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Hello Everyone,

The 2011 Census was recently issued. Did you know that Birch Hills population has increased 13.8% to 1064 residents. That means we are prospering folks. That means opportunities await our grasping and the potential for economic growth is here. That means there are 400 new people in town and some may not know anyone. I challenge you to introduce yourself to someone new today and welcome them to the community. It can mean the world to someone. It did when you welcomed me.



Laurie Berube, Recreation Director

Life is what we make it, always has been, always will be....Grandma Moses

General Quarters Paintball and Recreation Department 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 Sat, April 28th (at golf driving range or ball diamonds)

Zumbatomic

Saturday, April 28 Free Class

A High Energy Latin inspired dance fitness class for kids! Ages 4 - 16yrs.

At the School Gym. Limited Spots...

1:30 - 2:00 Little Stars (age 4-7)

2:15 - 3:00 Big Stars (age 8-12)

3:30 - 4:30 Zumba (age 12-16)

Register with Cherie 961-1813

Tell your kids, nieces, grandkids, students!

Appreciation Banquet

April 26 6:30 pm at the Civic Centre for the Birch Hills/Kinistino Bantam Minor Hockey Team; the NE League & Bantam C Hockey Champs. Advance tickets only



NOTES FROM COUNCIL

A thank you to the residents of Birch Hills for your understanding during our precautionary boil water order. We feel we have the problem corrected which should help us avoid future problems.

Town Spring Clean Up Week will be held from May 14-18th. Excess garden compost, branches and bagged or canned grass clippings can be left in separate piles for pick up during the week at various times. Please cut trees to manageable pieces. No Garbage!

Effective May 1st the Town has contracted a Bylaw Control Officer to enforce the Town Bylaws.

The Council has set the budget for the next year and we have been able to keep the increase on taxes at a minimum of 3% cost of living.

Effective May 1st, Wayne Boyle will be taking over as Deputy Mayor.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your Town Council.

Submitted by Deputy Mayor, Barry Evans

Friends Grow Apart, Life changes, Time for New Beginnings

An invitation for any widows, divorcees, separated women or those looking to make new friends.

Sunday, April 29 2:00-4:00

Tea at Arlene's 100 2nd St 749-2534



This issue of our Community activity newsletter was paid for you by: **Leanne Bailey-Partie Perks**

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. Individual & half sponsorships are available. Thank you for supporting your local paper.

Skating Rink Board AGM



Tuesday, April 17 7:00pm

In Museum Basement Any interested community member is encouraged to attend.

Golf Board AGM & Supper



April 23 6:00pm

At the Legion Hall

Anyone interested in the Golf Course activities are encouraged to attend.

Please reserve dinner with Darlene at 749-3525



Funding Provides Recreational Activities

The Birch Hills Curling Club would sincerely like to thank all those members and the many friends of the Curling Club who so generously gave of their time to assist with the food preparations as well as the organizing of the rink itself as we hosted the Ramada Juvenile Provincials on March 23-26.

It was a huge undertaking for such a small club and it would not have been possible without the assistance of the community. Along with all the sponsors listed below, we appreciate and thank all those who donated time and efforts to the lunch counter.

We wish to thank the following sponsors for their contributions:

Advantage Credit Union	Tim Hortons
Barry's Rock & Dirt	Birch Hills CIBC
Quayle's Pharmacy	Grumpy's Confectionary
Mighty Moe's Tires	Birch Hills Co-op
Quayle Agencies	Rugged Country
Norsemen Construction	Flyer Electric
Town of Birch Hills	Jensen Sand and Gravel
Cargill	Viterra
	Sasktel

COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month. We get together to discuss and take action to improve our town and community. Some of the actions that we have undertaken are: To help cleanup the public areas of town (access road allowances, park areas, downtown, etc) on Cleanup Saturday in May, we are encouraging and supporting the development of a community garden on the south side of Main Street this spring. We helped to replace the bulletin board beside the Post Office, we have discussed what new businesses would be nice to have in our community. We receive updates from the town council and we can recommend our input to the Council on the needs that we see. We are supporting a tree planting project for the town that will see an additional 200 trees planted on town property, volunteers to help with the planting would be appreciated. Dates to be announced.

We are hosting the Business Showcase on April 21st, please drop by and support the many businesses in our community.

Meetings are open to anyone (Town or Rural) who care enough to attend. We are here to be a positive influence and to help our town grow and prosper. Please join us at our next meeting in Council Chambers on **Tues, April 17th at 7:30pm** All ages are Welcome

Birch Hills & District Lions Club Famous

Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction

Sat, April 28 at the Civic Centre In Town Take out Available
Adult \$10 Student 6 - 12 \$6 5 and under FREE

A portion of the proceeds will be going to Greg Devenis., a resident of Birch Hills who has Multiple Sclerosis and currently resides at the Mont St Joseph Home in Prince Albert. Greg has lost the ability to communicate verbally and they are looking to buy a computer (cost \$14,000) which will help him to communicate. Greg has gone through a very taxing assessment process that has determined this system would be extremely beneficial for him. It is a Dynavox Vmax devices with a headmouse which has an infrared camera to control the computer. He will have the ability to take this communication device with him where ever he goes as it mounts onto his wheel chair. A free will offering will also be available. **Cocktails 5:30**

COMMUNITY GARDEN in Birch Hills!!

In the lot beside the post office. Contact Ann at 749-3237 for more details

Benefits to Individuals Families, Community

- Provides stress relief,
- Increase the food quality used in homes
- Increase gardening skills and self sustainable lifestyles
- Provides educational opportunities to both adults and children
- Increase green space & town beauty
- Provides potential community economic development projects
- Increases interactions between people
- Increases town pride and involvement



Brancepeth Spring Fling

May 5th Starts 4:00 pm at the hall

Hayrides, children's activities, bouncy tent, BBQ, cash bar, door prizes, live entertainment

Congratulations to Erica and her dancers from the Birch Hills Dance Centre for their outstanding performances at Rose Valley Dance Mania gaining them 25 Awards (19 Gold!) and 14 Cash Awards. Kayla Doderai earned 12 awards! A full list of names and awards listed on the Birch Hills Recreation page on Facebook. **Great Job Ladies!**



RIDDLE ME THIS: The man who invented it doesn't want it. The man who bought it doesn't need it. The man who needs it doesn't know it. What is it? Answer hidden

Business Highlights

'PARTIE PERKS RENTAL STUDIO'

Leanne Bailey 749-2784 for appointment
Looking for something special for your next 'occasion'? Come and check out the rental selection at Partie Perks. Amongst the most popular 24' backdrop in 5 colors and 24' risers for head tables, is a selection of table linens, centerpieces, wine glasses, florals and much more. Coming new this Spring...48" round tables and 90" round white satin tablecloths which will give any venue a sophisticated look. Facebook page will be up and running April 20. Be sure to come see my display at the Business Showcase on April 21st.
Unique Rentals For all Your Party Needs!

SEEKING: Adults and youth (Gr 6+) who are interested in leading and supervising an after school program in the fall. Training and Education is available. This is a perfect opportunity for kids interested in teaching or programming careers. For more info, Contact Laurie 749-7451

COMING SOON Skatepark Spring Supper Fundraiser

Come out to see the unique park designed especially for Birch Hills. Watch for details



THE MUSEUM QUILTERS

We are finished till fall, but will gladly except flannelette sheets and blankets to be used as fillers for next season. We are holding a Quilt Auction at Threshing Day, Sunday August 12, as well as selling tickets on 2 quilts to raise funds for the museum roof project. A big thank you to everyone for your support



Butts & Guts Boot Camp

Mondays 6:00 pm Starting May 14 \$40/6wks
Just a couple spots left. If you are interested, call or text Laurie 749-7451 or email birchhillsrec@sasktel.net


RIDDLE ANSWER: a coffin



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.

Do you Facebook??

Search for 'Birch Hills Recreation' 

'Like' our page to get activity updates. Feel free to add your own event or activity info ...It's your page too!

Story Time for the wee ones (ages 3-4)



every Friday 1- 1:45 at your local Library in Birch Hills

DROP IN BADMINTON

Tuesdays 8:00 - 9:30
\$2 drop in



At the school gym
Contact Bill at 749-7454 for more information

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

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

It is with mixed feelings that we bid Jean Marc Chevrette (Chevy) farewell from the skating rink. He will continue to enjoy his retirement. We thank you for your dedication to keep our ice safe for our kids, the late evenings and years of service. Your humor will be missed!



Please Share Paper with a Friend

SPRING BRUNCH

Sun, April 29th
10:30 - 12:30 pm

At the Crystal Springs Hall



SOUP FOR SENIORS

Saturday, April 28
Senior Centre Hall

11:00-

1:00pm



Mixed Adult Slo-pitch Recreation League

starting this spring. Out of town teams welcome. Teams or individuals with call or text Laurie at 749-7451



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

Kids in the Hills

Call 749-2478 for more details on RYSC Youth Activities

FATHER'S DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT & SUPPER

June 17 Proceeds to Birch Hills Golf Course & Skatepark

Anyone wanting to learn to unicycle is welcome (from kids to adults) 15 unicycles available to use. Bring your own helmet. Must be 30" tall from hip to floor.

Great exercise and fun

Play! Always

WEATHER, WEATHER, WEATHER!!!

The most talked about subject everywhere, every time. The Birch Hills Library is hosting an informational evening about how weather works and what changes have and will be observed in the past and future. Presenter will be Daniel Brown, a PhD student in meteorology. Open discussion to be followed with refreshments and home-baked goodies.



Wed, April 25 7:30pm at the Civic Centre Free Admission

Birch Hills Recreation

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*Communities that play together,
grow together!*



Bouquet of Thanks to Lyle Mohn for making a new sandwich board for the Museum and Legion to advertise our upcoming events. Much Appreciated

Glad Tidings Tabernacle News

Sunday, April 22

At 11:00 am Dave Meier will give a Food Grains Bank presentation and the Meier's Quartet will perform. Lunch to follow.

At 7:00 pm Dave Meier's Quartet Concert with pie and coffee to follow.
An offering for the Birch Hills Grow Project will be taken at both services.

For more info on this fundraiser visit
www.foodgrainsbank.ca

PINK SHIRT DAY April 19th
Show your support for the Red Cross Anti-Bullying Campaign



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Student Summer Jobs:

Playground Program Assistant
Youth Sport Co-ordinator
Clubhouse / Sportsground Attendant
Contact Laurie 749-7451 or send resume to Box 280 Birch Hills S0J 0G0

2012-2013 Seasonal Jobs:

Birch Hills Skating Club is looking for a Skating Coach. Contact Jackie Manson 749-2246 or Lisa Peterson 749-3137

Zamboni Driver and/or Maintenance Worker for the Skating Arena
Contact Laurie 749-7451

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

FOR SALE BY TENDER

1976 IHC Tandem Truck, 446 Engine, 5+4 Transmission. Loadstar 1800
Contact Town Office for more info 749-2232

Community Boosters Presents: Birch Hills Business Show case

Saturday April 21st
1:00 - 5:00pm at the Birch Hills Civic Centre

Come see what these Birch Hills businesses have to offer. **Scentsy, Avon, Epicure, Partie Perks, Rental Studio, CT Designs, Tomboy, Tools Beauti Control, Norwex, Pink Pepper Pie, Watkins, Party Light, Stella & Dot Heritage Makers, Sentsy, Gold Canyon Candles, Tupperware, Mary Kay, Historical Society, Isagenx, Changes Fashions, Zija, General Quarters Paintball**
Refreshments available

CLUBHOUSE CORNER

The Birch Hills Golf Course is now open. (weather permitting)
Mondays (excluding holidays)
2 for 1 Green Fees
Thursdays \$10 for Green Fees
Group catered meals & tent rentals available. Memberships come with Perks.
Inquire with Darlene at the Clubhouse



Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Apr 17 - Community Booster Meeting
17 - Skating Rink Board AGM
19 - Pink Shirt Day
21 - Birch Hills Business Tradeshow
22 - Glad Tidings Concert/Presentations
23 - Golf Board AGM & Dinner
25 - Library Weather Informational
26 - Bantam Appreciation Supper
28 - GQ Paintball "Just Try it Again"
28 - Zumbatomic for kids
28 - Soup for Seniors
28 - Lions Club Spaghetti Supper
29 - Crystal Springs Brunch
29 - Ladies Tea at Arlene's
- May 2 - start up of kids baseball
5 - Brancepeth Spring Fling
14 - 18 Booster Club Town Cleanup
19 - Leen Benjamin Coffee Social
26 - BBQ for Seniors
- June 2 - Town Garage Sale
5 - Compost Pick Up
17 - Fathers Day Golf & Supper
July - 11th Annual Pelletier Music Camp

Are you interested in promoting and learning more about your local library? The Birch Hills Library Board is seeking new members. For more information call 749-3281 or drop in during open hours
Tuesdays 12 to 4pm and 5 to 8pm
Thursdays and Fridays 12 to 4:30pm



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 in the council chambers, everyone welcome. Bring your ideas on **April 17th 7:30-9:00 pm**