bingo & Chili Supper
16/17 - Goosers Hockey Tournament
17 - Soup for Seniors
17 - St Mary's Church Irish Stew Supper
16-18 - Open Curling Bonspiel
19 - Youth Table Mountain Ski Trip
21 - Birchview Spring Tea & Bake Sale
22 - Library Gala Fundraiser
23-26 Juvenile Provincials Curling Bonspiels
24 - Hawkeyes Fish Fry
28 - Community Garden Meeting
28 - Winter Festival Vol Appreciation
31 - Brancepeth Garage Sale Day
30-Apr 1 - Two person Curling Wind Up
31 - Marty Grambo Dance
31 - Earth Hour 8:30-9:30

Apr 3 - School Drama 'Highschool Musical'
18 - Skating Rink Board AGM
21 - Birch Hills Business Tradeshow
21 - Zumbatomic
28 - GQ Paintball "Just Try it Again"

May 5 - Brancepeth Spring Fling (details TBA)

May TBA - Booster Club Town Cleanup

June 2 - Town Garage Sale

August 12 2012 Threshing Day

Sno-Posse Snowmobile Poker Rally

A new date has been

CANCELLED due to lack of snow



scheduled and snow willing, the rally and breakfast will be on

Birch Hills Community Boosters Business Showcase

Saturday April 21st 1:00 - 5:00pm
at the Birch Hills Civic Centre
All are welcome to come see what Birch Hills Businesses have to offer
Refreshments will be available

Tables are \$20 ea (limited space)
Contact Leanne Bailly at 749-2784 to book your spot now