

The 'Birch Hills Community Heartbeat' newsletter is printed bi-monthly and available at the following locations on the 1st and 15th of the month at: Co-op Grocery & Hardware, Quayle Pharmacy, Grumpy's Confectionary and various other businesses downtown. Pick up your free copy and share with a friend. Send your email address and request for mailing list to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

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Greetings Readers,

It is so awesome to hear how much you enjoy this newsletter and thank you for your encouraging words. For those that questioned my math calculations in the previous newsletter regarding the Birch Hills population, I say good eye and I was just testing you to see if you are actually reading! ☺

Minor ball for boys and girls starts in May and will continue until mid June. All are invited to come out and cheer on the kids. The Youth Centre will be working in the canteen and will have treats for players and spectators.

Zumbatomic for kids was unfortunately cancelled last Saturday but is rescheduled for this Thursday after school. Please pass on this information to the kids that were interested. Have a lovely couple of weeks.

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director

BRANCEPETH SPRING FLING

Saturday May 5th

Starts at 4:00 pm at the hall.

Hayrides, children's activities, bouncy tents, BBQ, cash bar, door prizes and live entertainment.

Proceeds towards the Brancepeth Hall.



CANS & BOTTLES PILING UP?

RYSC Youth Group continues to collect beverage cans and bottles including Glass Beverage Bottles, Metal Juice Cans and Juice Boxes and Cartons. If you have some you would like to donate, please

Call 749-2478 and we will pick them up or you can drop them off at the Youth Centre.



The Birch Hills Lions Club would like to thank everyone who supported the Spaghetti Supper. Over 100 prizes were donated for the Silent Auction from a long list of people and businesses. We would also like to thank everyone for their generous donations in support of Greg Devenis. Over \$8000 was raised between the Silent Auction & personal donations that people made towards a communication device for Greg. A big thank you to all the members of the Birch Hills and District Lions Club along with everyone who supported this event to make this dinner successful. If you would like to make a taxable donation in honor of Greg, please make cheques payable to the "Town of Birch Hills" and send to the Town Office



Business Highlights

THE BIRCH HILLS AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

is pleased to sponsor this edition of the Heartbeat. Integral parts of the Society are the Memorial Museum and the Thrift Shop. Over 3700 artifacts and 200 history books are housed in the Museum that is open each Wednesday from 2 to 4pm, serving coffee and treats. The Thrift Shop is open 9am to 4pm on Wednesdays as well. A group of dedicated volunteers serve as the Board of Directors, with a host of additional folks who are called on for special events and such. Please join us as we "Strive to Preserve our Heritage". A lifetime membership costs \$25. Join us Sunday, August 12th for the Annual Threshing and Family Fun Day.

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

Historical Society

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.

Hwy #25 near Hagen was voted 8 out of the TEN Worst Roads in Saskatchewan according to a report from CAA... um, 'congratulations?!'



Ultimate Frisbee

Sunday afternoons starting May 20th 3pm behind the School. No equipment necessary. All Age and Skill levels

welcome

For more info call Pastor Danny at 749-2478



Funding Provides Recreational Activities

COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month. We get together to discuss and take action to improve our town and community. We receive updates from the town council and we can recommend our input to the Council on the needs that we see.

Meetings are open to anyone (Town or Rural) Join us at our next meeting in Council Chambers on **Tues, May 15th at 7:30pm**

All ages are Welcome

JOB OPPORTUNITY: **Permanent Public Works Foreman**

The Town of Birch Hills is accepting applications for a permanent Foreman Position. The successful candidate will oversee the public works department staff and will be expected to work effectively as a team or with limited supervision.

The ideal candidate shall require strong leadership skills, good oral and written communication skills, and good decision making skills. This position involves operation of Water Treatment Plant, Sewage Lift Station, grader and loader operation, light equipment operation and general public works duties.

Qualifications include:

Level 2 Water Treatment and Distribution

Level 1 Waste Water Treatment and Collection

Grade 12 education or equivalent

Valid Class 5 driver's license

Experience operating equipment

Applicants without certification may be considered and training will be provided. Ongoing training is essential and will be provided.

Salary will be based on level of experience.

Please submit a detailed resume outlining experience, qualifications, education, references and expected salary to:

Town of Birch Hills, Box 206, Birch Hills, S0J 0E0

Fax: (306) 749-2545 or Email birchhills.town@sasktel.net

Only candidates selected for an interview will be notified.

The position will remain open until a successful candidate is found.

TLC DAYCARE INCORPORATED

Has been working on the development of a community daycare that will house up to 41 children in the Town of Birch Hills. We are now at the time where we need your help.

The facility will cost \$500,000. We are a non-profit organization and any donation is appreciated and will be publically acknowledged in our advertising and through the "TLC Giving Tree" display. You can help support us by purchasing part of this wooden tree, which will be displayed in the daycare.

The costs are as follows: **Leaf \$20 Apple \$5**

Twig \$100

Branch \$200

Squirrel or Rabbit \$500

Owl \$1000

Tree Trunk Sponsorship \$5000

If you are interested in purchasing a part of our community and children's future, please mail your donation to Box 847. Cheques can be made payable to TLC Daycare Inc. Tax deductible receipts for donation will gladly be provided upon request. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact Kelsey Olfert at 749-3440 or Kyla Oakes at 749-3479



COMMUNITY GARDEN in Birch Hills!!

In the lot beside the post office.

Plots available \$20 each. Contact Ann at 749-3237 for more details



ANNUAL "SYTTENDE MAI" -- 17TH NORWEGIAN FEST

Sunday May 20th 3:00 PM

At Birch Hills Civic Centre

Please bring sandwiches or sweets

Free will collection

Norway celebrates independence on May 17th and Birch Hills/Weldon are "nearly famous" for a big celebration each year!

This announcement comes from the Scandia Club that sponsors this event.

Hummingbird Migration

Tracking birds from Columbia, across the Caribbean up to the Northern Prairies
www.hummingbirds.net/map



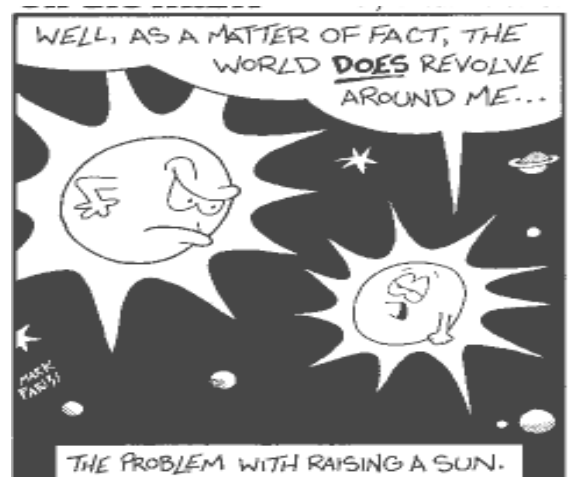
2012 SKATING RINK BOARD MEMBERS

Stewart Adams	President
Shannon Vey	Vice Pres
Ron Lyons	Director
Elston Macfie	Director
Karla Lyons/Kelly Njaa	Director
Anna Devenis	Director
Greg Manson	Director

↑ Thank you to those that continue to serve on the boards and welcome to Greg. ↓

2012 RECREATION BOARD MEMBERS

Keith Matheson	President
Shannon Vey	Vice President
Stewart Adams	Treasurer
Sandra Barber	Director
Wayne Thompson	Director
Anna Devenis	Director



FOUND: Youth that are interested in leading an after school program in the fall.

SEEKING: Adults to supervise Training and Education available. This is a perfect opportunity for kids interested in teaching or programming careers. For more info, Contact Laurie 749-7451

Skatepark Spring Fundraiser Supper

Sunday May 13th 6pm at the Birch Hills Civic Centre
Only 200 Tickets Available \$20 each

Available from the Youth Centre or call
Kathy at 749-2478 or Lisa at 749-3137
Special Draw for Moms!

Come enjoy a delicious roast beef supper and be among the first in the community to see the completed design of the New Skatepark



Random Sport

No schedules, No set times, No set place, No cost
If you see a group of people behind the school, in a field or at the ball diamonds, come join in on the fun. Gather some friends & family and start your own Random Sport today




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



May 11 Last Day till Fall

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.



May 14 Last Day till Fall

\$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

Horseshoes Anyone?

There are folks in the community with a keen interest in the game of horseshoes, could it be you? Come to a discussion session on Wed, May 9th 2pm at the museum. Tell any one who might be interested. Phone 749-2500 for information



Adult Drop In Soft Ball
Fridays at the Lions Club Ball
Diamonds in Birch Hills
Starting June 14th 7:00pm only \$2 to play



Please Share Paper with a Friend

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

Birch Hills Recreation

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*Communities that play together,
grow together!*

NOTICE: The Town of Birch Hills hired EPS Management Services Inc of Prince Albert to enforce the town's bylaws. Initially, the bylaw targeted will be the Nuisance Abatement Bylaw, which deals with what is visibly stored on the properties. Other bylaws, including the Animal Control Bylaw, Noise Bylaw and Licensing Bylaw, will also be enforced.

Open House Mother Day Specials
Bethel House Saturday, May 5
10:00 - 5:00 pm
Silpada in downtown Hagen

Birch Hills Royal Legion 2nd Annual
Memorial Golf Tournament
July 21, 2012 Details to follow

In Memory of Leen Benjamin

The family invites you to a "coffee social" at the Birch Hills Town Hall Saturday May 19 starting at 1:00pm to share your memories of Leen with each other. At 2:30pm Leen's ashes will be interred at the Birch Hills Cemetery with Deacon Eldon Danielson officiating

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Student Summer Jobs:

Playground Program Assistant & Volunteers needed- resumes accepted until May 5th

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

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 available for \$475/season. Junior & Family Memberships also available



Clubhouse open for lunch May 1st. Pre-ordered lunches suggested.

Fresh Homemade Cinnamon Buns Sat/Suns starting May 5th

Inquiries at the Clubhouse 749-2211

"Biology is the least of what makes someone a mother...Oprah"
HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL YOU GREAT WOMEN

Winners of
the Royal
Bank Cup



Prize #1 - Otto Opseth

Prize #2 - Brent Adams

Prize #3 - Shannon Vey

Thanks to all those that supported the Birch Hill Skating Rink Fundraiser

FOR SALE BY TENDER

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

Birch Hills Skateboard Club Raffle for a Limited Edition Saskatchewan Roughrider BBQ



Tickets \$5 ea or 3 / \$10
Available at Birch Hills Co-op or Skateboard Club members
BBQ on display in the Youth Centre
All proceeds to the new skatepark

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

May 1 - Start up of Minor Ball
3 - Afterschool Zumbatomic
5 - Brancepeth Spring Fling
5 - Bethel House Mothers Day
11 - Ladies Night Out
13 - Skatepark Mother's Day Supper
14 - 18 Booster Club Town Cleanup
15 - Community Boosters Meeting
19 - Leen Benjamin Coffee Social
20 - Ultimate Frisbee starts
20 - 17th Norwegian Fest
26 - BBQ for Seniors

June 2 - Town Garage Sale
5 - Compost Pick Up
14 - Drop In Softball Starts
17 - Fathers Day Golf & Supper
July - 11th Annual Pelletier Music Camp
21 - Legion 2nd Annual Golf Tourny
August 12 - Threshing Day

Zumbatomic

Thursday May 3rd

A High Energy Latin inspired dance fitness class for kids!

3:15 - 4:45 Little Stars (ages 4-7)

4:45 - 5:30 Big Stars (ages 8-12)

5:30 - 6:30 Zumba (ages 12-16)

Just come to the school gym. Free Class

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**