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Hello Birch Hills,

My name is Jessica Kernohan, I am the new Recreation Director for the Town of Birch Hills.

A little about how I got here:
I grew up in Moose Jaw, SK. My passion for sport and recreation began when training to become a lifeguard at a young age. Once certified, I obtained a position with the City of Moose Jaw as a lifeguard. I discovered I had a passion for education and took every course available to me within aquatics. This extra training helped in obtain management positions within the Parks and Rec Department. I wanted to seek out more education to further my knowledge in recreation. I attended Sask Polytech and completed a Diploma in Recreation and Tourism Management while working for the City of Saskatoon in Recreation and Leisure. At this point I decided to attend the University of Regina to obtain both a Degree in Sport and Recreation Management AND a Diploma in Business Management... I know, CRAZY, right?!? Just to make life more busy I became employed by Ranch Ehrlo Society, where I have been employed for the past several years.

While attending Sask Polytech I met my, now, husband at a dodgeball tournament (funny story). The first several years of dating consisted of a lot of driving back and forth to see each other while I was in school. After graduating I transferred to Prince Albert area and we purchased a house in Crutwell, SK. We now have a 1 year old son named Charles and a dog named Samantha. We hope to be relocating to join the wonderful community of Birch Hills soon!



I am excited to begin a new journey in my life as Recreation Director in Birch Hills. I am extremely grateful for all the warm welcomes and words of encouragement from community members.

Stop by the Recreation Office to say "hello!"

Jessica Kernohan

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Upcoming Events

April

- 15- Humbolt strong BBQ Supper @ rink
- 18 - Library Spring Gala
- 19 - Safety, Security & Wellness Presentation
- 20 - St. Mary's Community Lunch
- CAI - Bob Ross Paint Night
- 21 - Weldon Spring Trade Show
- Grad Bottle Drive
- Blackhawks Windup
- 22 - Umpire Clinic
- United Church Service
- 23 - Rec Board AGM
- 28 - Birthday Party!
- Humla and Ham Supper
- 30 - New Yoga Session

May

- 2 - Crystal Springs Coffee Row
- 6 - Crystal Springs Brunch

June

- 2 - Birch Hills Garage Sale Day



BIRCH HILLS & AREA BUSINESS and NEWSLETTER SPONSOR



If you haven't golfed the Birch Hills Golf Course, you're missing out on a challenging but rewarding game of golf. 9 holes, grass greens and lots of water and bush! But beautiful scenery and the best greens around!

You start hole #1 right in front of our clubhouse. The members are working hard to raise funds for a new clubhouse, but in the meantime, the old clubhouse is clean, full of friendly staff and the smell of homemade cooking!

Staff will serve you food and beverages in our licensed clubhouse, and you can eat in or out on the deck.

If you want to plan a meeting, golf tournament or private event, catered by the Clubhouse or not, the Wheaton Events building gives you a fantastic view of the golf course and some of the most spectacular evening sunsets you will see, all while enjoying air conditioning and Wi-Fi. The building holds approximately 60 people quite comfortably. Talk to Jamie in the clubhouse to plan your event!

Hole #2 runs beside our airport and runway. Now I'm not sure if any other golf club in Saskatchewan can boast about this...but while you are golfing, you might be lucky enough to have a glider take off or land on the runway right beside you as you are playing this hole. The Prince Albert Gliding & Soaring Club fly out of the Birch Hills Airport and we are privileged to watch them!

Hole #5 is our challenging island hole. Playing to the green on this island can be daunting, depending on where your approach is from.

We could go on, but we'd rather you come try the course for yourself!

We have a fleet of rental golf carts, as well as rental clubs and pull carts. We have a men's club and ladies club and are working hard to get a junior program started. We hope this juniors club will build upon the school program and what they are already doing. We could have a girls division and guys division, or different age groups. We'd like to have a junior's' golf day, and perhaps try to arrange some lessons, then go out on the course.

Really the sky's the limit and if you have juniors (18 years and under) that might be interested, have them contact Jamie at the clubhouse. A junior membership is \$125.00 for the full season (or \$10.00per 9 hole round) and is such a worthwhile investment in a summers worth of fun. The junior membership fee includes a \$50.00 driving range pass.

For updates on events at the Golf Course, you can follow us on Facebook at Birch Hills SK Golf Course. Call 306-749-2211 to schedule your tee time, order your meal, or book your event! Or message us on Facebook! We are hoping to open at the end of April or beginning of May or sooner if the weather cooperates!

Hope to see you at the course. And if you don't golf...come for a homemade bunwich or panini or some other treat that the staff have whopped up! See you soon!

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our SAVE IT OR SHAVE IT!

After "Save It" lagging behind for weeks there was a strong surge of support --- SAVE IT went into the final hours with a total of \$1,990.70 and SHAVE IT with a total of \$1,909.56. Donation cans were sealed so no one could look as the last 12 hours of donations came in. At 8:30 pm the cans were opened and the final tally was made... A huge sigh of relief from Pastor Clint could be heard when it was announced **SHAVE IT \$2,126.21 SAVE IT \$2,965.70**



The clippers are boxed upfor now. Again, we so appreciate all the support... a total of \$5,091.91 for the Youth Center!!

EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS

Open to Community

MONDAYS

Beginners Line Dancing 9:30-11:00 am @ Civic Centre
Bowling 2:00 pm @ Seniors Hall
Dreamland Optimists Group
Fire Dept Meeting (every 2nd Mon) 7:00 pm @ Fire Hall

TUESDAYS

Moms & Tots 10:00 am-12:00 pm @ Youth Centre
\$2 drop in fee
Library Open 11:00 am-4:00 pm and 5:00 pm-8:00 pm
Rec Volleyball 8:00-9:30pm @ school gym
\$2 to play
Knitting Grannies (2nd & 4th Tues) 1:00pm @ museum
Birchview Ladies Auxiliary (1st Tues) 11:00am

WEDNESDAYS

Thrift Shop Open 9:00 am-4:00 pm @ Museum
Coffee 2:00pm @ Museum
Line Dancing 9:30-11:00 am @ Civic Centre
Museum Open 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Town Council Meetings 2nd and 4th Wed of the month

THURSDAYS

Cribbage 2:00 pm @ Seniors Hall
Moms & Tots 10:00 am-12:00 pm @ Youth Centre
\$2 drop in fee
Library Open 9:00 am -12:00 pm and 1:00 pm -6:00 pm
Story Time 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm (4&5yrs) @ Library
Legion Meeting (every 2nd Thurs) 7:00 pm @ Legion Hall

FRIDAYS

Kaiser, Crib & Games Nite 7:30 pm @ Youth Center

SATURDAY

Thrift Shop Open 1:00 am-4:00 pm @ Museum
Coffee 2:00pm @ Museum

2017 SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Help Support your Playground Program: There are plans in place again for a playground program this summer. This program has been free to all kids ages 5-12yrs and we would like to continue the program at no charge. There are grants available but not all costs are covered. In the past businesses and individuals have donated towards this program for nutrition snacks, craft supplies, tons of fun Mon-Fri (Jul/Aug) and competitive wages for our leaders. If you are interested in assisting with budget requirements, please contact Rec Office for more info. Taxable deductions apply.

Thanks to past individuals, families and business donators, this program has been free to all kids!

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Applications are being accepted at the Rec Office for Play Leaders this summer. Hours vary with positions. Must be available July 2nd through Aug 24th, Monday to Friday. Must be 14 yrs+, a current full time student returning to school in the fall.

Birch Hills Recreation

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Jessica Kernohan - Rec Director

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E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

Facebook Page: 'Town of Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

Town Website: www.birchhills.ca

GARAGE SALE DAY 2018

With spring house cleaning on our minds it is time to think about Birch Hills' Annual Garage Sale Day on Saturday June 2nd, 2018.

Plan your sale and start gathering your items. This is a great opportunity for groups to have a fundraiser.



RECYCLE

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

STAY UPDATED



'LIKE' our Facebook page to get activity and news updates. Feel free to add your own event or activity info on the 'Birch Hills Community & Recreation' Facebook page.

Surprise Birthday Party

for Don Braaten Saturday April 28.

Come to the Senior Hall Between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm for cake and help Don celebrate his 75th Birthday!



Del and Don Braaten

BIRCH HILLS SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL 2018

- Apr. 11-Co-op Cards Fundraiser begins
- Apr. 18-Student Led Conference 3:30-6pm
- Apr. 19-Student Led Conference 5-7:30pm
- Apr. 21-Grad Fundraiser (Bottle Drive)

MAY 2018

- May 14-Drama Dinner Theatre @ 5:30pm
- May 18-No Classes
- May 21-Victoria Day-No Classes
- May 23-Kindergarten Open House @ 6pm

JUNE 2018

- June 13-Celebration of Excellence
- June 25-Math 30F Departmental @ 1pm
- June 26-Physics 30 Departmental @ 1pm
- June 27-Graduation & Report Cards
- June 28-PLC-No Classes
- June 29-School End-No Classes

For all upcoming events please visit our school webpage @ <http://bh.srsd119.ca>.

If your student is going to be away, please contact the school office at 306-749-3301.

It is time to start thinking about Kindergarten for the fall of 2018 if your child will be 5 years old by December 31, 2018. Parents must fill out the 2018-19 Registration form (link on our webpage) and bring their child's birth certificate to register. There will be a Kindergarten Open House on Wednesday May 23 at 6pm.

Free transportation may be available for your child. If you have any transportation questions, please call the Bus Garage at 306-763-2323.

Birch Hills School Fundraiser

Birch Hills School will be selling Co-op Cards until April 20th, 2018

Here is how you can support our teams and activities.

1. Buy a co-op card from the school or from one of our students. Example \$100
2. A percentage of the money from the cards goes to our teams.
3. In a few weeks, you will get a card worth the amount you purchased from the school or student. You can use it towards food, gas or products from any of the co-op's (not bulk fuel). If you buy a \$100 card you get \$100 worth of products back from the co-op.
4. It's a Win Win for everyone and that's great in any activity.

Our students will be canvassing the community from April 11th to 20th. Thanks for supporting our extracurricular programs.

Grad Bottle Drive

Saturday April 21st

We will be collecting cans and bottles throughout the town. Please leave your bag outside if you will not be at home.

Thank you for your support!



Birch Hills PUBLIC LIBRARY News

STORY TIME for pre-schoolers

with Mrs Joanne
Thursdays @ 1:30pm



Library Hours

Tues 11-4, 5-8 ; and
Thurs 9-12, 1-6pm

BIRCH HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY SPRING GALA

Guest Speaker - Mary-Ann Kirkby

Aurhor of: "I Am Hutterite" & "Secrets of a Hutterite Kitchen"

Wednesday April 18, 2018

Doors open @ 6:00pm

Turkey Supper @ 6:30pm

Birch Hills Civic Centre

\$25/person

Silent Auction

Books to Purchase (cash & cheques only)

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWS



Community Lunches:

11:30-1:00pm

All community residents are welcome to join us for soup & bun. Join us for lunch 1st and 3rd Friday of each month.

Next Lunch: April 20th

Free will offerings accepted but not necessary

Birchview Nursing Home

April Activities

All are welcome to attend. 2:30pm start, unless otherwise noted

Sunday April 15 - Glattidings

Monday April 16 - Joyful Hearts

Wednesday April 18 - Job Mates Band "Pajama Party"

Wednesday April 25 - Ralph Galambos

If you have a talent to entertain, contact Shelley to set a date

We are participating in Garage Sale Day. We will be looking for donations of household items!

Weldon Spring Trade Show and Sale

Saturday April 21, 10am - 2pm@ Weldon Auditorium

Vendors needed. Call or text Brenda at 306-960-8335 or Chelsey at 306-864-8084 to reserve your spot.

Lunch available.

All proceeds to the Weldon Auditorium.

CPS Birch Hills will be accepting

tenders until April 20th for the following items: 40' x 12' Office/Trailer, 2000 Cat 30 Forklift, 2009 S185 Bobcat, 1990 IH truck, 40' x 30' Storage Shed, 8 x 46 Wheatheart auger, transfer auger, Brute bumper, Grain Tester, 2011 450L Propane Tank, Soil Probes.

Call 306-749-3585 for information.

Birch Hills Housing Authority

Safety, Security & Wellness Presentation

April 19th @ 2:00pm

Birch Hills Senior's Hall

Guest Speakers: Lyle Evans- Fire Safety

and Kim Thomas and Jacy Gitzel-

Fraud Awareness

Youth Centre NEWS

Saturday Morning Coffee

7:00 to 10:00 am

Any early bird welcome

Moms & Tots

Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 pm to 12:00 pm

\$2 drop in fee.

Open to All moms

Family Game Night

On Hiatus until fall!

Love to Garden But Have No Space?

Garden Plots (20' x 50') are available East of the Basketball Court for individuals or families interested in planting and caring for a garden.

Anyone interested please contact Clint or Kathy at 749-2478.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS COMMUNITY EVENTS

Spring Brunch Sunday, May 6th, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm @ Crystal Springs Hall

Coffee Row: Crystal Springs Rec Co-op
Once a Month 2:00 to 4:00 pm. @ Crystal Springs Hall
Everyone is Welcome!
Next Date is: **May 2nd**



Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with friends and neighbours!
Coffee, tea and goodies are provided

*The hall is available for rent.
Contact Lynn 306-864-8013*

Community Arts In Birch Hills

Hey Artsy folks! We have two events coming up!



Art Room of the B.H. Public School.

'Bob Ross Paint Night' on Friday April 20, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Both events will have provisions so that you can work on your own pieces if you so choose. \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Spread the word!

For more information, call Amy at 306-941-0788.

Yoga in Birch Hills

Pash Project Yoga offers a variety of Yoga classes including beginner, Vinyasa, and Yin. The next Session starts April 30th until June 14th. For more information find Pash Projects on Facebook or e-mail pashprojects@outlook.com



Humla and Ham Supper

Saturday April 28 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm @ Lake Park Lutheran Church

Located 5 miles east of highway 3, on Lake Park Road
Admission by Donation
Melodie Gjesdal 306-940-4418

Birch Hills United Church News:

The next regular service of Birch Hills United Church is Sunday, April 22nd 9:30 am at the Lutheran/Community Church, Bellamy & 4th. All welcome.

An ecumenical Bible Study takes place on Thursday, April 26th 1:30 pm in the Fireside room of the Lutheran/Community Church.



Birch Hills Legion

The Birch Hills Legion is looking for new members. The Legion accepts all Canadians and supports the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, Emergency Services, Cadets and Community. The local branch has been assisting Birch Hills since 1929. Contact us to find out how you can join or go online at Legion.ca to apply. For those who need to renew membership please contact us.

E-mail: birchhillslegion@gmail.com

Facebook: @birchhillslegion

Minor Ball Umpire Clinic

8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Sunday April 22nd

@ Kerry Vickers Center Melfort

Open to ages 12 & up

Lunch is Provided

Contact Andy for more information
306-980-9606



APRIL 27, 2018

BIRCH HILLS
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RECITAL

E.A. RAWLINSON CENTRE

Doors - 5:30
Show - 6:00

Tickets available online (earawlinsoncentre.ca), over the phone (765-1270), or at the box office

NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING

of the

BIRCH HILLS

Conservation and Development Area # 58

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Birch Hills Conservation and Development Area will be held

In the Birch Hills Legion Club Rooms on
Wednesday,
April 25, 2018

at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Secretary-Treasurer, Grant Getz

25 Years in the Making – Birch Hills Blackhawks win Twin Rivers Hockey League Championship

Twenty-five years ago, in 1993, the Birch Hills Blackhawks won the Central Hockey League and were Senior C Provincial champions. After a long, dry spell, the Blackhawks finally have another championship under their belt. They defeated the Rosthern Wheatkings 3 games to 1 to claim the Twin Rivers Hockey League championship on Saturday, March 24th before a hometown crowd.

Birch Hills ended up in 2nd place behind Rosthern in the regular season in the two-year old league. They defeated the Clavet Cougars 3 games to 0 in the first round and then their Highway 25 rivals, the St. Louis Blues 3 games to 1 in the second round.

After a slow start in game one of the championship series, where they fell 8 to 1, the Blackhawks went on to win the next 3 games and the championship.

Game 2 was an intense back and forth game that headed into overtime with Birch Hills coming out victorious 8 to 7. Mike Markell scored his third goal of the game in overtime to give the Hawks the win and to tie the series. Brady Keller scored 2 goals and assisted on 3 others for the cause.

Keller lit up the scoreboard in game 3 with a hat trick and an assist in a 6 to 3 rout of the Wheatkings.

With momentum and a hometown crowd heading into game 4, the Blackhawks came out strong, going to the dressing room up 3 to 0 after the first period and 5 to 0 after the second. A well-balanced Birch Hills team saw five different goal scorers in this game. Matt Laturas played terrific in all three Birch Hills wins, while the over-all leading scorer, Brandon Juravinski and forward Riley Lajeunesse, as well as the rest of the Blackhawks made outstanding contributions to the team's results this season.

The team's year-end wind-up will be held in April at the Mane Event. A 25 year alumni golf tournament and celebration is planned for Saturday, July 28th at the Birch Hills Golf Course.

For team results and events, follow us on Facebook Birch Hills Sr. Blackhawks. For league results, visit www.trhl.ca.



Blackhawks Hockey Windup



Happy Hour 5:30-6:30
Steak Supper 6:30-8:00 \$25.00
(Reservations required by April 11;
call or text 306-980-8687 or 306-960-9744)
Program & Social 8:00 (free admission)

Sat
21
Apr
2018

Mane Event
(formerly Flute and Fiddle)

239 Bellamy Avenue, Birch Hills



Bike Bob would like to thank the community of Birch Hills for all their kindness and support throughout the winter season.

